

## Beware of 'seed packets' from China



The seed package may look like this.

**By County Agent Jeffrey Moore, Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program**

The following information was emailed to me and was requested to share with my clients. Please adhere to the following information. If I could be of assistance please call 334-421-1580.

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) received multiple reports of "unsolicited" China origin seeds being delivered to residents across the state through the United States Postal Service.

The packing is often mislabeled as "jewelry", according to the ADAI.

The ADAI says residents of other states including,

Arizona, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington State have reported receiving suspicious packages of seeds.

ADAI says this practice is known as agricultural smuggling.

"We urge all residents to be on the lookout for similar packages. These seeds could

be invasive or be harmful to livestock," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate.

They ask recipients of "unsolicited seed" to follow the instructions below:

1). DO NOT plant the seeds and if they are in a sealed package, do not open the sealed package. Also, DO NOT dispose of the

seeds.

2). Report suspicious seed deliveries to USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and maintain the seeds and packaging until USDA provides further instructions. This may be used for evidence.

Call 1-800-877-3835 or email to [SITC.Mail@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:SITC.Mail@aphis.usda.gov).

## Hornets hire football coach

Bullock County High School has hired Sheldon Ward to take over the Hornet football program.

Ward comes to Union Springs with 22 years of experience, six as a head coach. Over that time, he

has held the role of Assistant and Coordinator on both sides of the football, on both the collegiate and high school levels.

Most recently he held the title of Wide Receiver Coach/Pass Game Coordi-

nator at Dublin High School in Dublin, GA.

During those two seasons, Dublin amassed a record of 32-7, with a Region Runner-up, two Region Championships, and the 2019 Class

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Deborah Hicks Milan

## Leadership we can trust

I, Deborah Hicks Milan, announce my candidacy for Mayor of the City of Union Springs, a city that can accomplish anything we decide to do. We can improve our economic development by partnering with the development authority. We can improve our workforce by attracting business and industries to employ our citizens.

We can only move forward through the collective

efforts of our elected officials.

I'm running for Mayor to begin the process of unifying our community and attracting more businesses and industries.

I am a product of the Bullock County Public Schools. I am a 1987 graduate of Bullock County High School; a 1993 graduate of Alabama State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education English/ Language Arts; and a 2006 graduate of the University of Phoenix with a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration.

I have served the citizens of Union Springs as a council member and an educator in the public school systems. As a council member, I have served on the police committee, street committee, recreation committee, and the library board. I have obtained my Advanced Municipal Certification from the Alabama League of

Municipalities. I have volunteered at the Red Door Theater and volunteered with the Bullock County Distinguished Young Women's Program.

As an educator, I have taught English and Literature grades 7-12 for 27 years, and volunteered as a tutor, served as president of the band booster and served as flag coordinator for the Bullock County High School Marching Band.

As a member of the police

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If your last name begins with P or L you should renew your tag this month. To better assist you, bring your current insurance card, driver's license and tag receipt. Probate Judge James E. Tatum

### Coronavirus Status

- Confirmed cases in Bullock County - 409
  - Deaths in Bullock County - 11
  - New cases in the last seven days in Bullock County- 14
- Total tested in Bullock County - 1,661
- Confirmed cases in Alabama - 79,129
  - Deaths in Alabama - 1,446

Source: Alabama Department of Public Health as of July 28, 2020

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## Prestic R. Faulk -- Candidate for City Council, Place #3

**Dear Beloved Citizens:**

I am truly honored and thankful for all of the love and support that has already been shown in the short period of my candidacy for Union Springs City Council, Place #3.

It is my mission to reach out and visit all areas of the city and be the catalyst for change and fulfill the plans and ideas that we desire in our city.

In this short time, many of you have asked me what my vision is for the city if elected to serve.

Working cooperatively not only with the elected



Vote Prestic R. Faulk

city officials, but this entire community, I feel that we can move Union Springs forward in a positive direction.

Our challenge collective-

ly is to ensure that our City is true to its mission, that it uses its resources wisely, and that it is responsive to the constituency that it serves.

If elected to serve you as a councilman, I will:

Initiate and promote Economic & Neighborhood Development:

— Work with developers/ Non-profit organizations/ government agencies to build new and more affordable homes that our community needs.

Promote Infrastructure Improvement and Up-

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