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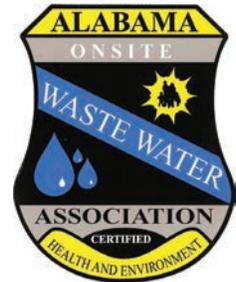
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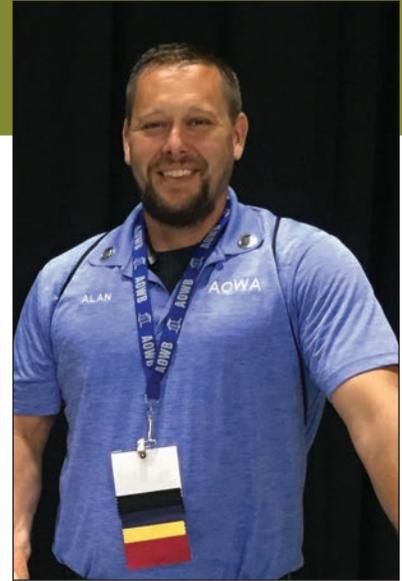
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On the cover: With the challenge of a small work area, B&M Septic Tank Services successfully updated failing gravel field lines with double infiltrator trenches.

# From the AOWA President



Alan Astin  
AOWA President



It's truly a pleasure to serve a second term as the AOWA President. It's been a busy 2019 thus far.

In March we hosted the 2019 AOWA Trade Show in Orange Beach, Alabama, where we saw over 260 in attendance. Thank you to the Orange Beach Event Center for hosting our group. It was a great location, providing ample space for exhibitors, educational sessions, and attendees. Thank you to our exhibitors and sponsors for your commitment and continued support of AOWA. Also, a big thank you to our members. We couldn't do all we do without YOU! We hope to determine our 2020 location very soon.

I'm excited to announce we received a number of impressive scholarship applications, and after careful review, have selected and offered scholarships to five well-deserving individuals. You can read more about the recipients on page.

Helping Hands Across Alabama, the program replacing the TRAC program, completed its first project April 16 in Monroe County. Moving forward, we are looking forward to hosting events in our various districts in support of this program.

Tornado relief efforts are under way in Lee County. To date we have raised \$3,630 for the Disaster Assistance Relief Program. We will continue to provide updates as we work to assist in repairing the damage caused by the storm. If you would like to make a donation, please visit [www.aowainfo.org](http://www.aowainfo.org).

Don't forget to check the website for upcoming educational classes being offered through the remainder of 2019.

Again, thank you all for your efforts in keeping the AOWA a successful, supportive association for its members and others in the Onsite Septic System Industry.

Looking forward to another great year!

Alan

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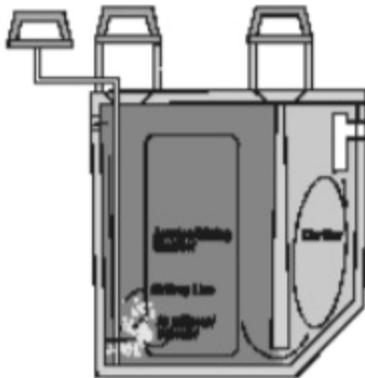
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## Life is Work



**Mickey Mustin**  
Owner, B&M Septic  
Tank Services

Mickey Mustin, a native of Indiana, was raised on the philosophy "Life is Work".

After moving to the Florida Keys as a young boy, he soon realized his dream of becoming a fisherman. One day he approached a local fisherman in hopes of learning more about the trade. Unfortunately, to his dismay, the gentleman quickly turned him away. "I can't teach you that stuff son", the old fisherman said. "You could one day be my competition." It was then that Mickey made a promise to himself to always share his knowledge with others, regardless of the circumstances. This is a promise he has remained true to.

