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Inspired

Be the change...

A bald eagle is shown in mid-flight, wings spread wide, flying from left to right. The eagle has dark brown feathers with white patches on its wings and tail. In the background, a large crowd of people is visible, many wearing orange shirts, suggesting a college football game or a large gathering. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the eagle in the foreground.

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Letter from the Editor

Hey y'all!

This magazine is a creation of my Style and Design Class. It contains articles that I wrote for Auburn University's "Auburn Family" website, as well as The Corner News.

It's really to show that I can create something in Adobe InDesign—a proof of concept, if you will. "Auburn Inspired" got its name from a quote attributed to Mahatma Ghandi.

The quote is simple: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Each story came from the idea that folks have to be inspired to be the change that they wish to see.

I hope you enjoy this little magazine...

WAR EAGLE!



Emily

Something AUsome in This Issue::



Teenagers compete in "Iron Chef" Competition at 5th Annual B.E.E.F.U Program (Page 10)

Parks & Rec. Department Hosts *Responsible Dog* Ownership Day

With the arrival of spring comes the want to spend more time outside. Why not take some time to incorporate a learning experience and quality time with a pet friend at Kiesel Park?

The Auburn Parks and Recreation department is hosting a “Responsible Dog Ownership Day” at Kiesel Park on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m.-noon.

The event will include booths set up from area veterinary clinics, animal rescue organizations and businesses that cater to pet owners to help increase knowledge about being a responsible pet owner.

Melissa Weldon, the Youth Enrichment Manager for Parks and Recreation, came up with the idea for the event.

“It was designed with the thought of getting information out there in to help pet owners or people interested in adopting a pet to make informed decisions,” said Weldon.

“This is the first time for the event,” said Weldon. “so if it catches on, we’d like to grow it and expand for next time.”

The event is free to the public. Various vendors and organizations will be selling items to raise funds for their projects. A rabies clinic and microchip station will also be on hand but will have fees associated with each service.

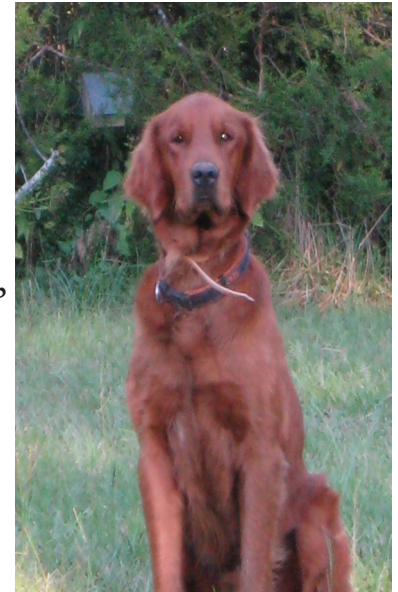
Weldon said that she hoped people knew the importance of having their pet

up-to-date on vaccinations, especially rabies. “If they do nothing else, I hope they get a rabies vaccination if their dog needs it,” she said.

“The benefits of microchipping your pet are incredible,” said Weldon. “A dog that was found in Kiesel Park after the tornado was able to be reconnected with his owner because he’d been microchipped.”

Students from Auburn University’s School of Veterinary Medicine will give presentations on information including: different kinds of vaccinations, training and obedience, toxic household items, clues to help determine if a pet needs emergency care, pet first aid, benefits of early spaying and neutering, parasite control, pet obesity and pet dental care.

The city of Auburn’s animal control service will provide a short presentation with a question and answer session about the program and services it provides. The Alabama Animal Alliance will have its “Fix-it Wagon” available to see and to also make appointments.



Sam, hanging out at Kiesel Park.

New Collegiate Organization Promotes Beef

Students in the College of Agriculture recently joined together to promote the beef industry at the collegiate level. The College of Agriculture's Meat Science Association merged with students from other departments within the college to become what is now called the Collegiate Cattlemen and Cattlewomen.

