

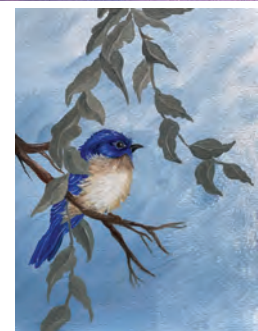
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ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL by Susan Newman





Susan Newman grew up in a loving family of eight children on St. Simons Island, Georgia. Although she and all of her siblings were involved in musical endeavors, Susan leaned towards the visual arts and began drawing and painting at an early age. Following her graduation from Brunswick Junior College (now known as College of Coastal Georgia) with an Associate Degree in the Arts; Susan moved to Atlanta and pursued her artistic endeavors by painting at home on a limited basis but, she states that she always found time to read books about art and to dabble with painting in various mediums. In 1979, Susan and her family moved to Waycross, Ga.; and three years later as a single mom of now four children, Jonathan Crabb, Scott Crabb, Carrie Crabb, and Gabe Crabb; she packed away her art materials to give full attention to raising her four children and attending night classes at Waycross College (through Valdosta College) to continue her education in Early Childhood Education and began teaching in the Ware County School System.

As a teacher and later principal of elementary education, Susan always knew that there would come a time when she could put her ideas and inspirations onto canvas. It was upon retiring from education, that she unpacked her art supplies and began taking time to renew her work in the visual arts. However, it was not until she was able to establish a small home studio that she began spending more time painting and states that through encouragement from her husband, Dewey Newman, family, and friends she is now able to express herself through painting in Oils, Pastels, Acrylics, and watercolor.



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On the cover: art by **Susan Newman**. She is an avid lover of all things beautiful in nature. She specializes in oils, pastels, acrylics, and watercolor, and has an impressionistic flair to her style. Her love of intriguing landscapes, and magical seascapes, as well as her appreciation of beautiful plants, trees, flowers, and birds, have given her endless inspiration for her art pursuits. See more inside.

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We want to thank you for your support during these 42 issues. We look forward to many more. You all make it worthwhile. We have been battling some health issues, but we are still moving forward with the grace of God.

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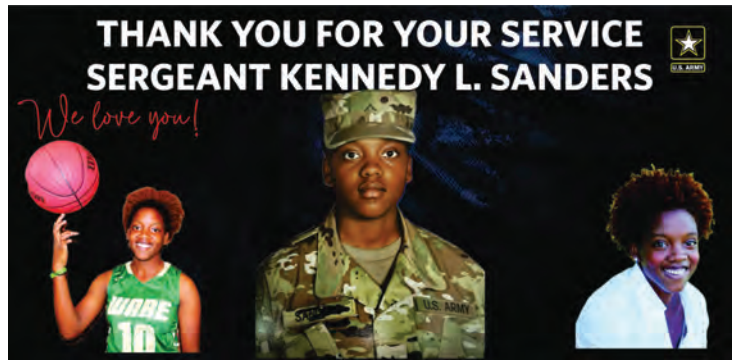
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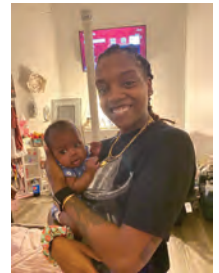


Congratulations to Battalion Chief James "Jimmy" Brown Jr. on his retirement. Thank you for 37 years 3 months and 19 days of dedicated service.

Stadium photo by George Vining
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On behalf of President Marion Ross Fedrick, Albany State University is deeply saddened to share that former student, SGT Kennedy Sanders, has passed away in the line of duty. We offer our deepest condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones, and thank the family for her service to our country.



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Congratulations! Coach Jamie Ammons
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High School.



Congratulations! Pierce County High School GHSA
Ladies Class AA State Golf Champions for the 3rd straight
year. L to R: Lily Spivey, Belle Sinclair, Mackenzie Connell,
Chloe Lynn, Mollie Kate Dixon and Coach Stuart Stipe.



Congratulations! Christa Nickell, for 33 years
of service to the Waycross Police Department
and our community. We wish you many bless-
ings and happiness as you move forward in
life. You have always been a shining light to
your co-workers and will be truly missed. We
wish you a happy retirement! Christa is with
Chief Tommy Cox.



Congratulations! Sophie Scruggs
Pierce County High School
Two Time AA Pole Vault State Champion
Georgia High School Association





Hello, I am Heather, the owner-operator of Heather Dieringer Photography. I was born and raised in Jacksonville. I met my husband Charlie in Jacksonville, which was love at first sight. Very shortly after, we were married and starting our family. I have three beautiful children, ages ranging from 19 to 16. My 19-year-old son Lukas graduating from Pierce County in 2023, and my 16-year-old daughter Charley will graduate from Pierce County in 2026. My 17-year-old daughter Laci will graduate from Naples High School in Naples, Florida, in 2024. We moved to Blackshear in 2018 to be closer to family, some residing in Blackshear, some all over Florida, with the majority living in Jacksonville, Florida. My love for photography started around age 13 when I purchased an old 110mm camera from a yard sale for \$2 dollars.

