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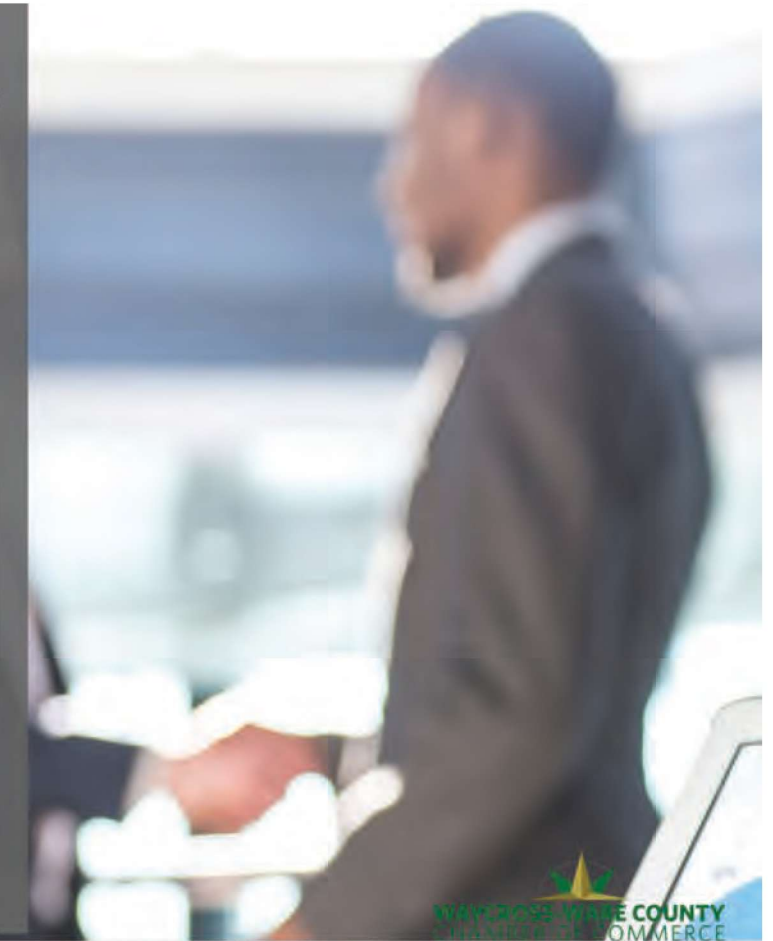
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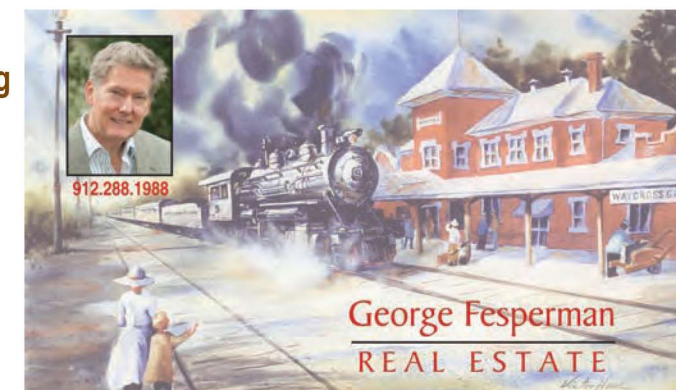
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Congratulations to Waycross native and AJC criminal justice reporter Joshua Sharpe. Josh was one of four journalists honored recently with Livingston Awards. The prestigious awards, now in their 40th year, recognize the best reporting by professional journalists under the age of 35. We are proud of you. Josh's parents were the late Joyce and Randy Sharpe.

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Terry Anderson Honored On Her Satilla Advocacy Career *By Nickie Carter Writer/SAS Board Member*

Terry Anderson's 23 years of dedicated service as director of Satilla Advocacy Services, in assisting perhaps thousands of children and women suffering sexual abuse and assault, was applauded at her retirement reception April 19 at the Railway Train Depot. Words of praise and honor rang in downtown Waycross highlighted by the presentation of a \$5,000 scholarship in her honor to South Georgia State College.

Taylor Hereford representing SGSC praised Mrs. Anderson as he presented her the scholarship, pointing out that an "anonymous donor called attention to her longtime dedicated service to an agency that helps so many victims not only in Ware County but also in five other counties."

In accepting the scholarship honor, Mrs. Anderson commented, "Thanks to all board members, volunteers, and to all those who helped me on my journey to help as I fulfilled my mission for which my God intended for me. I am grateful to all. I am grateful that I made a difference and cared for people in the most traumatic times in their lives."

Over 100 family members, friends, and community partners who have worked closely with Mrs. Anderson and SAS over the last 23 years attended. These included retired Waycross Police Chief Tony Tanner, former SAS board chair; SAS board chair Pam Hart, Magnolia House executive director Michelle Girtman and others. Ms. Girtman spoke about Satilla Advocacy Service's inception and Mrs. Anderson's "tireless service to her community as well as her passion for nursing and helping victims." Included in the audience of praise for Mrs. Anderson were local law enforcement, the Department of Family and Children Services, etc. (Included in praises for the honoree a table for gifts and flowers added to the occasion. Tables with white cloths and flowers were comfortable as everyone enjoyed reception fare.)

New SAS director Tess Aldridge, daughter of former Waycross police chief Tony Tanner and the late Cindy Wade Tanner, was among the supporters and admirers of Mrs. Anderson, commenting, "I am thankful for the opportunity to serve my community in this capacity and will continue to advocate for the betterment of victims and their families."

In accepting her honors and praise, Mrs. Anderson recognized Ginger Peagler, retired educator and volunteer. She pointed out that Ms. Peagler's mother the late Virginia Peagler, a former nursing supervisor at the local hospital, "instilled in me my passion and care for nursing."

Mrs. Anderson began her nursing career working with victims in 1976 at Memorial Hospital in Waycross and in 1996 took the first Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners course offered in the state of Georgia. Friends and family in coming months will see Mrs. Anderson not only enjoying life with her husband Shan Anderson, children, and grandchildren, but she has, she said, "rekindled my love for horses. I love my quarter horse 'Pretty Boy Cash.' I rode horses as a teenager, and now a friend helped me rekindle my love for them." Her two sons Blake Beverly and Corey (Kelli) Beverly, and five grandchildren, will help cheer her on in her pursuit of riding her horse at her home in the Pebble Hill Community of Ware County.



Tess Aldridge Takes Lead at Satilla Advocacy Services *By Nickie Carter Writer/SAS Board Member*

Tess Aldridge, daughter/wife/mother/community and church leader, is the new director of Satilla Advocacy Services--the agency which assists children and women who are victims of sexual abuse and assault. She is not new to the agency which serves six counties, as she worked side-by-side by retiring director Terry Anderson; Tess' position for four years as business manager/human resource director.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to serve my community in this capacity and will continue to advocate for the betterment of victims and their families," Mrs. Aldridge said. "I so appreciate Mrs. Anderson and commend her for her many years of service to this community and area. It was a great honor to congratulate Mrs. Anderson, along with many others at her wonderful retirement reception April 19."

Mrs. Aldridge is the daughter of former Waycross Police Chief Tony Tanner and the late Cindy Wade Tanner. She and her husband Nick Aldridge are parents of two daughters Preslie Aldridge and Addie Reese Aldridge.

A graduate of Ware County High School class of 2000, Mrs. Aldridge earned her bachelor's in business administration in management degree from Georgia Southwestern State University. She and her family worship at Sweat Memorial Baptist Church.

The new SAS director is a member of the Leadership Waycross Class of 2021, serves as secretary of Camellia Garden Club and is a member of the Waycross Service League.

Satilla Advocacy Services is a non-profit organization that began in 1998 and offers rape crisis intervention, forensic medical exams, victim advocacy services, family advocacy services, child advocacy services, legal help and prevention education service.

Also, a 24-hour crisis line is available for victims of sexual assault that offers emotional support, information and referrals. SAS works with local law enforcement, DFACS, the GBI, the FBI and CSEC Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. This is the agency which serves 6 counties; their victims are children & women who have been sexually assaulted. For information call 283-0987.



