



Secretary of State Beth Chapman to Speak in Hayneville, Alabama

Alabama Secretary of State Beth Chapman will speak in Hayneville on Tuesday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. She will appear at the ballroom in the Hayneville office complex, located on the 2nd floor on Tuskeena Street, above Deep South Barbeque.

The event is hosted by Lowndes Citizens United for Action, a nonprofit, nonpartisan community organization. "We are primarily an environmental justice organization", said LCUFA President Debra E. Harris, "but we also have an open govern-

ment project, and this fits right in with our mission". LCUFA hosted former Secretary of State Nancy Worley in past years.

Secretary Chapman is leading the fight against voting fraud, and due to citizen complaints the Lowndes County voting records of the 2008 June primary have been seized by the Attorney General's office. "This is a chance for Lowndes County to get more information about voting. We must remember that it was Lowndes County that led the fight for all citizens

to be able to vote. We urge all citizens of Lowndes County and every elected official to come out to hear Secretary Chapman", President Harris concluded. The event is free and open to the public.



Beth Chapman
Alabama Secretary of State

LCUFA SECRETARY/TREASURER APPOINTED FIRST WOMAN COUNTY CORNER

Audrey Marlette of Hayneville has been appointed Lowndes County Coroner to fill the unexpired term of the late Winston Pringle.

Ms. Marlette serves as Secretary/Treasurer of LCUFA. Employed as a

legal assistant in Montgomery, Marlette says that her background and training will enable her to get a "heads up" on the paperwork that is part of the job of being the Lowndes County Coroner. She is active

in the Lowndes County community, attends many County Commission meetings and was instrumental in organizing county-wide clean-ups of roads. Congratulations to one of LCUFA's own!

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“Paper Man Wins \$100.00 During Mosses Clean Up

June 27th began with light rain and intense humidity, but that didn't stop about 15 people from picking up trash all through the town of Mosses and on Highway 2. Lowndes Citizens United for Action (LCUFA) teamed up with the Town of Mosses to organize and implement a clean-up, and the effort was very successful.

Three lucky participants won cash prizes, but it was Nick Hrobowski of Mosses who won the grand prize of \$100.00. Mr. Hrobowski is known as the “paper man” because he is frequently seen picking up trash along the streets of Mosses. “It is fitting that Nick won the grand prize,” said LCUFA President Debra Harris. “He worked his heart out today, and he did it with a great spirit”.

The event brought out Mayor William Scott of Mosses, Town Clerk Libby Burke and new Lowndes County Coroner Audrey Marlette. Ms.

Carol Leafblatt recruited young people to help, and the youngest participant was Alexis Burke, age 7. Teenagers Drucilla Murphy, William Miles and Douglas Crenshaw worked diligently, and Eddie Dudley, 12, won a cash prize of \$25.00, as did William Miles. “I'm doing this for the community”, said Douglas Crenshaw, 17, of Mosses. “People are lazy. They should take trash home and put it in the garbage can instead of throwing it out on the



Nick Hrobowski

road”, he concluded. Other participants included Joe Bell, Marcus Safold and Sharon Brooks of Hayneville, Mario Hill, Daisy Davis and Sam Howard. Both the town of Mosses and Lowndes County Sheriff provided patrols for highway safety for the volunteers. Participants were served lunch at the Mosses Town Hall.

LCUFA Vice President Sam Howard said that the cash prizes were made possible from a grant from Cornerstone Community Foundation and Southern Partners Fund. WildLaw, an environmental law firm, provides technical assistance and financial sponsorship for the nonprofit community organization.

LCUFA Members to Attend Auntie Litter Conference

LCUFA President Debra Harris and board members Audrey Marlette and Sam Howard will attend Auntie Litter “Take Pride Statewide Conference” during August 12-13, 2008 in Birmingham Alabama at the Samford University.

The conference will focus on litter prevention education and related environmental issues that affect communities. Participants will learn strategies from experts, determine sources of funding, receive educational materials, and develop a statewide network for idea sharing and problem solving.

Auntie Litter, Inc. is a national 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization based in Birmingham. It is dedicated to promoting a clean and healthy environment.

Founded in 1990, the organization has been honored with numerous awards for its innovative educational program based on the anti-litter character, “Auntie Litter.”

Through live presentations, educational workshops, and comprehensive teaching strategies and tools, young people, their families learn how to conserve our natural resources, eliminate litter in their communities, and practice the environmental 3 R's – reuse, reduce waste and recycle.

Other participants will be representatives of communities in Alabama including beautification boards, educators, government officials, environmental organizations, business and industry representatives, association and civic leaders and concerned individuals.

