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The Southern Miss Office of Sustainability started off its RecycleMania competition with a great start, beginning at 58th out of 288 schools during the first week of competition.

STORIES IN SUSTAINABILITY

ECO EAGLE NEWSLETTER #2

by

The Office of Sustainability – University of Southern Mississippi
**Catching up with Sarah Mangrum - Clinical Assistant Professor
Circulation Librarian, Cook Library**

1. What is your position on campus and what does it entail?

I am Circulation Librarian at Cook Library on the Hattiesburg campus. I manage the daily operations of the circulation and reserve desks, stacks maintenance, and the Education Resource Center. I'm also involved with library exhibits and events and am an active board member for Friends of University Libraries. My daily

2. What are some of your favorite parts of working at Southern Miss?

My favorite part about working at Southern Miss is the students. They are the reason why I decided to stay in an academic library instead of venturing into the world of public libraries. To be able to come to work and not only do my job but have the opportunity to make an impact on the students is an awesome thing!

3. Where are you from? Why did you choose our university?

I grew up in McComb, MS but I have lived in Hattiesburg for the past 8 years. I attended Southern Miss as an undergrad and always enjoyed the campus so when I graduated I began looking for jobs at the university. In 2008 I saw a job ad for Evening Supervisor at Cook Library. Something told me that's where I needed to be and the past five years have only proved that to be true!

4. Tell me a little bit about this new partnership between University Libraries and the Office of Sustainability.

University Libraries has always supported and promoted sustainable practices through participation in the university recycling program and through our services. Sustainable services that we currently offer include scanning, electronic date due receipts, emailed notices, access to online My Library Account and the increased purchasing of electronic books. Not only are most of these services sustainable they are also more convenient to our users. University Libraries and the Office of Sustainability look forward to working on partnerships in the future to promote a sustainable culture around campus and the community.

5. What kind of advice would you give to new students starting college today?

Don't settle... If you know what you want to do then don't let anything get in the way of achieving that goal. If you don't know which direction to take, educate yourself so you can find something that is right for you. It might not always be the easiest road

but it will be the most fulfilling!

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Southern Miss Farmer's Market

Local Hattiesburg Freecyclers live sustainably - one gift at a time.

Did you know there is an entire group of Hattiesburg locals that love giving things away, all in the name of living sustainably? Enter the Hattiesburg chapter of the Freecycle Network, a non-profit started in 2003 by founder Deron Beal.

Freecycle is simple in how it operates. Individuals local to a registered Freecycle group apply to be a part of the group, typically either through Yahoo's Groups Software or Freecycle's own self managed dashboard. Once a part of the group, members then have a number of options on how to approach their Freecycle experience. Let's say that you have an old bike sitting in your garage that you never ride anymore: Instead of tossing it in the trash, you can opt to divert it from the landfill and offer it up to the Freecycle group. What if you suddenly find that you're needing a certain appliance for your kitchen? There's an answer for that too;

Members are allowed and encouraged to post "wanted" ads on the group to further streamline the Freecycle process. Currently, membership in Freecycle sits at over 9 million users that span just over 5,000 groups worldwide. So what are you waiting for? Check out the local Hattiesburg Freecycle group and see how you can live more sustainably today!

To join the Freecycle Network, feel free to visit <http://www.freecycle.org>.



Southern Miss Farmer's Market to return March 25th.

It's that time of year again! The Southern Miss Farmer's Market will be opening its doors again on March 25th, on the Baptist Student Union lawn from 3:00PM to 6:00PM. The event will host a number of local vendors, many of which selling locally grown, organic produce. This is our 2nd annual Farmer's Market on campus and are looking forward to a great season. Below are a list of confirmed vendors, so far, for this season:

1. *Cole Farm* - Seasonal Fruits and Vegetables
2. *Heather Bickham* - Jam, Jelly, and variety baked breads.
3. *Ben Badger* - Wood Pens and Clocks
4. *Aroma Spa* - Bath Salt Scribes, Glycerin Based Soaps, lotions, and body oils
5. *Debbie's Jams and Jellies* - Apple Butter, Pepper Relish, Blueberry Jelly...
6. *Shirley Brown* - Home grown house plants.
7. *Eric Tate* - Sweet kettle corn made right before your eyes.
8. *Field's Flowers* - bedding flowers, herbs, and hanging baskets
9. *Andrea Koystal* - Ceramic necklaces and paintings

10. *Carlos Molina* - Tamales, Aguas (fruit based drink), Jamaica, horchata, or sandia
11. *Craig Clark* - Honey, honey sticks, honey candy
12. *J. Arthur Buchanon* - Hand crafted bracelets and necklaces, earrings, key chain fobs
13. *Carol Meek* - Pickled Beets, Cauliflower, Carrots, Sweet Pepper Relish, Small plants (Sago Palms, Blackberry, Cactus, and various Jellies.
14. *Roger Cameron* - Handmade wood products: cutting boards, butcher blocks, wooden spoons, turned bowls, rolling pins, and more
15. *Kelli Holston* - Handmade ruffled scarves
16. *Yancie Ross* - Potted plants, ferns, hanging flower baskets, vegetables, fruits
17. *Tamera Jenkins* - Premium hand made goat milk soap, Goat Milk & Honey Lotions, Hard Lotion Bars, Dry Oil Perfume, Lip Balm and gift bags/sets of these products.
18. *Steven Phelps* - Snow Cones
19. *Lorraine Rettig* - Embroidery, home-made dog treats
20. *David Trim* - Hand-made wooden children's toys
21. *Roger Jones* - Seasonal Vegetables. Turnips, tomatoes, kale, peas, squash, etc.
22. *Shelby Ball Jr.* - Oil Paintings, Graphite Drawings, Charcoal Drawings
23. *Jeremiah Christy* - Gourmet Dog Treats
24. *Arthur Eaton* - Hydroponic tomatoes, blueberries, mayhaws, muscadines, honey
25. *Fulmer Farmstead* - Seasonal vegetables, fresh wheat and white bread, eggs, granola, cookies, cinnamon buns.
26. *Hue Hoo* - Artful designs is a collection of original acrylic canvas paintings by Jackie Greene.

If you are interested in registering as a vendor at the Farmer's Market, please click [here to visit our online registration form.](#)



Green Tip of the Month

Consider buying a reusable plastic water bottle for your H₂O needs during the day. Doing so helps limit the amount of plastic entering a landfill and can help save you money on campus! Eagle Dining offers Lug-a-Mugs at their office for \$9.99 and can be refilled at any Eagle Dining location for \$.99! To find out more about Lug-a-Mugs, visit the Southern Miss Lug-a-Mug page [here](#)!

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