

**Covered Bridge
Arts & Music Fest
Downtown Oneonta
Saturday, October 26**

~Stop by FLFR's booth for the latest information on river events.

~ Tell us what you love about the river and what you do on the river and what the river means to you.

**River Walk Hike
October 26, 9:30 am**

Hike from Swann Covered Bridge to Powell Falls and back - the fall foliage will be glorious. Easy to moderate hike. Three hours round trip.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Swann Covered Bridge in Cleveland. Register for this event online at **FLFR.org**

**Horton Mill Hike
November 16, 9:30 am**

Hike the picturesque valley of the Calvert Prong with prize-winning photographer Tammy Mason. The photo opportunities include the meandering Calvert Prong, cliffs, rock formations, stately trees. Bring your camera, water, and a lunch/snack. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Register online at: **FLFR.org**.

We  Our River

and we want clean water!

ACTION ALERT

**COME TO THE ADEM HEARING
Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
American Legion Post 129
1148 College Street
Blountsville, AL 35031**

Will you come to the meeting? Will you write a letter to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for clean water in the Locust Fork River? Will you invite friends and family to write letters, too? Our goal is to hand deliver the letters to ADEM at the November 19 hearing on the Tyson Blountsville plant permit renewal.

FLFR is concerned a renewed permit would, for the first time, allow discharges of treated poultry processing and wastewater, as well as storm water, directly into the Locust Fork River about a mile upriver from the brand new King's Bend Scenic Overlook on U.S. 231.

FLFR needs your help getting letters addressed to ADEM. Please email your letter (s) to **info@flfral.com** or **mail to:**

FLFR, PO Box 638, Cleveland, AL 35049.

The letter must include:

**RE: Tyson permit #AL0001449
TO: ADEM, Russell Kelly, Chief Permits Division**

Your comments in the letter might address:

- ~ Why clean water is important in Blount County.
- ~ Swimming, wading, fishing, sightseeing, birdwatching or paddling in Blount County creeks and rivers.
- ~ Why you want your children and grandchildren to love and enjoy clean water.
- ~ Why everyone benefits when our creeks and rivers have clean water.
- ~ If you would like more suggestions, our website has sample letters for you to use.

Art Winners in the 2019 Art & Photo Contest

Coming up...

Saturday, Nov. 9
2nd Saturday
Cleanups
Swann Bridge
 9:00 am
Mardis Mill
 10:00 am
Taylor Ford
 10:30 am

Tuesday, Nov. 19
 6:00 pm
ADEM HEARING
 American Legion
 Post, Blountsville

Saturday, Dec. 14
2nd Saturday
Cleanups
Swann Bridge
 9:00 am
Mardis Mill
 10:00 am
Taylor Ford
 10:30 am



**Thank you,
 Joe Still Team**



Lisa Martin won *First Place Adult Art* with an oil painting on canvas.

Dr. Shivani Pandit won *Second Place Adult Art* with a drawing she created using color pencil and pastel.



Other Adult Art and Teen Art Winners

Third Place Adult Art
Jennifer Guilliam
 Mixed Media

Honorable Mention
 Adult Art
Joan Babcock
 Acrylic

Honorable Mention
 Adult Art
Frances Seller
 Watercolor

Teen Art

First Place Teen Art
Katelyn Calverley
 Acrylic

Second Place Teen Art
Kylie Friese
 Acrylic

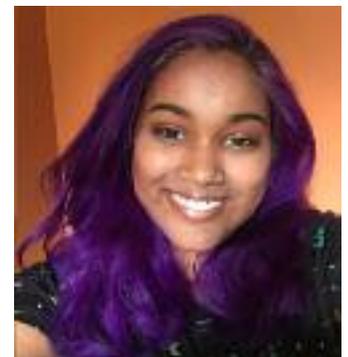
Third Place Teen Art
Brady Turner
 Color Pencil

Thank you, Lakshmi!

Lakshmi Tummalapalli is a 19-year-old artist attending Wallace State Community College. She volunteers with FLFR and provides for all our graphic design needs.

Besides monthly flyers and posters, she designed the six banners displaying all winning photo entries in the 2019 Art & Photo Contest. These six banners are touring locations in Blount County over coming months.

Be sure to check them out!



Lakshmi Tummalapalli

Great Alabama 650~ longest trail of its kind in United States

The Alabama Scenic River Trail inaugurated the toughest paddle race in the U.S. - the **Great Alabama 650** - on September 14, with a ten-day time limit to complete the course. It's the world's longest annual paddle race. Entry categories are male solo, female solo, and teams: male, female and mixed.

The race began on Weiss Lake in North Alabama and went the length of the Coosa River, joining the Alabama River near Montgomery. From there, the race followed the Mobile-Tensaw River Delta to Mobile Bay and ended up at Fort Morgan on the Gulf of Mexico.

The overall winner, Bobby Johnson, finished in 7 days, 8 hours, 1 minute and 55 seconds. Second overall winner was Salli O'Donnell. Both Florida natives are experienced paddlers who paddled day and night with brief stops to rest.

O'Donnell especially appreciated night paddling: "I do love people, but oh my gosh, I love being by myself in nature. The sounds, the solitude, the time to reflect on life in general. Paddling at nighttime you fell closer to God. You feel closer to nature."

Time to get training for next year's test of strength, endurance and mental fortitude. Is anyone up for this epic adventure?

See: alabamascenicrivertrail.com

A Wikipedia of Water Facts

Earth's distribution of **saline water** and **fresh water** may surprise you. The total volume of **water** on the earth is estimated at 333 million cubic miles, with 97.5% being **salt water** and 2.5% being **fresh water**. Of the **fresh water**, only 0.3% is in liquid form on the earth's surface.

The **oceans** hold about **97%** of the earth's water, the remainder is found

in **glaciers** and ice, below the ground, and in **rivers** and **lakes**.

How is the **remaining 3%** of water used? Public supply; domestic, commercial and industrial uses; power generation (thermoelectric, fossil fuel thermoelectric, geothermal thermoelectric & nuclear thermoelectric); mining, livestock, aquaculture, irrigation, hydroelectric power, and wastewater treatment.



Case Rock Cabin

Your FLFR Board held its August meeting on the banks of the Locust Fork River at Case Rock Cabin near Kimberly. The off-grid location depends on solar panels, an on-site generator and water from water tanks to provide amenities.

The acreage has miles of hiking trails as well as fishing, wading, swimming and paddling in the nearby river.

Getting to Case Rock Cabin from local highways is an adventurous ride on steep wooded trails in an ATV.

Our hosts were Rachel and Glenn Evans. Email Rachel for rental information: revans95@gmail.com.

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From the pages of the
Locust Fork Yacht Club's Creek Bankin' Recipes

New Year's Day Swamp Soup

- 1 10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped collards or turnip greens
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1 pkg. Knorr vegetable soup mix
- 2 15 oz. cans black-eyed peas**
- 1 32 oz. organic chicken broth, low sodium
- 8 oz. smoked ham, diced
- 8 oz. Cajun sausage, quartered and sliced
- 1 tsp. Louisiana Brand Hot Sauce
- 1 tsp. garlic powder

Saute the onions and celery with sausage in a little olive oil until just cooked. Put broth in a 4-5 qt. stock pot and add soup mix. Boil for 5 - 10 minutes. Add sauteed items and rest of ingredients. Simmer 30 - 40 minutes. Taste test and adjust seasonings. Serve with cornbread and/or oyster crackers.

****If it's not New Year's Day, and good luck and money are not relevant, you can use white beans, red beans or black beans.**

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