The passion was always strong, but it had to be put on the back burner due to the curve balls life throws at you. In 2019, I decided to pick up my passion again and start taking pictures at the High school football games my son was playing in. I started receiving positive feedback when posting my photos online to share with friends and family. I was asked in 2021 to take the official pictures for the Sound of Silver band, and things grew from there. I love taking photos and now own a business I started in 2022. This passion began as a way to have better pictures to share with out-of-town family members of my son, who is playing for Pierce County. I have turned into this fantastic growing business: capturing memories from graduation, team photos, sports photography, and Senior pictures.


I would love to invite everyone to check out my work on Facebook, Instagram (Heather Dieringer Photography), or my website <https://heatherdieringerphotography.pixieset.com>. If you want more information on photography packages or services, please call or text me at 618-513-4087 or on social media. I look forward to hearing from you.




**PCHS Literary Team
Region Runner-up**

**Keely Shipe - 1st Place,
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SOLO & ENSEMBLE

Congrats to ALL of the Solos and Small Groups from Ware Co. HS on their **SUPERIOR** Ratings!

Solos:
Clinton Tran - Flute
Mackenzie Dougherty - Clarinet
Milla Tuten - Clarinet
Rylynn Strickland - Clarinet
Liz Osburn - Baritone/Trombone

Ensembles:
Clinton/Mackenzie - WW Duet
Jada/Lomiya/Jacob/Chris - Brass Quartet
1st Block Percussion Ensemble
4th Block Percussion Ensemble
Kamani/Semaj - WW Duet
Rylynn/Elyssa/Jack - WW Trio
Joanie/Christina - WW Duet
Liz/Jimmie/Rory/Evan - Brass Quartet
Alison/Addison - Perc. Duet



Troy Mattox

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Ray Williamson (left) and Debbie Pearson congratulate Troy Mattox, recipient of the Ware County Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Radio Station Owner Cheered For His Many 'Deeds Of Gold'



Troy Mattox is the retired owner and operator of Mattox Broadcasting, which operated radio stations WKUB, WWUF and WSGT. He is a Vietnam veteran. He served a total of three terms on the Pierce County Board of Commissioners and as chairman for eight years. Civic roles include service as president of the Exchange Club, and service on the Board of Directors of the Okefenokee Technical College in Waycross. He received the 2011 Ware County Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds, was Citizen of the Year for Pierce County in 2013 and received the 2016 Martin Luther King Business of the Year award. He was inducted into the Georgia Association of Broadcaster's Hall of Fame in 2017. He attended the University Georgia Center in Waycross and Radio Engineering Institute in Sarasota, FL. He and his wife, Sue have two sons and daughters-in-law: Gen and his wife, Jennifer, and Casey, and his wife, Julie. They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Blackshear. Troy was just elected to the Pierce County Commission, District 1. He has also served as Chairman of the Pierce County Commission.

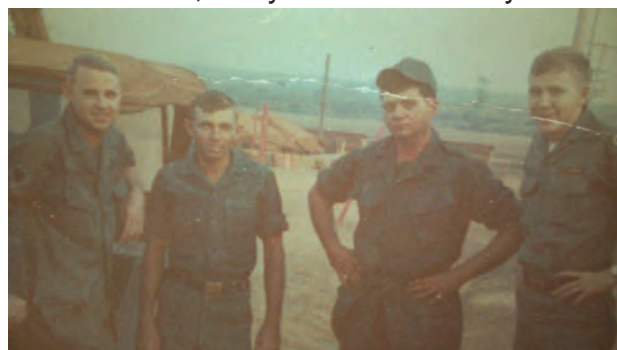


Butch Guest, Tony Cason and Troy.



Troy and Sue

L to R. Troy Mattox, Dudley Howard, Jimmy Morgan and Butch Guest. Long Binh VN Dec 67.



station. I also had much interest in the electronics part of it and spent a lot of time hanging around doing odd jobs. Since most of the staff wanted off on Saturdays, Joe Lee the station manager and after his career the CEO of Darden Foods, allowed me to fill in and that's when the Radio Bug bit. I continued to hang around and finally, when I graduated from High School, I signed on with the radio station the very next morning.

