



# Blooming LMS musicians engage local audience

“I always have an amazingly and inspiringly grand day with our Lanier County Middle School (LCMS) band,” said Rickie Limoges, LCMS Band Director. “It is a pleasure to work with these up-and-coming and eager musicians!”

Tuesday, The Threatte Center was filled with friends, family and well-wishers, who enjoyed a lively concert performed by the Lanier County Middle School Band in an impressive and festive show. Former Lanier County High School (LCHS)

graduate Leslie Smith, now a Lanier County School’s Percussion Teacher was also credited with the success of our area’s young musicians!

The Combined 7th and 8th grade band joyfully played, “A Christmas Sleigh Ride (arranged by Sandy Feidstein and John O’Reilly)”, “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer (arranged by Paul Lavender)”, “Jolly Old St. Nicholas (arranged by Michael Sweeney)”, and “Jingle Bells (arranged by John Hig-

gins)”. The 8th grade band members were featured in “The Chipmunk Song (arranged by Michael Story)” and the Christmas Bits and Pieces (also arranged by Michael Story)”.

Matt Elder, Lanier County Schools (LCS) Music Director and LCHS Band Director, introduced Limoges and recognized his growing contribution of budding musicians. By cheers, the LCMS musicians were motivated about their school music program and teachers.

## Scenes from Lighting of Lakeland



Just off the center of Lakeland, Murray St. is fully lit as a growing local tradition. (Photo courtesy of Jim Raison)



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Santa and Reindeer are featured at the Lanier County Courthouse. (Photo courtesy of Jim Raison.)



West Main Street features a stunning show of lights! (Photo courtesy of Jim Raison)

## Lanier Co. December voter turnout small

Following record voter turnouts for earlier elections, only a small number of Lanier County’s registered voters turned out for our December 4th Secretary of State and a Public Service Commission (PSC) seat. 14% of Lanier County registered voters or 706 of 5,034 registered Lanier County voters cast their ballots in December’s runoff election. They helped approve Brad Rafflesperger, Republican, as Georgia’s new Secretary of State and re-elected Chuck Eaton, Republican, to a third term as a District 3 Public Service Com-

mission (PSC) member.

Eaton’s election to a third-term PSC 3 seat should not be confused with the fact that our local State Representative Jason Shaw has been appointed to the District 1 PSC post as longtime commissioner Doug Everett retires and steps down at the end of the year. Recently, Shaw as appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to fill Everett’s PSC position.

More information about the Public Service Commission can be found online at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/>.