This name change added a unique feature—they became the first recognized collegiate association at the state level. As the name implies, the organization is for young men and women who support the beef industry.

During the first week of February, ten of the students will travel to Nashville, Tenn. to represent Auburn at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show. At the convention, the students will have many opportunities to network and meet potential employers. They will also be recognized by the American National CattleWomen at the ANCW collegiate reception.

Advisers to the organization are Dr. Christy Bratcher, assistant professor of Meat Science and Dr. Betsy Wagner, assistant professor of Equine Nutrition. The organization also has the support of Dr. Wayne Greene, head of the Department of Animal Sciences.

Evelyn Brown, current president of the Alabama Cattlewomen's Association, was instrumental in creating the group. She, along with Dr. Billy Powell, the executive

vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, and the abovementioned faculty members worked together to get the organization started.

"The CCW is the future of our industry, and with Auburn being one of

**"I quickly fell in
love..."
-Caroline Brown**

the largest agriculture colleges, this helps connect them to the beef industry," said Brown. "I think we need to nurture this effort for a positive future."

Although the students come from various backgrounds, they seem to have the same opinion about why they are involved with the collegiate organization. They want to support the beef industry and let people know that agriculture is a necessary part of life.

Samantha Carpenter is a senior in Animal Science Production Management with a minor in Agribusiness. She said that she became involved with the CCW because it was a way for her to be more involved with other people in her major and people who share the same interests.

Caroline Brown serves as the vice president of the collegiate organization. She is a senior, majoring in Animal Sciences Pre-Vet. "I chose to become involved with

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Community Arts Center Hosts Spring Invitational

The Auburn Arts Association, in conjunction with the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, is celebrating the works of 13 artists from the southeast. The exhibit, which opened on March 19, is on display through April 30.

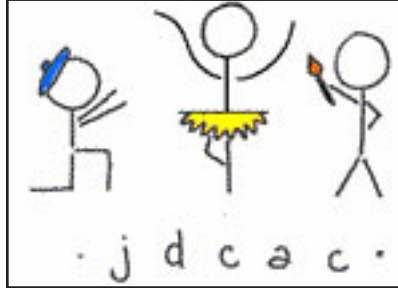
The JDCAC hosts a variety of programs and classes for the community. The programs include a community theatre, visual arts, music, area artists, and to stimulate community interest in the arts." It is managed by local artists and business people within the Auburn community.

The 2012 Spring Invitational Exhibition features 31 works of art from former Auburn University faculty members

and graduates, as well as former Auburn residents who now reside in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The works on display include a variety of paintings, encaustic and mixed media works, collages, digital videos and photographs.

"We usually have a spring and summer exhibition each year. Such shows have been on the gallery's schedule since the Arts Center opened in 1999," said Margaret Gluhman, Gallery Director at JDCAC.

"Two or more artists are invited to submit a certain number of works, most often of their own choice," Gluhman



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Unique Twist on Veterinary Care

A different kind of veterinary clinic has recently opened in Opelika.

Ask any pet owner how they feel about their four-legged companions and a story will likely ensue. Pets are an important part of life for a number of people. That is why the slogan of Fur Buds After Hours Clinic is "love them like family; treat them like family."

Marisel San Miguel, a local veterinarian, came up with the idea of Fur Buds After Hours Veterinary Clinic. She graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University in May 2009.

"I just saw a need in the community,"

said San Miguel. "Fur Buds is an alternative for pet owners who have needs of a veterinary clinic without needing the expertise that [Auburn's] vet school would provide with specialty care."



The name of the clinic is a nod to one of San Miguel's friends.

"My neighbor's husband travels a lot. Whenever he calls home to check in, he asks about their fur buds," said San Miguel. "I thought it was cute and decided to use it."

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Fighting Hunger at a Local Level

It's no secret that hunger in developing countries is a leading issue in today's society. Students who are involved in the Committee of 19 at Auburn University hope to change that.

