

BOARD

Information about the donorschoose.org program was provided by a local teacher who has obtained free classroom resources, including from international sources. Professional development for board government training will be available in March. The system's school nurse has created a visual aid for parents with sick children which should help them determine when to send children to school or retain them at home when sick.

Faletta Acoff, Charlie Bennett, Gene Culpepper, Donna Earp, Stephanie Giddens, Tony Giddens, Buffy Holbrook, Brian Hunt, Serena Moore,

Jerry Mullis, Cheryl Powell, Sylvia Ragan, Anita Watson, Bill Wiggins were approved for personnel or contracted services. Ronnie Foster and Kurt Williams were approved new hires for Special Education Paraprofessional and Head Football Coach, respectively.

Tracy Danielson, Elizabeth DiGiammarino, Ankeria Foster, Mechille Grant, Kari Hand, Ricki Hardy, Morris Lane, Kimberly Mallick, Tonya Mathis, Payla Parrish, Marquita Reid, Kesha Scott and Carmen Zeigler were approved as substitute teachers. Delenda Metts, LCHS registrar was approved for retirement on June 30, 2018. School Resource

Officer Tim Harrison's resignation was approved for February 15.

Assistant Superintendent

Charlie Bennett presented a preliminary monthly financial statement before the meeting was adjourned.

From Front

INVASION

From Front

said. "The victim's family members subdued (the juvenile offender) and held him until law enforcement officers got there."

Officers took the juvenile into custody on charges of home invasion, armed robbery, and aggravated assault. The victim did not appear to suffer serious injuries.

The offender was being held at the Waycross Regional

Youth Detention Center and was awaiting sentencing. The juvenile has had prior brushes with the law, according to Chief Slusher.

The chief said the fake pistol appeared very realistic to the victim. He noted that he currently has a confiscated pellet pistol in his office that resembles a .357 Magnum handgun and even has fake cartridges in it.

Good News

By Vic Dove

Intercession

"I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2: 1-4

The term intercession literally means to come between. When used in the context of prayer, as it is here, it takes on a special meaning. To intercede is to stand between God and someone else. It is to represent another person's concern to God, to pray on behalf of someone other than yourself.

All of us have had the frustrating experience of praying for others and seeing no results. Often, the problem is that we are not aware of what the Bible teaches about praying for others. According to Scripture, we need to follow some guidelines when we intercede for others.

First, true intercessory prayer is driven by genuine love and concern for the one about whom we are interceding. Prayer motivated by anything else generally does not last long. Sometimes, we will be the only ones standing in the gap in a situation. When this happens, we must stay involved in the process. Therefore, it is equally critical that we are driven with the right motivation, one that will keep us on our knees until the answer comes.

We must be able to identify in some way with the needs of the one for whom we are interceding. We know how the person feels. It is not unusual for the emotions we felt in the past to resurface. In those situations, we are able to pray with genuine compassion- a necessity for real intercessory prayer.

Second, when we intercede for others, we must persevere. Once we begin interceding for someone, we must not give up. We are to stick with it until either our prayer is answered or the burden is lifted. This can be costly, and often the biggest cost is time. Time is the most valuable thing we have. There is no way to gain more. To intercede is to invest our most valuable commodity- our time.

Third, we must be willing to be part of the answer. When interceding, we must remain open to the possibility of being used by God in a role other than intercessor. If we are not willing to be used to answer our own prayers, we are not fully cooperating with God.

Ask God to show you three people He wants you to pray for; three people who have burdens, heartaches, or specific needs. Tell God you are willing to be part of the answer. Then ask Him to share their burden with you. Ask God for a genuine spirit of compassion and love for these three. Tell Him you want Him to teach you how to pray and intercede on their behalf.

Bulletin Board

LANIER DEMOCRATS MEETING

Lanier Democrats meet Thursday, February 15 at 6 p.m., Grand Jury Room, Courthouse. All Committee Members and volunteers are asked to attend and bring your friends or neighbors with you. The meeting is about an hour. Lanier County citizens Interested in our Party and/or activities are welcome.

At this meeting, we will be planning upcoming events and engaging in lively discussions! This year will be a critical one for Georgia with very important elections for state and federal offices. As a reminder: If you have not voted in the last two General elections, you may need to re-register as the Voter roles are purged regularly. If you have questions or need more information please call 229-460-0816 or 229-224-2533.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Lakeland-Lanier Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Dinner, has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 15. New Lanier County School Superintendent Scotty Hattaway will speak. It is sponsored by SGMCC Lanier Campus, and will be held at the Threatte Center, 99 E. Burnt Church Rd./ 209 US-221. Contact the Lakeland-Lanier Chamber of Commerce for more information. Reception 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Chamber and through their web site at www.lakelandchamber.org.

ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM AT NEW PROSPECT MISSIONARY CHURCH

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, We at the Youth Department of the New Prospect Missionary Church, 598 US Hwy. 84 East, Stockton, Ga. invites each of you to come and share with us our Annual Black History Program Saturday, February 17 at 6 p.m. sponsored by the youth department. Our topic this year is "The Legacy Lives On". Our main guest speaker will be Brother Ernest Brown with our various presenters.

We also invite you to worship with us at anytime on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month beginning with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Morning Worship service at 11 a.m. Please join us. We plan on having a great time in the name of the Lord.

If you need more information please call our Youth Department President Sister Juanita R. George at 229-259-0561, Vice President Sister Gwen Sirmans at 229-259-9396 or Recording Secretary Sister Angela C. Riley at 229-251-7226.

Submissions: The deadline for all submissions is noon on Tuesday. Submissions received after this time will be held until the following week's issue. For more information, please call us at 229-482-8230 or 229-896-2233.

