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## Georgia Ag Commissioner Gary Black running for U.S. Senate

U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., has drawn the most well-known Republican challenger to date to his looming reelection bid next year.

Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black entered the 2022 Senate race last Friday with a speech at the state Republican convention on Jekyll Island.

"Warnock and [President Joe] Biden promised to 'fundamentally change America,'" Black told the

delegates. "They're five months into it and job growth and opportunity are down, inflation, debt and gas prices are up, [and] the Middle East is back at war."

After heading the Georgia Agribusiness Council, Black was elected Agriculture Commissioner in 2010. He was reelected in 2014 and 2018, receiving more votes than any of the candidates for Governor or Senate.

During his tenure, Black has

made "Georgia Grown" one of the most successful marketing efforts of its kind in the nation.

He helped lead efforts in 2018 to bring state and federal aid to South Georgia farmers hit hard by Hurricane Michael and worked with the Trump administration to steer money raised by tariffs on China to expand marketing efforts in Taiwan.

Other than Black, Warnock hasn't drawn any Republican chal-

lengers with name recognition. Two who have entered the contest are Latham Saddler, an Atlanta banking executive, and Kelvin King, a small business owner and Air Force veteran from Atlanta.

However, one of the most powerful politicians in Georgia, Republican state House Speaker David Ralston, is considering a run for the Senate.

Other Republicans weighing



## Summer Sacrifice program aims to build champions

The Seminole County Summer Sacrifice program has been established for all student athletes of Seminole County Middle and High Schools. The goal of the Summer program is to give Seminole County athletes the opportunity to put in maximum effort in the off season to achieve maximum results in upcoming regular seasons.

Student athletes are required to dedicate themselves to work out and conditioning throughout the Summer. Conditioning will help improve strength, performance, and team camaraderie. There are a total of 24 workouts athletes are encouraged to attend. Weight room hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for football players, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for all other athletes.

Any student athlete that successfully completes all 24 workouts will receive the following: hat and T-shirt, bookbag (with name) and their name will be added to a student athlete plaque to highlight their accomplishment.

Student athletes who attend at least 23 workouts will receive a bookbag (with name), hat and T-shirt.

Student athletes who attend at least 22 workouts will receive at least a hat and T-shirt.

Athletes are requested to contact their coach for further information concerning workouts.



Pictured from left to right in the Seminole County Canning Plant are Carlene Courson, BethAnn Smith, Will Miller, Drew Smith, and Holly Garcia

## Canning plant is preserving a Southern tradition

New Seminole County Agriculture Extension Agent Cody H Bowling was recently given a tour of the Seminole County Canning Plant by Seminole County Middle High School Ag teacher Dusty Smith - and Bowling was impressed.

One of only 50 or so canning plant facilities operating like Seminole County's in the state, the facility offers the public canning and preserving services that

include the standard canning of vegetables, blanching vegetables, and the process of creaming corn - all in one facility.

Seminole County FFA students help out and run the vegetables all the way through the process.

"I even got my hands in there to help out canning some local green beans," commented Bowling.

The cans are packed, sterilized

and sealed all in the same building and will last for years stored in a pantry.

"This is a Southern tradition I hope Seminole County keeps alive for a long, long time. Passing on the tradition to the next generation of preserving and storing farm fresh foods is so important and we have a unique opportunity to do that here," added Bowling.

Currently the canning plant operates by appointment only,

Scheduling an appointment is easy and can be done by calling Wes Pace at 229-220-1233 or Dusty Smith at 229-493-0553.

The cost to use the facility is \$1 per quart can to can vegetables, and \$2 a quart for already processed and canned green beans.

The current hours of the Seminole County Canning Plant available to schedule an appointment are 8 a.m. -12 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## 4-H Junior Shotgun Team places first in state

The Seminole County 4-H Shotgun Team participated in the 2021 Georgia 4-H State Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays Match. The event was held May 29 and 30 in Savannah.

The Junior team placed first in the state contest and the Senior team placed fifth. Julian Harrison won first place in Junior Sporting Clays High Individual competition.

Seminole County's Junior Team members include Gage Trawick, Julian Harrison, Lyndon Touchton, Davis Fowler, Ty Weir, and Decatur Milner. Senior team members include Peyton Baker, Paul Hornsby,



Placing first in State Competition - Seminole County 4-H Shotgun Junior Team members Gage Trawick, Julian Harrison, Lyndon Touchton, Davis Fowler, Ty Weir and Decatur Milner. The 4-H Senior team pictured on page 2 in this edition.

Peyton Brown, Gabe Williams, Cody Spooner, Rob Weir, Thomas Chance, and Gavin Womack.

Team coaches and volunteers include Steve Whitaker, Janet Whitaker, Celia Weir, Kim Chance, Ron Chance, and Josh Milner.

Georgia 4-H Project SAFE uses the shooting sports to teach many valuable life skills. Project SAFE (Shooting Awareness, Fun and Education) provides youth a place to develop a sense of belonging, learn teamwork in a safe environment

and increase concentration skills. Safety and the responsible use of firearms and archery equipment is a primary goal. Trained volunteers lead clubs in BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, 22 Rifle, Shotgun and Archery in over 110 counties.

## Georgia redistricting kickoff set for next week

The once-a-decade process of re-drawing Georgia's congressional and legislative district lines is about to begin.

The state House and Senate committees in charge of redistricting will hold a joint virtual town hall meeting

next week to start gathering feedback from Georgia residents.

The June 15 meeting, which will run from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., will be the first chance for citizens to weigh in on the results they would like to see from the process. The committees are

expected to hold additional hearings during the next few months across the state.

By law, states must redraw their congressional and legislative district boundaries every 10 years following


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