After serving in the Navy Reserves for nearly 23 years, two of those years spent stationed in Puerto Rico after 9/11, Mickey decided it was time to move on from the military. "One thing I liked about the military's mindset is they want you to be trained in everyone's job. That way when someone leaves or is promoted, there's someone already in place to take over for them," Mickey said. He applied that mindset to his professional life even after his time in the military.

Years later, Mickey was working at a state prison in Atmore, Alabama when he felt that nagging need for change again. He decided to buy a backhoe just for fun to use on his property; little did he know this purchase would be the start of a new life for him. One day a friend of his suggested he get into the septic tank business; and ultimately, he did just that.

It didn't take long for Mickey to throw himself once again into another trade. He took the necessary classes and received his Pumper and Advanced Installer, Level 2 licenses. It seemed like he had all the necessary tools to run a successful business; however, there was a key factor he was missing. He would soon realize he needed proper training out in the field as well to learn everything he needed to know.



It was then that Mickey went to the Baldwin County Health Department requesting guidance on best practices in the field. "The classes help a lot", Mickey stated, "but they don't give you that hands-on experience you need out in the field." Luckily, the health department was willing to aid Mickey through this process. Representatives were willing to assist Mickey with any questions or problems that arose along the way. This was the birth of B&M Septic Tank Service, now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year of business.

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*Pictured here is a newly installed infiltrator field line with a 12-inch chamber.*

It wasn't always an easy road. Mickey ran into obstacles along the way just as any business owner would. He accounts of the time he contacted his local municipality to request approval to dump. He was immediately refused and was left unsure where to turn for help. The closest place to dump, other than this location, was over an hour away. It was then that Mickey heard about the AOWA. He immediately contacted then Executive Director, Dave Roll, to explain his situation. Dave made a few calls and in no time, Mickey was approved to dump in that area. "At that moment I knew the AOWA was something I wanted to be a part of", Mickey noted. "Dave lobbied for me, much like others in the association, and I never forgot it." Mickey then joined the association and has been a valued member since.

Now he had the licenses, the knowledge, and the flourishing business. What else could he want? It wasn't long before Mickey's fair and honest nature as a businessman spread to others in the industry. Three years ago, he was contacted by an engineer in Texas with a job opportunity overseas. Mickey took his skills, and his crew, to Anguilla and St. John's, where they embarked on two lengthy jobs installing septic tanks at local resorts. This was another experience he would never forget.

Mickey has always taken the time to stay up-to-date on industry trends and enjoys traveling to various trade shows in the southeast. He is married to Angela (Angel) Mustin, and has one son and one daughter. Though he's traveled the world and experienced more than most, he has no plans to retire any time soon. "I'll probably work until I die", Mickey stated. "That's all I've ever known is work." Though he enjoys hunting, fishing, and visiting the casino, Mickey's true passion lies right in his backyard, on the 30 acres he calls home and his place of business in Perdido, Alabama. Mickey couldn't be more appreciative of the AOWA and the benefits he has received by being a long-standing member. "It's like a brotherhood", Mickey claimed. "You know they are fighting for the industry as a whole; not just for one person." One thing is certain, Mickey is lucky to have the AOWA, and the AOWA is lucky to have him.



*Pictured here is a drip irrigation system installed by B&M Septic Tank System.*

# Helping Hands Across Alabama

## Helping Hands Across Alabama Visits Monroe County

Helping Hands Across Alabama (HHAA), formerly known as the Technical Review Advisory Committee (TRAC), recently completed its first project April 16 in Monroe County. The HHAA committee, comprised of Chris Gulley (Chairman), Marc Geiger, Roger Youngblood, and Melissa Hines, assisted with the completion of this project.

Robert and Mattie Smith have been married for 38 years and have raised four children – Jasper, Vishunda, Shatisha and Travorius. Travorius is disabled and currently lives at home, with Mrs. Smith being his primary caregiver. Mr. Smith has cancer; and therefore, most of the family's resources are used commuting to and from UAB hospital in Birmingham. For 33 years, the Smiths have lived at their home in Monroeville without a septic tank. Because they are on a fixed income, they were never able to take this expense into consideration before.