Salora Wright, a senior in Agricultural Communications from Rogersville, Ala., represents the College of Agriculture for the committee. She said that she believes that advocacy brings about awareness, which in turn will bring change.

Wright said that the Committee of 19 guides "the War on Hunger efforts on campus and in the local community. In 2004, Auburn University was chosen by the World Food Programme, an agency of the United Nations and the largest humanitarian organization in the world, to lead the first student-lead efforts in the War on Hunger."

The organization's webpage notes that the "name was derived from the daily cost of feeding a hungry school child in the developing world -- formerly 19 cents, but has now increased to 25 cents per day."

Wright learned about the program when she was 14. She said that she learned about the program when she and her family attended a football game, and during half-time the Committee of 19 and its advisers were recognized. She said that former College of Agriculture professor Dr. William Hardy was introduced as an adviser to the organization, which caught her attention further because she knew him.

She said that once she returned home, she researched the organization and fell in love.

"I, just like my fellow representatives, am basically the contact person on the committee for my college," said Wright when asked about her involvement in the organization.

"I also am responsible for my college's sub-committee," she continued. "This sub-committee system is the way that we organize volunteers, spread information, and allow everyone who wants to help fight the War on Hunger to be involved."

The Committee of 19 always has a project going on, because hunger has no time frame. "Hunger week happens in the fall where each sub-committee sponsors events across campus and our efforts are more visible," said Wright.

Wright also noted that the spring semester is quiet but not a time of inactivity, as there are volunteer opportunities happening around campus, and each sub-committee has events that they are in the process of planning.

"Our big two events this semester are the Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit, and the AU Hunger Banquet," said Wright. "During the UFWH Summit students will travel to Honduras to hear from leaders in the effort from around the world. During the hunger banquet, students will have the opportunity to experience



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Representatives from the Lee County Humane Society will be available to talk about volunteer opportunities, socializing animals, the pet foster program and a will have "wash-n-wag" fundraiser.

While Weldon's event will be held in the lower field of Kiesel Park, another pet-related event will also be held in the park's upper field at the off-leash dog play area. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., students from Tuskegee University's School of Veterinary Medicine and representatives from the

Macon County Humane Society will be hosting their "Doggie Olympics" as a fundraiser. "This is the chance to have your pet as an Olympic star," said Weldon. "There will be prizes awarded for the fastest dog, best trick, loudest bark and longest ears, just to name a few."

The "Responsible Dog Ownership Day" is a chance for people to come out and enjoy the park, learn more about what's out there in terms of pet care and help area pet rescue organizations.🐾

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continued. "In this current exhibition, 13 artists who formerly lived in Auburn were invited to submit two or three works - the works could be either new or recent works." Gluhman also noted that each of the artists currently reside in Alabama and seven other states and are all actively involved in producing and exhibiting their work. Admission to the exhibition is free. The

gallery, located on 222 East Drake Ave. in Auburn, is open to the public Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m.-5p.m.🐾

Ag Comm:: Not Your *Norm*

For many people, agriculture is their way of life. In truth, agriculture is responsible for everyone's way of life, from food to clothing to anything a person needs to survive, agriculture is life.

In the Auburn University College of Agriculture, students can obtain a degree in agriculture communications, agricultural economics, agronomy and soils, animal sciences, biosystems engineering, environmental science, fisheries, food science, horticulture and poultry science. They also have opportunities to be advocates for agriculture in multiple ways.—a degree in agricultural communications is just one way to have that voice.

Stephanie Hamilton, a senior in agriculture communications from Arab, Ala., chose her area of study based on her background.

“Growing up on a farm and being the daughter of the owner of a tractor dealership, I have always been surrounded by agriculture,” said Hamilton. “I also love to write, and my major in Agricultural Communications combines both of these things.”

Agricultural communications is a communications degree with a science background. Upon graduation, students obtain a bachelor of science instead of a bachelor of arts in communication.

