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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

BY SPENCER RYAN:

2017...Your Record Breaking Year!

To begin, I want to take this time to wish each of you, your families, businesses, agencies, and volunteer groups a very special Happy New Year from the staff and board of Alabama PALS. Your hard work, dedication and support made 2017 a special year, which brought many hard earned milestones for your organization. Reaching each of these milestones serves as a reminder of what can be achieved through dedication, teamwork and partnerships. Together we are truly an organization that continues to work together to achieve the goal of a cleaner and more beautiful Alabama. Thank you for your time, effort and resources during 2017, and we look forward to reaching more milestones in 2018.

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Governor Kay Ivey Praising the Statewide efforts of Alabama PALS at the 2017 Governor's Awards Program.

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ALABAMA PALS MISSION STATEMENT

*"Alabama Communities Working
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THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY JEFF HELMS, CHAIRMAN, ALABAMA PALS

At a time when it seems so much divides us, Alabama PALS stands as a unifying force in our state and communities.

People of all races, backgrounds and political beliefs come together for a common goal — to make Alabama a more beautiful place.

This is not by accident. The founders of Alabama PALS purposefully avoided a political agenda. We don't lobby the Legislature, promote candidates or charge for our services. Anyone who wants to reduce litter in Alabama is welcome.

During any given cleanup, you're likely to find Republicans and Democrats; Baptists and Methodists; or Alabama and Auburn fans working side by side along our roads, at the beach or around school campuses.

This camaraderie was on display in November during the Governor's Awards. Students, teachers, business leaders, law enforcement officers, community volunteers and government agencies were recognized for their work "against a littered state." There was no distinction based on race, gender, age or wealth. Everyone gathered to celebrate our unified mission and mutual success.

We were blessed this year to be joined by Gov. Kay Ivey. She set the tone for

the program as she commended PALS volunteers for protecting the state's natural resources and intrinsic beauty. A native of Wilcox County, Gov. Ivey has an abiding love for Alabama's people and places.

Since high school, she's given her life to public service — from being elected governor at Girls State and the first female vice president of Auburn University's Student Government Association to her work as a teacher and community banker. More recently, voters chose Kay Ivey to serve as state treasurer and later lieutenant governor. Now, as governor, she has the opportunity to promote the kind of civic responsibility and service that's the hallmark of Alabama PALS.

We appreciate Gov. Ivey joining us for our annual awards program, but more importantly, we value her support for PALS volunteers.

She understands ours is a cause everyone should embrace and a mission in which anyone can participate.

We may never agree on football, politics or religion. But during a time when there's so much division, I'm proud Alabama PALS can serve as a conduit for cooperation, teamwork and service for the common good.

— Jeff

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At the 2017 Alabama PALS Governor's Awards Program held on November 8 in Prattville, the ACCA was recognized for its assistance with the "Don't Drop It On Alabama – Spring Clean-Up." Alabama PALS Executive Director Spencer Ryan made the following remarks: "The willingness of the ACCA to assist with the Statewide distribution of all clean up materials has enabled PALS to provide additional cleanup materials to groups and volunteers Statewide..." Marcia Collier, who serves as the ACCA/AL PALS liaison, accepted the award on behalf of the Association.



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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In 2017, during the "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Statewide Spring Cleanup, volunteers from 65 Alabama cities, counties, neighborhoods, schools and individual groups picked up over 430 tons of litter and debris. This was the largest total in the history of this statewide cleanup, and exemplifies the willingness of Alabamians to invest their time and efforts to save our great state millions of dollars in cleanup costs, while making their respective locations more beautiful and safe, as well as more appealing for future economic development and investment. The "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup continues to grow due to the many partnerships that have developed statewide. I want to thank the Association of County Commissions of Alabama for their willingness to assist PALS with the distribution of all statewide support materials for the Spring Cleanup each year. This service has enabled PALS to increase supplies and materials for the cleanup, due to the savings that is realized through the assistance with materials distribution. Thanks again ACCA!

We are extremely proud to announce that Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED, Inc. will be the Title Sponsor for the 2018 and 2109 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Statewide Spring Cleanup. We will be working together, along with all of our Corporate Sponsors to add a plastic recycling component in several counties during the 2018 Spring Cleanup. Please take time to thank your local Coca Cola entities for this commitment, investment and support!

