

LCHS Band Director Matt Elder with Emily and Rickie Limoges in the LCHS Band room for some of the many band preparations.

Limoges positively impacting LCHS Band

By Carol A. Moore

Rickie Limoges has joined the Lanier County School (LCS) Band Program as its new Assistant Program Director and is making a positive difference in our area music program. Limoges is a graduate of Lowndes County High School (2012) and Valdosta State University (2018). He has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music (2017) then went on to complete a Master's in Education.

Limoges' specialization is percussion and he plays in the Valdosta Symphony. He will teach music in the Lanier is someone who will truly County Primary School and the middle school as well as assist Matt Elder at the high

right choice to help lead growing music program. He has a wealth of experience in the marching band world, and his excitement for the pageantry of marching band is only matched by his dedication to students," said Matt Elder, Music Director. Limoges expects to help "Rickie is sincere, helpful, and enthusiastic, and we

cares about our kids and will make them the center of every decision."

In addition to Rickie "Rickie Limoges is the Limoges, his wife, Emily, is serving as the Color Guard Director. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Valdosta State University. They met while playing in an indoor drumline and married in 2017.

As part of the Lanier team, guide our local LCHS Band to competition Superior ratcould tell immediately that he ings. "Director Matt Elder

has certainly set a high standard and I only expect to help further the Lanier County School Band Program," said Rickie Limoges.

County The Lanier Schools' Band Program is the largest student organization within the LCS system. It is made up of almost onefourth of the high school student population within our

"We believe we have a terrific marching band fit with Mr. Limoges," said Matt Elder.

Good News

By Vic Dove

Church

"Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." —Hebrews 10:25

What did Jesus mean when He said that Peter was the Rock upon which He would build His church? Trust me; there were no architects with their sketches of a new building on a newly cleared parcel of land standing around, because Jesus was not referring to a building or a denomination. Let me explain.

Peter had just confessed his sins and put his life and faith in Jesus and on that foundation Jesus established or defined the church. However, as the number of believers grew the local assembly or church was a natural outflow. Therefore, from the early days of the church down through today, we have come to associate the church with our own individual fellowship of believers. Whatever name we apply to a single fellowship, there is only one church, and it belongs to no particular denomina-

The church is made up of those who have placed their belief and their faith in the person of Jesus Christ. The church is not a building or a denomination. The church is you and me. It's the man or woman who sings in the choir, it's the teenager who leads a group of their peers in a Bible Study; it's the saved wretch who teaches Sunday school and writes devotional articles for the local newspapers. The church is not a place. It is people, a body of believers who share their faith in Jesus, who lean and depend on each other.

The accountability and encouragement found in church fellowship anchor us against the wind and waves of this world that want to sweep us away. In a local church we can develop a network of relationships with other believers that work to ensure we don't abandon our faith when the pressure is on to do so.

Also, by becoming active in a local church, you safeguard yourself against missing out on all that God has in store for you. Your participation in a local church protects your personal fellowship with God. When you drift away from the family of God, it's only a matter of time until you drift away from fellowship with God.

Please keep in mind, however, that there is no perfect church. One needs to find a church that accurately presents Scripture and practically demonstrates God's love. Remember, too, you have a responsibility to actively use your spiritual gifts for the benefit of believers. Those gifts, combined with Jesus and the Holy Spirit is what makes the local church powerful and effective.

Lakeland Police Incident Reports

Assault

At about 11:54 a.m. Sept. 16. an officer was dispatched to the Emergency Room in reference to a male who had been assaulted on Friday, Sept. 14. **Forgery**

At 1:13 p.m. Sept. 11, an officer on patrol on Talley Street was waved down by a pedestrian who wanted to make a complaint. As a result of the complaint, a warrant was issued for forgery in the fourth degree and deposit account fraud.