“Ag Comm degrees are more science



Comer Hall, the home of the Agriculture Communications and Marketing Department

al Communications Degree

based and in this major, students take many biology, chemistry and agricultural courses as well as the regular communication classes,” said Hamilton. “An Ag Comm degree is a good blend of arts and science and overall, it is very well rounded.”

Hamilton is currently completing her internship at the College of Agriculture’s office of Communications and Marketing. Her internship involves many activities, including: working as a teaching assistant, writing for publications of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station and the College of Agriculture and

creating promotional materials for the college.

Hamilton is also busy in other aspects of her life. “I am a member of Auburn Students for Life, a staff writer for The Odyssey, which is the Greek newspaper on campus, and I am also a sister of Alpha Xi Delta where I hold the position of MAX Chair.”

Hamilton also said that she hopes to combine her love of fashion and agriculture.

“I’ve always joked and said that I want to be the next Carrie Bradshaw when I grow up. I would love to be a writer and I have some great shoes!”

Even so, Hamilton’s dreams go farther than that of becoming a fashion icon.

“I have always been surrounded by agriculture. I also love to write, and my major in Agricultural Communications combines both of these things.”

“Ideally, I would love to write for an Ag-based magazine or newspaper,” said Hamilton. “However, my dream is to work for the International Mission Board and take my love for Agriculture as well as my love for the Lord overseas and be a missionary.”

For Hamilton, and the other agricultural communication

students, a degree in agricultural communications combines a love of agriculture and advocacy with endless possibilities for the future. ☺

Stephanie will graduate in December 2012.

College of Agriculture Hosts

5th Annual B.E.E.F.U

On April 14, 2012, the Auburn University College of Agriculture hosted the 5th Annual Beef Excellence Education for You Program. More than 100 students, ages 6-18 years old, and their parents, teachers or extension agents visited the Stanley P. Wilson Beef Teaching Unit and the Lambert-Powell Meats Lab to learn about the beef industry and how beef cattle are processed for consumption.

BEEF U was sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Beef Check-off Program and the Auburn University Department of Animal Sciences. Twenty six faculty members, staff members, graduate and undergraduate students from the College of Agriculture volunteered their Saturday to be instructors for activities which included: beef facts and identification, “cow chow” and feed identification, evaluating calves, evaluating cuts of beef, cattle welfare, food production and “Wow that Cow!” activities.

The extension program coordinator, Lisa Kriese-Anderson, who is an associate professor in beef cattle breeding and genetics, said that BEEF U is an opportunity for young people to learn about both agriculture and the beef industry.

“In years past, BEEF U was a lecture series,” said Kriese-Anderson. “We’ve gone away from the lecture because that’s not how kids learn. They need hands on activities.”

For hands-on activities, BEEF U had an “Iron Chef” competition for the older age bracket, and a sausage or steak nugget production session for the younger children. Erin Beasley, director of consumer marketing for the Alabama Cattlemen’s Association, led both of the “Iron Chef” sessions.

“It’s amazing to see these kids jumping into cooking,” said Beasley. “Especially the boys, they really wanted to be involved and make it look as good as the recipe photo.”

The adults in the group were just as intrigued as the students. Ladies from Houston County, Ala. said that they had no idea that Auburn had a beef teaching unit, let alone its own meat processing facility. They also said that they didn’t know that things like crayons and glue came from cattle by-products (the “Wow that Cow!” station).

Towards the end of the day, everyone gathered back together to taste the handmade sausage and steak nuggets, parents raved over the products the children had made. The smiles and expressions of both the adults and children showed the success of the program.

“They are our future,” said Kriese-Anderson. “We have to make sure they know how important this way of life is.” ☺

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She further noted that Fur Buds is an urgent care facility, much like an emergency room at a hospital.

"Routine and preventative care occur at a regular vet clinic," said San Miguel.

"We are for urgent needs like lacerations or sickness during the night."