The 30th Anniversary Alabama Coastal Cleanup was another record breaking cleanup! Over 5,500 volunteers in 30 zones picked up and recorded data on litter removed from beaches, bayous, state highways, lagoons and bays. A plastic recycling effort at all zones yielded 2,000 pounds of recyclable plastics, which was handled and shipped for recycling through Terra-Cycle. The partnership and leadership of ADCNR/State Lands/ Coastal Section, Yael Girard of Weeks Bay Foundation and Thompson Engineering was paramount during the planning, training and implementation of this historic undertaking. I

also want to thank our Title Sponsor, The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and all of our supportive and dedicated Alabama Coastal Cleanup sponsors (see inside newsletter) for making the Alabama Coastal Cleanup possible. I also want to thank Sharon Tinsley and the Alabama Broadcaster's Association for making the radio PSA's for the 2018 Alabama Coastal Cleanup a reality!

On November 8th, over 250 volunteers, groups and coordinators gathered at the Alabama PALS Governor's Awards program. Governor Kay Ivey attended the luncheon and praised the statewide work of Alabama PALS, and emphasized the importance of stewardship and the many programs of Alabama PALS, while saluting the achievements of those recognized at the awards program. Over 40 awards from 25 categories were presented during the annual awards program, and Phillip Hinesley, Chief of ADCNR/State Land/ Coastal Section was honored with the first Jean McCrady Service award, dedicated to Jean McCrady, a long serving board member, friend and loyal supporter of Alabama PALS.

In closing, I want to thank those that make the PALS organization possible through their support, leadership, resources and commitment. A special thank you to ALDOT, ALFA, Vulcan Materials Company, Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, Alabama Farmer's Cooperative and Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED, Inc. Also, I want to thank our valued Board of Director's for their special leadership, vision and support. PALS is blessed to have the support from each of you.

Yes, 2017 was a banner and historic year for your organization, and I salute your many achievements. Thank you for allowing PALS to serve you and your cities, communities, and counties. We look forward to reaching for more milestones in 2018.

Spencer Ryan
Executive Vice President



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MESSAGE FROM:

MARGARET McELROY
State Adopt-A-Mile Coordinator

In this newsletter you will see an article the Thornton family from Lamar County. The Thornton family has been involved in the Alabama Adopt A Mile program for over 20 years. Now that is commitment! I applaud the Thornton family for their dedication and commitment, and also thank each of you that continue to make the Alabama Adopt A Mile program such an ongoing success story. The success of this program belongs to each of you that give of your time and resources to ensure that our state, county and federal highways are free of litter and debris, and safer for all of those that travel these roadways daily.

Please let me know how I can assist in growing your county's involvement in the Alabama Adopt A Mile Program in 2018.

Margaret

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ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PARTICIPATION FORM

Please Complete and Return to The PALS Office
340 North Hull Street / Montgomery, AL 36104

Name of Participating Group _____

Name of Group or Individual on Sign _____

City _____ County _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email Address of Contact Person _____

State Highway Number _____ Federal Highway # _____ County Highway or Road # _____

Location of Sign: Mile Marker# _____ to Mile Marker # _____

_____ Currently Participating

_____ Not Participating at This time and want sign taken down

_____ Participating But Sign Needs Replacing or Repaired

Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for Highway Adoption - State/Federal

City _____

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Highway section(s) you propose to adopt:

(minimum of one mile)

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended for Approval:

Approved: _____
District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

Interested in "adopting"

Fill out application form and mail to:

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Form/Application can be submitted
online at alpals.org

County Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for County Road Adoption

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Road section(s) you propose to adopt:
(minimum of one mile)

County Road Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

County Road Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended Approval:

County Engineer

Chairman, County Commission

Approved: _____
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MESSAGE FROM:

JAMIE MITCHELL – Clean Campus State Coordinator

Happy New Year!! The Clean Campus Program continues to grow and evolve each school year. This year is no exception! We have added over 40 new schools this year, and I have visited thousands of students already in just the fall semester! Three years ago we replaced the Essay Contest with the Recycled Art Contest, and the response has been astounding! All of the information for the Poster and Recycled Art Contests for this year can be found in this edition of the PALS Prints. All entries are due by April 27th.

