ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL

AL 200

MISSION

- Alabama 200 supports, creates, and executes events and activities that commemorate the stories of our people, place, and path to statehood. AL 200 began in 2017 and until December 14th 2019, will engage residents and visitors in educational programs, community activities, and statewide initiatives that teach, inspire and entertain.

VISION

- Alabama 200 is an opportunity to experience and explore the state of Alabama. It is a chance to celebrate our place, including each of the 67 counties. This is the time to remember the people who made our state and to nurture the generations who will carry us forward. We hope that visitors will join with us as we walk hand in hand into the future with history as our guide.

The Baldwin County Commission, during its regularly scheduled meeting held on January 17, 2017, appointed the AL 200 Baldwin County Bicentennial Steering Committee to support the Mission and Vision.

Timeline:

2017 - Exploring Our Places

2018 - Honoring Our People

2019 - Sharing Our Stories

ALABAMA 200
BALDWIN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE

- Mr. Mike Bunn
- Ms. Claudia Campbell
- Ms. Ashley Jones Davis
- Ms. Coletta Bailey
- Ms. Harriet Outlaw `
- Mr. Bert Blackmon
- Ms. Kelly Stewart
- The Honorable Judge Charles Partin

Dr. Phyllis French

Mr. Herman Arrington

Mr. Johnny Biggs

Felisha Anderson

FIRE

ALABAMA 200
DIRECTORY OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

Baldwin County

- **Baldwin County**
  Felisha Anderson
- **Bay Minette**
  Rita Diedtrich
- **Daphne**
  Al Guarisco
- **Elberta**
  Lisa Salter
- **Fairhope**
  Robert Glennon
- **Foley**
  LaDonna Hinesley
- **Lillian**
  Price Legg
- **Loxley**
  Joan Richardson
- **Orange Beach**
  Angela Bateman
- **Perdido Beach**
  Andrew Stewart
- **Robertsdale**
  Ruthie Campbell
- **Tensaw**
  Claudia Campbell

PROJECT LEADERS

- Claudia Campbell – President

  Fort Mims Restoration Association
- Ashley Jones Davis – Executive Director

  North Baldwin Chamber
- Mike Bunn – Director

  Historic Blakeley State Park
- Felisha Anderson – Archives & History

Claudia Campbell – President, Fort Mims Restoration Association
Project Leader: Historic Marker Program & Paintings

Production of original, accurate artwork depicting three of the nationally significant military contests in Baldwin County - The Battles of Historic Fort Mims, Fort Blakeley, and Historic Fort Bowyer.

Mike Bunn – Director, Historic Blakeley State Park
Project Leader: Curriculum Guides

This project involved working with our schools to teach our local history in the classrooms and to tie field trips and projects to Baldwin County History in celebration of the Alabama 200. We worked with the Board of Education to get in front of our educators to educate them about the Alabama 200 and Baldwin County History. A curriculum was created that is now being used in classrooms on local history.

Ashley Jones Davis– Executive Director, North Baldwin Chamber Of Commerce
Project Leader: Publication & Publicity

The committee has put together one book titled"200 Things You Need to Know about the Alabama 200 Celebration in Baldwin County." In addition to the book, the committee reached out to municipalities and organizations throughout the county and encouraged them to join the celebration. The Book publication will be available for purchase by December 14, 2019.

Felisha Anderson– Archives Director/ Local Chairman For Baldwin County/Point Of Contact To Local Committees/ And Project Leader For All Other Bicentennial Projects

