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Farm Day produce being gathered by seniors at the Lanier County Senior Center. Photo courtesy of Jim Raison, Photography

## Fish Fry, Farmers Day at Lanier County Senior Citizens Center

By Carol A. Moore

Dozens of Lanier County Seniors gathered for a Fish Fry and Farmers Day at the Lanier County Senior Citizens Center recently. Their fish fry meal contained battered or breaded fried fish. It usually included french fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, lemon slices, tartar sauce, hot sauce, malt vine-

gar and dessert and a lot of fun as they gathered, prepared and consumed the meal.

The farm day experience provided basic information about produce from our area's agricultural industry. It provided an opportunity for the industry to interact with enthusiastic seniors!

By Carol A. Moore

Lanier County's Lance Davis and Mary Joyce Moore were two of the almost three hundred scholarship recipients, who attended the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop on the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) campus recently. As learners experienced a bit of college life by living in ABAC dorms, they attended both lectures and hands-on activities as students increased their knowledge of Georgia's vital natural resources. Including ABAC admissions staff and Assistant Forestry Professor Kip Hall, specialists from Georgia universities guided these natural resource conservation scholars through their intensive multi-day workshop.

Workshop scholarship recipient Lance Davis, Lanier County High School said, "My goal is to become a fish and game warden. This workshop helped me toward that achievement!"

They were joined by staff from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Serv-

ice, the Georgia Forestry Commission, the University of Georgia (UGA) Cooperative Extension Service, the UGA Warnell School of Forestry, and the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Professionals from several private industries and organizations

also contributed to the workshop.

"I didn't have any idea what was meant by 'sustainable agriculture' before I went into this program," said a smiling Mary Joyce Moore, Lanier County High School. "I gained a very different perspective about



L-R: ABAC's Natural Resources Conservation Workshop G-3 Group: (Front Row) Hayden Wood (Athens Academy), Leah Benkoski (Athens Academy), Logan Lunt (Crisp County HS) and (Back Row) Fatima Zarate (Heritage HS), Mary Moore (Lanier County HS), Lindsay Sapp (District Program Assistant with Central Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District), Ann Marie Sappington (Lamar County HS), and Taylor Griggs (Arabia Mountain HS)

## Victim Service Director Surratt retires after 19 years

On Thursday, May 31, 2018, friends, family and co-workers gathered to celebrate Sarah Surratt's retirement as the Director of Victim Services for the Alapaha Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Dick Perryman presented Mrs. Surratt with a special plaque recognizing her nearly 19 years of selfless service to crime victims.

Mrs. Surratt has quietly led a life devoted to service and reaching those affected by crime. She has continued to embrace the evolving field of victim services while leading and teaching those new to



Magistrate Court Judge, Beth Carter and husband, Hanson congratulate Sarah Surratt on her retirement during a retirement reception in her honor on May 31. Photo by Brad McCall

this unique profession. "I have so many mixed feelings. I truly love this job, helping crime victims..." said Sarah Surratt.

Through Mrs. Surratt's leadership, she wrote and maintained multiple grants that increased staffing within the office from only her to six full-time advocates, a dedi-

cated domestic violence prosecutor and a dedicated domestic violence investigator. This amazing accomplishment has been instrumental in helping prosecutors and law enforcement in our circuit seek justice, and making sure survivors were listened to and treated with respect and dignity.

Sarah Surratt's leadership has extended beyond the Alapaha Judicial Circuit, as she has been an invaluable resource to prosecution-based advocates throughout the state. "We are saddened for ourselves, but oh-so-happy for her days ahead," said Loraine Bunn, Victim Services

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Kenny Wright-Gross speaking during the EMC Created to Worship series.

## EMC created to Worship Series continues to draw local crowds

By Carol A. Moore

Evans Memorial Camp (EMC) on Friday, June 22 at 7 p.m. will offer another "Live Worship, His Word & Prayer Ministry" event which is free and open to the public. Easily 35-50 people gather to-

gether for these events which have proven to be noteworthy and inspiring.

Rebecca King with Nashville's Rebecca King Ministries was a recent speaker. King shared how

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## Lakeland Police Department Reports

### Assault on pregnant woman

At 8:14 p.m. June 15, an officer was dispatched to the local hospital concerning a pregnant woman who had been assaulted. The incident had occurred at a local residence.

### Arrests

At 11:34 p.m. June 17, while on routine patrol, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Mercury Sable, which resulted in the arrest of

a wanted person. Shaniya Kajaeona Williams was arrested, according to a report.

• At 10:49 p.m. June 16, officers were dispatched to a domestic violence incident at an East Simpson Avenue residence. The offender, Robert Lee Duhart, was arrested, according to a report. The victim was a juvenile.

### Burglary

At 8 p.m. June 12, an officer was dispatched to a South

10th Street residence in reference to a burglary that had already occurred.

### Vehicle accident

At 10:07 a.m. June 13, an officer was dispatched to Farmers and Merchants Bank concerning a vehicle accident involving a 2013 Ford Edge.

A report lists the offender as unknown.

### Emergency in vehicle

At 5:28 p.m. June 12, dispatch advised EMS of a call

at Jet Food Store in reference to an unconscious woman in a 2007 Honda Accord. A report describes the incident type as possession of marijuana, less than 1 ounce.

### Theft

At 2:24 p.m. June 15, an officer was dispatched to the Police Department in reference to a walk-in complaint about a theft. The victim stated that a black Stone Mountain shoulder bag had

been taken at a local business.

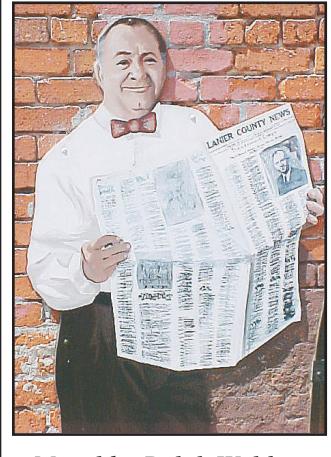
### Gas drive-off

At 3:23 p.m. June 14, an officer was dispatched to Jet Food Store concerning someone driving off without paying for gas. The case was under investigation at last report.

### Civil matter

At 5:20 p.m. June 15, officers were dispatched to an East Simpson Avenue address concerning a civil matter.

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