If your school is not currently a member of the Clean Campus Program, simply go online to www.alpals.org to get signed up! This program is FREE to all Alabama public, private and county schools thanks to our wonderful sponsors ALFA and the Alabama Farmer's Cooperative. I would love to come visit your school and share my 30 minute program on littering and making a difference. Just give me a call or email to get it set up at (334) 263-7737 or Jamie@alpals.org.

Thank you!!
Jamie

CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

Either fill out form and mail to Alabama PALS Attn: Jamie Mitchell

340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or apply online at www.alpals.org

Current Member? ____ Y or ____ N Circle One: City School County School Private School

City: _____ County: _____

Participating School: _____

Address: _____ + _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email for Contact Person: _____

Our school has reviewed the requirements for the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program and is therefore applying to be a participating school in this statewide program.

Signed: _____ (Contact Person)

Date: _____ Phone: _____

PRINCIPAL PERMISSION

I, _____ (Principal), give consent for _____ school to participate in the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Signed: _____ (Principal) Date: _____

MESSAGE FROM:

JOHN COOPER

Director, Alabama Department of Transportation

How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful state filled with natural wonder and abundant resources. Alabama's roadways present many of the first impressions visitors receive as they travel through the state and keeping our roadways clean and litter free is very important. That would not be possible if not for the diligent work of thousands of statewide volunteers through Alabama PALS and the Alabama Adopt-A-Mile program.

From the highways among the mountains in North Alabama to the roadways along the Gulf Coast and everywhere in between, ensuring trash and debris are kept at a minimum is a tremendous service we should not take for granted. That is why I would like to personally thank all of those who are committed to helping provide clean and safe highways that promote a positive image to citizens and visitors alike.

The partnership the Alabama Department of Transportation shares with Alabama PALS and the Alabama Adopt-A-Mile program is a valuable tool in ensuring our state's resources remain intact for future generations to come. We are truly making a difference and I applaud the commitment of "putting our best foot forward" to lead the way in promoting a strong tourism base and economic development climate in Alabama.

– John

PALS 2018 POSTER CONTEST

GUIDELINES:

- Theme: "Clean Home Alabama"
- K-6th (Two categories K-3rd and 4th-6th)
- Standard White Poster or Foam Board
(May be split in half)
- All mediums acceptable
- Back of Poster Must Include: Student Name, Grade, Telephone Number of Student/Parent, Email of Student/Parent, Teacher Name, School, Telephone Number of School, & Email of Teacher/School.

****We really need ALL of this information!!****

WINNERS:

First Place:	\$200 & Award
Second Place:	\$25 & Award
Third Place:	\$25 & Award
Honorable Mention:	Award

ALL posters are **due in the office by Friday, April 27th, 2018. Return to:**

Alabama PALS
Attn: Jamie Mitchell
340 N. Hull Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

*Please contact Jamie with any further questions at:
(334) 263-7737 / Jamie@alpals.org*

*****Winners will be notified by May 11th. If your poster is not chosen, you may pick it up at the PALS office no later than May 31st*****

2018 POSTER RECYCLED AR

Happy 2018! I hope that the New Year has you feeling rested and ready to start January with a bang! As you are planning your spring semester, please consider adding the Clean Campus Poster and Recycled Art Contests to your calendar. This year's Poster Contest theme is "Clean Home Alabama." This will be the 3rd year that we have had the Recycled Art Contest, and the entries just keep getting better and better! We can't wait to see what comes in this year!

Each school is to hold their own competition and send in **ONLY** the first and second place winner from each category. The entries are due in the PALS office by Friday, April 27th. Each entry **MUST** have the following listed on the back: Student's Name, Student's Address, Student/Parent Phone Number, Student/Parent Email, Name of School & Point of Contact, Address of School, Telephone Number & Email of School Contact & County of School. This information is extremely important for us to

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properly notify and recognize each winner.

The PALS office will notify the winners, schools and county contact. Each of the winners will be recognized and presented with their respective awards at the Annual Governor's Awards Luncheon in November 2018.

There are still some dates available for school visits in the spring, too! Please just give me a call or email at (334) 263-7737 or jamie@alpals.org to get that scheduled. Be sure to touch base with me with any questions about the Clean Campus Program or the contests, as well.