OTHER AL 200 PROJECTS

- Baldwin Historic Tours
- Hosted a Regional Workshop in Robertsdale at the Central Annex in 2017
- Bicentennial Art Contest
- City of Bay Minette/Distinguished Young Women of Baldwin County
- Moved the Little Red Schoolhouse to Bicentennial Park
- 2017 - Bicentennial Field Trip Program (August 2018 - This program received the ACCA's 2018 Excellence in County Government Urban County Category Award)
- Hope Foundation and the City of Bay Minette on attaining a grant – Stephen J. Boykin Historic Marker Dedication
- Baldwin Heritage Families Program
- Baldwin County Heritage Families (documentary consist of four segments)
- Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit
- 200 Baldwin County Legends Book
- History Fair at Daphne High School (February 22, 2019)
- Bicentennial Pre-Easter Festival
- Bicentennial Exhibition of a selection of items (A presentation and display of the three historical paintings, our books, brochures, Education Component, Heritage Families Documentaries etc.) The tentative date for the Exhibition is November 7, 2019 at the Daphne Civic Center.
- Reenactment – Removal of the County Seat from Daphne to Bay Minette
- Baldwin County - Bicentennial Float to be displayed in as many Christmas Parades around Baldwin County

as schedules will allow

Alabama Bicentennial Annual Themes

2017

Exploring Our Places

Baldwin Historic Tours

Baldwin County History Bus Tour 2018

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TOUR

- The tour will begin at Scenic Overlook Visitor's Center in Spanish Ft. (Parking available)
- We will board the bus and proceed South on HWY 98, through Daphne and Montrose, discussing the fascinating history of the area.
- A rest stop will be made at the City of Fairhope Welcome Center.
- We will continue South to the Grand Hotel at Point Clear with engaging information about the areas we pass along the way.
- We will return to Spanish Ft. Scenic Overlook Visitor's Center

TOPICS

- Causeway & Delta
- Spanish Ft. Civil War
- Daphne, Montrose History
- Pottery industry
- Fairhope Single Tax
- Hermit of Tolstoy Park
- Point Clear & Civil War Cemetery

TICKETS

$30 Adults; $15 Youth (19 & under)

Purchase Tickets: Department of Archives and History in Bay Minette or Fairhope Satellite Courthouse

February 14th 10 am - 1 pm

Tour Guide: Donnie Barrett, Director, Fairhope Museum of History

Project of Baldwin Co. Dept. of Archives and History, Felisha Anderson, Director (251)580-2572; fanderson@baldwincountyal.gov

Baldwin Historic Tours 2018

"Tales of the Rails"

TOUR

- 10:00 a.m.—Load the bus at the Foley Railroad Museum
- 10:30 a.m.— 10:45 a.m. Learn history of the spur line as the bus travels to Bay Minette
- 10:45 a.m.—11:00 a.m.—Comfort Stop (Archives & History)
- 11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Follow the path of the now defunct spur line south. Hear the history, folklore and tales from each rail depot stop:

  Stapleton

  Loxley

  Robertsdale

  Summerdale

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.—Back to Foley to tour the Foley Railroad Museum

HIGHLIGHTS

Tour led by folklorist sharing history and stories of the trains once common through Central Baldwin County.

Experience the trail of our ancestors who came to find new lives in Baldwin County. Learn about travel and stops on the Home seekers' Excursion on the L & N Line .

Hear Folklore and ghost stories all along the way—Boo!

TICKETS

$20 Adults; $5 (19 & under)

Purchase Tickets: Probate Offices in: Bay Minette, Fairhope, Foley, Robertsdale and The Department of Archives and History in Bay Minette

April 12th 10 am - 1 pm

Tour Guide: Harriet Oulaw, author of Haunted Baldwin County and folklore

Project of Baldwin Co. Dept. of Archives and History, Felisha Anderson, Director (251)580-2572; fanderson@baldwincountyal.gov

Baldwin Historic Tours 2018

"Tensaw Country"

TOUR

- 9:00 a.m.—Load the bus at Live Oak Landing-8700 Stockton Way, Bay Minette, AL 36507
- 9:00 a.m.— 9:30 a.m. Traveling North on Hwy. 59 to William Weatherford's Grave in Little
- River (Tour the Gravesite)
- 9:40 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—As we work our way south we will see beautiful homes, in Blacksher, visit Historic Fort Mims and Montgomery Hill Baptist Church, the oldest Church in Baldwin County. From Tensaw, we will pass through the small community of Latham and see the beautiful Latham Methodist Church, and possibly stop at Red Hill Springs for a refreshing drink.
- Stockton—We will hear the history of some of the historic homes and churches in the area

11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.—Bicentennial Park (time permitting Tour of the Little Red Schoolhouse and other historic structures on site)!