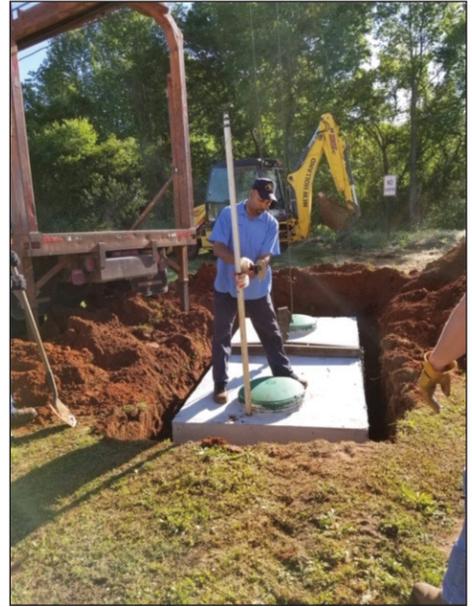
Several months ago, the family was notified they would be required to have a septic tank installed. The Smiths explored every avenue possible in seeking the funds to cover this expense. It was then that the Local Health Department informed them of Helping Hands Across Alabama. Mrs. Smith contacted the AOWA regarding the program and completed the application. After a site visit, the HHAA committee approved the Smith's application and the project was put in motion.

Although HHAA maintains a working budget, most of the materials and labor are donated throughout the industry. Those contributors are offered continuing education hours for their donation. There were several installers involved in the Smith project. Mr. Melvin Hetherington and Mr. Jermaine Hetherington, both of Monroe County, participated in the project. Mr. Mike Lanier, of Evergreen Concrete, donated the 1,000-gallon septic tank. Infiltrator Systems donated the chamber and were onsite offering assistance. Mr. Bryan Connell, AOWA District Rep for Monroe County, and his

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*Pictured from left to right: Jermaine Hetherington, Melvin Hetherington, Mr. Robert Smith, Mrs. Mattie Smith, Cindi Connell, Bryan Connell, and Zane Mack.*



*Helping Hands volunteers installing the Smith's septic tank system.*

wife Cindi were onsite as well, providing lunch for everyone. The Local Health Department was also onsite to inspect and approve the system.

The permit called for a conventional system to be installed with 240 linear feet (720 square feet) of Chamber-Infiltrator-Quick 4 Plus LP, installed in a 36-inch-wide trench at a depth of 22-30 inches below original ground. Level header.

To say thank you for everything that went into this project, the Smiths raised \$200 and donated it back to HHAA.

About HHAA - The Mission of HHAA is to provide or make repairs to Onsite sewage systems giving individuals a better quality of life. This program is intended for families, individuals, the disabled, wounded warriors and others with a financial need or living below the poverty level.

All installations of systems and/or repairs of existing systems shall be approved by the Local Health Department and shall be completed per the ADPH Onsite sewage rules. System products used for the installations as well as installation of systems are provided courtesy of companies of the onsite sewage industry and licensed individuals trained and bonded through the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board.

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## Let's Talk Training



*Allen Tartt*  
*AOWA Training Director*

Hello Out There! I trust this finds you all off to a successful start to springtime!

After another truly wet winter you are no doubt working at a frenzied pace to catch up on your workload. We recently kicked off the new year with the 32nd Annual Trade Show in Orange Beach, Alabama. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone involved in making the event a rousing success! The Board of Directors, the ASG staff, our speakers and exhibitors all did an outstanding job to help make it happen, and the Orange Beach Event Center was a really great venue with wonderful staff of their own. We will look forward to returning to the gulf coast again in the future. For next year, look for the trade show to be hosted somewhere in north Alabama as we try to bring the event to all parts of the state in the future.