The very best part of the Clean Campus Program is that it is FREE to all Alabama public, private, city and county schools thanks to the generosity of ALFA and the Alabama Farmer's Cooperative. Wishing you all the best this year!

PALS 2018 RECYCLED ART CONTEST

GUIDELINES:

- 7th-12th grades
- May work alone or with a friend
- "Art" may be useful or just for decoration...There is no specific theme, so get creative!
- Piece may be any size, as long as it can be easily moved Art must be made entirely of materials that are eligible for recycling or that would be otherwise considered trash, except for a small amount of fastening materials such as screws, bolts, wire, welding, glue, tape and twine.
- Please include the names of all individuals working on the project, their current grade, each person's address, phone number, and email for parent. Also, include school name, point of contact for school, and address, phone number and email for school/point of contact.

****We really need ALL of this information!!****

- **Art pieces due by mail, delivery or email by April 27th, 2018**

WINNERS:

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| First Place: | \$200 (to be divided if working with a friend) & Award |
| Second Place: | \$25 & Award |
| Third Place: | \$25 & Award |
| Honorable Mention: | Award |

ALL Recycled Art projects may either be mailed into the PALS office OR photos of your project may be submitted by email to jamie@alpals.org. If mailing/delivering your project, send to:

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Attn: Jamie Mitchell
340 N. Hull Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Please contact Jamie with any further questions at:
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THE 2017 ALABAMA PALS GOVERNO



Governor Kay Ivey was the keynote speaker at the **Alabama People Against A Littered State (ALPALS)** Governor's Award ceremony, Wednesday, November 8, 2017, in Prattville, Alabama. Created in 1987, ALPALS is a statewide organization dedicated to making the state more beautiful by sponsoring programs focused on cleaning up litter in Alabama's streets, streams, campuses and coastline.



Adopt-A-Mile Category

Narrow Road Adopt-A-Mile, Lee County

Southside High School, Dallas County

The Thornton Family, Lamar County

Business & Industry Category

Aviagen, Marshall County

Wal-Mart Distribution Center 6006, Cullman County

City Category

City of Cullman Sanitation Department

Clean Campus / Scrapbook Category

Honorable Mentions

Prattville Intermediate School, Autauga County

Parkside School, Cullman County

Cullman City Primary School, Cullman County

3rd Place

Bear Exploration Center, Montgomery County

2nd Place

Daniel Pratt Elementary School, Autauga County

1st Place

Brookwood High School Green Team

Coastal Cleanup Category

Thompson Engineering, Baldwin/Mobile Counties

County Category

Jefferson County Roads and Transportation Department

Annual Dr. Don Hines Memorial Award

Jefferson County Storm Water Team

Education Category

Barb Helton, Crestline Elementary, Morgan County

DAR School, Marshall County

Minor High & Middle Schools, Jefferson County

Oak Grove High School, Jefferson County

Velma Johnson, Bessemer City Schools

Honda Manufacturing "Don't Drop It on Alabama" Spring Cleanup Award

Cullman County PALS

Jerry Anderson & Diane Coggins, Jefferson County Cleanup

PALS AWARDS WINNERS CEREMONY

Jean McCrady Service Award

Phillip Hinesley

Law Enforcement Category

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Officer Jeffrey Nimmer, Tuscaloosa County