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Dr. Thigpen is a professor of nursing in the South Georgia State College School of Nursing. The School of Nursing ASN and RN-BSN programs maintain full accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) where Dr. Thigpen currently serves on the Board of Commissioners.

Our grandson Jackson Williams will be going to Truett McConnell University (TMU) on a golf scholarship this fall. He plans to major in Business. Jackson is graduating from Centennial High School in Roswell. He has played golf his four years as a Knight! TMU is in the NAIA Conference (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes) and AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference).

Jackson is the son of Tricia and John Williams. His sister, Kathryn is a cheerleader at Centennial High.

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Cory Baldwin has won a total of 300 games in his 15-year career as a head basketball coach.

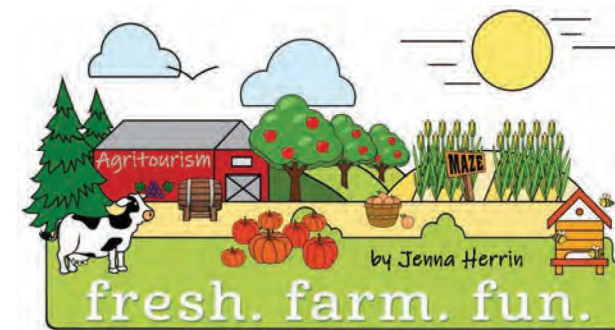


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Benefits of Agritourism by Jenna Herrin

Did you know that only about 13 percent of the average American farmers will actually receive their income from farming? Agritourism is any activity carried out on a farm that allows citizens to experience farm-like experiences. Agritourism also will enable producers to educate others and give them a special experience. Additionally, a certified farmer's market is a certified location where producers sell their own products to the public. Agritourism and certified farmers markets benefit producers and consumers. For example, producers are able to contribute to the economy and make more income. Furthermore, consumers are able to learn about agriculture, can escape from city life, and receive hands-on experience on the farm.

First, agritourism benefits producers by providing another source of income. It also gives producers a way to promote their products for no cost. When producers participate in agritourism, they are receiving income by selling products, giving tours, offering activities, etc. According to "Benefit and Challenges with Agritourism Enterprises," "Agritourism provides an opportunity to generate more income. This will probably not take the place of current agricultural crops, but it can add a new profit center to the current operation."



To explain, agritourism does not eliminate income from the original agriculture product; it adds to it. By participating in agritourism, producers are getting a bonus profit from the extra activities they offer. Some producers benefit from agritourism by being able to promote products at no cost. Based on the passage, "Georgia Agritourism Destinations Showcase State's Agriculture," "Creative farmers open up their homes, their land and their minds to establish new ways to engage the public, promote the industry, and supplement their income." This shows that through agritourism, producers can not only engage their products, but they can engage consumers and lead them to demand more produce. Although

farmers benefit greatly from agritourism, consumers also benefit from agritourism.

Agritourism benefits consumers by providing an escape to a different lifestyle and by providing a hands on educational experience. According to the passage, "Agritourism benefits visitors and growing number of farm hosts," "Agritourism appeals to a largely non-rural population that wants to escape their citified lifestyles." To explain, people who want a break from their city atmosphere, or just their homes, can go to farms that participate in agritourism. This is not only helping people escape reality; it helps people's mental health. Agritourism benefits consumers by providing hands on education. The passage "Georgia Agritourism Destinations Showcase State's Agriculture," states, "While they're here there's lots for them to enjoy, but also a chance for them to learn about different aspects of farming... teachers appreciate the chance for their students to get hands-on experience with agriculture." This shows that kids get education and hands-on experience. Producers and consumers both get separate benefits from agritourism, while they also share benefits.

Agritourism benefits both producers and consumers by providing positive experiences and by providing memorable opportunities. Farmers get to share their way of life with consumers, and consumers get to enjoy the experience of farm life. According to the passage, "Benefit and Challenges with Agritourism Enterprises," "Agritourism demonstrates and showcases how producers protect and care for the land and natural resources." Therefore, through agritourism, producers are able to show consumers what life is like on the farm. The passage, "Agritourism Benefits Visitors and Growing Number of Farm Hosts," "In all parts of the country, touring and sometimes staying overnight at farms ranches, aquaculture enterprises, and such atypical operations as sugarbush farms, appeals to a largely non-rural population." For example, when consumers come to farms, they get a positive experience and get to make memories with their family and friends.

In conclusion, agritourism benefits producers and consumers because it helps producers contribute to the economy and generate more income. It helps consumers learn more about agriculture, and creates an escape from their lifestyle. Agritourism benefits both producers and consumers in many different ways, but some ways are alike. Will you start helping out your local producers by participating in agritourism?

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Jenna won 1st Place in the Farm Bureau Ag Essay Contest! **Congratulations!** Jenna attends Pierce County Middle School.

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Debbie Dean



Brantley County is home to Debbie Dean. She is married and has two children and three grandchildren. Debbie enjoys the outdoors and is appreciative of country life. Some of her favorite outdoor activities include nature walks with her grandchildren, camping, fishing, canoeing, bike riding, and photographing God's beautiful creation. Debbie treasures the time she spends with her family and friends.

Debbie can be reached at debwdean@hotmail.com.



Wood Stork



Little Blue Heron

The family is a true blessing from God!
Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Cor 13:4-7 ESV



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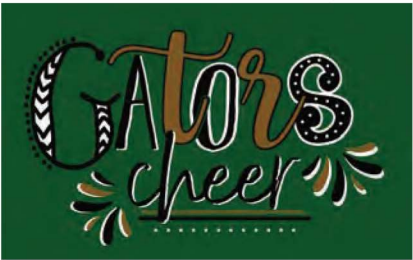
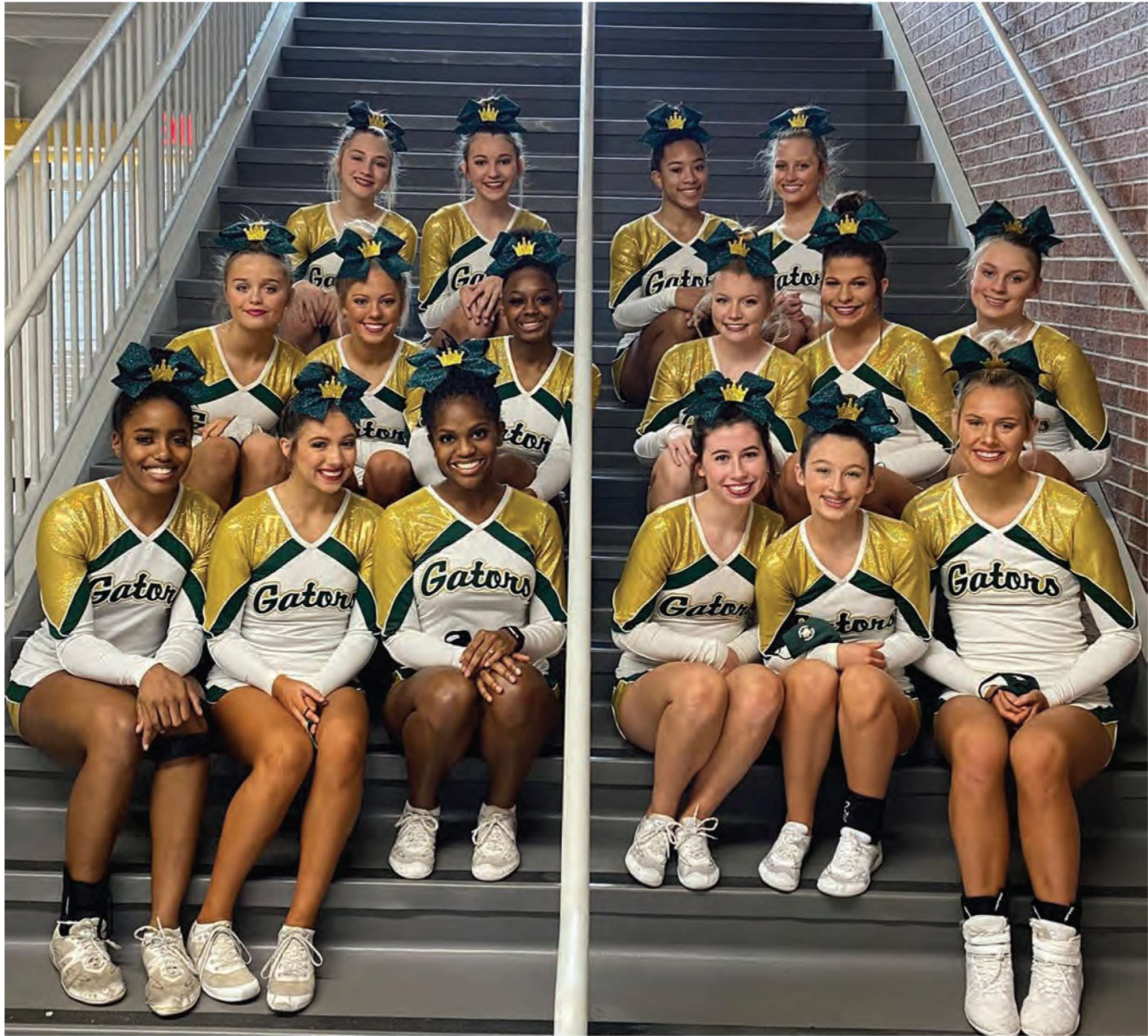