While my classmates went on a class trip, I went to work. It was a great time to get into radio, AM Radio was king. We did not have FN Radio yet. Who could ask for a better job than to be a D.J. during the days of "Rock n Roll"? Being on the air was a lot of fun with so much work to be done. A stack of 3-reel-to-reel machines, and turntables. We got our news and weather from the teletype machine from either the Associated Press or United Press. I was on air during the time of JFK and his assassination. I still have the original news bulletin from the Teletype, a very sad day for America. The programming during those days would be Block programming, country music from sign-on until 9 A.M., easy listening until 11 A.M., Southern Gospel until 1

I got interested in radio during my senior year at BHS. I lived close to the new AM radio station in 1962 that had recently gone on the air. The station was WBSG at 1350 KC, a daytime-only P.M., Country until 3 P.M. and after school is out, it's time for Rock n Roll. Also back in those days, the FCC required that every Radio Station have an engineer with a first-class FCC License. With the management's suggestion, M.L. Dixon, I attended Radio Engineering Institute in Sarasota Florida to complete all requirements and testing for the FCC License. I worked for Mr. H.L. Dixon for several years and learned a lot from him. He was a superb salesman. We even put together the Blackshear Tobacco Radio Network. I did a 15-minute program and fed it daily on the phone line to the stations in Waycross, Jesup, Baxley, and Alma. That's when editing was done via scissors, razor blades, and scotch tape. My first football play-by-play season was in 1963. I still have a tape of the BHS/Patterson game. Since I never played football, it was a really quick learning experience. That season was done jointly with Joe Lee. We recorded games on Friday night with live commercials and playback on Saturday morning. I can say as years went by I got better at it. During this time there were not many press boxes so sometimes we had a platform or would sit in stands on the homeside.

Notes from Troy.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Back row l-r - Rich Nobliski - American Marketing Association / Atlanta - Representative, Sloan Zachary, Isabella Sweat, Cash Carter, Mackenzie Fogle, Dr. Lynn Barber, JV Manabat, & Rusty Ganas - Ware County Board Member **Front row l-r** - Tae Reed, Anniston Grantham, Olivia Ray, Whitney Kilmark - Marketing Education Teacher, Alondra Rio Rangel, Nia Reese, & Yuri Smith

AMA is a community dedicated to helping marketers gain the skills and connections they need to stay ahead and advance their careers. For more information about AMA, the website is: <https://www.ama.org>



L - R - Cash Carter, Anniston Grantham, Sloan Zachary, Isabella Sweat, Whitney Kilmark - Marketing Education Teacher, Olivia Ray, Mackenzie Fogle, JV Manabat, Nia Reese & Front Row: Cayden Smith

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Ware County High School Gators • Region 1 AAAAA Champs



Congratulations!
Coach Jamie Ammons
on your 100 baseball wins.

Action shots by Haley





Bullock County



Dogs are Cal's favorite critter to photograph



Sunrise in Emanuel County



A Rusty Monday



Cal Avery
THE BARN HUNTER



Lumpkin County



Hancock County



The Family Porch



Jefferson County



Starr's Mill in Fayette County



Cal Avery is a landscape photographer from Swainsboro, GA. He is also a retired teacher. His interest in photography began in 2010 when he and his wife went on a road trip to the Oregon Coast and back for their 30th wedding anniversary.

When he retired in 2013, he decided to focus on locating and photographing old barns. His page on Facebook is called The Barn Hunter. Although he concentrates on posting photos of barns, he also sprinkles in photos of other interests also. On his page you will also see photos of waterfalls, critters, old farm houses, old farm implements, photos of his travels, and rusty objects. In fact one of the most popular days on his page is called Rusty Monday when he posts photos of rusty objects.

His photography has three purposes or goals.

1. To have a record of old farm structures that won't always be with us.
2. To bring back fond memories.
3. To encourage others whether they have a camera or not, to ride the back roads and see what's around the next curve and over the next hill.

His page, The Barn Hunter, has one major purpose. In this day and time people are bombarded with so much that goes on in the world. His desire is that his page will always be a place that people can visit and forget about the cares of the world for just a little while. He invites everyone to come up on his virtual porch, grab a rocker, have a glass of sweet tea or lemonade, and enjoy the view.

His next major goal is to photograph at least one barn in all 159 counties of Georgia. If anyone can direct him to a barn in the counties in our area please contact him.

You can message him through his page, <https://www.facebook.com/thebarnhunter> or email him at calavery51@gmail.com.





Huck Hereford



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Ware County Saddle Club is located at: 2700 Cherokee Street in Waycross. Contact number is 912-286-4093.

Photos submitted by Jessica Hereford.



Jessica Hereford



Brent Wade

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Ware County Chorus



Phyllis



Megan



Teresa

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Phyllis Parker, F. J. Beverly
Beacon of Light award.

Inductees:

- Megan Carter
- Teresa Thigpen
- Cecil Tanner
- Greg Sirmans
- Barry Taylor

Presentation made by President

Tony Tanner.

