

City Council adoptions and appointments

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accounts exist, to which deBin estimated roughly three thousand. deBin then presented a preliminary proposal for consideration. He explained that the proposal would spend approximately 360,000 dollars, would cover the majority of residents' power bill during one of the summer months, and that relief would be determined by actual kilowatt usage. deBin added the ARP funds could be used to fund the project. Refusing to consider the proposal, Mahoney continued

to insist on an immediate payout. After more deliberation, the council called the vote. The vote tied and the motion failed.

Mahoney also addressed the museum. Stating that only one room at the Washington Museum is dedicated to black history, he moved to dedicate one floor at the museum to the topic. The motion was seconded by Cullars. Stefanie Macchia, the museum's curator, was consulted before the council proceeded. She explained that

Mahoney is correct, that black history has one room, but that each room is an exhibit. She contended that black history is interwoven throughout the museum's various rooms. But even if the council passed a motion to dedicate a floor to black history, Macchia explained that it would not be possible without artifacts. Further, she maintained that it is considered improper museum conduct to tell only one aspect of history, such as only black history. Macchia further

stated that history should be told as a whole.

Macchia explained, in an interview with this newspaper, that the museum has black history dating to the Revolutionary War. Some of the first black churches and communities have been documented, and the museum has several ongoing projects dedicated to black history. These include genealogy tracing and the Cherry Grove Schoolhouse. The black history room that is presently on display has been in existence for nearly fifteen years. It is not possible to construct an exhibit with no artifacts, Macchia said. And the artifacts are what really tell the story. After more discussion and de-

liberation, the council called the vote. The vote tied and the motion failed to pass.

Despite the failed motion, the council concurred that efforts should continue towards uncovering more artifacts and history for the Washington Museum.

Mayor deGolian also recognized the late David Toburen. He encouraged the community to honor Toburen's memory and work for the betterment of Washington.

The meeting agenda and past meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

There were no public comments. The next meeting of the Washington City Council will be February 14.



(front row l-r) Treyvon Andrews, William Wiggs, Willow Randall, Kaden Curry, Ryan Wolfe, Alex Smith, Nicholas Hogan, Zoey Hopkins, Maggie Driggers, (back row l-r) Devan Wilburn, Mykeleus Harris, JD Davis, Tyveris Williams, Nyla Smith, Emma Medley, Jessa Bourque, Sawyer Callaway, Gracie Rogers, Gabby Silvey, D'Asia Burley, and Avonni Jones prepare to attend the Fox Theater's production of, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Donations enable W-WPS students to take field trips

Submitted by
JENNIFER HOLTON

Thanks to several donations, Washington-Wilkes Primary School students were able to enjoy three experiences that would not have ordinarily been afforded them. W-WPS second

grade students were able to attend a field trip to the Georgia Aquarium. Third grade students ventured to the Agrirama and also visited the Fox Theatre to watch the musical production, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Rayle EMC awarded W-WPS

a \$5,000.00 grant to help with field trips and the Wilkes County Young Farmers donated \$500 to aid in the trip to the Georgia Agrirama in Tifton, Georgia. W-WPS is appreciative for donors' commitment to help students gain learning opportunities and life experiences.

Washington-Wilkes Tigers 2021/2022 Girls Varsity Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time/Score
December 3	Clarke Central	Away	Loss 45-28
December 7	Oglethorpe County	Away	Loss 61-10
December 10	Harlem	Away	Win 51-30
December 14	Thomson	Home	Loss 52-20
December 17	Greene County*	Away	Loss 43-40
December 21	Harlem	Home	Win 44-32
December 23	Thomson	Away	Loss 52-37
December 28	Oglethorpe County	Home	Loss 57-43
December 30	Prince Avenue Christian	Home	Loss 61-48
January 3	Aquinas	Home	Win 39-26
January 4	Commerce*	Away	Loss 52-33
January 7	Towns County*	Home	?
January 15	Calhoun Falls Charter	Away	4:30
January 22	Lake Oconee Academy*	Away	6:00
January 25	Greene County*	Home	6:00
January 28	Towns County*	Away	7:00
January 29	Calhoun Falls Charter	Away	4:30
February 8	Commerce*	Home	6:00
February 11	Lake Oconee Academy*	Home	6:00