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WCHS Varsity Sideline Cheer Coached by Heather Thomas and Cindy Thrift



WCHS Varsity Competition Squad coached by Breanna Dixon and Brittany Chaney.



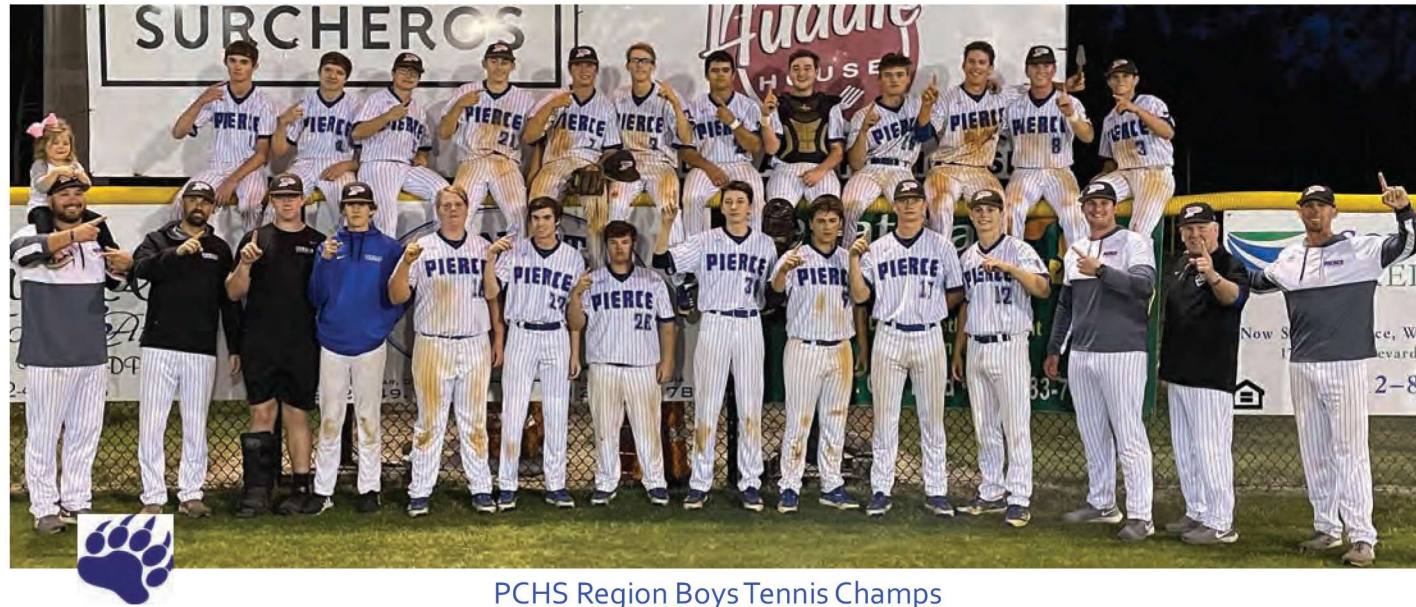
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Congratulations to Maria Sotello for being selected to the Ga Music educators Association All-State Band! This is the highest honor an individual can achieve in band. Maria is one of only two clarinet players selected from south Georgia and attends PCHS.



Congratulations! Maleek Chandel. The 2021 AAA Triple Jump State Champion!



Congratulations to the PCHS Soccer team • Region Champs



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Congratulations! Jones and Jenna Herrin were both recognized as the best overall male and female athlete at Pierce County Middle School. They are in the 8th grade. Jenna was also the scholar female athlete and best offensive soccer player. Jones was named best pitcher on the baseball team. **Congratulations!**

Publisher note, these are two more of our grandchildren.

Congratulations to Coach Maureen Brown for being selected as the Southeast Georgia Middle School conference athletic director of the year!



The FFA Georgia State Convention was held recently. Congratulations to Ella Griner's National Proficiency win in Forest Management Products. The following received State Degrees: Katelynn Carter, Kaylee Cravey, Gracie Davis, Hunter Raulerson, Dawson Johnson, and Jake Davis. The State Degree is a very prestigious award and reflects the hard work and dedication these young people have put into Pierce County FFA. FFA advisers John Ratliff and Seth Prescott are proud of everyone who attended and look forward to bigger things in years to come.



My FFA jacket from the mid 60's. Our ag teacher, Samuel J. Hill was one of my favorite teachers. He taught me how to play and win at checkers. I finally beat him half way through my senior year.



Cast of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers • Waycross Area Community Theater
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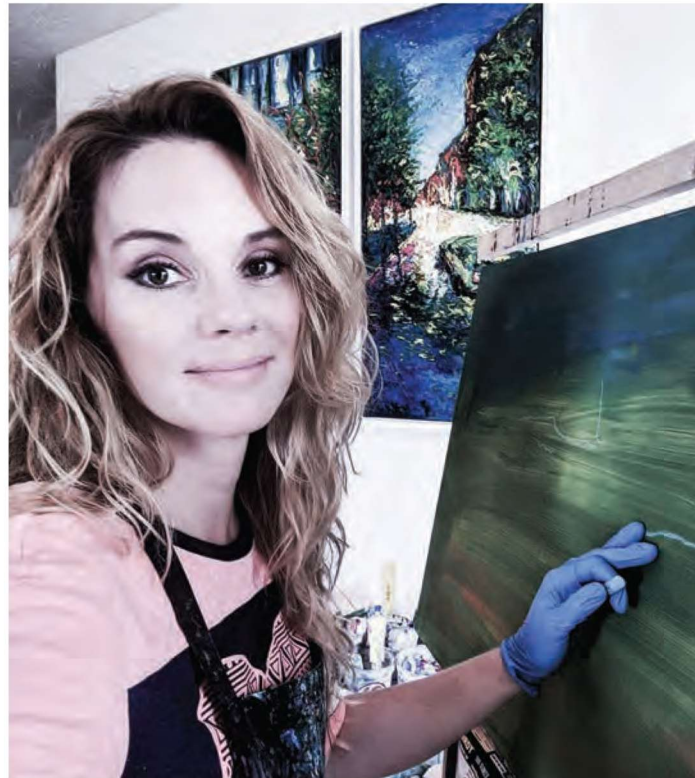


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Amanda WATHEN



Amanda was born in California and raised in Hotsprings, AR. Since childhood, she has painted and began working professionally at age thirteen, hand painting murals on tile for her artist father. Her experience is outstandingly diverse and includes realism, pointillism, impressionism, painting restoration, teaching technique, and art history. Her work has sold internationally and has won her awards, most recently ArtAscent's Distinguished Artist Award.

As an artist, she is most outstanding for her inclination to explore new fields. She has recently been recognized as one of America's foremost experts in the Old Dutch restoration style, a complex methodology that is part art and part chemistry. She has also pioneered new techniques in finger painting, an emerging trend.

She feels that painting directly with fingers is unequivocally the most emotionally expressive medium. "No tool comes between artist and canvas," she says. "A touch painting is a direct picture of the artist's heart. Actually, for a while, I thought about calling it direct painting. It truly is unique in being able to convey so much. The longer you appreciate it, the more it means."