Photos by Bo Carter



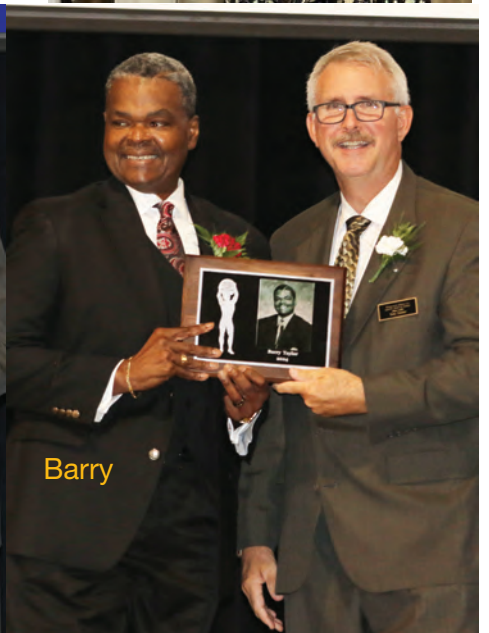
Matthew & Stella



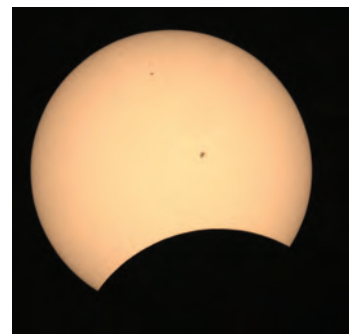
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Barry



Pat Prokop's
Weather & Nature
Page

Eclipse pictures by retired WTOC-TV weather man. <https://www.savannahpat.name/>



This photo by NASA/Keegan Barber



Congratulations! Lance Card on being promoted to Captain at W F D.



At Memorial Stadium



Diane Brown

My Process:

To the viewer who might be reading this. I am asked quite often about how I do my art? What is your process? I felt that this would be a great time to address the many questions that people ask about my art work. Generally I start out with a small simple sketch, usually done with a graphite pencil on white paper of my designs. I then work on various color studies to find the right colors for the finish. These variations and combinations helps me to know just what color combinations I want the finish piece of digital art to look like. When I have found the color combinations that I like and want, it is at that point I go to photoshops.

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Zane Williams



Zane Williams ventured to the town of Greenwood, South Carolina to visit Old Nine's oldest sister Rockton & Rion 19. He had a great experience visiting this beautiful locomotive. Was grateful that the Greenwood Railroad Historical Center gave him a private tour of their museum and train display. Definitely Zane has some plans to return there for another visit! The future is bright for both the 19 and Old Nine! Old Nine is parked at OHC in Waycross.



Congratulations! SGSC's Jordan Woodard, a senior from Waycross, receives a letter of commendation from USG Chancellor Sonny Perdue on Academic Recognition Day. Jordan is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He has also been on the President's List during his time at SGSC.



Congratulations to George Riggs
WPD's Employee of the Month for May!



Good People



A heartfelt shoutout to the amazing students from the University of Georgia who courageously saved lives during a recent car crash in March.

These young women observed a white SUV leave the roadway and roll over into the creek at Ellison Bridge Rd. in Sardis. They quickly turned around, went to the crash site, and without hesitation jumped in the water and pulled the driver and two children out of the vehicle.

The quick thinking and bravery of these women is absolutely admirable. We are grateful you were in the right place at the right time.

The Burke County Sheriff's Office in Waynesboro would like to acknowledge the following heroes:

Jane McArdle
Mary McCollum
Eleanor Cart
Clarke Jones
Kaitlyn Iannace

Great work by everyone involved. Sardis Police Department, Burke County EMA - GA and Burke County Georgia 911. We make a great team.

Pictures and article submitted to us for publication by the Burke County Sheriff's Office.



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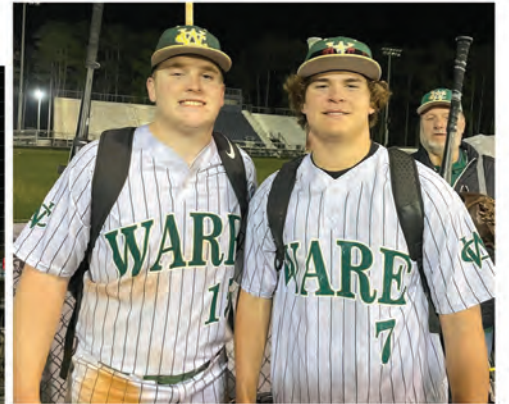
ulations!





**Congratulations! Jabare George!
5A 285# State Wrestling Champion.**







Congratulations to the Ware County Rec. Dept 14u Boys for winning the 2024 GRPA Class B State Basketball tournament. They defeated Jefferson 74-38 in the Championship Game.



Head Coach Ken Reid, Assistant Coaches Joshua Riggs and Brandon Boyd. (Players) Rod Lewis, Jameer Barkley, Uriah Benefield, Travis Story, Christopher Wilkins, Braylen Bolds, Brayden Butler, RJ Munford, MooMoo McCoy & Daniel Tripp.



Pierce County High School GACA 2AA State Weightlifting Champs!





**Congratulations to the PCMS Baseball Bears
2024 Southeast Ga Middle School Athletic Conference champs and a perfect season!**



**Go Gators!
Brothers
Kolden (l)
and Kyler.
Sons of
Lacie
Jorgenson**



Ware County High School





Ware County High School Drill Team





Andrew and Lacie Evans along with their three children offer much to the Pierce County school system. Andrew is the head baseball coach and Lacie has been the head girls basketball coach. One of our grandsons plays football and baseball, and his three sisters have been coached by Lacie. Both are great coaches and are such good people. We are Pierce Proud.