* Denotes Region Game

Independence United Methodist Church

Invites Everyone to Attend

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

247 Independence Street

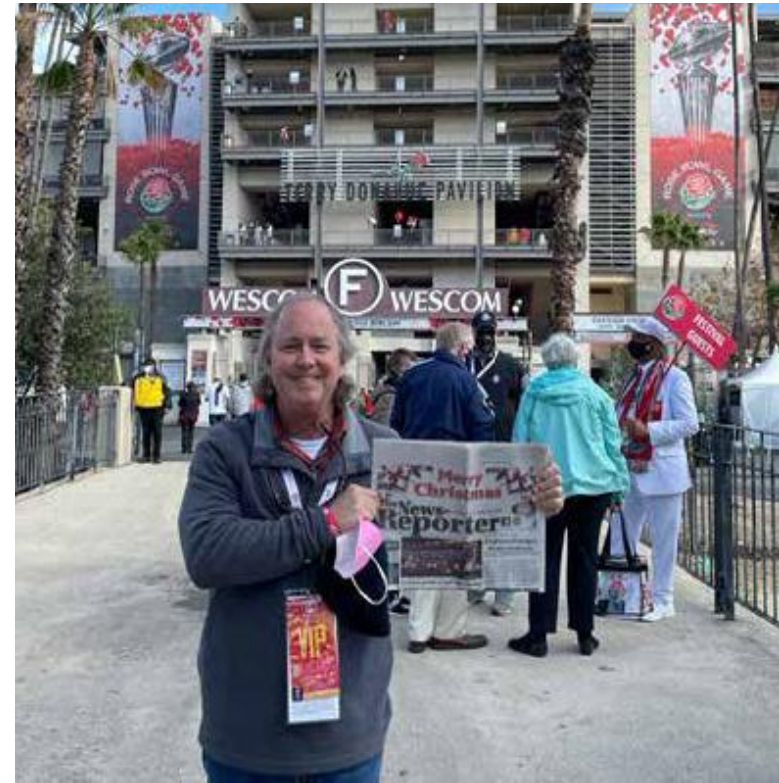
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Pastor: Michael Poplin
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Where in the world is The News-Reporter ...



... with Nick and Cecelia Basich at the SEC Championship game December 19. The Basichs checked off another bucket list item after attending the Alabama-Georgia SEC Championship game. The Alabama vs. Georgia National Championship game was played January 10 with victory going to the Bulldogs. This *News-Reporter* was 113.9 miles from home.



Bobby Cleveland outside the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day before the University of Utah/ Ohio State University game. OSU beat the University of Utah in a game that Cleveland described as going, "...down to the wire."

... at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California with Bobby Cleveland and his wife Elizabeth. Staying in Pasadena, California for the Rose Festival they attended the 100 Rose Bowl game, the Rose Parade, and toured the Santa Anita horse racing track as well as the Wrigley Mansion. This *News-Reporter* is 2,287.1 miles from home.

Community Calendar

- First Mondays Lions Club, Lions Club building, 6 p.m.
- First Tuesdays Iris Garden Club litter pickup, various locations
- Second Weds. Fishing Creek Wildlife Action, Harris Rd., 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Saturdays Litter pickup, meet at CofC, 8 a.m.
- Tuesdays Washington Kiwanis Club, Woman's Club, 1 p.m.
- Thursdays Washington Rotary Club, Woman's Club, noon
- Fridays Alzheimer's Support, Connely Gallery, 11 a.m.
- January 21 Classic south Quilt Guild, First United Methodist Church Wesley Hall, Workshop, 10 a.m.; Meeting, 2 p.m.
- January 24 Civil War Round Table, location TBA, 6 p.m.

The Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is seeking a full-time Executive Director.

The ideal candidate should possess leadership and management skills, budget management, and creative problem-solving skills. They need to be enthusiastic, flexible, well-organized, and collaborative.

A full job description can be found at washingtonwilkes.org. Send resume to P.O. Box 661, Washington, GA 30673 by January 15, 2022.