HIGHLIGHTS

Tour led by Local Historian Claudia Slaughter-Campbell sharing history and stories of The Tensaw Country.

Experience the beauty of rural North Baldwin County. Learn and hear about its earliest days.

TICKETS

$20 Adults; $5 (19 & under)

Purchase Tickets: Probate Offices in: Bay Minette, Fairhope, Foley, Robertsdale and The Department of Archives and History in Bay Minette

June 13th 9 am - 12 pm

Tour Guide: Claudia Slaughter-Campbell, Local Historian

Project of Baldwin Co. Dept. of Archives and History, Felisha Anderson, Director (251)580-2572; fanderson@baldwincountyal.gov

THE SEAL OF BALDWIN COUNTY ALABAMA
1809
MIMS FERRY and HOLLEY CREEK
For centuries Native Americans depended on the creeks, lakes and rivers as ready sources of food as well as a means of transportation between their fields and towns. European colonists settled in this area in the early 1700's followed by American pioneers in the 1800's. Between 1799 and 1813, Samuel Mims ran a flatboat ferry across the Alabama River. The site chosen by Mims for his ferry was just below the mouth of Holley Creek, where it flows into the Alabama River. The natural lay of the land provided an easy method to load and unload the craft.
Prominent among his passengers were pioneers with their loaded wagons and livestock who journeyed down the Federal Road heading toward Mobile, Natchez and New Orleans. There are written accounts of mounted federal troops paying to cross the river at Mims Ferry in 1813.
Baldwin County Historic Development and Baldwin County Commissions AL200 2016

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THE SEAL OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
1809
COLONIA ITALIANA 1888-THE BEAUTIFUL FOREST
In 1888, Alessandro Mastro-Valerio, realizing the plight of fellow Italian immigrants living and working in hazardous conditions in many northern states, bought land here to attract colonists. He advertised in newspapers around the country and many Italian families bought plots of 10 to 40 acres. Colonists lived a pioneer lifestyle, clearing land in Belforest and building homes. They farmed, operated general stores, and built a saw mill, a cotton gin, and packing sheds. Just 30 years later, many sons served in WWI and returned home to continue the heritage of their hard working ancestors. Two of their sons became Mayors of Daphne, Arthur Manci in 1952 and Victor Guarisco in 1976.
In 1895, the settlers purchased land for their first church, the Church of the Assumption. Father Angelo Chiarigione, affectionately called Padre Angelo, arrived in 1898 as the first resident priest. The Queen of Italy, very pleased with the colony, sent gifts to their new church for use among Italian Catholics.
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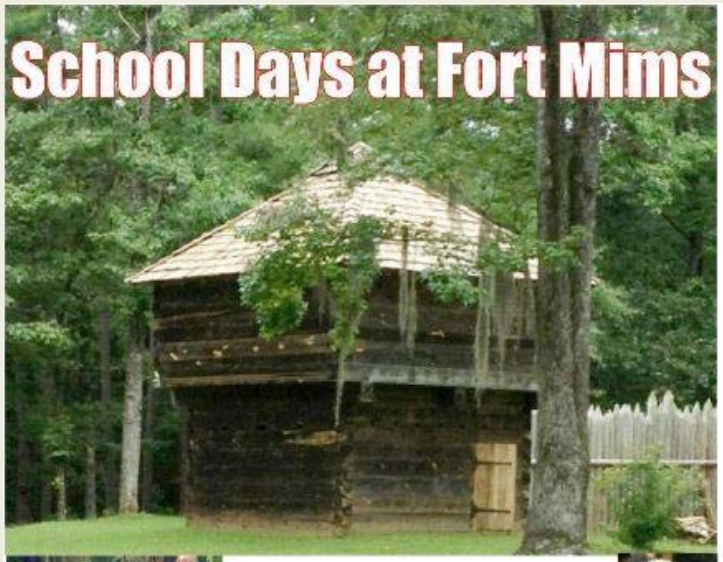
PILOT TOWN