Amanda Wathen creates finger paintings of realistic landscapes and nature scenes. Inspired by this expressive medium, her art can help you add everything from woodsy to tropical vibes to your space.

Amanda's art studio is located in Waycross, GA. To contact her, please email at Amanda@amandawathen.com or visit her website at www.amandawathen.com.



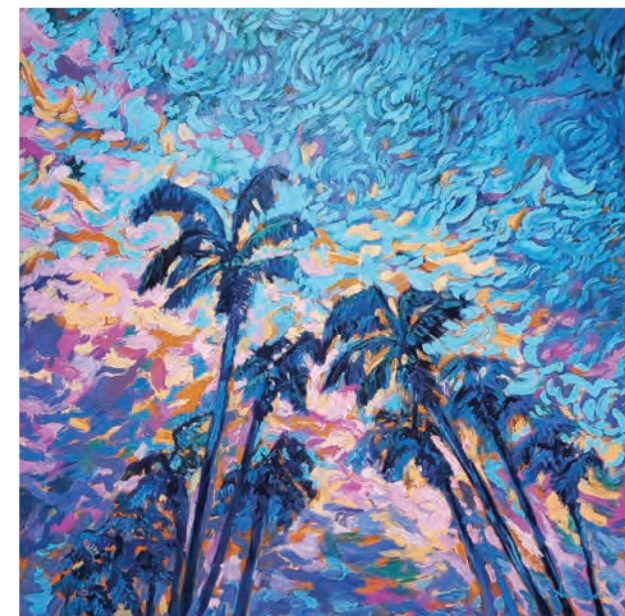
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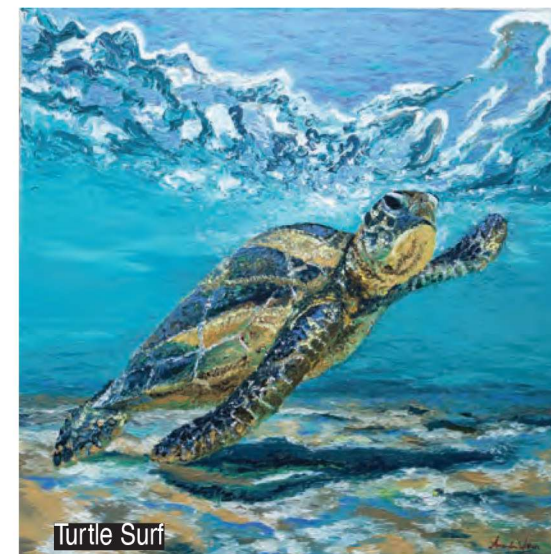
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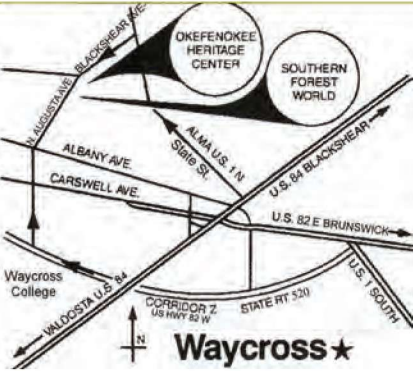


Amanda with her daughter Samantha

Steve Bean Youth Art Show • Okefenokee Heritage Center



Steve



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The Okefenokee Heritage Center is a regional art and history museum located amongst twenty acres of beautiful pine woodlands. Over the past thirty years, it has served the surrounding Okefenokee area by promoting an appreciation of the arts and an increased understanding of this region's history. with its exhibits, programs, and activities.

The museum serves the surrounding Okefenokee area, which includes 8 counties, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce & Ware Counties. We celebrate the many cultures that make up this diverse area through our exhibits and guilds. The OHC houses exhibits on the history and development of our region.

The OHC has always got something happening, from arts guilds, events to Local Fare Markets and displays like this one of a Native American Hoop Dance.



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Steve was the late curator of the Okefenokee Heritage Center.

The art show named in his honor, shows his support to our area young local artists. He always pushed for greatness. Steve's legacy continues to live on.



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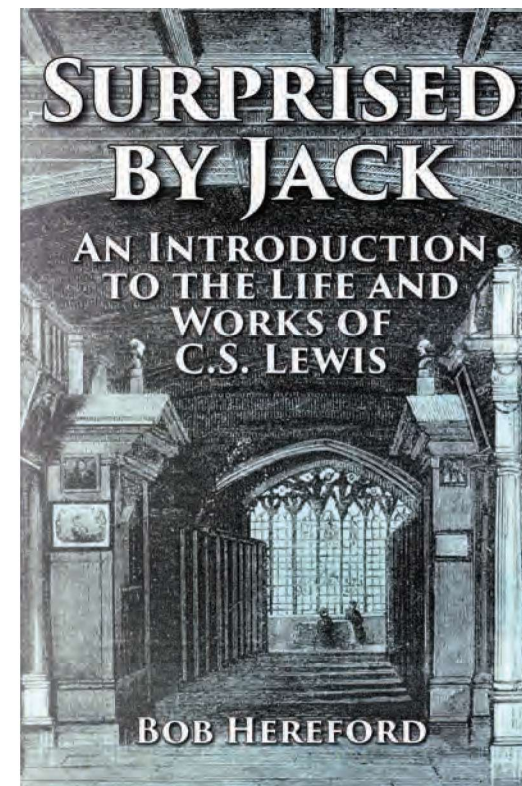
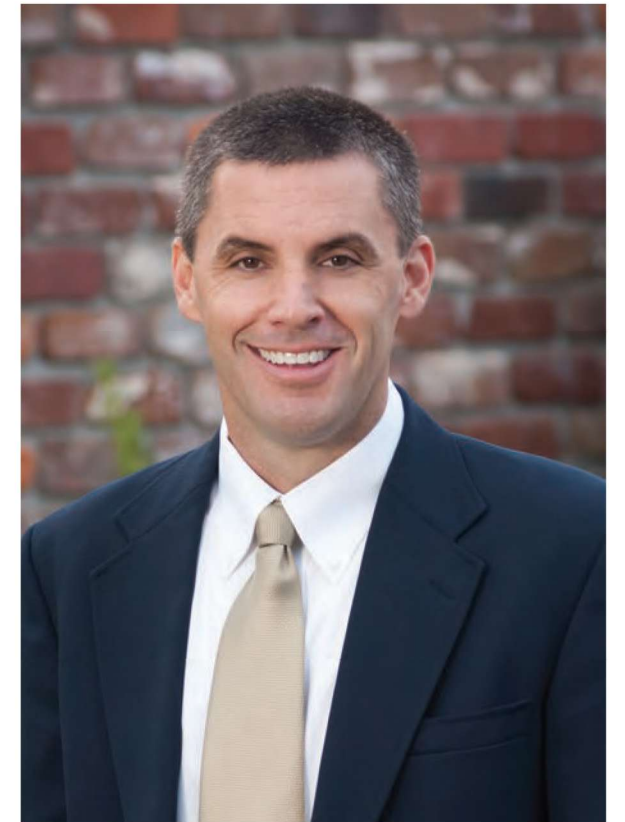
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Surprised by Jack follows the journey of C. S. Lewis from atheism to belief. The book recounts the people, books, and events that helped in molding both parts of his life. It also explains how, in spite of a number of obstacles, he became one of the greatest writers and scholars of his day, as well as the greatest defender of the Christian faith in the twentieth century.

Surprised by Jack also includes an outline and review four of Lewis's greatest apologetic works, *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Abolition of Man*, and *The Weight of Glory*.

In this book, you will learn

- How the death of Lewis's mother at age ten started him on a downward spiral into a world of cruelty and fear.
- How one of Lewis's greatest teachers who prepared him for Oxford was a committed atheist.
- How the pledge to a friend resulted in the care of the friend's mother for the rest of her life after his friend's death in World War I.

- How an exemption from math tests allowed Lewis to enter Oxford.
- How Lewis became the second most recognized voice on the radio during World War II.

- What, according to Lewis, the greatest sin is.
- Why gluttony is more than a sin of excess.
- What the four cardinal virtues are.
- Why Lewis never drove a car.
- What the trilemma is concerning Jesus.
- What will cause "the abolition of man."
- Why the devil wants to keep us from logic and argument.
- What Lewis said is the "weight of glory."

