

Clothes for the Closet



Retired Personnel of Holmes County donated uniforms on Monday, April 29, to the Goodman-Pickens Elementary Clothes Closet for Needy students. Pictured from left: Karen Williams, principal, Sherri Reeves, Retired Personnel member and Stacy Hightower, counselor. (Photo submitted)

Salvia plants bring pollinators, color

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Over the past couple of years, I’ve found myself joining home gardeners everywhere in planting more plants to attract pollinators. In fact, along with being a stop on the Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Trail, my home landscape is also registered with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, which has the goal of registering 1 million pollinator gardens. If you’d like to register your garden, go to <http://million-pollinatorgardens.org> for more information.

One of my go-to plants for attracting pollinators, especially the various bumblebees, has to be salvias. It doesn’t matter which variety, I just have to have salvias growing in my landscape. Rockin’ Playin’ The Blues salvia is a plant that I have to call one of my best choices. I’ve been growing this perennial going on three years now. It produces beautiful blue flowers all summer long.

A nice feature I like about the plant is its sterility, which means the gorgeous flowers don’t produce seed that could cause a weed problem. I like that the blue calyx remains after the actual flower falls off. This means the color has an even longer-lasting landscape effect. I enjoyed watching all the bumblebees and other pollinators enjoying the nectar filled flowers. It was interesting a couple

of years ago when a tropical storm dumped rain on us over the course of four days. It would rain like crazy for a while, and then we would be in a calm period. Every time the rain stopped for a while, the bumblebees would come back to the Rockin’ Playin’ The Blues plants.

Another perennial salvia I like are the group of Salvia farinacea. They tend not to be flashy, but they do draw the pollinators.

Victoria Blue salvia is an old reliable that was selected as a Mississippi Medallion winner way back in 1998. It was good then, and it’s still good now. This is an upright perennial that will need some winter protection in northern Mississippi. The rich, deep-blue flowers are displayed on spikes and are produced through the summer and into fall. This plant will grow to about 18 or more inches tall and 12 inches wide. Check out this Southern Gardening TV segment on Salvia farinacea:

I can’t forget to mention that there are fantastic annual salvia selections. One of my favorites is Salvia splendens. As the name suggests, they are splendid in the landscape. They have the common name of scarlet salvia but come in a variety of bright colors.

The Vista series is one of my favorites. These plants are well behaved and growth tops out at a compact 12 inches. The flowers on the

Lexington Colts 2019 Baseball Team



Pictured above is the Lexington Colts 2019 baseball team, they are currently 3-1 this season. Front row: Taylon Jefferson; Second row (left to right): Javion’s Mitchell, Cornish’s Johnson, Ronald Redmond, Jr., Deshun Wilson and Jamarion Stewart; Third row: Coach Timothy Brown, Cameron Keys, Keyshawn Wright, Davion Johnson, Teron Wright, Alfredo Randle, Jr., Vederrian Green, Lorenzo Smoot, Jr. and Head Coach Peter Reeves; Back row: Coordinator Sherri Reeves, Jerry Reese, Jr. and Coach Toccoaro Jefferson.

WEST REPORT

The West Civic Club held its annual West School Reunion Saturday, May 5. Even though it was a rainy day, the turnout was great. There were approximately 50 people including the club members. Bro. Jerry Tate did a memorization of the six members who have passed since our last reunion. He had their pictures displayed and told a little about each person. This was a very nice presentation. It was fun catching up with

spikes are densely packed. Over the past couple of years, I’ve seen these plants in the summer trials in both Mississippi and Louisiana. Both the red and purple varieties looked great despite the high summer heat and humidity.

Salvias appreciate it when their planting beds have good drainage. Mine always do well in containers, the bigger the better. Be sure to grow in the full sun, and I know you’ll be growing salvia for years to come.


*STARS

(Continued from page 1.) Recognition (STAR) program. Established by the Mississippi Economic Council in 1965, the purpose of the STAR program is to recognize outstanding students and teachers in Mississippi through its Education Celebration. The theme this year was Reach For The Stars.

Noah was honored during the annual Education Celebration in April at the Jackson Convention Complex in downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

Star Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both American College Test scores and scholastic averages are compared to determine the school’s STAR Student. The STAR program encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi’s high school seniors. Each STAR Student is

asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student’s scholastic achievement. Mrs. Doralyn Killebrew was designated as STAR Teacher.



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The Vista red salvia variety tolerates high summer heat and humidity, while Victoria Blue produces throughout the summer and into fall and was selected as a Mississippi Medallion winner in 1998. (Photo by MSU Extension Service/Gary Bachman)



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