

# ECHOES



The  
Escambia  
County  
Historical  
Society,  
Founded  
1971

**The May Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**  
**McMillan Museum**  
**Coastal Alabama Community College**  
**Brewton Campus**  
**3:00 p. m.**



**The Program : "The People of Peru,"**  
**A Presentation by Dana Thrower**

Our Speaker, shown at the left in a picture taken in Peru, lives in Dixie, Alabama. She grew up in Gulf Breeze, Florida, and is a graduate of Gulf Breeze High School.

Dana is the widow of Robert Thrower who was for many years the tribal historian of the Poarch Creek Indians.



**Left, Marinera**  
**Dancers in the City**  
**of Trujillo, Peru.**  
**Right, Machu**  
**Picchu, Incan**  
**Citadel set high in**  
**the Andes**  
**Mountains**



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**The June Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**  
**Program: Mayor Yank Lovelace will**  
**present a program based on his family.**

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## News and Announcements

### ECHS Loses Two Members



David (Dave) Elliott, husband of past ECHS President and Trustee, Wilellen Elliott, passed away in April. A Navy veteran of twenty-four years, Dave worked for UPS for eighteen years after leaving the Navy.

After retirement from UPS, he and Wilellen moved back to East Brewton, Wilellen's hometown. At the society's Christmas party in 2004, members enjoyed a visit to the William W. Weaver, Jr. home, Wilellen's family home restored by Dave and Wilellen.

Dave and Wilellen were married for sixty-four years.



**Left to right,  
Jacque Stone,  
Eva McInnis and  
Beverly Stark.**

Beverly Stark, shown at the left at the ECHS Christmas Party at the L House in 2016, passed away this May.

A loyal member of ECHS, Beverly attended the meetings regularly until health issues caused her to be absent in the last year.

She not only enjoyed the programs but also participated in programs such as "Show and Tell." In the picture below of the presenters for a "Show and Tell" program in 2010, she is, from the left, the first person standing behind Bucky McCoy, seated in the wheelchair. Beverly had brought a wooden, hand-made game called Mancala which was played with river rocks.

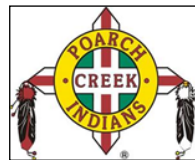


### ECHS Participates in Flomaton High School 2019 History Fair



**Museum Coordinator Don Sales  
Waves for the Camera at the  
ECHS Booth**

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### Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Poarch Creek Indians

**Voice of the School House  
June 1, 2019, 2:00-4:00**  
**"In 1949, a consolidated school was  
constructed and an equal opportunity of  
education was given to our community."**



A Presentation about the Consolidated School, shown above. The presentation will be at the school,

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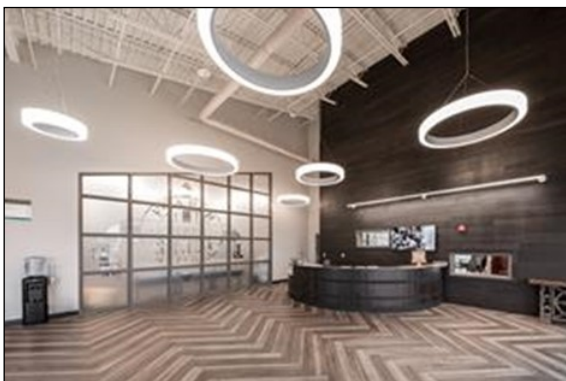
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which is located on the Pow Wow grounds.

ECHS member, Ann Biggs-Williams' mother taught at this school.

The event is presented by the Tribal Historic Preservation Department, as part of Calvin McGhee Memoria Day. Presenters are Mallory Gibson and Billy Bailey.

### June 10-15, 2019 Legends and Stories of Native and African American Culture



**Lobby of the Community Center of the Poarch Creek Indians. The Institute will be held in the Community Center.**

One of the Alabama 200 Bicentennial Summer Institutes, Master Teacher Renae Williams and her Partner Heather Glass, both of Thomasville Elementary School will be the presenters.

They have this to say about the Institute: "Get ready for all the bells and whistles of a Creek Indian experience. We've pulled out all the stops to bring you a great week of learning and enjoyment."