Go
Team







Congratulations! Kim Callahan, Work-Based Learning Teacher of the Year for the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education.



John Kash Corbitt 2024 GRPA State 8U Boys Golf Champion



Rhyan Tompkins 2024 GRPA State 13U Girls State Golf Champion



Brandt Wood 11U GRPA Boys State Golf Runner Up



Layla Thornton 11U GRPA Girls State Golf Runner Up



Miss Nan Jones
My 3rd grade teacher at Ringgold Grammar School. She was the best.



God, we thank you for the operation that gave our friend Richard Lee a new heart. May he continue to heal.

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Congratulations to all Steve Bean Art Show 2024 winners!

Painting: 1st Place - Lyla McCullers
 2nd Place – Eva Horne, Anna-Kate Horne,
 Nayla Andrea and Kheely Rhae Johnson
 3rd Place - Avery Holton

Sketching: 1st Place - Alexis Smith
 2nd Place - Carrie Swinson
 3rd Place - Ladarius William

3-D: 1st Place - Juan Badillo
 2nd Place - Allie Dennison
 3rd Place – Emma Higginson



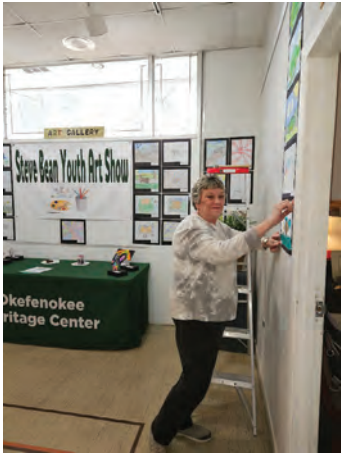
Special thanks to Office Manager, Sherian Barnes. She is the best.



Great helpers l-r: Selina Higgs, Logan M. Newberry, Anna Roberts, and Carla Cornett.



BETA Volunteers, Nia Reese and Milla Tuten.



Annual Steve Bean Youth Art Show

March 2024

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Katie & Bill Martino



Patrick Simmons
Award for Going the Extra Mile



Debbie Connor
Randy Sharpe Health Hero award
Shown with Maggie Burch (r)



Dr. Lynn Barber
McGregor Mayo Agricultural award
Shown with Scott Carter (l) of the UGA
Extension Office



Houston Astros Hitting Coach, Troy Snitker #46,
shown with his father Brian Snitker, Atlanta
Braves manager along with the Umpiring crew
before a game in Houston.



Caitlin Martin
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Ryder Rouse
Jack Lott Economic
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Stacy Jones
Jack Williams Community Service
shown with husband David



Christian Landrum
Chairman's Award



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PIERCE COUNTY TEAM A WINS SGSC HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TOURNAMENT



Team A from Pierce County High School won first place in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament. (L-R) Emily Stovall, Camille Hendry, Elizabeth Griner, and Chase LeFevre.



Individual winners in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament were (L-R) Cody Page (first place; Ware), Chase LeFevre (second place; Pierce), Camille Hendry (third place; Pierce), Grayson Rockett (fourth place; Coffee), and Clark Stovall (fifth place; Pierce).



Top school winners in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament were (L-R) Luke Carter (Brantley), Grayson Rockett (Coffee), Chase LeFevre (Pierce), and Cody Page (Ware)

Team A from Pierce County High School captured first place in South Georgia State College's High School Mathematics Tournament hosted February 23 on SGSC's Waycross Campus.

A total of 74 students from Brantley, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware Counties participated in the two-part competition. The first part included each student completing a 75-minute, 40-question multiple choice exam. The exam covered topics in the high school curriculum – algebra, trigonometry, geometry, and calculus. Cody Page of Ware County High School captured first place. Chase LeFevre (Pierce), Camille Hendry (Pierce), Grayson Rockett (Coffee), and Clark Stovall (Pierce) rounded out the top five individual winners.

Recognition was also given to those students who had the highest exam score from their school. Luke Carter (Brantley), Grayson Rockett (Coffee), Chase LeFevre (Pierce), and Cody Page (Ware) were the high scorers for their respective schools.

The top two scoring teams from each school based on the written exam competed in a team-oriented "ciphering round." The teams were given the same ten questions and three minutes to answer each one. The number of points awarded was determined by how fast the teams could answer each question correctly.

A combined score from the written exam and the ciphering round determined the overall team winners. In addition to Pierce County Team A, other team winners were Ware County Team A (second place), Pierce County Team B (third place), Brantley County Team A (fourth place), and Coffee Team B (fifth place).

Diane Griffis and Becky King of Pierce County were presented with the Dr. Barbara Losty Coach Award. The award is named in memory of the second president of the former Waycross College.