February 2019

6th, 7th & 8th

9am - 2pm

Learn about Historic Fort Mims & 1800's Pioneer Life
in the Mississippi Territory thru Living History Demonstrations

$8.00 per child - includes sack lunch & drink
Souvenirs will be available for purchase

Interested Teachers contact Claudia Campbell 251-533-9024
or claudia_cmpbll@yahoo.com by January 15th, 2019

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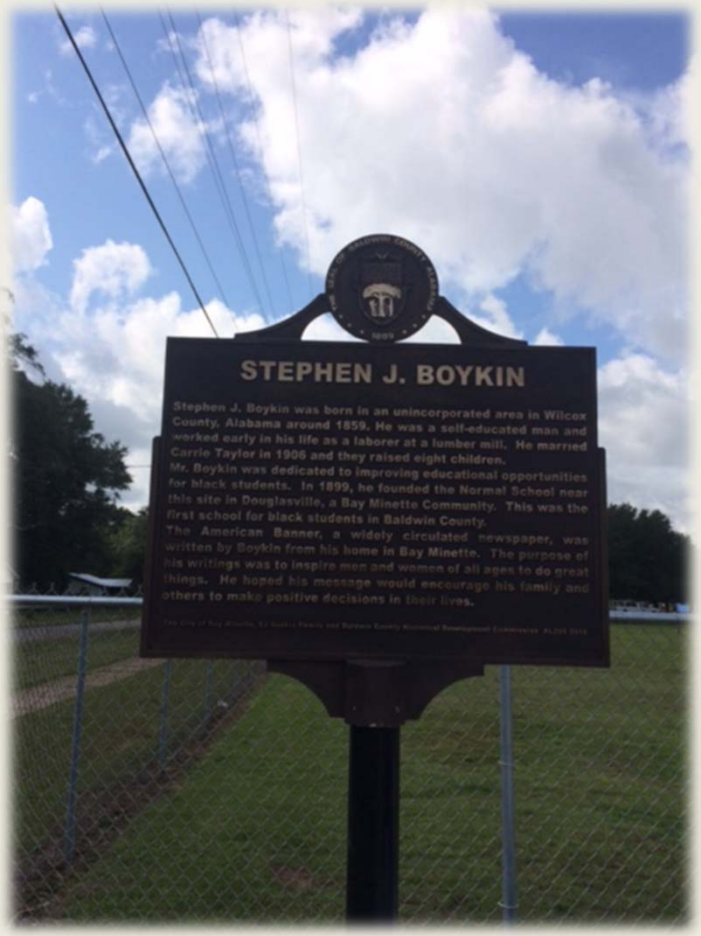
JOHN MONGIORNO

FAIRHOPE HIGH SCHOOL

WINNER OF THE AL 200 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Distinguished Young Women Of Baldwin County Celebrates **Alabama 200**

Stephen J. Boykin
Historic Marker Dedication



Regional Workshop -Robertsdale

Baldwin Heritage Families Program
Recognition Ceremony
Baldwin County Coliseum
December 6, 2018