Content Specialist for the Institute is Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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### ECHS Aids in Creating Presentations on Local History of Escambia County in the Traveling Exhibit "Making Alabama."

"Making Alabama" one of the exhibits prepared for Alabama's Bicentennial Celebration will be on exhibit at "The Club," located north of Atmore on HWY 21, through May 23, 2019.

Museum Coordinator, Don Sales, collected the material for the panels on Brewton and East Brewton. ECHS President Sally Finlay collected the materials which appeared on the panel for Pollard.

Panels on local history with photographs and text also included on Flomaton, Atmore, the Poarch Creek Indians, as well as the history of Education and Railroads in Escambia County.



## A Gallery of Significant People from Escambia County



**Kevin Sumlin**  
**College Football**  
**Coach**

Born in Brewton in 1964 where his father was the head coach at Brooker T. Washington High School, the family moved to Indianapolis where Kevin was a star player in several sports. He was a starting line-backer at Purdue University. His career as a college football coach began in 1989 at Washington State. His first head coaching job came with the University of Houston in 2008. Presently Head Coach at the University of Arizona.



**Lee Otts**  
**(1922-2015)**  
**Brewton**

Born in Greensboro, Alabama, he attended the University of Alabama where he was in the ROTC. In 1944 he was sent to France as a replacement infantry officer of G Company, part of Patton's Third Army. His memories of his war experiences were eventually part of the book G Company's War. After the war he obtained his law degree and moved to Brewton where he founded a law firm and was active in civic activities.



**Leon Brooks Hines**  
**(1947-1985)**  
**(Brewton)**

**Community Leader-**  
**Politician**

In 1974, at the age of 27, Hines was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives, becoming the youngest member ever elected to that position. Former Lt. Governor George McMillan was quoted as saying of Hines, "He had a balanced approach, was dedicated to excellence, and fought for Alabama to reach its potential."



**Lou Vickery**  
**(Born in Atmore in 1941)**

**Athlete-Author-**  
**Radio Talk Show**  
**Host**



# A Gallery of Significant People from Escambia County

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**James P. Kizer**  
Military-  
Community  
Leader

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**Born in Monroeville but grew up in Atmore where he graduated from Escambia County High School in 1952. A marine aviator decorated for his service in Viet Nam, retired as Colonel. In retirement has served in many capacities as community leader in**



**Jonathan Bell Lovelace**  
(1895-1979)  
(Brewton)  
1929  
Businessman-  
Founder of the  
Capital Group

**Grew up in Brewton, graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn) where he studied business and finance. After graduation joined a brokerage firm in Detroit, sold his stocks and bonds just before the crash in 1929. Left the stock brokerage business and moved to California where he established his own investment management business which eventually became the Capita Group.**



**James W. Carroll**  
(1921-2005)  
(Brewton)

**“Reluctant” Hero of World War II**

**In the picture, Pvt. James W. “Bill” Carroll, a scout with the 628<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion is shown on his Harley Davison motorcycle as he arrives in the Belgian city of Peruvelz and is given a hero’s welcome by the citizens with flowers and wine.**



**Joseph H. Lyons**  
(Pollard)  
Attorney-  
Businessman

**Born on October 31, 1874 in Pollard, he grew up there, attending local schools and later attended Marion Institute. Received degree from the University of Alabama and Harvard (law degree). Moved to Mobile and became a successful attorney and leader in many civic and humanitarian projects and organizations.**



**Juliet and Richard Pope with their children at Cypress Gardens**

**Juliet Downing Pope**  
(1905-1988)  
Co-Founder of  
Cypress Gardens

**Born in Brewton, moved to Florida with her husband Richard Pope in 1936. Helped to usher in Florida’s modern age of tourism with Cypress Gardens attraction at Winter Haven.**

**Images and Texts are from Charlie Ware’s “Portraits of Interesting People of Escambia County.” The newsletter for this month adds to the portraits that appeared in the newsletter for April 2019. More portraits will be published in succeeding issues of the newsletter.**

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