Tournament Director Dr. Lisa Howell would like to thank SGSC's faculty, staff, and students as well as the James M. Dye Foundation for supporting this year's tournament.



Top school winners in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament were (L-R) Luke Carter (Brantley), Grayson Rockett (Coffee), Chase LeFevre (Pierce), and Cody Page (Ware)



Individual winners in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament were (L-R) Cody Page (first place; Ware), Chase LeFevre (second place; Pierce), Camille Hendry (third place; Pierce), Grayson Rockett (fourth place; Coffee), and Clark Stovall (fifth place; Pierce).



Team B from Coffee High School won fifth place in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament. (L-R) Yair Carrillo, Will Bagwell, Grayson Rockett, and Jardí Caballero.



Team A from Brantley County High School won fourth place in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament. (L-R) Luke Carter, Madison Sellers, Mallory Dent, and Kirkland Cannon.



Team B from Pierce County High School won third place in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament. (L-R) Wade DiBiase, Clark Stovall, Andrew Roberson, Jackson Williams.



Team A from Ware County High School won second place in the South Georgia State College High School Mathematics Tournament. (L-R) Anna Porter, Matthew McIntire, Cody Page, and William Bates.





Congratulations!
All Region
Cheerleaders for Ware
County. L-R, Clara
Grace Roundtree ,
Luci Thomas, Raleigh
Tuten, & Jada Evans.



Thanks to Heather for adding
so many great pictures to our
magazine. You are the best.



Congratulations to PCHS swimmers as they placed
in the 200 freestyle relay at state. Swimmers are:
Walker Sergent, Sam Chesser, Ceb Carter, and
Aiden Vergara.



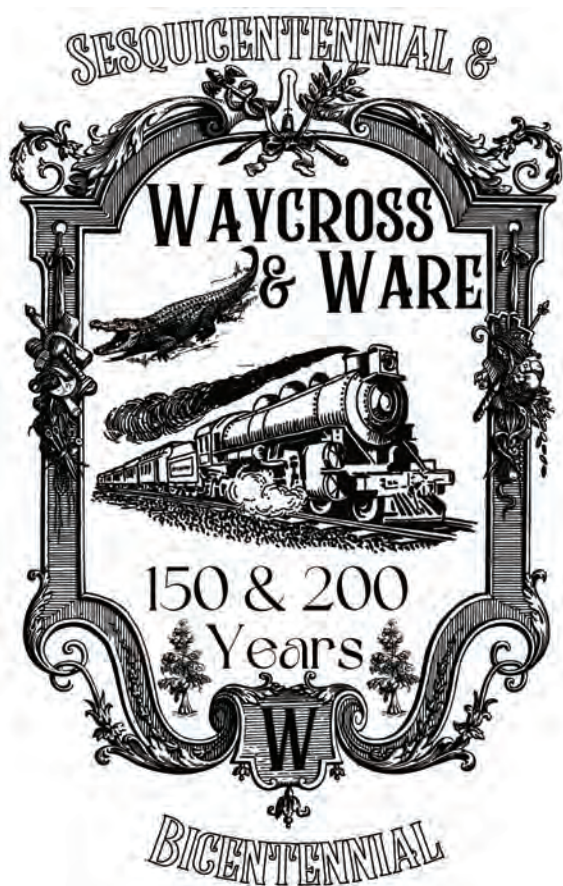
Congratulations!
Grayson McPhaul

These young
women and men
are going towards
the good. Never dull
your shine. Keep
making a difference.



From PCHS, these are the State 4 Person
Forestry Junior team champions! L-R:
Parker Sinclair (13th overall individual) Riley
Thomas (5th overall individual) Coleman
Lee (9th overall individual) Sam Chesser
(3rd overall individual)

Waycross Seen



This logo design was created for the Birthday Celebrations for Waycross and Ware Co, created by Stevie Howell, daughter of Plant Cafe owners Steve & Marla Howell. Stevie is currently attending the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, GA where she plans to graduate from the School of Visual Arts with a degree in Graphic Design. From there she plans to become a professional graphic design artist working for the Department of the Interior, the Music Scene, Disney, or for NASCAR.

She also plans to spend some time working for Disney as a cast member in the near future being on the Creative team. You can find her work on Facebook or Instagram at Stevie Howell Photography, Art, and Design.



Congrats to PCHS sophomore Broden Colbert upon being accorded All-State Band honors by the Georgia Music Educators Association!

Broden, who plays the trumpet for the PCHS Sound of Silver, was among 1,200 All-State hopefuls, from whom 107 were chosen.



Waycross Middle FFA Floriculture team placed 9th in the state. **Congratulations!** L-R, Anna Petty, Lilah Harding, Lily Peters, and Santiago Cochen.



Major Danny Hampton has been honored by the Exchange Club of Waycross as the Waycross Police Department Public Safety Officer of the Year. He is a true professional and a committed police officer. We express our gratitude to Major Hampton for always being there for his community and department for over 30 years. **Congratulations,** Major Hampton!