Senior Officer Cliff Quinn, Tuscaloosa County

Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman County

Media Category

Anthony Campbell, The Advertiser Gleam, Marshall County

PALS Partnership Award

Alabama Broadcaster Association: Sharon Tinsley, Nicki Thomas & Liesa Rice

Association of County Commissions: Marcia Collier & Sonny Brasfield

K-3rd Poster Contest

Honorable Mentions

Brayden Latham, Pickens Academy

Nathan Niemi, Pearl Haskew Elementary, Mobile County

Madison Pearson, Crestline Elementary, Morgan County

3rd Place

Gavin Byrd, McIntosh Elementary, Washington County

2nd Place

Bailey Parker, Millry Elementary, Washington County

1st Place

Isabella Abrahamson, Bear Exploration Center, Montgomery County

4th-6th Poster Contest

Honorable Mentions

Victoria Satterfield, PACE Academy, Madison County

Juha Park, Daniel Pratt Elementary, Autauga County

Jonathan Lech, Lakewood Elementary, Russell County

3rd Place

Jordyn Corey, Riverchase Elementary, Jefferson County

2nd Place

William Miller, Bear Exploration Center, Montgomery County

1st Place

Cade Fisher, Hubbertville School, Fayette county

Recycled Art Contest

Honorable Mentions

Bailey Lanier & Lauren Bonikowski, Floyd Magnet, Montgomery County

Cole Dickinson, Brookwood High School, Tuscaloosa County (Not Pictured)

Chelsea Porter & Gracie Dodd, Hubbertville High School, Fayette County

3rd Place

Lauren Hood, Albertville Middle School, Marshall County

2nd Place

Katelyn Goodwin, Hewitt-Trussville High School, Jefferson County

1st Place

Breanna Grubb, Brookwood High School, Tuscaloosa County

Special Award Category

Boy Scout Troop 111, Autauga County

Jerica Goebel, Pickens County

Melanie Stokely, Washington County

Pam George, Prattville Town Clerk

Rock Mountain Lakes HOA, Jefferson County

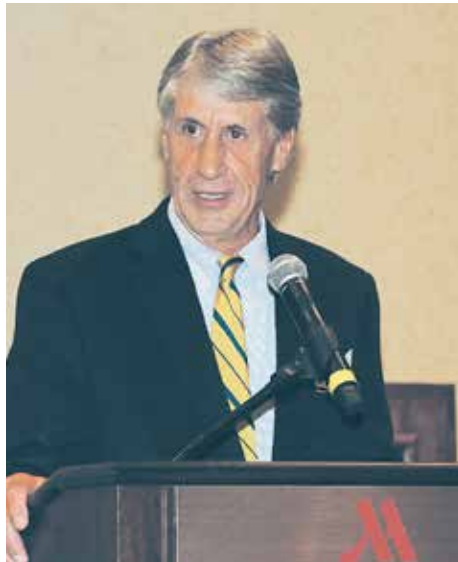
Mary and Corey Garrett, Jefferson County (not pictured)