There are four veterinarians, including San Miguel, on staff; 10 other staff members include receptionists and veterinary technicians. The veterinarians work in 12-hour shifts during the week and two 12-hour shifts on the weekends.

The typical business day begins at 6 p.m., when the shift veterinarian arrives, and ends at 8 a.m.

"Some nights are slow," said San

Miguel, "But the staff has to be prepared for anything that could happen."

If an emergency occurs, the shift veterinarian and technicians address the situation according to the condition of the patient. San Miguel said that if the pet is stable enough for the owner to fill out paperwork, then the receptionist moves accordingly. If not, San Miguel said that the receptionist gets the owner's consent to provide care and the staff moves into what they refer to "triage."

Fur Buds has an x-ray machine, in-house pharmacy and lab facility. In a critical triage situation, the veterinarian can provide fluids and perform surgery if necessary. ☺

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hunger first-hand and learn more about this tragic epidemic."

The Committee is a source of pride for Auburn, according to Wright.

"The Committee of 19 is only the leadership team for the cause, we aren't the

entire effort. There are countless individuals on campus who are involved in one way or another in fighting hunger. The Committee of 19 is just the group that brings them all together," said Wright. ☺

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Collegiate Cattlemen and Cattlewomen to gain more networking opportunities within the cattle industry and meet other students with similar interests," said Caroline Brown.

"I plan on pursuing a career as a large animal veterinarian but I did not come from an agricultural background."

"When I first enrolled at Auburn and became a student of the College of Agriculture, I got involved in several

organizations so I could decide what I really enjoyed and was interested in," continued Caroline Brown. "I quickly fell in love with organizations related to the cattle industry and focused more of my involvement around that."

Of the collegiates, Evelyn Brown said that they are a breath of fresh air. "The [state] cattlemen are behind them 100 percent. We love them and their enthusiasm." ☺

Raising a *Future Leader*

Walking around campus, you may see a young woman with puppy. You may have classes with this young woman, or you may even know her. Both she and the puppy are in the process of a wonderful learning experience.

The young woman is Jennie Huntrods, and the puppy's name is Dinah. Huntrods is a graduate student in rural sociology from Van Meter, Iowa. She is raising Dinah as part of the puppy raising program for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

According to Huntrods, Leader Dogs for the Blind is a non-profit organization based out of Rochester Hills, Michigan.

The organization provides the blind and visually impaired with guide dogs for free.

"The organization was established by Lions Club members in 1939, and has since trained more than 14,000 guide dog/person teams," said Huntrods. "The organization is able to give dogs at no cost thanks to generous donors and volunteer puppy raisers."

Huntrods said that volunteer puppy raisers pick up puppies between 6-10 weeks and have the dog anywhere from 10-12 months. After that training period, the dog then goes back to Leader Dog headquarters in Rochester Hills for another four-six months of training. At

approximately 16 months old, the dogs placed with someone.

"Puppy raisers keep the dog for the first year of its life," she continued, "[they] teach the puppy basic obedience, social skills, potty training, and a host of other skills needed for the dog to be successful in the program."

Huntrods has been with the organization for approximately a year and a half. Dinah is the second puppy Huntrods has raised. She said that she first learned about the program from some friends who were raising a puppy for the program. She noted that she also learned that puppies



Huntrods at the LeaderDogs for the Blind Organization, adopting Dinah.

were also being raised in the Iowa prison system. "With the help of my church youth group, we began fundraising to sponsor

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Dinah, enjoying some time outside.

prison puppies and did so for a number of years," she said.

"My home church still sponsors puppies to this day," she continued. "When my pet dog passed away in October 2010, I applied to raise a puppy. My application was approved, and I received my first Future Leader Dog in December 2010."

Although the training is similar to that of a personal pet, there are other skills that must be assessed. They must be trained and skilled to help in certain situations.