REMINDERS FROM YOUR CHILD

- I'm a **KID**
- It's Just a **GAME**
- My Coach is a **VOLUNTEER**
- The Umpires are **HUMANS**
- **NO** College Scholarships will be Handed Out Today

MITCHELL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



Students from PCHS helping and making friends at Special Olympics

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Austin Chapel C.M.E. Church

508 Hamilton Street, Waycross, Ga 31501



Angela Carstens, a professional muralist artist based in Waycross, Georgia, is the creative force behind "Art By Angie, LLC." Angela specializes in providing striking visual solutions for various projects. Her artistic versatility knows no bounds, ranging from grand, vibrant murals and eye-catching window paintings to logo design and captivating canvas art works. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced art enthusiast, Art By Angie offers enjoyable and educational courses, fostering an appreciation for the visual arts. Reach out to Angela today and start creating something extraordinary together.



Artist: Angie Carsten



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First Born Church of the Living God

1120 H.J. Echols Drive, Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, Ga 31501



Meet Benjamin (Benji) Davis, an artist whose creations are a vibrant reflection of passion and imagination. Hailing from [Location], Benji brings a unique flair and creativity to the canvas.

Benji's artistic journey encompasses various mediums, from lively paintings to dynamic digital art. His work often draws inspiration from the energy of urban life, pop culture, and the vivid tapestry of cultural influences.

In addition to his artistic endeavors, Benji actively contributes to community projects, using his art as a catalyst for positive change. Join us in celebrating the dynamic and expressive artistry of Benjamin (Benji) Davis at our Black History Exhibition.



Artist: Benji Davis



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Gaines Chapel AME Church

801 Reynolds Street, Waycross, Ga 31501



Bob Brown is an Air Force veteran with a multifaceted career that spans the realms of art, business, and marketing. A graduate of the prestigious Ringling College of Art, Brown has channeled his creative talents into founding several companies: Brown Ink Associates, Brown Ink Gallery, and Brown Ink Design. These ventures reflect his deep engagement with the art world and his commitment to fostering artistic expression.

In addition to his entrepreneurial endeavors, Brown has also made his mark in academia as a marketing specialist for the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). His role at NJIT allowed him to blend his artistic background with strategic marketing principles, contributing to the institute's outreach and engagement initiatives.

Throughout his career, Brown has demonstrated a unique ability to navigate both the creative and corporate sectors, leveraging his artistic expertise to drive business success and academic growth. His journey from military service to art school graduate, and from a marketing specialist to a business founder, showcases a dynamic professional evolution guided by a passion for art and a knack for strategic development.



Artist: Bob Brown



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1110 Pittman St. Waycross, Ga 31501



Meet the prodigious talent, Mychasdyn (Dee) King, a remarkable 13-year-old artist making waves in the world of creativity. Hailing from Waycross, Ga, Dee brings a youthful and refreshing perspective to the Black Heritage Churches canvas exhibit.

Despite her tender age, Dee exhibits an extraordinary command of various artistic mediums, showcasing a natural flair for expressing emotions and stories through her artwork. Dee's creations often reflect a unique blend of imagination and introspection, offering glimpses into the vibrant mind of a budding young artist.

As we celebrate Black History, join us in recognizing and applauding the incredible talent of artist Mychasdyn (Dee) King. Witness the boundless potential and creativity of the next generation of artists helping to preserve our Black History.



Artist: Chasdyn King



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St. Peters Baptist Church

300 Fireman Street, Waycross, Ga 31503



Introducing Jasmine Mitchell, a gifted artist weaving stories through her creations. Hailing from Waycross, Ga , Jasmine brings a unique blend of passion and skill to the world of art.

Jasmine's artistic journey encompasses various mediums, from intricate paintings to thought-provoking sculptures. Her work often explores themes of cultural heritage, personal narratives, and the intersection of tradition and modernity.

In addition to her artistic endeavors, Jasmine actively contributes to community initiatives, using her talents to foster a sense of unity and understanding. Join us in celebrating the artistry and cultural resonance of Jasmine Mitchell at our Black History



Artist: Jasmine Mitchell



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New Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

901 Ossie Davis Parkway Waycross, Ga 31501



Artist: Harlen Valentine

Harlen Valentine is a South Georgia-based artist originally from PHL/NYC, with a presence in Waycross, GA. She has a Facebook page where she interacts with her followers and shares updates about her work¹. Recently, she announced her return to the page with exciting news about opening a gallery and studio². Additionally, Harlen is involved in community service; she donated her photography skills to Rebuilding Together Waycross for a rebuilding event, helping to revitalize houses and nonprofits in the area³. Her commitment to her art and community involvement are key aspects of her business and personal brand.