Vulcan Volunteer of the Year Award

Yael Girard, Weeks Bay



THE 2017 ALABAMA PALS GOVERNO



PALS AWARDS WINNERS CEREMONY



2017 ALABAMA



Poster 4-6, Cade Fisher, 1st Place



Poster 4-6, William Miller, 2nd Place



Poster 4-6, Jordyn Corey, 3rd Place



Poster k-3, Isabella Abrahamson, 1st Place



Poster k-3, Bailey Parker, 2nd Place



Poster k-3, Gavin Byrd, McIntosh Elementary, 3rd Place



Poster 4-6, Juha Park HM



Poster 4-6, Jonathan Lech, HM



Poster k-3, Brayden Latham, HM



Poster k-3, Madison Pearson, HM



Education, Velma Johnson



Education, Oak Grove High School



Education, Mior Highland Middle Schools



Education, DAR School



Education, Barb Helton

PALS AWARDS



Recycled Art, Breanna Grubb, 1st Place



Recycled Art, Katelyn Goodwin, 2nd Place



Recycled Art, Lauren Hood, 3rd Place



Recycled Art, Chelsea Porter and Gracie Dodd, HM



Recycled Art, Bailey Lanier and Lauren Bonikowski, HM



Clean Campus, Brookwood High School GreenTeam, 1st Place



Clean Campus, Daniel Pratt, 2nd Place



Clean Campus, Bear Exploration Center, 3rd Place



Clean Campus, Parkside School, HM



Clean Campus, Cullman City Primary, HM



Clean Campus, Prattville Intermediate School, HM

2017 ALABAMA



Melanie Stokely and Jamie Mitchell
with Washington County Students



Honda Award, Cullman County PALS



Honda Award, Jerry Anderson and Diane Coggins



PALS Partnership Award, Alabama Broadcaster Association



PALS Partnership Award, Marcia Collier



Special Category, Rock Mountain Lakes HOA



Special Category, Melanie Stokely



Vulcan Award, Yael Girard



Special Category, Boy Scout Troop 111



Special Category, Pam George



Special Category, Jerica Goebel

PALS AWARDS



Adopt-A-Mile, Narrow Road



Adopt-A-Mile, Thornton Family



Adopt-A-Mile, Southside High School



City Category, City of Cullman Sanitation Department



Dr. Hines Award, Jefferson County Storm Water Team



Jean McCrady Award, Phillip Hinesley



Media Category, Anthony Campbell
The Advertiser Gleam



Coastal Cleanup, Thompson Engineering



Business Industry,
WalMart Distribution Center



Business Industry, Aviagen



County Category, Marshall County Commission



County Category, Jefferson County Roads
and Transportation Department



Law Enforcement, Senior Officer Cliff Quinn



Law Enforcement, Officer Jeffrey Nimmer



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Law Enforcement, Sheriff Matt Gentry

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ALABAMA PALS ADOPT-A-MILE



Above: Carl, Judy, and Carl II Thornton at our Adopt-A-Mile Sign located on Hwy 17 just South of Vernon, Alabama. Carl was involved with the Adopt-A-Mile Program from the time it began in Lamar County, Alabama.

12 "The Weekly Read Daily" Established In 1896 In 95th Year, No. 8 Lamar County First In State To Reach 100% Adopt-A-Mile

On Monday of this week Lamar County reached 100 percent in the Adopt-A-Mile Program on State Highways. There are some miles left that need adopting on County Roads.

This program has gone over great in Lamar County. For several months the highway miles have been adopted by groups and individuals who have done a good job in keeping the litter picked up. Most everyone admits that the roadways look alot better but that it is disgusting to see the road side mess and clean one day and fresh litter thrown out the very next day.

Carl Thornton, his wife Judy and young son Carl II are pictured with their Mile just south of Vernon.

There is a fine of up to \$500 for throwing litter on the highways. You may report litter violations to the Lamar County Sheriff's Office. It may take some arrests to get the attention of violators. When you see these people out bending their backs to pick up the garbage, at least give them a hand by not throwing more out after it has been picked up.

There are 99 State highway miles in Lamar County. Only two other counties have fewer, Randolph - 89 and Colbert 96 according to our records.



Carl Thornton & family with their Adopt-A-Mile sign Nov 21, 1990

He worked on the adoption of the State Miles within Lamar County and were the first in Alabama to have all our State Highway Miles Adopted.

All Lamar County committee members worked very hard toward this important goal.

Left: November 21, 1990 newspaper article by Mr. Howard Reeves, Owner/Reporter for the Lamar County Newspaper "The Lamar Democrat". In the picture are Carl, Judy, and 3 months old Carl II Thornton, born on August 13, 1990.

ROCK MILLS CHRISTMAS



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ALABAMA PALS CLEAN CAMPUS

MUNFORD SCHOOLS



Boaz Intermediate School is back with the Clean Campus Program!

Students are making a difference with schoolwide recycling.

by *Jamie Mitchell*

Boaz Intermediate School in Marshall County has joined the Clean Campus Program! We are so excited to welcome them back to the program for the first time in over six years! At the direction of teacher Amanda Duckett, these students are sure to have lots of Clean Campus success.

I recently had the opportunity to speak to the fourth- and fifth-graders, and they made a great first impression! Not only were the students super attentive but they also are about to begin a school-wide recycling campaign.

The local recycling facility is

providing the school with bins and will empty them as needed. This type of partnership is key for schools to make the recycling process as worry-free as possible for the teachers.

During our discussion, the students learned all about where their trash goes and how long it lasts once it gets there. They learned why their new recycling project is so important and how they will be keeping thousands of pounds of plastic and paper from going to the landfill. The students saw ideas for making treasure from trash, and, of course, we talked about litter and all the ways it adversely affects our communities.

The students from Boaz Intermediate School are ready to make a difference in their community!

Do you know if your local schools are a part of the Clean Campus Program? If not, please visit our website at www.alpals.org to learn more! The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama public, private and county schools. Schools may sign up for the Clean Campus Program online or by calling 334-263-7737. ■

Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.



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HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL GREEN TEAM

Whether it's promoting recycling at school or volunteering in the community, this student group is making a difference.

by *Jamie Mitchell*

Last school year, Hoover High School started a new Green Team on campus. The Team has grown this year, and they have decided to join the Clean Campus Program! The Green Team is off to a great start this year as they plan several cleanup and recycling events.