As we look forward to the remainder of 2019, be on the lookout for training opportunities, both at the Training Center in Livingston and across the state. We will visit many of the usual stops, and a new one as well. Our first continuing education class of the summer will be held at Lakepoint State Park in Eufaula. It will be our first visit

to this location and our first stop in east central Alabama since the last Auburn Conference back in 2015. That class will take place July 9-10, which falls on a Tuesday-Wednesday as opposed to our usual Thursday-Friday routine. This is simply because we could not book the venue on a Thursday-Friday this year, so please keep that in mind when registering.

In addition to our lineup of licensing classes at the Training Center in Livingston, we will make our customary fall stops at Lake Guntersville State Park in September and Joe Wheeler State Park in November. We will also look to add some field training classes as opportunities arise, and if you are an AOWA member you may want to contact board member Chris Gulley to see about an AOWA Helping Hands project in your area. The Helping Hands Across Alabama program is replacing the old TRAC program. Contact Chris, the Association office, or myself for details on approving and implementing a Helping Hands project in your area.

The Association has also established the Disaster Victim Relief fund in an effort to help provide onsite repairs and system replacements for

those who are affected by natural disasters, which are unfortunately all too common in our corner of the world. This was born out of the recent tornado outbreak in Lee County, but is established to help any Alabamians who are affected. Please donate to the fund. You can donate on our website homepage at [aowainfo.org](http://aowainfo.org). Contact a Board member or the Association office for more details.

As always, I look forward to seeing you out on the road this year. Don't hesitate to contact me if you any training-related questions or other issues. Have a safe and bountiful spring!

All the Best,

Allen

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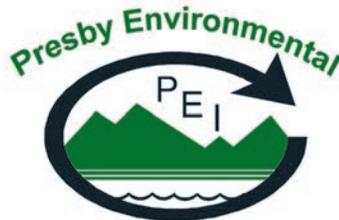


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# Disaster Victim Assistance Program



The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association (AOWA) has announced a new program to provide assistance to the tornado victims in Lee County and other areas of Alabama in their recovery and rebuilding efforts with on-site sewerage systems replacements and repairs. The association will also be matching cash contributions made to the assistance program up to a total of \$5,000. In addition to financial contributions, AOWA will be coordinating support and assistance from contractors, suppliers and manufacturers across the industry to donate equipment, products and installation services.

Alan Astin, AOWA President noted while this first effort is focused on the destruction in Lee County, this is a Disaster Victim Assistance Program, to help people in distress, whether it is flooding, hurricane, tornado or other natural disasters. Astin said, “Many times emergency relief or insurance may not cover a septic or sewerage system. After seeing the destruction in Lee County in March of 2019, our AOWA members realized we can make a difference in people’s lives when disaster strikes. We are committed to help these victims wherever we can.”

According to Marc Geiger, AOWA Disaster Victim Assistance Program Chairman individuals needing assistance with the repair or replacement of their septic system due to damage from a disaster can fill out a request on line at [www.aowainfo.org](http://www.aowainfo.org) or contact the AOWA office at 334-396-3434 or email [aburns@asginfo.net](mailto:aburns@asginfo.net).

Geiger said, “We need all Alabama licensed installers and members of our industry to support this program. Anyone can help with this effort through a financial contribution to the fund or offer of services. We need contractors to help coordinate the actual repair or replacement of systems. It is heart breaking to see the devastation and destruction our fellow citizens have suffered. We want to help ease the pain just a little.”

To make a financial contribution contact the AOWA office at 334-396-3434. Donations can also be sent to the AOWA Office directly. Thank you for your assistance.



## News from the AOWB

### Spring has sprung!

I hope this finds you licensees busy! I want to take this opportunity to say KUDOS to the AOWA for an awesome trade show held in Orange Beach, Alabama in March. I am confident the 2020 show will be even better! Thank you AOWA for all you have done for the licensees. I have had several comments on what a great time was had! Below are some items to bring to your attention from the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board.

