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### BOE INTERVIEWS

The Dooly County Board of Education announces that it will be interviewing 10 to 12 finalists between Mar. 8 and 22 for the High School Football Coaching position. The Selection of Finalists with three to five selected will take place Mar. 15-22. A Community Meeting will be held Mar. 25 at 6 p.m. in the DCHS Gym with Final Interviews for the finalists to be held Mar. 29-Apr. 2. The week of Apr. 5 through Apr. 9, The Job will be offered to the new head Coach and will be officially recommended to the entire Board of Education for hire at the regularly scheduled BOE meeting April 15.



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Georgia State Patrol, Dooly County Sheriff's Department, Vienna Police and Volunteer Fire Department, Unadilla Fire/Rescue, Dooly County EMS and EMA and Forestry Department personnel from the county attended the annual public safety recognition dinner Mar. 4.

## Public safety officials recognized at Annual Dinner

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Law Enforcement, Firefighters and Emergency Management Agency officials from around the county were saluted at the Annual Public Safety Recognition Dinner Mar. 4 at the Unadilla First United Methodist Church.

Reverend Don Combs of Unadilla First United Methodist Church gave the Invocation. The Dooly County Chamber of Commerce would also like to extend special thanks to him for all the hard work that he did preparing

the room for the event.

Dooly County Chamber of Commerce Chairperson Stephanie Langley quoted Walter Whitman at the occasion saying, "He was born in 1889 and was a Pulitzer Prize winning writer in 1958 and 1962 of his syndicated newspaper columns. His quote was 'He has honor if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct that was inconvenient, unprofitable or dangerous to do so.' The end part, dangerous to do so, fits all of you and I know the inconvenient part fits all of you because I'm sure there have times that you were sitting

there with your family and you've had to jump up and leave. I don't have to do that. When I get home, I can always sit down with my family and eat a meal; enjoy it and not have to worry about someone paging me to go help out the other 13,000 people that live in Dooly County. You guys have earned the honor that you're getting tonight. We thank you for what you do and another quote this one from Dr. Seuss said, 'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's just not.

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## Concert scheduled for Pig Jig Site

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Dooly County Chamber of Commerce Staff and Tourism Director Mike Roper reported that Colt Ford, a country music rapper would be appearing at the Big Pig Jig site in concert Friday, Apr. 23 at 8 p.m.

The announcement was made at the monthly Chamber Board of Director's meeting at Marise's Country Cooking Mar. 10.

Roper said that the concert promoters would be providing security, the advertising and ticket sales.

Chairperson Stephanie Langley added, "We are working with a local entrepreneur that would like to host a concert series at the BIG PIG JIG site. We are very excited about exploring alternate uses for the site throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for Vienna and Dooly County

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## Area farmers eligible for assistance

Special to the Observer

Dooly County has been approved for the Emergency Conservation Program due to excessive rain and flooding occurring since September 2009. This flooding has caused severe damage to fields and conservation structures throughout the county. Farms suffering severe damage may be eligible for ECP assistance if the damage will be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive AG use, it is unusual and is not the type of damage that would recur frequently, it will affect the productivity and will impair and or endanger the land. Cost-share may be received for grading, shaping or re-leveling severely damaged farm land and restoring conservation structures.

The sign up process is currently underway and will end on Apr. 15, 2010. Producers must sign up at the Dooly County Farm Service Agency Office located at 1150 Industrial Drive, Suite 201, Vienna, GA before starting the practice so that NRCS may make a needs determination which may include cubic yards of earth moving required for rehabilitation.

## Child passenger safety class taught locally

Special to the Observer

Dooly County is once again a recipient of a Mini Grant that provides car seats and safety knowledge for eligible participants thanks to a partnership between Dooly Family Connection and the Health Department.

Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician-Kisha Burwell attended a four day training class to receive certification. The training also included a car seat safety check.

CPS technicians and instructors put their knowledge to work through a variety of activities, including child safety seat checks where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems and safety belts.

Sharon Conrad came by to assist with the first class and is Program Manager of the Injury Prevention Program that is part of the Georgia Department of Community Health Division



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Program Manager Sharon Conrad visited the Family Resource Center recently to assist a group of Dooly County Parents with the first car safety seat class. Conrad is with the Injury Prevention Program of the Ga. Dept. of Community Health Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response. Also pictured is Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician-Kisha Burwell who attended a four-day training class to receive certification.

of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

At this time, classes are scheduled through

the Dooly County Health Department.

The actual class is held at the Dooly Family Resource

Center. Please contact the Health Department at 268-4726 if you are interested in signing up for a class.

## City of Unadilla to hold hearings to change ordinances

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City Administrator Perry Ivie reported at the regular meeting of the Unadilla City Council Mar. 9 that there will need to be required hearings that will be held Apr. 6 at 6 p.m. before four ordinances on the books can be amended.

Ivie said that the Unpaid Utility Bills amended regulations would put the responsibility on the property owners if the renter does not pay their bills. The new code will state that an, "Account delinquent after 5

p.m. on the 25th of the second month shall be terminated and the account closed using the deposit toward the unpaid bill. The excess of any will be refunded. If service is to be continued, the customer will be required to open a new account and the fee will be doubled the original fee plus any amount not covered by the first deposit." The council approved the changes. The Alcohol License revisions read that a "Licensee shall be of legal age and shall also be a resident of the County or designate a resident of the County who shall

be responsible for any matter relating to the license." The other two hearings will be necessary for the amended Mobile Home Ordinance, "That Mobile homes manufactured more than 12 years ago will undergo an inspection before being permitted in to the city," as well as the First Reading of the revised Property Maintenance Ordinance regulating dwellings, buildings and structures that are deemed dangerous, could cause injury or are possibly a detriment to human health.

The City Administrator also com-

mented that Mayor Charles West, an official with ESG and himself traveled to Macon last week and had a meeting with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) officials to discuss the recent consent order that was received by the City of Unadilla.

Ivie stated that the EPD is going to give the City a chance to come up with a "game plan" and then will re-evaluate the \$11,600 fine that could possibly be reduced. EPD will be sending another letter to the City of

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