

Alabama Conservation District Employees Association Announces Two Scholarships

The Alabama District Employees Association is now taking applications for two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to a student(s) who is a resident of the State of Alabama and planning to enter college the summer or fall of the year 2006.

This scholarship can be used at the college of his/her choice.

To be eligible, the appli-

cant must be a U.S. Citizen, High School Senior and living in the State of Alabama. The applicant should be active in student affairs and/or show leadership abilities, and must show reasonable financial need. The deadline to receive your completed applications in our District Office is March 3, 2006.

The applicant must mail or bring their application to

the Geneva County Soil & Water Conservation District, 1706 West Magnolia Avenue, Geneva, AL 36340 - 334-684-2235 (#101). Applications not received by the March 3rd deadline will not be considered.

For applications, see your high school principal, guidance counselor, or Janie B. Howell District Administrative Coordinator, with the Geneva County SWCD.

Award Winning Storyteller Dolores Hydock to Perform for Samson High School

Dolores Hydock will perform for students of Samson High School on Friday, February 10, at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The performance is funded by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Samson High school is one of 45 schools in 31 counties benefiting from the Council's statewide School Touring Program.

Dolores has taught acting and storytelling at Birmingham-Southern College, and is a member of the National Storytelling Network, the Southern Order of Storytellers and the Speakers Bureau of the Alabama Humanities Foundation. She received her Master of Arts degree in story arts from East Tennessee State University. She is the first person to receive an Artist Fellowship from the Alabama State Council on the Arts for her work as both an actress and storyteller.

An actress and story performer Dolores Hydock creates a swirl of characters to tell the tale, the musical trio "PanHarmonium" weaves a musical setting with medieval and early music played on recorder, viol, shaum, riq, hurdy-gurdy, Gothic harp, crumhorn, and

other strange and wonderful instruments. One reviewer called this presentation "a charming world of energized fantasy that surprises the imagination."

PanHarmonium was formed in 1987 to recreate the music of ancient times using appropriate instruments and musical styles. The trio - Gilbert Ritchie, Susan Marchant, and David Cantrell - plays a vocal, instrumental, secular and sacred repertoire that includes medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music.

Storytelling by Dolores will feature a seven hundred year old tale about an anonymous poet who wrote a "passionately moral and wickedly comic" story that seems strangely contemporary in its themes: seduction and survival, deceit and delusion, good guys and bad guys and figuring out which is which. The updated, dramatic telling of this swash-buckling story reveals the comedy, passion and relevance of this 14th century story to 21st century listeners, and is a reminder of why this darkly funny legend has been called "the jewel of English medieval literature."

The Rural School Touring Program provides perfor-

mances of music, dance and theatre by Alabama artists for Alabama children. "Alabama is indeed fortunate to have an abundance of outstanding performing artists," said Al Head, executive director of the Council. "Providing opportunities for students to enjoy and learn through the arts is a top priority for the Council." In the first eight years of the program, an estimated 50 percent of the 147,348 children participating were seeing a live performance for the first time.

The Alabama State Council on the Arts is the official state arts agency of Alabama. The staff of the Council, directed by Al Head, administers the grant programs and provides financial assistance in arts education and programming. The Council receives its support through an annual appropriation from the Alabama Legislature and funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

For more information on the Rural School Touring Program, contact Diana Green, Arts In Education program Manager, at 334-242-4076, ext. 241 or by email: Diana.green@arts.alabama.gov.



Dale/Geneva County District Attorney makes a contribution to the CAC
Kirke Adams, District Attorney for Dale/Geneva Counties has worked with the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center (CAC) during the past year and sees the benefits of having CAC services available for children who suffer abuse. Child abuse victims and their non-offending family members are able to receive crises counseling and support services at no charge through the CAC. From October 2004 through September 2005 the Child Advocacy Center provided 10,082 services to 1,532 victims of abuse in the Wiregrass area. For the past 11 years, the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center has sponsored a community-wide "Blue Ribbon Campaign" to increase public awareness in regard to the problems associated with child abuse. During April 2006, businesses, organizations, churches and individuals have an opportunity to participate in special events that are planned throughout the month. One of the events is Blue Ribbon Friday for Kids. Businesses can show their support for children by purchasing and allowing their employees to wear the Blue Ribbon Friday for Kids t-shirt on Friday April 28th. The t-shirts are available for pre-order for \$10.00 each through Friday, March 3rd. Pictured is Kirke Adams, District Attorney for Dale/Geneva Counties presenting a \$5,000 check for the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Sherri Davis, CAC Community Development Coordinator. For information on how you can be a Blue Ribbon Sponsor or to order Blue Ribbon Friday for Kids t-shirts and ribbons, please call 671-1779.

OMNI: Open MRI Receives ACR Accreditation

OMNI in Geneva has been awarded a 3-year term of accreditation in Magnetic Resonance Imaging as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology. The MRI outpatient facility is located at Wiregrass Medical Center and has been in business for two years.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standard after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologist, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

Radiologist - Dr. John C. Tomberlin and MRI Technologist - Jacy Breen.

Understudy Dinner Theatre

The Understudy Dinner



Samson High School Senior Basketball Players

Otha Allen Jr. is the son of Cynthia and Otha Allen, Sr. He has been playing for Samson High School for three years. He was named Most Athletic of the Senior Class. Jeremy Griffith is the son of Joey and Patricia Griffith. He has played basketball for the past two years for the Tigers. Kurt Jensen is the son of Jere and Clara Jensen. Kurt has played basketball at SHS for three years. He was named to the All Tournament team at both the Red Level and Florida Christmas Tournaments. Joshawn Milsap is the son of Carlton and Della Milsap. Joshawn has played basketball at Samson for the past three years. He was selected on the All Tournament team in the Red Level Christmas Tournament. Joshawn was also named the Class Clown of the Senior Class.



Troy University Education Majors Robyn Freeman of Dothan (left), Carol Brown of Geneva and Phillip Shutt of Dothan make use of resources available through the Teachers' Assistance Center at Troy University. Since 2002, the Center, which is located on the Dothan Campus in room 409 of Adams Hall, has helped provide area K-12 teachers and education students with materials to meet the needs of diverse learners in the general education classroom. In the future, the Center plans to expand resources for Secondary Education teachers in general and special education. For more information on Center hours and services, contact nludlum@troy.edu or call (334) 983-6556, ext. 1-289.