"A huge component of puppy raising is the socialization process," said Huntrods. "I take Dinah with me everywhere I go on campus, which prepares her for the situations she may encounter when working. She rides the bus, sits through class, comes with me to work in the office, and encounters bikes, skateboards, and roller blades. It is important that the dog learns to focus on work and not be distracted by what is happening around it."

Training doesn't come without obstacles. Some people ask questions about

what Huntrods is doing, others understand that she is training the puppy, while others think she has some sort of disability. Huntrods has found a way to combat the touchy issues.

"Not only do I educate the dog," said Huntrods. "I teach the public about the Leader Dogs for the Blind program and the wonderful work they do. I enjoy talking to people about the benefits service dogs provide in giving mobility and independence to the visually impaired, and how important they are to the people who rely on them."

Raising a Future Leader Dog is time consuming, but Huntrods is willing to incorporate the process into her daily schedule.

"The university setting is a wonderful place to raise a puppy, and I am able to go about my daily schedule without much alteration—with the exception of a few extra bathroom breaks outside for the furry one!" ☺

Local Family Teaches about Giving Back

It's never too early to learn about giving back or to create awareness about a problem in society, especially when the person inspired to create awareness is a young child.

Celesta Henry and her husband, Kendall Simmons have three daughters and are expecting their fourth child in July. Their goal is to create awareness about people in need through giving back to the community they love, all while teaching their children an important life-lesson.

The Simmons family recently collected approximately 1,500 pounds of food and \$1,100 for the Food Bank of East Alabama. The collected donation will

feed more than 12,000 people in need of a helping hand.

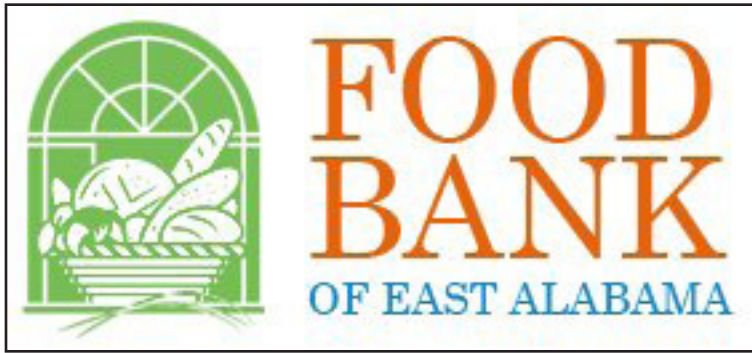
According to the Food Bank's website, it "is a centralized warehouse that stores and distributes donated and purchased perishable and nonperishable food items... the Food Bank works to reduce food waste, feed hungry people and raise public awareness of issues related to food and hunger."

The website also states that "hunger is a reality for one in six Americans, [and that] many people believe that the problems associated with hunger are confined to small pockets of society, certain areas of the country, or certain neighborhoods, but the



The Simmons Family
(Jamie Burnett Photography)

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reality is much different.”

“My daughters came up with the idea to help people who have no food,” said Henry, who graduated from Auburn in 2002. “We started with just the idea of people bringing food to Laila’s fifth birthday party instead of gifts.”

This was the Simmons’ first food drive. However, they have donated to other local charities.

“We often let our girls pick who they want to help,” said Henry. “Once before they picked a local church that was blow away

by a tornado. They have also donated to the East Alabama Medical Center’s Diabetes department.”

Although the food drive was in honor of the Simmons’ middle child’s birthday, her sisters, 7-year-old Kensley and 3-year-old Olivia Pearl also helped with the collection. Henry said that they collected from a local church, the Tigerettes and Tiger Hosts on Auburn University’s campus, their neighbors, friends and Kensley’s second grade class at Ogletree Elementary School.

Henry said that it is important for her and her husband, as parents, to teach their daughters how to be a leader and to give back, and that the easiest way to do that is through showing them.

“It makes my children appreciate things more,” she said. “I want them to grow up know that they can change the world one act of kindness at a time.” ☺



It's your life...



*how are you going to make a
difference?*