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Thursday, February 15, 2018 Lakeland, Ga.



## Bulldogs 2017 Region 2A Champs!

### Lanier County Bulldogs cruise through Region 2A Tournament

By Steven F. Meders

The Lanier County High School Bulldogs basketball team faced the Irwin County Indians in the semi-finals game of the tournament.

They pulled out a 63-54 win to move into the championship.

Lanier was up by four after the first quarter and up 32-27 at the half. It was a battle all

the way, but the Bulldogs eased to a nine-point win.

James Green led Lanier with 18 points, Jay Foster had 14 points, Ny'Jel Bacon had 13 points, and Tyquan

Baker had 11 points.

That win put Lanier in the championship against the Patriots of Wilcox County.

## Bulldogs win championship 69-59 over Wilcox

By Steven F. Meders

The Bulldogs had a balanced scoring attack as they took the Patriots in the championship.

Lanier jumped out to a 13-9 lead after the first quarter. Wilcox fought back to take

27-26 lead at the half. Coach Randolph motivated his Bulldogs at half time. Lanier came out fired up. They went back up by six points. Lanier controlled the rest of the game.

Jay Foster had 25 points;

Ny'Jel Bacon had 13 points; Amaree McGriff had 11 points; Tyquan Baker and Trevon Brockington each had seven points; and James Green had six points. Congrats to the Lanier County Bulldogs!

The Bulldogs will receive a bye in the Class A Public. They will play the winner out of the Fulton Leadership and Treutlen game. Lanier will play either on Feb. 21 or 22 at home. Go get 'em, Bulldogs!

## 15-year-old juvenile male arrested for home invasion

By Charles Shiver

A 15-year-old juvenile male was arrested late Thursday night, Feb. 8, for a home invasion involving a BB gun that appeared to be a Walther PPK pistol, said Lakeland Police Chief Michael Slusher.

At about 11:40 p.m. last Thursday, two officers re-

ceived a call through dispatch in reference to a home invasion/armed robbery at an East Peeler Avenue residence.

The teen broke into the home, demanded money from the 60-year-old male resident, and pistol-whipped the victim with the gun, Chief Slusher

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L-R: Mayor Bill Darsey and Lakeland City Attorney Tim Tanner at the Lakeland City Council Meeting.

## Moving forward: Faces continue to change

By Carol A. Moore

"Moving Forward" continues to be the rallying cry of the Lakeland City Council. Officially, Attorney Timothy M. Tanner with Coleman Talley LLP in Valdosta has been

named as the City Attorney. He was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 2001 and brings over 15 years of experience to the city. Tanner replaces former city attorney Tommy Coleman of Albany.

## Threatte Center site of LCS board meeting

By Carol A. Moore

For the first time, the Lanier County School Board met at the Threatte Arts and Civic Center, which was a welcomed relief with the crowd that had assembled for their meeting. A large number of students and teachers were recognized for a wide variety of efforts. Without the board's ability to utilize the center, a gathering of this type would not have been easily possible, let alone comfortable!

Student athletes that have excelled academically were among the first to be recognized by Principal Reada Hamm. These students contributed to making the region All-Academic team.

Principal Hamm also introduced the Student Ambassadors, who worked as pages for State Senator Ellis Black and State Representative Jason Shaw in Atlanta. These included: Meredith Burton, Kyra Corbitt, Grace Fulghum, April Gano, Matthew Hardy, Jordan Haskins, Angela Pounds, Sean David Pearson, Savannah Ray, Anna Sapp, Noah Tuten, and Hannah Webrand.

Title I Coordinator Cheryl Powell recognized students who helped with the recent Books and Pajamas Community Event. They included both present students as well as former students and community volunteers: Trent Berryhill, Ty Carswell, Masha Dent, Lisbeth Esteban, Linda Flores, Angel Flores, Morgan Jones, Jordan Milne, Ramiro Miranda, Sahil Patel, Justin Schools, Noah Tuten, and Jose Zuniga.

Business teacher Susan Schools recognized LCHS students who placed in the recent FBLA Region Competition.



L-R: Hans Hacker, Senior Vice Commander, American Legion Post 336, Cliff Hall, Commander American Legion Post 336, Russell Morgan, Senior Vice Commander, Chapter 1000 Military Order of The Purple Hearts, Matt Bridges, National Coordinator for Military Order of Purple Hearts, and Captain David Warren, City of Lakeland Police Department.

## Purple Heart designation for Valentine's Day among city's business

By Carol A. Moore

In one of the swiftest moves of unanimous agreement by the Lakeland City Council to date, the mayor and council moved and approved to make the City of Lakeland a Purple Heart City. Captain David Warren has worked on the idea and provided the information. The council immediately moved to approve the designation, develop a proclamation and obtain street signs that will mark Lakeland as a Purple Heart City. With this designation, the City of Lakeland will become part of the Purple Heart Trail. The trail is a sym-

bolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. It is a visual reminder to those who use the road system that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society. The Purple Heart City designation will allow signs to be placed at various locations of our road system as a reminder. The effort began in 1992.

Cindy Pullen announced that the South Georgia region, home to Moody Air Force

Base, is one of five communities across the country which has been named to the 2018 class of Great American Defense Communities (ADC) by the initiative's official sponsor, USAA. The ADC program is designed to recognize the overall support that communities and regions in the U.S. provide to service members and military families. Communities are chosen through a competitive nomination process based on community building and integration, support and collaboration, educational and employment opportunities and family support. Pullen asked



for and received approval for a \$1,000 donation to be the City

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