### PUMPER INSPECTION PROGRAM

Remember the poll back in November regarding the inspection of septic tanks? The committee has made the decision not to create a license. The committee has decided; however, to create a set of standards for the inspection of septic tanks and is in the process of creating a form for licensees to use. We received a good bit of feedback at the trade show, along with several emails and phone calls. We hope to present the standards to the board on April 25, 2019 and have those standards and forms on our website no later than June 1, 2019.

### SADIE GRACE ANDREWS ACT

Please familiarize yourself with the Sadie Grace Andrews Act. This act was made into a law to require all grease traps to have locking lids. The AOWB is considering legislation to require septic tanks to have locking lids or use of the mechanism inside the tank that would stop a child or animal from falling in (even though a tank should always be covered). More information to come.

### DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

I would like to explain the disciplinary process to you all for clarification. Please note that 90% of our complaints come in from the Local Health Departments. Once a complaint is received, it is logged in our database. I write a letter or email to the respondent about the complaint and ask them to respond in writing (meanwhile the investigation has begun gathering facts). The AOWB has a Probable Cause Committee. The committee consists of the board's attorney, a board member, the executive director and the investigator. The committee reviews all material relevant to the complaint to determine if any violations have occurred. Once the committee finds probable cause, the

executive director sends a notice of administrative complaint along with a scheduled hearing date. What happens on Hearing Day? The AOWB is represented by its attorney, Mr. Beau Cooper. The respondent may represent him/herself, or they may have representation at their own expense. If a licensee is a member of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association, they may be able to receive assistance regarding such matters. The Administrative Hearing has an Administrative Hearing Officer that is retained through the Alabama Personnel Department or the Attorney General's Office. There is also a court reporter present. The administrative complaint is heard by the hearing officer and the nine-member Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board. Once the hearing concludes, the hearing officer awaits the transcripts from the court reporter. Once he receives the transcripts, he/she reviews the case again and writes a ruling and/or recommendation. The licensee, attorney, and/or executive director are mailed a copy of the ruling and/or recommendation. At the next quarterly board meeting, the board reviews the hearing officer's recommendation and breaks off into an executive session to discuss each case. The board then votes on each

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# ADPH Announcements

Happy spring everyone!

case. They will choose to either accept the hearing officer's recommendation or make a recommendation of their own. They also have the option to add to the hearing officer's recommendation.

I encourage you all to visit our website for more information, such as forms, disciplinary actions, upcoming events and the roster. If you discover your name is not listed on the roster, please contact the office as soon as possible.

As always, if there is anything the AOWB administrative staff can assist you with, please feel free to contact us anytime!

Sincerely,



**Melissa Hines**  
*Executive Director*  
Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board

The Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Services, continues to serve the public by participating in various community events. Most recently we assisted with the Lee County Tornado Disaster Relief efforts and served as a vendor at the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association 2019 Trade Show.

We are also continuing to promote the importance of onsite sewage system maintenance by utilizing gas station toppers at gas stations throughout the state for educational purposes. Most recently, onsite information was presented at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's career fair held in Montgomery.

The Bureau is working toward unifying forms created locally by County Health Departments (CHD's) into state issued forms. The unity of information given by local environmentalists will help the Bureau to move forward with implementing much needed changes throughout the state.

The Bureau is also looking forward to making final reviews on our Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Rules to address issues found within the current rule set. This preliminary rule review by our staff will hopefully eliminate any grammatical and contradictory information found.

Finally, the "Onsite Repair Protocol" has been implemented in those counties that had not previously been using the repair standards. The Bureau's goal is to have the CHD's working under the same umbrella across the state; that objective should be met within the next few months with all counties operating under and using the same information.

We are still a work in progress, as always, but we stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,



**Sherry Bradley**  
*Deputy Director, Bureau of Environment Services*  
Alabama Department of Public Health

# AOWA Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association is pleased to announce the selection of the five recipients of the \$1,000 college scholarship! Though there were many impressive applications, the committee has recognized the five that stood out through exceptional academic achievement, leadership skills, and the goals and aspirations noted in their application letters.

