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Boy Scout Troop 864 attending the recent Lanier County Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Boy Scouts working on Citizenship Badge

By Carol A. Moore

Local Boy Scout Troop 864 was evident in the September Lanier County Board of Commissioner meeting last week. The troop, which is led by Chris Burns and Don Kinch, attended the commissioner meeting as a part of helping our scouts earn their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

The Boy Scouts of America Citizenship Badge replaced its "parts of citizenship" requirement for earning an Eagle Scout status in 1952. Part of the badge requirement is to attend a "meeting of city, town, or county council or school board." Afterwards, each scout is required to choose one of the issues discussed at

the meeting, particularly where there was a difference of opinion expressed, and explain why the scout agrees with one opinion more than another.

While many meeting goers left when the Lanier County Board of Commission went into Executive Session, the

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Lanier County School Safety is a priority of BOE

By Carol A. Moore

"The issue of school safety weighs heavily on our minds," said Lanier County School Board Chairman Franklin Patten at a recent Lanier County Board of Education meeting. "It is our responsibility as elected officials to do whatever we can to make our students safe. It can be frustrating because there are no easy answers."

As school districts headed back to school for their 2018-19 school year, the issue of school safety seems to be rising to the forefront as officials all over the country continue to keep campus safety a priority in the wake of recent school shootings. Various measures have been taken to increase protection. Within the Lanier County School System, a number of measures are already planned or are in progress. An in-service for personnel is planned on October 9. Teachers will be given active shooter guidelines in the high school and middle schools. Safety tips for dealing with an active shooter are also planned for

October 13.

School camera equipment is being checked in order that all are in working order. If it is determined that additional cameras are needed, they will be ordered. These may not be the only measures taken as a recent student fight at the elementary school bus ramp shut down traffic flow through the campuses as school was dismissed. It took some effort for local officials to break it up and get traffic moving again.

In other agenda items, the board approved minutes from its August 13 meeting. Lanier County High School Principal Reada Hamm recognized Anna Sapp for winning the Sullivan Scholastic Scholarship to Valdosta State University. Cody Douglas, Vicki Greenwood, Cameron Payne, Ricky Lavogis, Clenda Guthrie, Greg Sealy and Eboni Sealy were recognized as new staff by Lanier County Middle School Principal Rhonda Rogers.

The monthly activities calendar was provided and the Lanier County Family Con-

nections calendar. The LCBOE approved a new field trip and excursions policy and a policy about solicitations by students.

The Board plans to ask Valdosta State to work with them in conjunction with VSU sports creating incentives for Lanier Students. Four tickets to the Valdosta State v. Delta State football game in October will be awarded for perfect attendance.

The following personnel actions were approved:

- Donna Jewell resigned as full-time bus driver
- David Hanks was hired as a full-time bus driver
- Donna Jewell, Charity Williamson, and Charlotte Prescott were hired as substitutes
- Tiara Smith and Vicky Karen Wolfe were hired as teachers
- David Abbott was approved to be the Middle School football coach.

Other more routine business included the monthly financial statement provided by Charlie Bennett.



LCHS celebrates Homecoming 2018 on Monday

Lanier County High School is set to celebrate Homecoming 2018 beginning Monday, September 24, until Saturday, September 29. The Homecoming

theme this year is "Bulldog Destinations." This year, Homecoming is set to bring some new events to LCHS as well as celebrating some time-honored traditions.

The parade will be Thursday September 27, beginning at 6:00 pm. Line-up for the parade will begin at the High School gym at 5:30 pm with floats being judged beginning at 5:45. The parade will exit the Lanier County Elementary School bus access road and proceed left down the Valdosta Highway. The parade will turn right onto Murrell Street beside the Post Office and will make a left onto Oak Street next to Fender Motors and will then proceed down Main Street turning at the Huddle House and ending at the high school football stadium.

At the conclusion of the parade, the students, faculty, and staff of LCHS invite the community to join in the Homecoming festivities at a

community pep rally to be held at the football stadium. The Grand Marshall of the parade, Mrs. April Gano, Lanier County High School Guidance Counselor, will be introduced along with our football players, coaches, and cheerleaders. We will announce the 2018 Mr. and Miss School Spirit along with music performances by the Bulldog Band and spirit cheers by our cheerleaders. The community pep rally will conclude with a rousing pep talk from Coach Kurt Williams, LCHS head football coach.

Come cheer on your Bulldogs as they take on the Turner County Rebels at Roquemore Stadium Friday, September 28, with kickoff at 7:30pm. During the half-time show, the 2018 Homecoming Court will be introduced, and the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned.

Seniors competing for Homecoming King include:

Tyquan Baker, Smit Patel, Sean-David Pearson, Rasheem Robinson, and Kyle Sirmans. Seniors competing to be Homecoming Queen include Anzlie Brogdon, Kyra Corbitt, Cameron Lamb, Janae Stokes, and Hannah Webrand.

Underclassmen Homecoming Court Representatives include: Juniors Daisy Jones and Colby Conley, Sophomores Rashad Brockington and Amber Davis, and Freshmen Cedric Davis and Amaya Lacy.

Culmination of Homecoming 2018 will be on Saturday, September 29, with the Homecoming Dance, which will be held from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. at the high school gym.

For more information about Homecoming 2018, contact your student's high school grade level sponsor, or feel free to contact the Lanier County High School front office at 229-482-3868.

The Produce Barn opens in Ray City

By Janet Studstill

Seeing a need for business which offered fresh home-grown produce in Ray City, entrepreneurs Greg and Nina Harrell decided to turn an old shed, housing antique tractors, into a barn closely resembling an old tobacco barn and stock it with fresh produce. Hoping to open the new business Labor Day weekend, customers arrived on Thursday, August 23rd when the trucks showed up with produce and other items to stock the shelves.

"People were driving up and wanting to purchase produce off the trucks," Nina stated. "We were selling it right off the trucks!"

So, with the enthusiasm from the people of Ray City, the Harrell's decided to open the store earlier than planned and have officially been open about three weeks. The Produce Barn is right across the street from the Harrell's home, located at 151 Samuel Street just off Highway 64. Greg owns the field next to The Produce Barn and intends to grow a lot of the produce for the store. He is already preparing the field for the fall and winter crop of greens such as turnips, collards, mustard as well as broccoli and cauliflower. The Harrell's will also purchase local produce from local producers.

Cameron Allen is manager of The Produce Barn which has quickly become a popular after school spot for students hungry for a special snack. With fresh boiled peanuts, packaged strawberry cheese-cake popcorn, a variety of other snacks and soft drinks, it doesn't take long to find the perfect after school snack.

The store also has milk, eggs, ice, local honey, and syrup. Soon, the store will offer Gayla's Grits and already feature The Whistlestop Fried Green Tomato batter mix and My Mama's Bar-be-que sauces and rubs. The company, My Mama's Bar-be-que, is owned by Michael Hipperds who grew up in Ray City. Hipperds also owns a restaurant in Florida. The sauces available from My Mama's Bar-be-que is also diabetic friendly.

The store also carries Safety-Rite fresh and smoked sausage. Tina Browning is also providing the store with her famous 6-week pickles and homemade banana nut bread. Anyone with local produce or other items, should contact Greg Harrell at 229-237-3223.

The Harrell's would like to expand outside to include a weekend flea market in the future. On November 3, The Produce Barn will host an

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