

# ECHOES



The  
Escambia  
County  
Historical  
Society,  
Founded  
1971

**The May Meeting Scheduled for  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020  
Has Been Canceled.  
The Brewton Campus of the  
Alabama Coastal Community College  
Is Closed Until Fall.  
Thus the McMillan Museum and  
Alabama Room Are Closed.**

## ECHS June Meeting



**The McMillan Museum of  
Natural and Cultural History  
of Escambia County,  
Alabama was founded in  
1979 to chronicle life in the  
county**

Since the Brewton Campus is closed until  
Fall, there are no plans at this time for a June  
Meeting for ECHS.

**The Alabama  
Room, a  
repository for  
historical and  
genealogical  
research.**



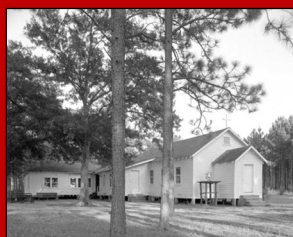
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**As of Tues., May 19, at  
approximately 10 a.m.,  
the Alabama Department  
of Public Health con-  
firmed 39 COVID-19 cases  
in Escambia County with  
3 reported deaths.**



**Alabama author  
Augusta Jane Evans  
Wilson was among the  
most popular novelists  
of the nineteenth  
century. She was born  
May 8, 1835, in  
Columbus, GA. In 1849,  
her family moved to  
Mobile, where she be-  
gan her career as a writ-  
er at the age of fifteen.  
Wilson published her  
first bestseller, entitled  
Beulah, in 1859.**



**St. Anna's Indian Mission  
Atmore, Alabama, 1962**

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## News and Announcements



### **Zion Fountain AMEZ Church of Brewton Is Serving the Community One Project at a Time.**

Zion Fountain AMEZ church has thanked local front-line workers with special Popeye's meal certificates. (Rev. Anthony Thames of Zion Fountain is shown with a church member.)

Joined by Eliot Faircloth, owner of Popeye's, the group thus formed was able to give "Thank You Certificates," for a chicken dinner to the front-line workers at West Gate Nursing Home, Pic & Save Grocery Store of Brewton, Pizza Hut, and the Escambia County Correctional Facility. *Text and pictures from the Brewton Standard.*

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### **Citizens and Community Organizations Use Creative Ways to Honor 2020 Graduates**

#### **Graduates Honored by Drive-By Parade**

On May 2, 85 graduates of Escambia County High School, Escambia Academy, Northview High School and the Escambia County, Ala. homeschool programs lined Fernway Drive in southwest Atmore (six feet apart).

Dozens of local residents drove by, blowing their horns, waving and shouting encouragement to the graduates. Atmore police kept the stream of vehicles moving along the residential street during the hour-long event. *From the Atmore News.*

#### **Destiny Worship Center (DWC) Plans to Honor Graduates with Park and Praise Service**

DWC is hosting "Graduate Sunday," May 24, 10 a.m., to give special recognition to all high school and college graduates in the Atmore community and surrounding areas. The graduates will wear their caps and gowns to the service, which will be held in the church parking lot. They will receive a certificate of accomplishment from DWC.

#### **County Schools Plan Graduation Ceremonies**

ECHS principal Amy Cabaniss, Flomaton High School principal Scott Hammond, and W.S. Neal High School principal Matthew Hodge have worked out special plans all three schools will follow on the day graduation was originally set at each school.

The plans will meet the guidelines set out by the Alabama Department of Education, the Escambia County Board of Education, CDC and Gov. Kay Ivey.

*From the Atmore News.*

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### **Atmore Nursing Center Honored with Parades**



**Cars drive by as passengers give a hearty wave to residents of the nursing center during the drive-by parade on May 15.**



**Ponies pulling a carriage during the horse and pony parade honoring residents of the nursing center on May 1.**

*Pictures and Text from  
Atmore News*

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### **Alabama Food Bank Association Receives Support from Wind Creek Hospitality**

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians has made a very generous donation to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). The donation will help provide 250,000 meals to Alabama families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Collecting a Crisis: Alabama During COVID-19

*From the Alabama Department of Archives and History:*

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the lives of every Alabamian. From public health to the economy, it has transformed everyday life in our state. The Archives is seeking to document this unprecedented time in our history by acquiring a variety of materials that tell the story of Alabamians' experiences. We are asking the public to contribute materials including photographs, audio recordings, video, journals, blogs, social media posts, three-dimensional items, and more.

Materials may be donated in digital or print formats. Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Photographs documenting the activities of fami-

lies while practicing social distancing

- Journals and diaries written by adults or children
- Artwork or special projects completed in quarantine
- Materials documenting the experiences of healthcare workers and COVID-19 patients
- Materials reflecting the economic effects of the pandemic on businesses and communities, such as protest signs, correspondence to public officials, or guidance for safe business operations upon reopening

For more information, contact ADAH Registrar Haley Aaron at (334) 353-4726 or [haley.aaron@archives.alabama.gov](mailto:haley.aaron@archives.alabama.gov).

## Signs of the Times



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Escambia Historical Society Cookbook	\$10.00	\$15.00
Wildflowers of The Conecuh/Escambia River Basin CD	\$10.00	\$15.00
History of Brewton and E. Brewton (sc)	\$35.00	\$40.00
Flomaton Centennial Scrapbook	\$30.00	\$25.00
Addendum to Headstones and Heritage	\$20.00	\$25.00
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