I recently visited the Green Team to present my 30-minute program on littering, recycling and reusing our resources. It was easy to see this group takes its role on campus seriously and has the desire to make a big impact in the community.

The school at large provides recycling bins, but many of the Green Teamers were disappointed to see students still throwing plastic and paper into the trash. The Team decided they would work on signage and other announcements to

encourage students to always put recyclables in the proper receptacle.

Additionally, they have made a commitment to recycle water bottles from the band during next football season. This will prevent over 500 plastic bottles from heading to the local landfill each week!

The Green Team additionally plans to volunteer during some of the Jefferson County cleanups coinciding with the Don't Drop it on Alabama Spring Cleanup in April.

As a part of the Clean Campus Program, the Team also received bags from PALS for regular cleanups around their campus.

Way to go, Hoover High School Green Team!! We are so excited to see their progress this year!

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Starting off on the Right Track

Marbury High School rallies to take on litter.

by **Jamie Mitchell**

Alabama PALS would like to welcome Marbury High School to the Clean Campus Program! MHS Principal Mrs. Donna Finch has been instrumental in rallying her students in the antilitter movement. She recently invited me to speak to the student body of nearly 600 students to share some littering information and encouragement as they kicked off the new school year.

The students were told that half of all litter is accidental and much of that in Alabama comes from truck beds. Because many of the students are driving, we really discussed the importance of containing the litter in their vehicles.

I also stressed the fact that there is power in numbers ... both in a positive and negative way. With so many students, they have a real opportunity to be litter-free leaders in their community!

Autauga County's Solid Waste Officer John-Paul O'Driscoll has been working diligently to bring all schools onboard with the Clean Campus Program this year; he also spoke at the assembly. O'Driscoll

shared with the students their recycling numbers from the past few years and additionally left a no-littering pledge at the school for all of the students to sign.

County Commissioner Jay Thompson was also given time to speak and encouraged the students to keep their campus clean.

These students should be ready to start the school year on the right track!

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Aiming High to Target Trash

Southside High School AFJROTC cadets fight litter in Selma.

by *Jamie Mitchell*

Alabama PALS would like to recognize the great work of the Air Force JROTC AL-961 from Southside High School in Selma! The cadets kicked off the new school year by having me speak to them about why their antilitter efforts are so important and other ways they can make a difference in their community. This group has been members of the Clean Campus Program for a few years, and they have even adopted 2 miles of county roads near their school.

At the direction of Lt. Col. Stephen Ruiz, the cadets are constantly looking for ways to improve the cleanliness of their campus and surroundings. This group does regular campus sweeps with their bags, provided by Alabama PALS, to ensure a litter-free campus.

They also regularly pick up the area they have adopted as a part of the Adopt-A-Mile Program. While recently cleaning their miles, a local resident stopped to thank them and provided them with water, sodas and chips. Lt. Col. Ruiz let us know the cadets came away realizing how appreciative the community is of their efforts.

The Clean Campus Program really is designed to create lifelong stewards of our environment and communities. It is our hope that students will hear the message, participate in the cleanups and communicate their findings to their friends and families. The students at Southside High School are the definition

of the kind of stewardship we envision of those who are a part of the Clean Campus Program!

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Coastal Corner

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Alabama Coastal Cleanup: 30 Years and Going Strong



Rudy Sanfilippo with TerraCycle, Yael Girard with Weeks Bay Foundation, Angela Underwood with ADCNR, and Don Bates with Thompson Engineering in front of the TerraCycle Supersacks.

The Alabama Coastal Cleanup has been going strong for thirty years, and this year marked one of the best years yet. On September 16, over 5,200 volunteers came out to help “Get the Trash Out of the Splash.” The event, which boasts over 30 zones, appeals to volunteers of all ages and reinforces the strong connection that many coastal residents have to our abundant water resources.

“The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is an incredible opportunity for volunteers to give back to their community by cleaning harmful litter from our beautiful waterways while also learning that litter can have devastating impacts to wildlife,” said Kara Lankford, zone captain at the Mobile Bay Causeway cleanup site. “It’s one of the best educational opportunities in our community.” Organizers of this long running event are always looking for ways to increase the positive impact of the cleanup on both the environment as well as the participants, and this year that meant the addition of plastics recycling.

