

# SCHOOL/SPORTS NEWS



## Lanier Co. 4-H’ers attend Cloverleaf 4-H Project Achievement contest

By: Megan Powell  
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Lanier County 4-H attended the Southwest District Cloverleaf 4-H Project Achievement contest on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Willie J. Williams Middle School in Moultrie, Georgia. District Project Achievement (DPA) is a public speaking contest where youth give a 4-6 minute demonstration including a speech and posters on their project area of choice. The Cloverleaf age group is fifth and sixth graders! This is an outstanding competition that comes with a lot of hard work and preparation. There were over 500 people at the event including 4-H’ers, teen leaders, volunteers, parents, and other Extension staff members.

Lanier County had 2 fifth grade and 7 sixth grade competitors. All 9 participants placed! The results were:

Madlin Adams-Brady placed 3rd in Dog Care and Training, Maddie Vollrath placed 2nd in Marine and Coastal Ecology, Sarah Beth Rowan placed 1st in Performing Arts General, Kenley Layton placed 1st in Workforce Preparation and Career Development, Vindi Taylor placed 1st in Food for Health and Sport, Sarah Farr placed 1st in Horse, Katie Burton placed 1st in General Science, Harley McQueen placed 1st in Food for Fitness, and Brooke Stone placed 1st in Pork Production. Way to go! All of the 4-H’ers from Lanier County did an awesome job and had very tough competition! These 4-H’ers will be recognized on January 14th at the Lanier County Board of Education Meeting.

We had two 4-H Teen Leaders attend, Grace Farr and Madison Hunt. Grace served as a score runner for

the contest and gathered all of the materials after their projects. Madison led a district-wide community service project where 4-H’ers were able to paint and decorate picture frames for nursing home residents. All 230 cloverleaf 4-H’ers had the chance to participate in Madison’s project. They created 143 total picture frames! We will give these out on December 19 at the Lakeland Villa. If you have a 4-H’er that is interested in helping deliver them, please contact the Extension Office for more details.

Three of the Lanier County Extension staff members also attended. Mrs. Rachel Hubbard, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, led the Food Lab area for 4-H’ers that prepared food dishes during their project. Ms. Megan Powell, 4-H Agent, served as the District Board Advi-

sor for 8 elected 4-H youth officers that conducted the Awards Assembly. Ms. Kim Kester, ANR Agent, judged multiple project areas. Lanier County 4-H had a great support system at the event! Many parents of our 4-H’ers attended to watch our youth present their demonstrations and receive awards.

Lanier County 4-H received a donation from Farmers and Merchants Bank to fund our trip to DPA. This donation also allowed each new competitor to receive a Southwest District 4-H t-shirt! Thank you to Farmers and Merchants Bank of Lakeland, GA!

We are very proud of all nine of the competitors from Lanier County! If you would like more information about 4-H, please contact the Lanier County Extension Office at (229) 482-3895.

## Bulldogs pull out win over Trojans 60-58

By Steven F. Meders  
Lanier County traveled to McRae on Saturday night for a Region 2A basketball contest.

The Trojans jumped out to a 17-10 lead after the first quarter. No progress in the second quarter as the Bulldogs only scored six points. The Trojans were up by 10 at half time 26-16.

Down by nine points after the third quarter, the Bulldogs went on a tear, scoring

25 points in the fourth quarter to pull out a two-point win over the Telfair County Boys.

Tyquan Baker led the Bulldogs with 27 points and E.J. Brown had 15 points. Baker also had 14 rebounds and three blocked shots.

The next game for the Bulldogs will be on Saturday as Turner County will be in Lakeland. The Bulldogs are 5-4 on the year and 2-1 in region.

## Not a good day for Lady Bulldogs in 74-31 loss to Telfair

The Lady Trojans rolled over the Lady Bulldogs. It was pretty much domination from the start. They led by a 43-16 score at the half.

Gracie Brunel led the Lady Bulldogs, and that was the highlight for Lanier. The Lady Bulldogs are 3-4 on the season and 1-2 in the region.