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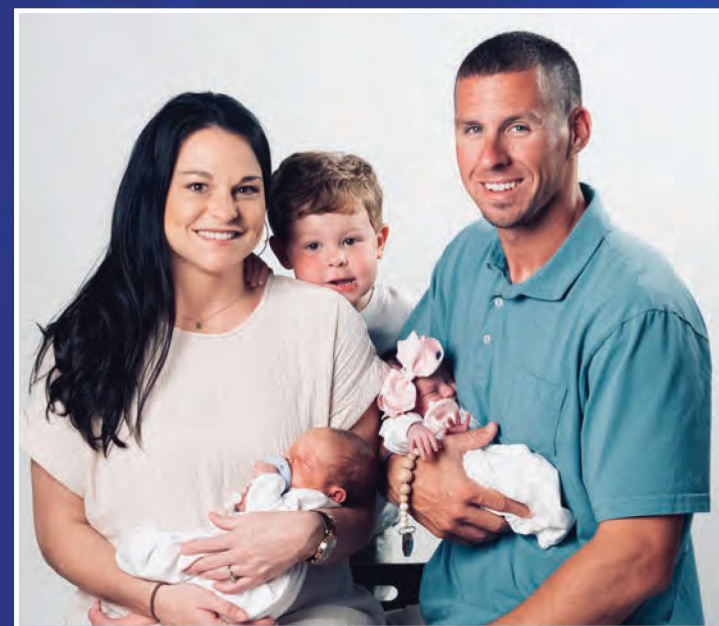
The PCHS Lady Bears basketball team had an incredible season with lots of highlights and accomplishments. They ended their season hosting the Elite 8 round of the AAA state championship. They lost to a very strong Lumpkin County team. They were region 1-AAA champions after defeating their region foe Tattnall County on the road. Numerous players received all-region recognition and Natalie Herrin was also recognized by the Atlanta Journal Constitution as a second-team all-state player. Early in the season, Natalie scored her 1000th point. She is the youngest player to achieve this milestone in Pierce County.

Her sister, Caroline, a freshman at The University of Georgia, holds the highest record for Pierce County for the most rebounds in a single game. Shortly, after the Lady Bears season was over, with three returning starters for Pierce County, the Lady Bears hope next year will mirror this year with perhaps a chance to go even further into the state tournament.



Coach Lacie Evans and her husband Andrew, head PCHS baseball coach, welcomed twins into their family recently. Carsyn & Callen are the twin brother and sister and Case is the older brother at 2.5 years. Congratulations to the Evans family.

Caroline and Natalie are two of our 10 grandchildren. DBC



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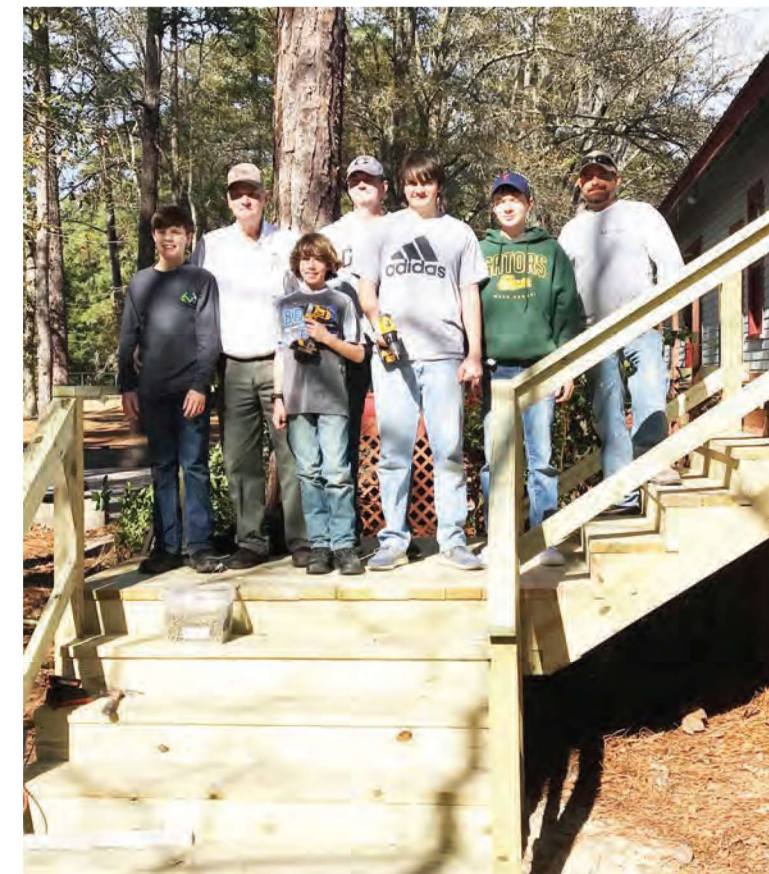
While on Spring break and getting ready for dinner, we ran into friends Chris and Stacy Freeman from Tattnall County. Chris is head coach of the girls' basketball program at Tattnall County High School. He runs a very good program. Stacy works at Southeastern Technical College. Son CJ is 23 years old and a UGA grad. Daughter Krislyn is 20 years old and a sophomore at Ga Southern University.



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Congratulations! The National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Men's Basketball Committee has selected South Georgia State College's Jalen King as a third team NJCAA All-American.



A HUGE Thank you to Boy Scout Blake Brantley for choosing the Okefenokee Heritage Center porch steps as your Eagle Scout Project. These steps will help so many have better access to the depot porch and bathrooms. What a wonderful addition!! And thank you to the other boy scouts and volunteers who assisted Blake with his project.

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The Venue



Self-taught South Georgia-based artist Jorah Blaise Mitchell uses her drive for conservation and wildlife to inspire her creativity. Rooted from a true passion for the natural world, she uses art to share her love with everyone around her. As a child, Jorah spent much of her time wandering the woods with her father and pursuing her creative interests. She enjoys the wonders of the dark, calming water of our Satilla River and watching native wildlife.

The artist has dedicated hundreds of hours working with the Georgia Department of Natural resources (GA DNR), other environmental conservation groups, and as an individual to help preserve our native ecosystems. In 2020 she completed a painting named "Invaders make bad neighbors" that is currently being used by the Aquatic Nuisance Species team as education material though out the state of Georgia.

To accompany her wide range of style, she uses various mediums to create her artwork, including watercolor, oils, acrylics, charcoal, and ink, sometimes one and sometimes a combination of many. Though mainly known for her wildlife and pet portraits, she is also an accomplished muralist with artwork featured in many schools, restaurants, homes, and community centers. "Art is so important. It teaches us confidence. It teaches us to slow down. It teaches us to let go. It teaches us control. It brings people together, and it also helps us express individuality. It teaches us to slow down and enjoy the little things, but it also teaches us to take a step back and view the big picture. Art is invaluable in life and community..."-Jorah. At Sienna Fox Studio, she teaches students the fundamentals of art to students ages 5-70 and above. Prospective students are encouraged to reach out about the group and individual lessons.

Jorah has artwork spanning the globe and welcomes commissions in a wide variety of styles and mediums. Jorah's artwork can be viewed on social media @siennafoxstudio and at jorahblaiseart.life.

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Ware County High School Swim Team



Region Champions



L-R, Lily Grace Watson, Micah Smith, and Mary Rylie Davis.



Ware County High School sophomore, Lily Grace Watson, represented the Ware County Gators Swim Team at the GHSA State Swim Meet on February 3, 2021. Swimmers are allowed to swim two individual events during the GHSA State Swim Meet. Lily qualified and swam in the 50 yd. Freestyle event and the 100 yd. Butterfly event. In the 50 yd. Freestyle event, Lily placed 13th in the state out of all 5A high schools with a time of 26.11 seconds. In the 100 yd. Butterfly event, Lily placed 15th in the state out of all 5A high schools with a time of 1:03.94.

This is the second year that Lily Grace Watson has represented the Gators at the GHSA State Swim Meet. The Gators Swim Team looks forward to what next season will bring with all of their talented swimmers!