Mary Calhoun Williams
104 Years Young

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Photography

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Older American's Day

200 Baldwin County, Alabama Legends Book

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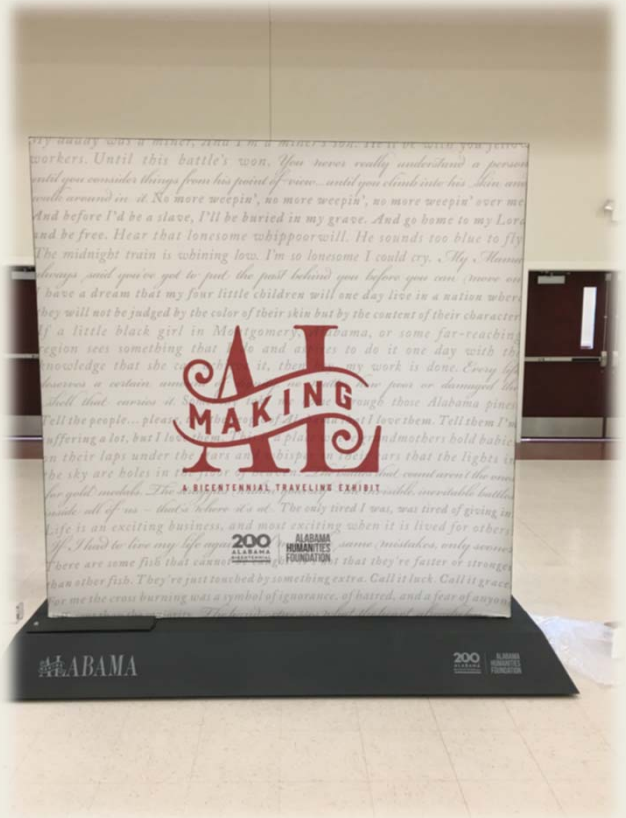
Sharing Our Stories