NEWS & UPDATES FROM THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Jason Shaw
GA State Representative

The House kicked off the fifth week of the 2018 legislative session on Monday, February 5, and has only a few weeks left until "Cross Over Day".

We began the week by passing the amended version of the 2018 budget focusing on required growth in education, healthcare, and human services, and also providing targeted funding for key initiatives.

Tuesday was Girl Scout Day at the state Capitol. The Girl Scouts were founded in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low. Ms. Low broke conventions of the time by reaching across class, culture, and ethnic boundaries to ensure that all girls had a place to grow and develop their talents and leadership skills. It was exciting to see all the girls enjoying the Capitol.

Also Tuesday was Firefighters Recognition Day at the state Capitol. There are 900 fire departments across the state with more than 300,000 firefighters who dedicate their lives to saving citizens and their property. These individuals play an important role in maintaining firefighting standards and educating the public on fire prevention and suppression methods.

I hope you will read all about our week in my "Week

in Review'.

I am honored to serve you as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation & Infrastructure, I also serve as a member on Economic Development & Tourism, Industry & Labor, Insurance, Game, Fish & Parks, and Small Business Development Committees.

I want you to know you are always welcome to visit me at my capitol office, which is located at 218-B in the Capitol building. You may also call my Capitol office at 404-656-7153, or I can be reached via email.

I welcome you to reach out to me and share your thoughts and opinions as the legislative session progresses. I hope you will take the opportunity to review my updates to stay informed on legislative matters that affect our district and state. You can also keep up through my Facebook page.

You can also stay in touch by visiting our website at www.house.ga.gov to watch a live stream of the House in action, as well as archived committee meetings, and review legislation that we are considering.

Week In Review

Funding for education and related initiatives:

- \$102.1 million for enrollment growth for 7,515 additional students, as well as for charter system grants and

State Commission Charter School supplements

- \$15.5 million to purchase 200 new school buses for school systems statewide

- \$400,000 to establish a leadership academy for principals across the state

- \$10.7 million to meet the needs of 4,720 new Dual Enrollment students

- \$10 million for the Board of Regents to cover the growing cost of graduate-level medical education at Augusta University

- \$8.1 million in lottery funds to keep up with the growing demand for HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships

- \$75,000 to plan for the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovations, as recommended by the RDC

Health and human services:

- \$1 million to fund an electronic visit verification system for home and community-based services

- Initiatives for children diagnosed with autism, including \$1.25 million for crisis services

- \$1.1 million to develop capacity for behavioral health services

- \$128,292 in existing funds for telehealth services

- Funding for a program coordinator position in the Department of Community Health and for a program support coordinator in the Department of Public Health to provide behavioral health

services to children under 21 who are diagnosed with autism

- \$15.1 million for out-of-home care growth for the rising number of children in Georgia's foster care system, which has doubled since 2009

- \$100,000 for a statewide medical fair to recruit employees in rural areas

- \$75,000 for the Office of Rural Health to identify a postsecondary institution within our state to house the Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability

- \$1 million for more behavioral health crisis stabilization beds

There are several other important appropriations in the 2018 amended budget to meet a variety of critical needs across our state.

- \$10 million to the One-Georgia Authority to fund beach nourishment projects in communities that were impacted by Hurricane Irma

- \$10 million to replenish Gov. Deal's emergency fund

- \$3 million to purchase equipment to prevent and combat wildfires

- \$25.2 million to lengthen rural runways to accommodate larger aircrafts in an effort to increase economic development and investment in the Georgia's rural communities

- \$5 million for the Crimi-

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Lakeland Police Incident Reports

Disorderly house

At about 10:20 p.m. Feb. 11, officers were dispatched to a West Howell Drive residence concerning a verbal

dispute. The case was cleared by arrests for keeping a disorderly house. The report lists Dean Dewayne Brown and Billy Ann Powell as the offenders.

Thefts

At about 9:34 p.m. Feb. 11, an officer was dispatched to a Pine Breeze Court residence in reference to a theft (items from vehicle). A police scanner was stolen. The case was under investigation at last report.

Property damage

On Feb. 7, an officer was dispatched to an East Darsey Avenue address concerning damage to property, a 2002 Ford F-150 pickup truck.

Juvenile complaint

At about 5:11 p.m. Feb. 7, an officer received a call through dispatch in reference to a juvenile shooting a BB gun towards houses.

Lakeland/Lanier County Fire Calls

Feb. 6 - Fire units were called to check a controlled burn on Cross Creek Road.

Units arrived to find a large pile of debris burning. A neighbor across the road was worried about hot embers that were falling in his yard.

The Georgia Forestry Commission was called to give advise on the situation. Georgia Forestry advised that with the high humidity, the possibility of the embers

starting another fire was low.

The fire was left burning and the scene was left with Georgia Forestry.

Feb. 9 - Fire units were called to an auto accident on West Main Street.

Units arrived to find that a vehicle had run over a lamp post and fluids were leaking on the street. Firemen contained the spill after the vehicle was removed from the scene.

FISH DAY
Now is the time for stocking with **Arkansas Pondstockers!**
Channel Catfish - Bluegill (Regular & Hybrid) - Redear Largemouth Bass - Black Crappie (if available)
6-11" Grass Carp - Fathead Minnows - Koi (if available)

We will be visiting:
Sirman's Hardware & Outdoors
Lakeland GA
Wednesday Feb 21st, 11:00-12:00pm

To pre-order, call
(870) 578-9773
Walk-ups welcome!
We are unable to accept debit or credit cards.

ATTENTION VETERANS

The VFW Bus from Nashville will be running every Thursday, to the V.A. Hospital in Lake City, FL.

Pick up point is Lanier County Courthouse, 56 W. Main St. at 7:45 a.m.

For Information Call
Bob Battle 229-686-9169
or Mike Michern 229-460-9326.