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The Ware County High School Swim Team participated in their region meet on Wednesday, January 27. Five teams, Ware County, Wayne County, Coffee County, Veterans, and Warner Robins competed in 22 events during the swim meet. Ware County was represented at the meet by Nealie Corbett, Mary Rylie Davis, Kate Good, Keeli Holloway, Stella Kallay, Hannah Moore, Whitney Moore, Lily Watson, Evan Chaney, Paul Ryan Crawford, Arthur Kallay, Matthew McIntire, & Micah Smith. Swimmers who placed in the top 3 of each event were given medals. The teams who won the most overall points during the meet were awarded a trophy.

In the Boys 200 yard Medley Relay event, the boy's relay team (M. McIntire, E Chaney, M. Smith, & A. Kallay) placed 3rd with a time of 1:57.93. In the Girls 200 yd. Medley Relay event, the girl's relay team (L. Watson, N. Corbett, M. Davis, & S. Kallay) placed 2nd with a time of 2:09.65. In the Boys 200 yd. Freestyle Relay event, the boy's relay team (A. Kallay, M. McIntire, M. Smith, & E. Chaney) placed 3rd overall with a time of 1:46.58. In the Girls 200 yd. Freestyle event, the girl's relay team (K. Good, H. Moore, W. Moore, & M. Davis) placed 2nd overall with a time of 2:09.36.

In the individual events, Paul Ryan Crawford placed 2nd in the Boys 200 yd. Freestyle event (2:21.16) and 2nd in the Boys 500 yd. Freestyle event (6:41.82). Nealie Corbett placed 2nd in the Girls 200 yd. Freestyle event (2:31.67) and 2nd in the Girls 100 yd. Breaststroke event (1:24.65). Stella Kallay placed 3rd in the Girls 200 yd. Freestyle event (2:34.66). Micah Smith placed 2nd in the Boys 100 yd. Butterfly event (1:01.58). Mary Rylie Davis placed 2nd in the Girls 100 yd. Butterfly event (1:08.60). Whitney Moore placed 3rd in the Girls 500 yd. Freestyle event (7:46.15). Evan Chaney placed 2nd in the Boys 100 yd. Breaststroke event (1:08.76).

Ware County High School had several region winners in their respective events. Mary Rylie Davis is the region champion in the Girls 200 yd. Individual Medley event with a time of 2:32.03. Micah Smith is the region champion in the Boys 100 yd. Backstroke event with a time of 1:02.80. Lily Watson is the region champion in the Girls 100 yd. Butterfly event with a time of 1:04.78 and region winner in the Girls 100 yd. Backstroke event with a time of 1:07.04. The Girls 400 yard Freestyle Relay Team (Nalie Corbett, Stella Kallay, Kate Good, & Lily Watson) are the region champions with a time of 4:33.52. Overall, the boy's swim team placed 3rd in the region with a total of 43 points. The girl's swim team placed 2nd in the region with a total of 78 points.

The Gators Swim Team would like to say a huge thank you to all of our sponsors this season. Our sponsors for this season were Sid Halstead State Farm Insurance, Eldridge Hardware, and SE Petroleum.



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Congratulations! Waycross Middle School Girls and Boys are Conference Champions.



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John R
WLAC-AM
Nashville



This guy influenced a whole lot of us baby boomers to go into radio back in the day. Baby Boomers were born between 1946 and 1964. This is the legendary John Richbourg, aka: John R. who did his night show playing blues and R&B on WLAC out of Nashville. As a teen growing up in North Georgia, I could pick up WLAC almost like a local station most evenings, and I listened to John R. regularly. He was a giant among giants. One of his regular clients was Ernie's Record Mart. There is no telling how many records John R sold for them. DBC



City Auditorium 03/17/1962 St. Patrick's Day Dance



We are **Being Kind To** Anesha Lee, a Parapro in the Gateway Curriculum at Pierce County Middle Schools. She also helps to take up tickets at school events.

Satilla Faith Channel 2 & 15



Congratulations to Scott Raulerson on his promotion from Firefighter to Driver/Engineer.

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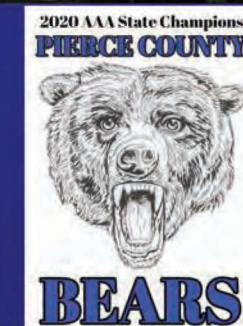
State of Georgia 2020 AAA Football Champions



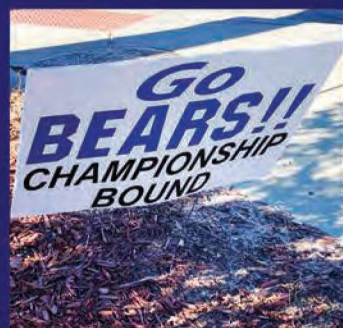
Pierce County beat Oconee County 13-7 in overtime to claim the Class 3A championship back in late December 2020. Pierce County High School opened in 1981 with a merger of Blackshear and Patterson high schools, and football had been played in the county without a championship since 1919, when Blackshear High played its first recorded game. Congratulations *BEARS*!



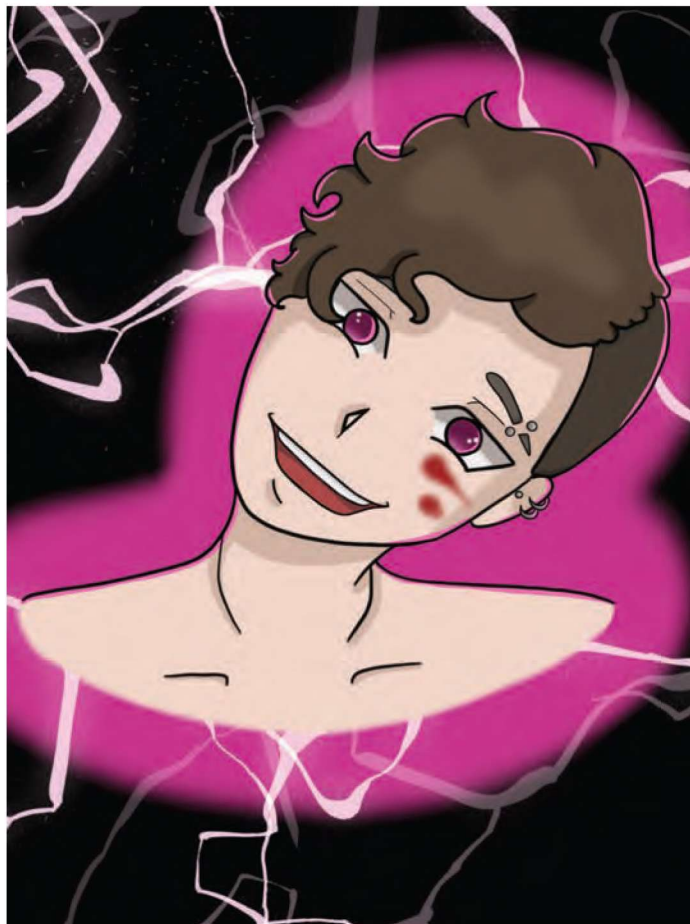
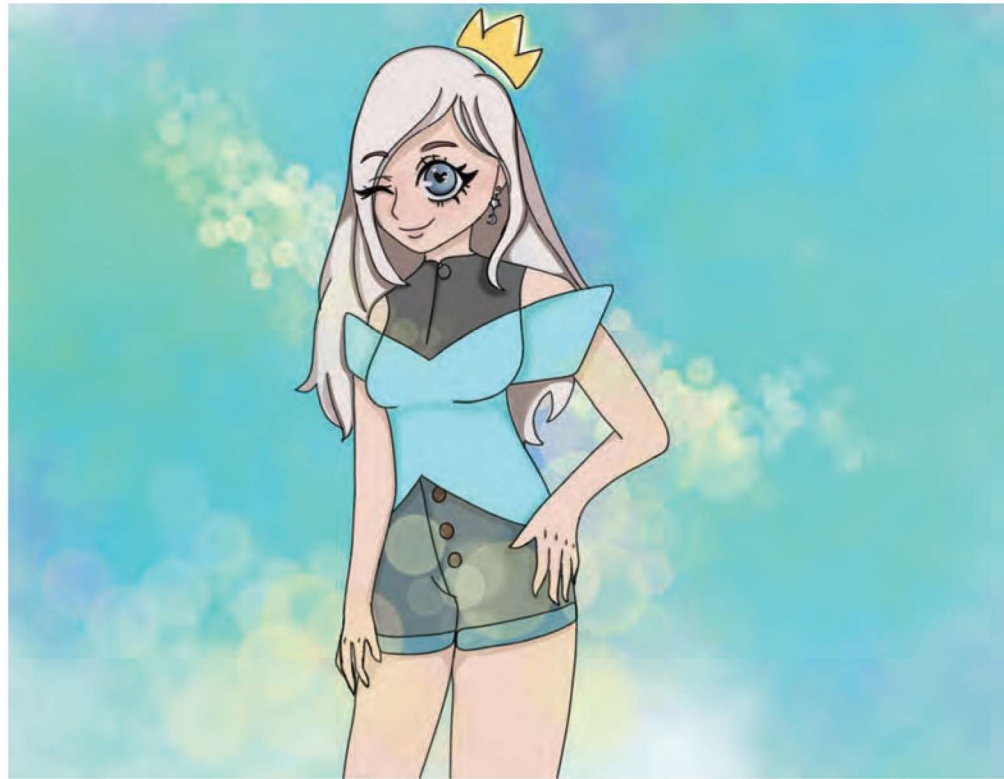
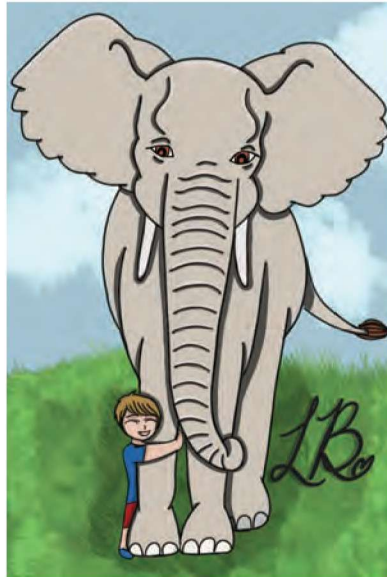
Jesus, Family
and Football