Reenactment - Removal Of The Baldwin County Seat

Making Alabama:
A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit



MAKING
BALDWIN COUNTY
Fort Mim
Baldwin County weathers every storm with grace and grit. The
Emerald Coast welcomed early explorers, sank enemy ships, and
recovered from tragic oil spills. For centuries, nations battled
for control over the land, but none of these conflicts were as
consequential as the massacre at Fort Mims. William Weatherford
led Red Stick warriors in a surprise attack on settlers, killing 250
people. It triggered U.S. entry in the Creek War and ultimately led
to statehood for Alabama. Years later, Fort Morgan stood guard
over Mobile Bay while Civil War gunboats clashed on open waters.
Explore the forts, or enjoy a breezy getaway to Fairhope, Alabama's
dreamy, single-tax colony. Upstream in Daphne, people go wild
when thousands of fish wash ashore during a natural event known
as a "Jubilee." Feast on big, heaping seafood platters, or lounge
on the white sand beaches of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach.
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BIOGRAPHIES
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Fort Mims
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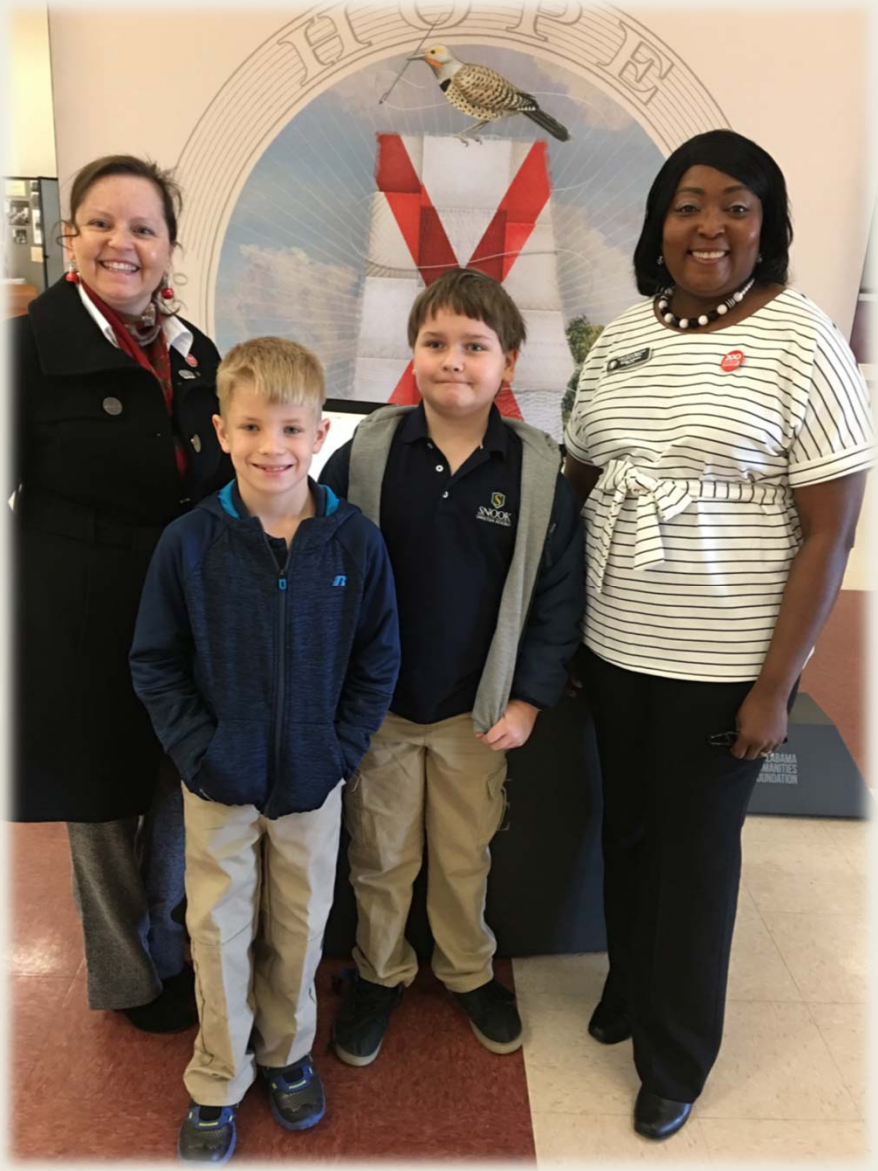
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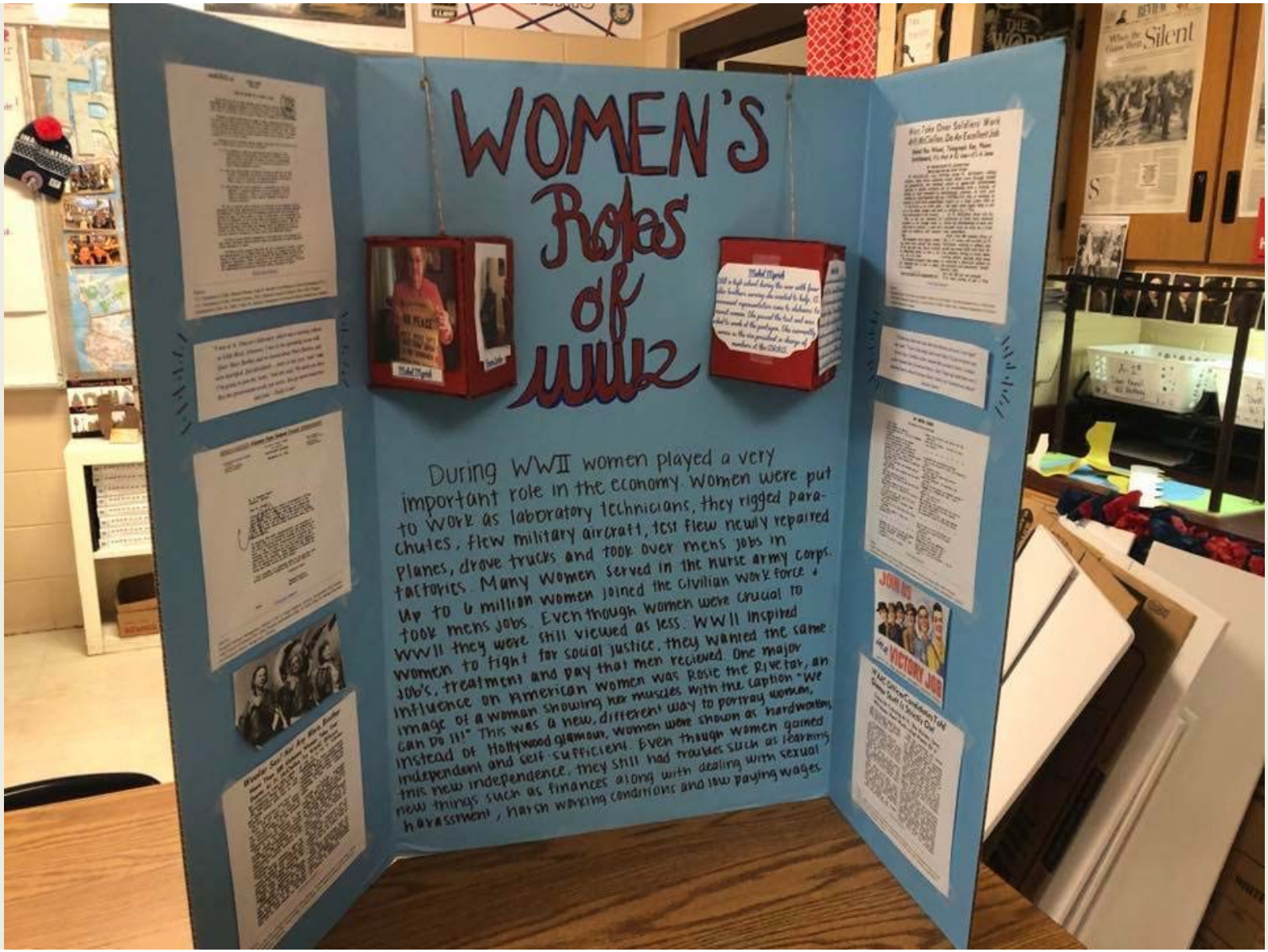
History Fair
At
Daphne High School