Violation of protection order

At about 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11, an officer took a walk-in complaint at the Police Department concerning violation of a "stay away" order. **Fight**

At about 10:49 p.m. Sept. 14, officer were dispatched to a North Pecan Street concerning a fight involving a male offender. Unruly juvenile

At 8:04 p.m. Sept. 12, an officer was dispatched to the Church of God on South Oak Street in reference to an unruly juvenile.

Property damage

At 11:42 a.m. Sept. 13, an officer was called to a South Oak Street residence and took a report on vehicle damage.

Lakeland/Lanier County Fire Calls

Sept. 14 - Fire units were fied. called to a gas leak on Bostick Street. Units arrived to find that a worker digging for a sewer line struck a gas service line. The line was dug up and crimped to stop the gas from leaking and the gas company was noti-

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.

Sept. 14 - Fire units were called to investigate the smell of gasoline on Teeterville Road. One unit arrived and determined a small amount of gas spilled on the road but posed no danger. How the gas got there is un-

Sept. 15 - Fire units were called to an auto fire at Highway 168 and Rushing Road. Units arrived to find the vehicle fully involved in flames with no driver present. Firemen put the fire out and turned the scene over

to law enforcement.

Sept. 15 - Fire units were called for EMS support on Highway 129 South. Units arrived to find a subject having trouble breathing and monitored the patient until EMS arrived.

BADGE

scouts stayed and learned that Though there wasn't a lot of

a meeting is not over until it commission business atadjourned. tended to after the board returned from their executive session, there was additional

During the Lanier County Board of Commissioners' time in executive session, the scouts took the opportunity to discuss the meeting. They talked about what citizenship in the community might mean and what it takes to be a good citizen such as citizenship rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship, and how a citizen can demonstrate good citizenship within our community, scouting unit, place of worship or school. Scouts also suggested questions that they intend to ask someone within the government when they interview a government official. These boy scouts seemed particularly interested in the discussions about the Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

From Front

Our local Lanier County Board of Commissioners introduced themselves and gave the scouts information about their district and how long they served after the meeting was adjourned. They also asked the boy scouts questions and answered some of the scout's questions as they briefly discussed the meeting. More information about Boy Scout Merit Badges and their programs can be found on-line at https://www.scouting.org/pro grams/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/meritbadges/. Persons interested in our local program can contact their Scout Master at 229-482-7020.

Bulletin Board

ANNUAL CHURCH REVIVAL AT NEW PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, September 20 we will have our "Big Meeting/Homecoming" services beginning with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. If you need more information, please call Recording Secretary Sister Angela C. Riley 229-251-7226. Please join us. We plan on having a great time in the name of the Lord.

TODDLER TIME AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Toddler Time will resume at the Lakeland Library on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers, ages 1-4, and their caretakers are invited for a time to sing action songs, read books, and create art based on letters of the alphabet.

YOUTH IMPACT CENTER DONATIONS

Youth IMPACT Center needs 300 donations! \$25 monthly check written and sent to Youth IMPACT Center, 108 W. Thigpen, PO Box 587, Lakeland, GA 31635 will provide an After-school Program (snacks, tutoring and academic help, character development class, dinner, recreational activities, story time, crafts) opportunity for one Lakeland-Lanier child. Please help the life of a local child today!

LAKELAND MASONIC LODGE TO **HOLD PORK STEAK FUNDRAISER**

The Lakeland Masonic Lodge is selling pork steak plates for \$7 on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lanier County Courthouse.

LCPS FALL FESTIVAL

The Lanier Primary School will be hosting the Fall Festival on Thursday, October 25 at The Threatte Center. There will be lots of games, variety of foods, drinks, and much much more. Please plan on joining us for the HUGE community event!

If you would like to enter a booth for the Fall Festival, please complete the registration form and submit it back to Tammy Fender at LCPS with your \$20 registration fee.

ADULT EDUCATION GED CLASSES

Lanier County Adult Education GED classes accepting New Students. Classes meet at 1042 W. Thigpen Ave. Classes are offered Tues.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (noon) and Tues.-Thurs. evenings from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Call 229-482-3332 or visit www.wiregrass.edu/adulted for more information.

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