Artwork by
Austin Moore



Amazing Art by Lori Bell!



You often hear the stories of how young artists begin their careers, drawing from a young age, having unreal talent realized on whatever medium they take up; Lori Bell is no different. At only 13 years old, she surpasses the artistic achievements of many people decades older than her.

Lori started drawing the minute she could pick up a pencil, taking after her mother, also an artist. At first, animals and familiar characters like SpongeBob or little girls doing fun things like catching butterflies. Now Lori spends her time creating entire backstories behind her characters. Each has a life of its own. In her spare time, when she wants to make some extra money to buy a new video game or art supplies, she takes in commissions, charging only \$15 for an original piece of art. Lori has paid for many of her extra "wants" by using her artistic skills to pay for them.

However, Lori is not just an artist; In December of 2020, as an 8th grader, she was also chosen to receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for her academic achievements. Lori is an accomplished vocalist and author also. At the age of 7, she had a book published on Amazon Kindle called *Robots Robots at My School*, about a little girl and her love of her new classmate. She loves reading Manga and Webtoons and gains inspiration for her artwork through her love of music.

Look out, world; this girl is going places! Her future is bright! You might see her working as a Forensic Psychologist for the FBI, our next American Idol, or as the next hot Anime artist, no one knows. But there is no doubt she'll be a success at whatever she does.



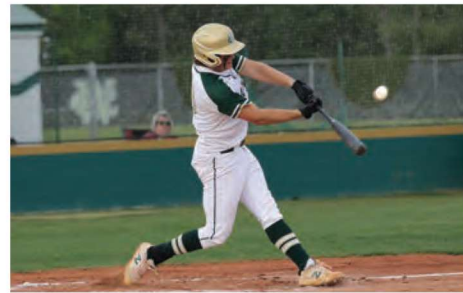
Ware County Middle School Conference Track Champions



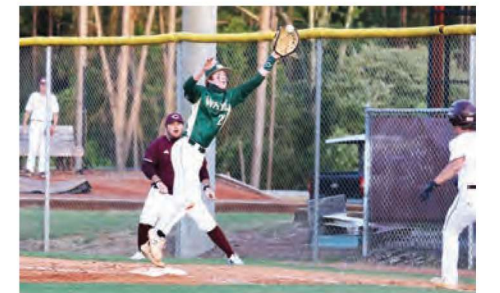
Congratulations to the Crown Jewel of the WCHS Rifle Team.

Laci Jewell has so many accomplishments to be proud of during her past five years on the Ware County Rifle Team!

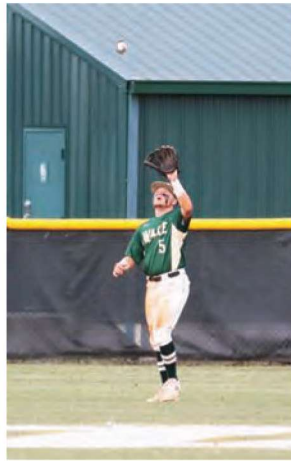
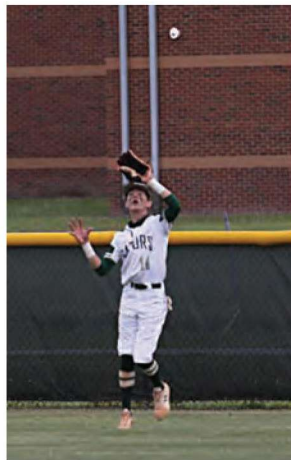
She will be in the Georgia National Guard and attend University of North Georgia in Dahlonega. Laci, we wish you well!



Congratulations! Ware County Rifle Team



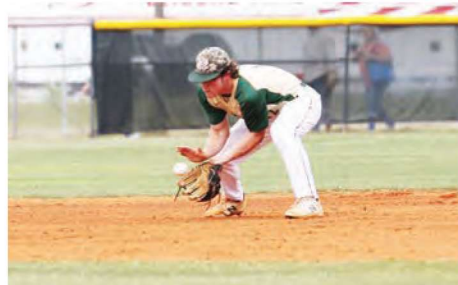
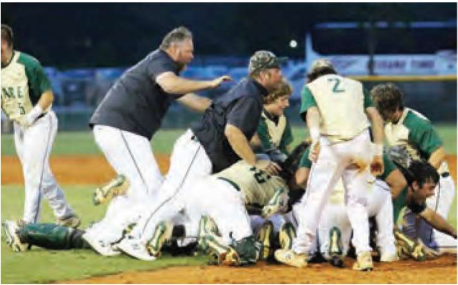
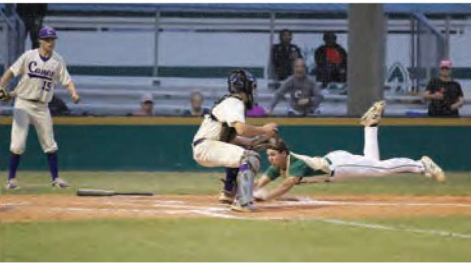
WCHS Men's Soccer Team



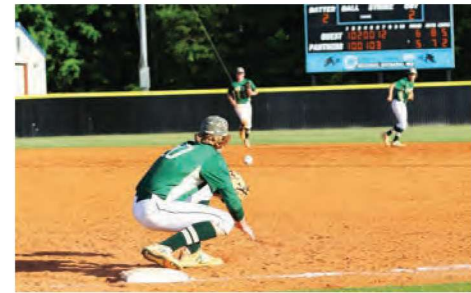
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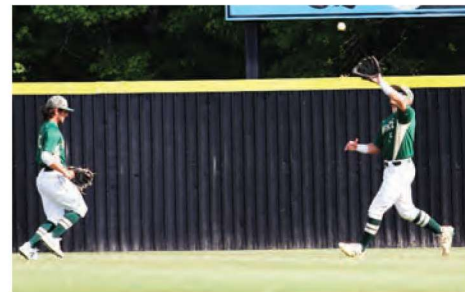
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A smiling face. Erica Brown always has one as she takes up tickets at Jeff Davis HS basketball games.