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Greater Mt. Zion AME Church

1085 Ossie Davis Parkway Waycross, Ga 31501



Artist: Jorah Mitchell

Introducing Jorah Mitchell, a wildlife artist and muralist from southeast Georgia, USA. whose work is a testament to creativity and expression, Jorah brings a unique perspective and passion to the world of art. Jorah Mitchell is a celebrated artist known for her vibrant and evocative artwork that captures the essence of the region's rich cultural tapestry. As the founder of Sienna Fox Studio, Mrs. Mitchell has established a creative haven where art enthusiasts and collectors can experience her unique vision. Her work, characterized by bold colors and dynamic textures, reflects her deep connection to the local community and her commitment to bringing art closer to the people. With a career that spans several years, Jorah Mitchell continues to inspire and engage audiences with her artistic prowess and dedication to the arts.



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St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church

864 Oak Street, Waycross, Ga 31501



Michael Todd and Wife Holley married 36 years in May 2024.

Born into military family, raised as a Military brat and graduated from Fort Campbell High School KY 1982.

Michael began his Postal Career 1985 and retired in 2021

Began drawing in K and continued until introduced to painting in High School specifically acrylics and then oils and began commissions for portraits. Maintained a small amount of artwork over the years but now full speed ahead after retiring and can be found at Coastal Art Fests and online at ARTbyMLT.com

I chose the St Johns Missionary Baptist Church because of the location being one if not the oldest black communities as well as some of the first established businesses owned by black entrepreneurs. Additionally the ornate brick work and what I assume is a bell



Artist: Michael Todd



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615 Knight Avenue, Waycross, Ga 31501



Introducing Harley Herrin, an artist whose creative spirit knows no bounds. Hailing from Blackshear, Harley brings a distinctive touch to the world of art.

Harley's expertise spans a range of mediums, from traditional paintings to contemporary floral art. His work often reflects a keen sense of observation, exploring the beauty found in everyday life and the dynamics of human connections.

Beyond the canvas, Harley is known for his involvement in community projects, adding a layer of social consciousness to his artistic endeavors. Join us in celebrating Harley Herrin's unique perspective and contributions at our Black History exhibition..



Artist: Harley Herrin



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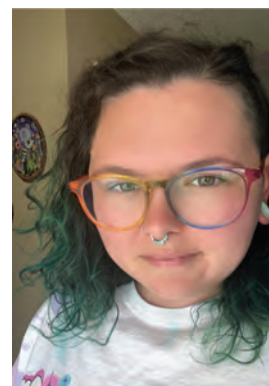
Big Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

1221 Thomas St. Waycross, Ga 31501 - (912)283-7916



Introducing artist LeAnn Sauls, the talented artist hailing from Blackshear, Georgia. A self-taught creative force, LeAnn specializes in crafting bold and vibrant artworks that span various mediums, including acrylics, watercolors, wood-burning, digital art, window painting, murals, and tattooing.

LeAnn inspiration knows no bounds, drawing from pop culture, movies, music, and the beauty of nature. Recently, LeAnn embarked on a new venture, opening Silver Lining Tattoo Gallery in Blackshear, a testament to her passion for both tattooing and the visual arts. Join us in celebrating the diverse talents of LeAnn Sauls.



Artist: LeAnn Sauls



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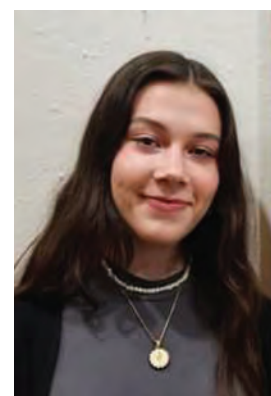
900 Hicks Street, Waycross, Ga 31501



Presenting Meredith Youngblood, a remarkable young artist with a unique approach to her craft. Hailing from Waycross, Meredith's artistic journey is characterized by a commitment to capturing the subtle nuances of the human experience.

As a multifaceted artist, Meredith delves into various mediums, skillfully navigating the realms of painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Her work often explores themes of identity, resilience, and the intersection of cultural influences.

Meredith's artistic endeavors extend beyond the canvas, making her a valued contributor to our Black History exhibition. Join us in appreciating the depth and richness of Meredith Youngblood's art creations thru the pages of this publication.



Artist: Meredith Youngblood



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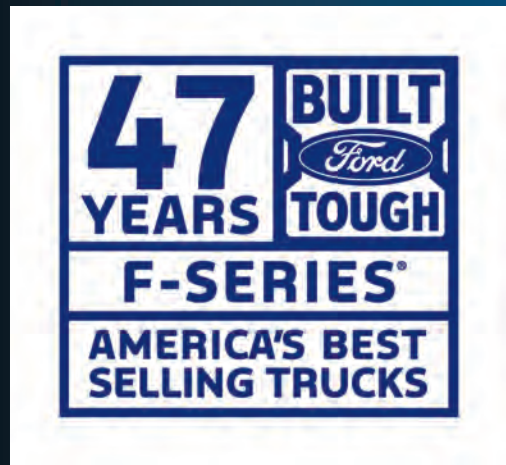
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