WOMEN'S Roles of WWII
During WWII women played a very important role in the economy. Women were put to work as laboratory technicians, they rigged parachutes, flew military aircraft, test flew newly repaired planes, drove trucks and took over mens jobs in factories. Many women served in the nurse army corps. Up to 6 million women joined the civilian work force & took mens jobs. Even though women were crucial to WWII they were still viewed as less. WWII inspired women to fight for social justice, they wanted the same job's, treatment and pay that men recieved. One major influence on American women was Rosie the Riveter, an image of a woman showing her muscles with the caption "We can do it!" This was a new, different way to portray women, instead of Hollywood glamour. Women were shown as hardworking independent and self-sufficient. Even though women gained this new independence, they still had troubles such as learning new things such as finances along with dealing with sexual harassment, harsh working conditions and low paying wages.
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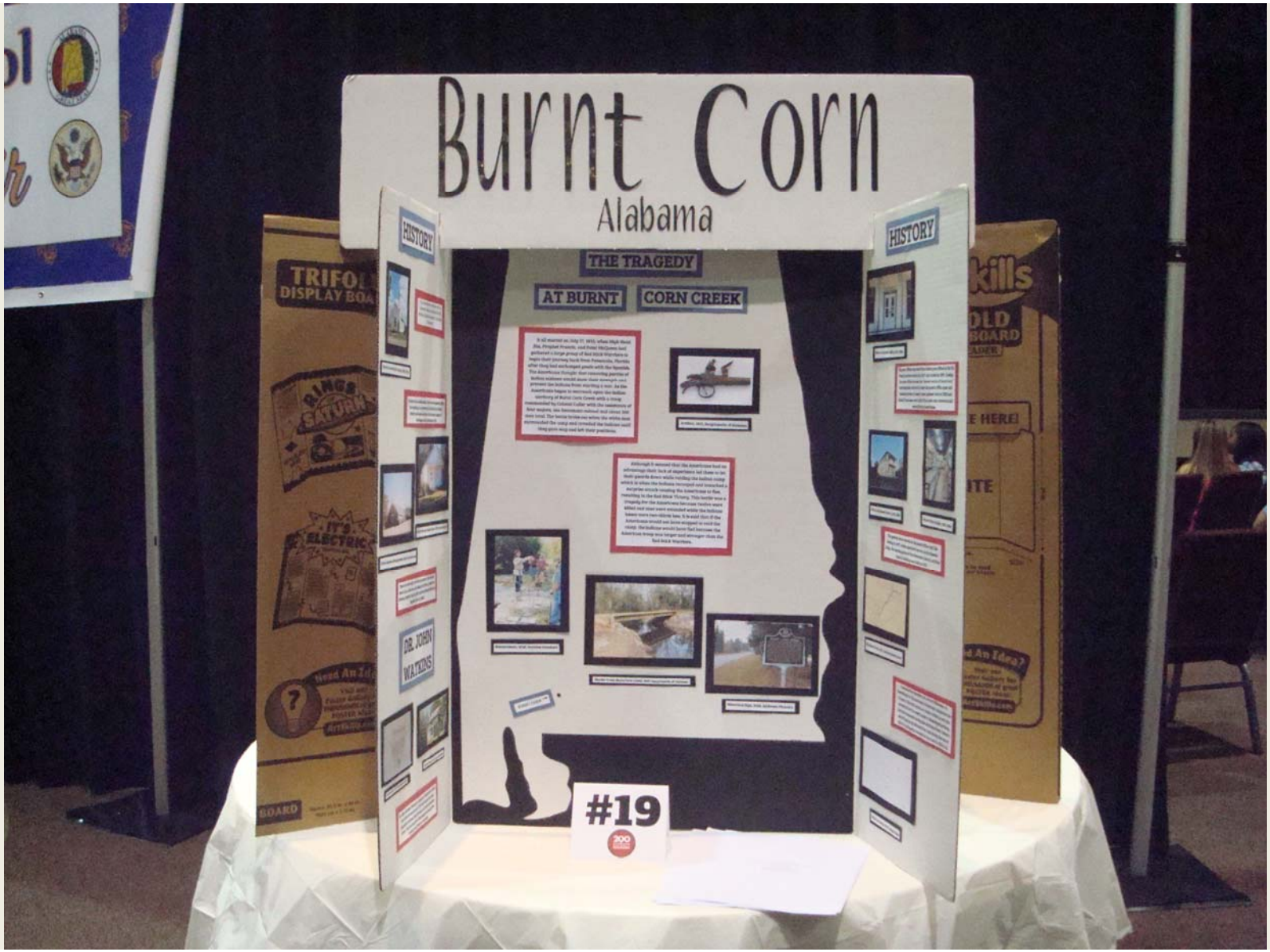
JOIN US
VICTORY JOB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Alabama
HISTORY
THE TRAGEDY
AT BURNT
CORN CREEK
HISTORY
DR. JOHN WATKINS
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Alabama Day - History Fair Winners – Daphne High School

Special Thanks To:
Baldwin County Department of Archives and History
Daphne High School Social Studies Department
Mr. William Jones
DHS Parent Teacher Student Organization
DHS Student Government Association
DHS Girls Service Club
DHS National Honor Society
DHS Ladies Ensemble
DHS AFJROTC
Eastern Shore Optimist Club
Daphne United Methodist Church
Reese Smith
Mr. Jamar Dumas
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CULMINATION:

Bicentennial Exhibition
& Reception
Daphne Civic Center
Thursday, November 7, 2019
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

AL 200 - BICENTENNIAL FLOAT

WILL APPEAR IN AS MANY END-OF-THE YEAR PARADES, AS SCHEDULES WILL ALLOW!

ALABAMA DAY

DECEMBER 14, 2019

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- For all projects to go beyond the Bicentennial. Baldwin County's four (4) major projects to include: Historical paintings, educational component, 200 Baldwin County Legends book and the Book on 200 things to know about Baldwin County, are all educational investments that will repay decades forward.

DISSOLUTION

The Alabama 200 Bicentennial Commission as well as the Baldwin County Bicentennial Committee will dissolve at the end of December 2019

THANK YOU!

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