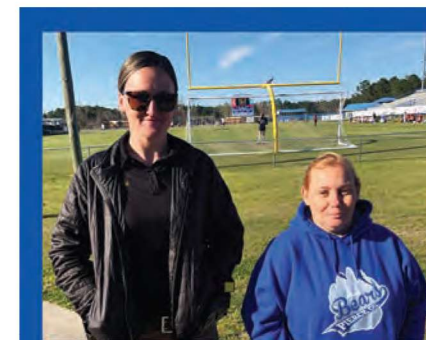


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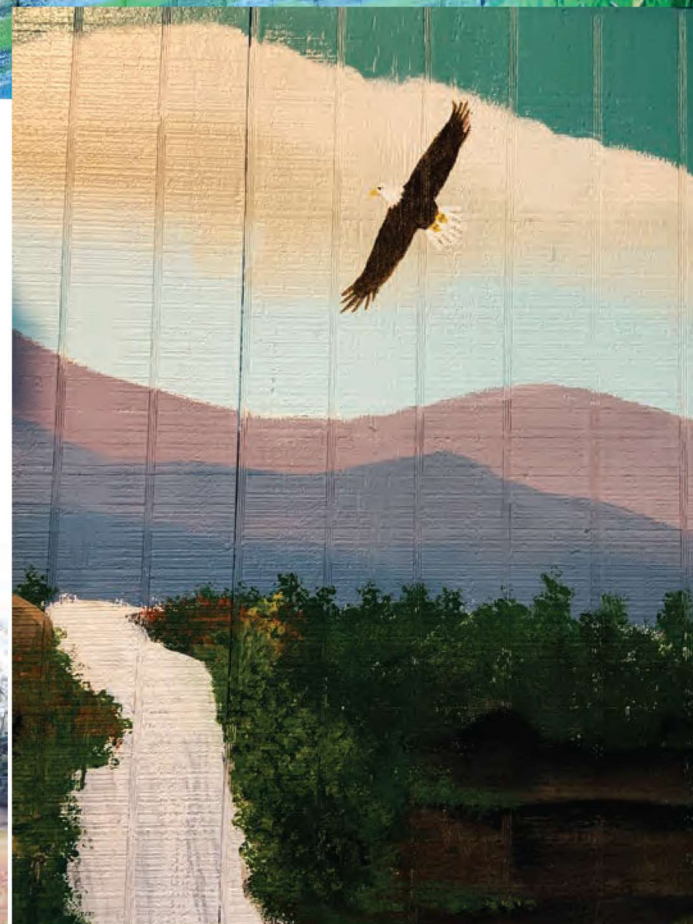
Congratulations Brittney Weingard
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Southern Forest World



Above: Front row:
Jase Bruner, and
Ethan Bruner. Back
row: Michelle Corbet,
and Leslie Ranew.



Southern Forest World started working on a new exhibit in 2015, and on February 18, 2021, they had the Grand Opening and the ribbon cutting of the Bird House. Dr. Rita Arnold was the project manager, helping to design the building, getting the workers, and finding donations to build this. Lee Hardware has donated several things for the project.

The Bird House has room to teach about birds. A program is available to learn what the birds look like, where to find them, and the sounds they make. The walls have a mural of the different regions of Georgia and birds painted by the Morris Family. The floor covering was put down by Ms. Connie Tyre.

They have a ramp so that the Bird House is assessable by everyone. Once you leave the Bird House, you can go across a motion bridge or walk around on the platform. There are three ways to exit the Bird House the ramp, regular stairs, or the slide.

Admission for Adults is \$5, Seniors and Students \$4, Children 4 and under free. Memberships are also available.

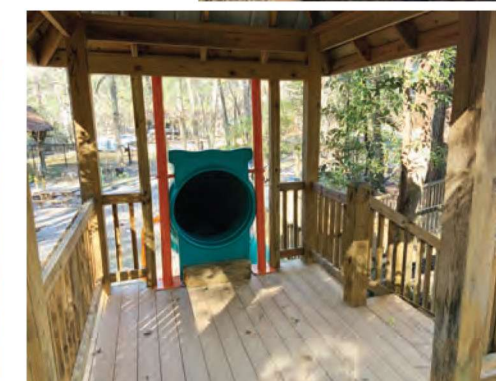
Southern Forest World is open Tuesday thru Friday from 9 am till 2 pm, and Saturday from 10 am till 3 pm, and the location is at 1440 N Augusta Ave., Waycross, GA 31503. Their phone number is 912-285-4056, their email address is southernforestworld@gmail.com, and their web page address is www.southernforestworld.com.



S F W Executive Director Bertha Dixon



Above: Barry Deas, Jerry Morris,
Pogo (Millie Price), and Patricia
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Ronasche' Fluker – Most Positive Girls Track & Field Athlete for the SE GA Region. **Congratulations!** Shown with track coach Alesia Gibson.

Manav Patel, a senior at Ware County High School, was one of four students recently selected as a recipient of the Julian and Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship. The \$1,000, state-wide scholarship is sponsored by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA) and is funded by CBA and its membership. Patel was also selected as the recipient of the \$500 Waycross Bank & Trust Julian and Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship.

After being selected as the recipient of the local WB&T scholarship, Patel was recommended for consideration of the larger state scholarship by Russell Bates, President & CEO, Waycross Bank & Trust. All applications for the scholarship were submitted through a CBA member community bank. Shown (l) is Trey Shields from WB&T.

The scholarship is named for the late Jan Hester, daughter of Lalia and the late Julian Hester, long-time CEO of the CBA. The scholarship program began in 1990 and is based on merit. To compete, students must write a short essay on the characteristics of a community bank and the continuing benefits they offer to their home communities. In addition to supporting community banking, this scholarship is an opportunity to pass on the positive qualities both Julian & Jan Hester exemplified to further the development of tomorrow's generations.

"CBA is proud of these students, and we wish them well as they continue to further their education," stated John McNair, President & CEO of CBA. "Each winner demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and community service. This was no easy task for the judges, who took their responsibility very seriously. The quality of applications was extraordinary with students who excelled in academics, athletics, community involvement, and more – really an impressive group of high school seniors."

The panel of judges included Dr. Marguerite Brickman, University of Georgia, Athens; Trudy Eller, American Commerce Bank, Bremen; Drew Kessler, Genesys Technology Group, Norcross; Chantaria Mack, STS Group, Atlanta; and Kyle Ray, First Bank of Dalton.

Mr. Patel will graduate from Ware County High School in May 2021 and is ranked first in his graduating class of 346 students. With an impressive academic resume, he demonstrated not only rigorous coursework but also his ability to balance school with extracurricular activities. Patel is the Chairman of the Waycross Bank & Trust Junior Board of Directors, a Section Leader in the Golden Gator Marching Band, a title he has held since August 2017, is the sitting Vice President of Future Business Leaders of America, BETA Club President, and is a Model UN Captain. Patel is looking forward to attending Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall.



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Mural on the side of the old Harvey's building on Carswell Avenue, now Action Pact. The mural was painted by Lee Mobley of Douglas.



Captain Roger Smith retiring after 31 years of dedicated service.



Congratulations! The South Georgia State College Hawks defeated East Georgia State College to capture their second Georgia Collegiate Athletic Assn (GCAA) Conference Tournament Championship. The Hawks made it to the Sweet 16 of the NJCAA national tournament.



Photo by Taylor Hereford



My second job in radio was at WWGS in Tifton. I was on the air from

7 pm to midnight, six nights a week. Chuck Buell (I) and Kris Erik Stevens were on the air at WLS in Chicago/ Chuck from 6 to 10 pm and Kris from 10 pm to 2 am. Both were very good DJs. in the wintertime, when it got dark early, I would listen to Chuck before going on the air. Most of the time I could pick up WLS at night. Many nights after my shift ended, I would sit in the New Dorm parking lot at ABAC and listen to Kris for a couple of hours. They both gave me much inspiration. They could speak many words in a minute and I was limited to just a few because of my slow Southern drawl. This Was In The Late 60's.

Bishop Henry Louttit, Jr.

June 13, 1938 – December 31, 2020 Bishop Louttit served as the ninth Bishop of Georgia. He was the 901st bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA). To me, Bishop Louttit was a great man. The church has already missed him. DC



Lance



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Congratulations to Lance Card, John McFarland, and Jay Rylee on their recent promotions with the WFD.



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