The 2019 recipients are:

## **Mackenzie Brown - Citronelle, AL**

Growing up with six siblings, Mackenzie Brown has developed a servant's heart and a true desire to help people. She has a passion for learning; and therefore, would like a career that will challenge her daily. She plans to become a pharmacist and dreams of someday owning her own pharmacy, or teaching the next generation of pharmacists. "A good pharmacist has an everlasting impact on patients' lives", Mackenzie stated. She has attended the University of South Alabama for the past three years and plans to attend Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy to earn her doctorate of Pharmacy. She hopes that by earning this degree she can use her passion to impact the lives of the individuals she will encounter on a daily basis as a pharmacist.

## **Hannah Grace Foster – Dothan, AL**

Hannah Grace is a junior at Auburn University, majoring in Fitness and Conditioning with a minor in Coaching. Throughout her career at Auburn she has had the opportunity to work with the wheelchair basketball team, soccer camps, and most recently with the City of Auburn's Recreation travel soccer team, as a coach. It is through these experiences Mackenzie has realized her desire to continue her education in the athletic training field. She plans to use her degree to help athletes prevent injury through proper body mechanics. As the daughter of a single mother, attending college has certainly proven to be a financial hardship. Hannah's goal is to graduate in May 2020 and pursue a career in the athletic training field. Hannah Grace is thankful to the AOWA for realizing that attending college is an expensive endeavor and for the opportunity to apply.

## **Ray Walden – Scottsboro, AL**

Ray Walden is currently a dual enrolled student at Northeast Alabama Community College, where he plans to attend full time after his graduation from high school. He has already achieved and learned so much through his dual enrollment experience. Ray has not only worked hard academically, but has also worked alongside his dad in the septic tank business, learning how to build and form concrete tanks and install septic systems. Having this knowledge led Ray to pursue his associate's degrees in Applied Science in Welding Technologies and Pre-Engineering. He hopes to pursue a bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering after the completion of his associate's degrees at NACC. In the future, Ray would like to design and build structures using his education to understand the construction elements and architectural needs of the design.

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## AOWA Scholarship Recipients Announced

### Hannah Wheelis – Phenix City, AL

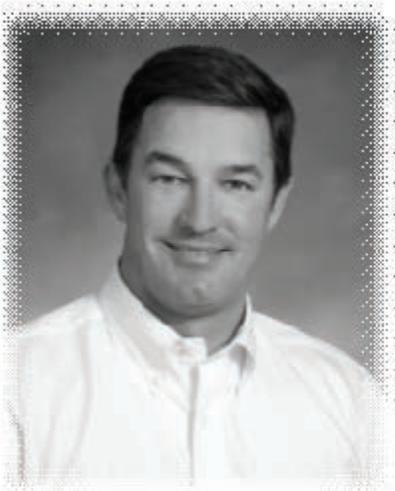
Hannah Wheelis has attended Chattahoochee Valley Community College for the past two years, working towards her goal of transferring to Auburn University to pursue a career as a Diabetes Educator. Hannah has experienced firsthand the impact a diabetes educator can have on someone's life. She was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at the age of 12 and has had to learn, with the help of others, how to live with the disease. As a past recipient of the AOWA scholarship, Hannah knows the impact this scholarship can have. She is proud to continue her education and knows she will make a positive impact through her future career.

### Kayla Nicole Yarbrough – Madison, AL

Kayla Yarbrough will be a sophomore at Auburn University this fall. She is working towards her bachelor's degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering, and hopes to continue on to earn her master's degree in Occupational Safety or Engineering Management. She plans to pursue a career that will enable her to improve technologies to make life easier for others. As one of three children, all close in age, financial aid is a necessity for Kayla. Kayla received the AOWA scholarship in 2018 and has realized what an impact those funds have had on reaching her goals of becoming an engineer.



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