## MUSICIAN

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am showing others through my musical testimony how God helped me see the errors of my ways and how through acceptance of Jesus Christ as my Savior, I remain free from worldly bondage.”

“Changed”, “Squirrel Hunt” and “Wake-up America” were just a few of the songs with which Munds delighted his audience. To the amusement of the gathered crowd, he really astonished his audience with a collection of common Christian Children’s music which caused the audience to rally and sing along in the midst of his personally written and performed professional music!

The entertainer shared that he has been “... led to come alongside inmates in jails and prisons to tell

them how I overcame those debilitating addictions and how (even though they are bound by the consequences of their actions for the time being) they are free to make choices to ease their journey toward a positive, giving, and contented life. The only real choice is to surrender the will to Jesus and be changed by His power.”

In true Munds style, he was the musical “warm-up” for a pastor’s son, Brandon Herderson, who also spoke to the gathered group at EMC. More information about Munds can be found on-line by going to <http://www.kennymundsministry.org/>. Information about the Evans Memorial Camp twice-monthly services can be found at <http://www.evansmemorialcamp.org/>.

## The Lakeland Opry set for December 20

The Threatte Center will host The Lakeland Opry, starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20.

This will be a great holiday event. The music will range from Country to Christian to jazz.

The Lakeland Opry will

be hosted and directed by Ken Tripp (a.k.a. Willie, Ray Price, Hank Williams Sr. and Jr.). You will be hearing Patsy Cline, Frank Sinatra, and Buddy Holley, too.

Other performances: Southside Baptist Church choir and band; Nell Roque-

more and Steve Taylor, High School Ensemble; Christian Music artist Justin Schools; and Cole Tucker, ventriloquist. You will hear your favorite Christmas music throughout the evening. The Boy Scouts will present col-

Admission will be \$5 at the door. No advance tickets.

Enjoy with your friends and neighbors a blessed Christmas holiday event. The Lakeland Opry supports the ongoing work of Lanier County Family Connection.

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## JAZZ

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famous Melvin Moore who sang in both Lucky Millender and Dizzy Gillespie’s Big Band during the 1940’s and who also sang with the Ink Spots. As an incredible third generation musical talent, Carmen has certainly made a place in music history for herself and our uniquely American jazz art form!

Carmen shared a inspiring story about being “discovered and hired” by the famous William “Count Basie” and was the featured vocalist for the legendary Count Basie Orchestra for nine years. “When they call me, I go!” said Bradford of her Count Basie Orchestra family with whom she has never stopped performing.

David Springfield led the VSU Jazz Ensemble in “Splanky” by Neal Hefti before introducing Carmen Bradford. Together, the ensemble and Bradford performed “Honeysuckle Rose (Fats Waller/Andy Razaf and arranged by Matt Rubin)”, “Young and Foolish” (Albert Hague and arranged by Frank Foster), “I’m Beginning to See the Light” (Duke Ellington and arranged by Quincy Jones, “Day Dream (Duke Ellington/Billy Strayhorn”, “The Very Thought of You (Ray Noble arranged

by Nelson Riddle)”, “We’ll Love Again (Jay Livingston/ Ray Evans arranged by David Springfield)”, “I Wish You Love (Charles Trenet arranged by John CLayton)”, and “My Shining Hour (Harold Arlen/Johnny Mercer arranged by David Springfield)”. Springfield shared that Carmen Bradford taught VSU musicians through the week. “It’s really important to share your love and passion for jazz, the only truly American music form,” said Carmen. “It’s important to teach our younger generations about jazz’s history and place in our musical heritage.”

More information about Carmen Bradford can be found online at <https://carmenbradford.com/>. Information about this program and other concerts can be found at <https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/arts/music/>. Many of VSU’s concerts are free and open to the public, just as this great performance was.

The Jazz Ensemble has performed at the Georgia Music Educators In-Service Conference, the North American Saxophone Alliance Southeast Region Conference and at Spivey Hall in Atlanta.