It has been a long standing goal of coastal cleanup to be able to incorporate recycling into the event. This year Alabama Coastal Cleanup partnered with Thompson Engineering, Weeks Bay Foundation, the Alabama Coastal Foundation, and TerraCycle to collect and recycle plastics. The first-year effort was a success with close to 2,000 lbs. of plastics recycled. These plastics will be made into new products, such as shampoo bottles or toothpaste tubes. “We’re really pleased with the first-year effort, but expect even more success in the years to follow,” said Don Bates, VP of Operations for Thompson Engineering.

2 *Alabama* current connection

While helping to clean up the coast is reward enough for most participants, some are drawn back year after year by the prospect of finding unusual and unexpected items along the shoreline.

Alabama Coastal Cleanup *By the Numbers*



5,200
volunteers

2,000 lbs.
plastics recycled
into new products



30
zones



Each year, coastal cleanup doesn't occur without one or two surprises. "We always find weird items while cleaning and this year was no exception", stated Lankford. "Two young men from Spanish Fort high school found a very large sum of money while cleaning up trash. The boys immediately turned the money in to me. I was so impressed by their honesty and integrity!"

Yael Girard, Weeks Bay Foundation Executive Director, hopes through these events and volunteer opportunities, "our communities see the amazing coastal environment that we live in as something to protect, enhance, and promote. We are proud of everyone who comes together for the Coastal Cleanup and all the initiatives in this area. Together, we are so much stronger, so much smarter, and so much more resilient." The Alabama Coastal Cleanup would like to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers who made the event possible. Make sure to mark your calendars for next year's event!

Alabama Coastal Cleanup is made possible by the generous support of 2017 Presenting Sponsor Poarch Band of Creek Indians and many other sponsors including:

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Clean up crew at the Causeway Zone.



Alabama Coastal Cleanup incorporates recycling in 30th anniversary

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Alabama Coastal Cleanup, the state's largest one-day volunteer event, returns for its 30th year on Saturday, Sept. 16. Residents, visitors, individuals and organizations are invited to "get the trash out of the splash" by picking up trash littering Alabama coasts and waterways from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed on foot and on water.

An exciting addition to this year's cleanup will be an effort to incorporate enhanced recycling opportunities for trash collected during the cleanup event. Alabama Coastal Cleanup, with support from Weeks Bay Foundation, Thompson Engineering, and Alabama Coastal Foundation, will partner with the TerraCycle Company to provide plastics recycling at cleanup zones. TerraCycle offers free recycling programs funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste, such as washed-up trash found along beaches and shorelines. Given the recent recognition of the harmful effects of marine debris in the environment, we are excited to be a part of this effort to remove and recycle plastics from our area waterways.

In 2016, over 4,200 volunteers collected close to 36,700 pounds of trash from cleanup sites located

from Gulf Shores to Dauphin Island. Since trash totals were collected at the first Alabama Coastal Cleanup in 1987, more than 1.6 million pounds of trash have been collected and disposed of properly.

Volunteers are needed at 30 different cleanup sites in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Alabama Coastal Cleanup provides a t-shirt and clean up supplies to participants who collect trash. For more information or to contact a cleanup site captain to sign up to participate, go to www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com or call 251-928-9792. Keep up with us on Facebook at Alabama Coastal Cleanup.

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Dates to Remember.....

- ✓ **January** Spring Cleanup Materials Ordered
PALS Winter Newsletter Mailed
- ✓ **March 7** Alabama PALS Board of Director's Meeting
- ✓ **March 15** Spring Cleanup Materials Ready for Pickup
- ✓ **April 21-28** 2018 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Statewide Spring Cleanup
- ✓ **April 27** Poster and Recycled Art Entries Due in PALS Office
- ✓ **September 13** Distribution Day for 31st Alabama Coastal Cleanup
- ✓ **September 15** 31st Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup
- ✓ **October 20** PALS Governor's Awards Nominations Due in PALS Office
- ✓ **November** Alabama PALS 2018 Governor's Awards Program

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