

## Fire, Rescue Department awarded grant for breathing air system

Recently, the Donalsonville Fire and Rescue Department was awarded a grant from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to be used toward replacing its 21-year -old breathing air compressor system. The new air system includes the 5500 psi compressor, enclosed cylinder fill station, carbon monoxide monitor and 4 - 6000 psi cascade storage cylinders.

This compressor system is used to re-fill the cylinders that firefighters use when working at fires and other oxygen deficient incidents.

“In recent years the breathing apparatus that we use today have been upgraded with several technological and safety features in-

cluding smaller, higher pressure cylinders” states Donalsonville Fire Chief Dean King.

The department’s old air system was built to pressurize 2200 - 3000 psi cylinders. The newer breathing apparatus the department now uses require 4500 psi to be considered ready for use. “We can also fill cylinders that require 5500 psi as well. As with the old system, this new system will be used to fill air cylinders for all fire departments in the county and serve our community for many many years,” added King.

The successful bidder for this project was Breathing Air Systems from Ocala, FL with a bid of \$43,174.00 The cost to the City of Donalsonville is \$2,158.70.



## SRTC welcomes former State Representative Amy Carter

Southern Regional Technical College (SRTC) President Jim Glass recently announced former State Representative Amy Carter as Special Assistant to the President. In her role at SRTC, Carter will work to strengthen the College’s collaborations with business and industry partners in Southwest Georgia. Though her notable career has taken her all over the state in service to the people of Georgia, her roots in technical and public education have kept education on her mind.

“I am excited by this opportunity to further the reach of technical education in our community,” said Carter. “This is where my home and heart are located, so helping to reinforce the bonds between education and the business and industry sector in South Georgia holds a special meaning to me.”

Carter began her career as a Business and Office Technology Instructor at



the former Valdosta Technical College (now Wiregrass Georgia Technical College) and served as a teacher at Lowndes High School for more than 16 years. In recognition of her efforts in education, she has received the Lowndes County Schools Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Educators Legislator of the Year Award, and the Georgia School Counselors Association Legislator of the Year Award. In late 2020, Valdosta State Uni-

versity recognized Carter as the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services Distinguished Alumna of the Year.

From 2006 through 2017, Carter represented House District 175 in the Georgia General Assembly. During her service as a representative, Carter served in numerous leadership capacities including Floor Leader for Governor Nathan Deal, Chairman of Governmental Affairs, and, Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. Carter also served as the chair of the Governor’s Teacher Advisory Commission in 2016 and was a member of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Education, Governmental Affairs, Higher Education, and the Small Business Development committees.

Most recently, Carter served as the Deputy Commissioner, Rural Georgia Initiatives, for the Georgia Department of Economic

Development. Governor Nathan Deal appointed Carter to the role in March 2018. In that role, she led state efforts to help rural Georgia communities become more competitive for economic development projects and identify new strategies for attracting jobs and investment. Prior to her time as a Deputy Commissioner, Carter served as Executive Director of Stewardship and Development for the Technical College System of Georgia.

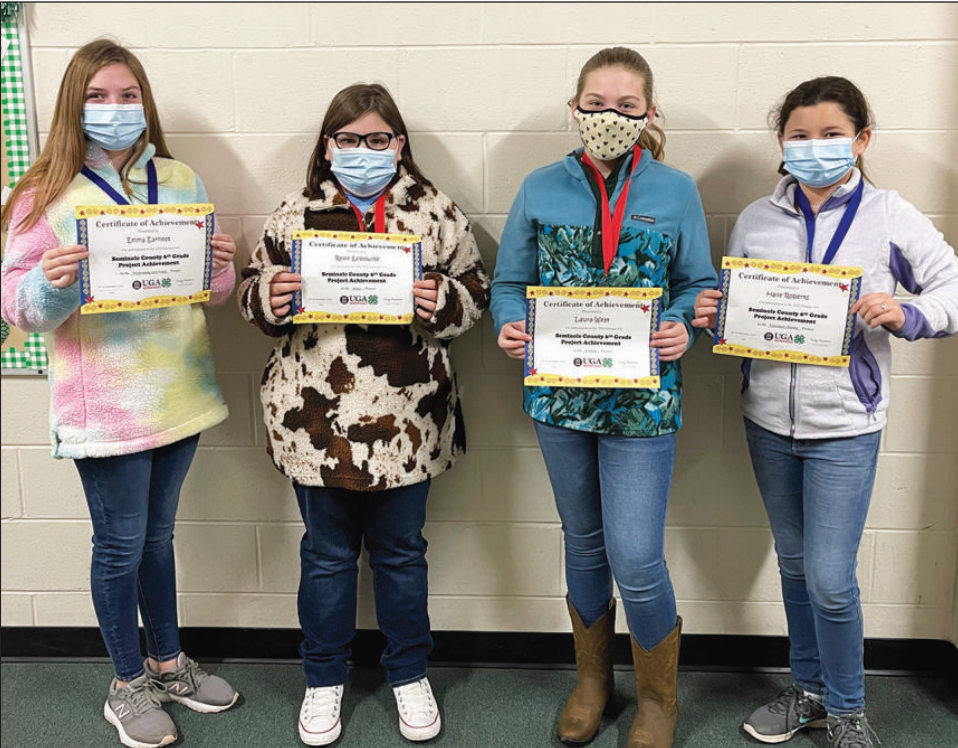
She is a graduate of Valdosta State University, an alumna of Leadership Lowndes and Leadership Georgia, and

serves as a Trustee of Leadership Georgia. She was named Valdosta Woman of the Year in 2002 and Brooks County Woman of the Year in 2014. Carter was awarded the inaugural Leadership Georgia Dale Threadgill Community Service Award in 2004, the 2011-12 Liberty Bell Award by the Valdosta Bar Association, the Loyce W. Turner Public Service Award in 2012, and the Above and Beyond Award from 4-H in support of Youth Development Education in 2012. Carter also holds an Honorary State FFA Degree and was named as one of only

four “Power Women” in the state by Georgia Trend Magazine in 2013.

“Amy’s vast experience in education and economic development will prove invaluable to our college as we support business and industry throughout South Georgia,” said President Glass. “I am extremely happy that Amy has joined our team and look forward to seeing the impact she will have as we fulfill our mission of workforce development.”

Carter began her new role effective January 1 and can be reached at amycarter@southernregional.edu.



Emma Earnest, Rylee Lebowitz, Laura West and Halle Roberts

### 4-H Project Achievement winners

Congratulations to Seminole County sixth grade 4-H’ers who participated in Virtual Cloverleaf Statewide Project Achievement. Each 4-H’er that participated researched a topic, wrote a speech and presented their demonstration that was videoed. The winners were announced December 22.

Emma Earnest placed first in Performing Arts Vocal project; Laura West placed first in the Wildlife project; Rylee Lebowitz placed second in Horse Project; and Halle Roberts placed second in Veterinary Science project.

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