To find out more information about this conference or to register contact:

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www.TakePrideStatewide.com

Did You Know?

- Recycling just 1 ton of aluminum can rather than throwing them away conserves more than 207 million BTUs, the equivalent of 36 barrels of oil or 1,655 gallons of gasoline.

Why Recycle?

Most household garbage is sent to landfills or dumps. With people producing more and more waste, landfills are filling up fast. By recycling we can substantially reduce the amount of household garbage and help to preserve and reduce the need for more landfills.

Waste reduction hinges on the participation and support of everyone. To be effective, it must

incorporate the “3R’s”:

Reduce the amount of garbage you discard by purchasing durable, long-lasting goods and products which can be used again after its original use is completed.

Reuse containers and products; repair what is broken or give it to someone who can repair it.

Donate unwanted items to charity or community groups.

Recycle as much as possible, which includes buying products with recycled content. Purchasing products made from or packaged in recycled materials saves resources for future generations.

LCUFA encourages each citizen of Lowndes county to be good stewards and recycle.



Money Wasted

Most people know that recycling plays an important role in managing the garbage generated in homes and businesses, and that it reduces the need for landfills and incinerators.

But recycling is far more than a local waste management strategy; it is also an important strategy for reducing the environmental impacts of industrial production.

Recycling is a growth industry with many kinds of business opportunities, from collection and processing to manufacturing to inventing new technologies.

Supplying industry with recycled materials, rather than virgin resources extracted from forests and mines, is environmen-

tally preferable because it saves energy, reduces emissions of greenhouse gases and other dangerous air and water pollutants, and because it conserves scarce natural resources.

Recycle can supplies industries millions of tons of scrap commodities like metals, paper, glass, plastics, wood, organics, and other materials.

Nationally, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates about 30% of the waste stream gets diverted from landfill disposal, but there is still a lot that is not getting recycled - meaning money and resources that are getting wasted - as illustrated in the below table.

Recycling and Composting Collection Programs

- Approximately 8,660 curbside recycling programs exist nationwide, down from 8,875 in 2002.
- About 3,470 community composting programs are operational, an increase from 3,227 in 2002.

Source: Biocycle Magazine 2006

Table 1. The value of un-recycled commodities

<i>Material</i>	<i>Nat'l recycling rate</i>	<i>Un-recycled pounds</i>	<i>Value of un-recycled pounds</i>
Aluminum cans	51.2%	1,446,843,750	\$954,916,875
Fiber	50.2%	99,699,203,185	\$3,813,494,522
Glass Bottles	22.0%	75,730,909,091	\$18,478,342
HDPE Plastic Bottles	24.2%	2,508,980,000	\$577,065,400
PET Plastic Bottles	19.6%	3,449,816,326	\$931,450,408
Steel Cans	62.0%	801,661,129	\$43,089,286
TOTAL		183,637,413,481	\$6,338,494,833

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"Never doubt that a small, committed group of people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has". Margaret Mead

LCUFA'S MISSION:

is to organize Lowndes County people, to permanently improve the quality of life, to promote self-determination and to fight for environmental justice.

LCUFA MEETINGS:

Held every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the REACH mobile units on Hwy 21 north of Hayneville. Please attend and invite friends and family members.

LCUFA OFFICERS:

Debra Harris, President (kiky@bellsouth.net)

Samuel Howard, Vice President

Audrey Marlette, Secretary Treasurer

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Technical Advisor: WildLaw, a nonprofit environmental law firm (Barbara@wildlaw.org)

PROJECT CLEAN-UP

Lowndes Citizens United for Action organizes community clean-ups throughout Lowndes County. Every 4th Saturday we meet at our headquarters at 8 a.m. to clean up our "Adopt-A-Mile" on Highway 21 north of Hayneville. In addition, we organize cleanups in other areas of

our county. The cleanup in June in Mosses was very successful.

As we share our organizing skills with each community, we will encourage and inspire those communities to continue with four clean-ups

per year on their own. People who pick up trash are less likely to litter.



CALL TO ACTION: PROJECT OPEN GOVERNMENT

The people have a right to know, and a responsibility to find out. LCUFA members video every Lowndes County Commission meeting, and they are active with local government in their community.

LCUFA also shares information on the Open Meetings Act and the Open Records Act, and educates local elected public officials on

their responsibility to do the people's business in public. Lowndes County has come a long way in this regard, but still has a long way to go.

The Lowndes County Commission has a new website at www.lowndescountycommission.org.

and we are encouraging the county to expand the website to include events and county history.

Send your information to lococom@htcnet.net and encourage website development. Other Lowndes County websites of interest are:

www.lcuфа.com

www.okrafestival.org

www.estherstrumpet.com

