



Jim Bastion presents Becky Blackmon with the “Heisman Trophy.”

## Blackmon wins Rotary football prize

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The results of last year’s college football pool were revealed by Michael Horgan at the January 20 Rotary club meeting. The big winner was Becky Blackmon while Phil Pilgrim, with the lowest

score, is to receive the beautifully decorated fish award. He was not present to receive this honorarium; however, last year’s “winner” Ed Pope III refused to take the “prize” home with him. Paula Stevens graciously offered to keep it until such time as Phil is present.



Dave Scarzafava, Troy Scarzafava, Tyler Moon and Karla Scarzafava

## Chamber of Commerce hosts Star student breakfast

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On January 25, 2022 a breakfast, sponsored by the Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, was held at The Square Café to honor this year’s Star Student for Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School, Troy Scarzafava. His name was submitted by school counselor, Sheila Calloway. Each high school STAR Student is asked to select their STAR Teacher and explain the impact the teacher had on

their educational career; Troy selected Tyler Moon, his AP Economics teacher. The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program honors Georgia’s highest achieving high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on any single test date of the SAT and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average.

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# Exercise caution with home heating equipment

Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King asks all Georgians to exercise caution while using home heating equipment this winter. If used carelessly, heating equipment such as space heaters and fireplaces can become fire hazards. Heating equipment is a leading cause of residential fires in the United States. Data from the National Fire Prevention Association shows that local fire departments responded to an annual average of 48,530 fires resulting from negligent heater use between 2014 and 2018. These fires resulted in 500 deaths, 1,350 injuries, and \$1.1 billion in prop-

erty damage. In recognition of the risk of heating equipment, Commissioner King asks Georgians to follow the below tips for keeping yourself and your home safe this winter. Have your fireplace or wood stove chimney and chimney connectors inspected and cleaned at the start of the heating season. Do not plug heating equipment into extension cords. This can lead to overheating of the cord, damage to the appliance, and increased risk of fire or electric shock. Move anything that can burn (i.e., furniture, bedding, clothing) at least three feet from your heater, fireplace, or wood stove. 54% of home heating fire deaths were caused by having heating equipment too close to things that can burn. Keep your children and pets safely away from your portable or space heater. Turn off your portable or space heater before leaving the room.

Never use your oven to heat your home.

The mission of the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner is to protect Georgia families by providing access to vital insurance products and safe buildings through fair regulation that creates economic opportunities for all Georgians.




Zumba classes will be offered by certified instructor Tiffany Weser on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 A.M. at the Curry Colvin Rec Complex Gymnasium, 1962 Rowland York Dr., Lincolnton. Classes are \$5 per class or \$15 per month.

## Ferreya named to UNG Dean’s List


Ramiro Ferreyra of Tignall, GA, has been named to the President’s Honor Roll at the University of North Georgia (UNG) for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during fall 2021.

Dr. Bonita C. Jacobs, president of UNG, recognized students who reached this academic achievement during the fall 2021 semester. Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours in bachelor’s degree programs who achieved a 4.0 grade point average were named to the President’s Honor Roll. Students enrolled in associate degree or dual enrollment programs who met the same level of achievement were named to the President’s List.

The University of North Georgia comprises five campuses, is a University System of Georgia leadership institution, and is The Military College of Georgia. With almost 19,000 students, the University of North Georgia is one of the state’s largest public universities. The university offers more than 100 programs of study ranging from certificate and associate degrees to doctoral programs.

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