



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Seay

Lisbeth Dayana Sanchez marries Samuel Edward Seay

Lisbeth Dayana Sanchez and Samuel Edward Seay, both of Washington, were united in marriage in a lovely outdoor ceremony at The Sale Barn at Callaway Farms in Rayle on Saturday, January 22, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Steve Davis of True North Church in North Augusta, S.C., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Juan Sanchez and Mrs. Graciela Olson of Washington.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Cooper of Washington.

Couple exchanged their vows before the arch adorned with a spray of white roses and flanked by ferns. White fabric was draped on the cross. Gold lanterns atop barrels marked the entrance to the aisle.

In lieu of candle lighting, both mothers placed a rosary lasso over the couple as the minister prayed over the couple.

A program of music was provided by both DJ Bravo and the La Colonial de Tuzantia Band.

Gibb Cooper of Washington was his brother's best man. Usher-groomsmen were Thomas Seay of Appling, brother of the bridegroom; Kyle Gunter, Divinski Lee, and Wes Tanner, all of Washington, Jack Rogers, John David Bailey, and Peyton Lanier, all of Tignall, and Bryson Turner of Rayle.

Serving as maids of honor were Makayla Ray of Athens and Destiny Favors of Charlotte, N. C. Bridesmaids were Yessica Sanchez, sister of the bride, Datlyn Lee, and Elexus Campbell, all of Washington, Taylor Cooper of Madison, sister of the bridegroom, Caroline Richards and Catherine Richards of Evans, cousins of the bridegroom, and Lykah Mora of Athens. All wore full-length

satin bronze dresses and carried bouquets of white gypsophila tied with white satin ribbon.

Junior bridesmaids were Alexandria Sanchez of Washington, sister of the bride, and Daniela Chavez of Rayle, cousin of the bride. They wore full-length green dresses.

Cousin of the bride Allison Chavez of Rayle served as flower girl and wore a full-length white Spanish lace dress finished with a red apron and scattered red and white rose petals.

John Thomas Hardy of Rayle was ring bearer.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride was radiant in her full-length satin gown fashioned with an off-the-shoulder design. The bodice of white pearl beading was complemented by her white fur wrap.

She wore the traditional Hispanic long white lace veil.

The bride carried a bouquet of large and small white roses adorned with varied greenery all tied with white satin ribbon.

Of special sentiment to the bride was a Virgin Mary necklace given to her by her godmother, Maria Velazquez.

Reception

The wedding party and guests enjoyed an authentic Mexican reception and party at The Sale Barn at Callaway Farms following the ceremony.

Traditional Mexican multi-colored corn husk flower centerpieces were used in decorating. The ceiling was draped with traditional Mexican flags. A large silver star-shaped piñata full of candy and gifts was center stage at the reception.

Following a wedding trip to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, Mr. and Mrs. Seay are making their home in Washington.

Sunday School Union Reconvenes at Reeves Chapel Baptist Church

The Wilkes County Sunday School Union reconvened at Reeves Chapel Baptist Church, January 29-30, where Rev. Michael Gresham served as host pastor and Thomas Gresham as host superintendent. The session was opened by President Enock Booker, Jr. After a 2-year absence due to Covid-19, he extended a heart-felt welcome to all Sunday school members. The Devotional Service were led by Thomas Gresham and Larry Smith. The Welcome Address was presented by Mabel Smith. After the reading and participation of committees by Assistant Secretary, Catrina Cofer, singing was led by the congregation.

During the business session, the Union body agreed to cancel the Friday night session at the next Union Meeting. The session will begin on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Officers elected to serve for the next 4 years were Rev. Lance Pitts as President, Larry William as Vice-President; Robin Booker as Secretary; Catrina Cofer as Assistant Secretary; and Larry Smith as Treasurer.

During the youth session, which was led by Francine Towns, the Inspirational Address was delivered by Zimir Wright. His topic was taken from John 3:16. The

Doctrinal Sermon, which was preached by Rev. Lance Pitts, was entitled "Praising God During a Midnight Crisis" and was taken from Acts 16:24-26.

The Sunday's session was opened by President Booker. The devotional services were led by Larry Smith and Tim Huff. Francine Towns presided as Sunday school superintendent. The lesson was taught by Rev. Michael Gresham. The title of the lesson was "Countercultural Compassion" taken from Deuteronomy 24:10-21. The Inspirational Address, presented by President Booker entitled "Keep God First," was taken from Psalm 23:1.

In his closing remarks, he thanked the Union officers, committees, and member for their support for the last 4 years plus the 2-year absence due to Covid-19. The Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. James Iver entitled "Make Ready for a Move of God" taken from II Chronicles 7:14. Special prayer was given to all the sick and deceased Sunday school members. Hospitality remarks were given by Mozelle Doughty.

The next Union session will convene with Cherry Grove Baptist Church May 28-29.

PERSONALITIES!

Social News from the Washington area.

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Ellen McClure to wed Jack L. Horn

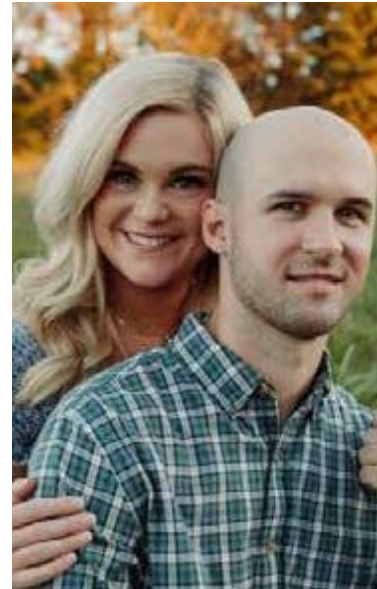
The families of engaged couple, Ellen C. McClure and Jack L. Horn, both of Athens, announce the couple's plans to marry.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rhonda McClure of Watkinsville and Chris McClure of Commerce. She is the granddaughter of Alma Blasingame of Watkinsville and the late James Blasingame and the late Faye and Earnest McClure.

Miss McClure is a graduate of the University of Georgia in Athens and employed as a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens.

Mr. Horn is the son of Susan and Jimbo Horn of Watkinsville. He is the grandson of Dr. Gene and Joanne Pollock of Washington and Marzee Horn of Athens and the late Jim Horn.

Mr. Horn is employed as a transport supervisor with St. Mary's Hospital in Athens.



Ellen McClure and Jack Horn

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 2, at 4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Athens with a reception to follow at Hotel Indigo, also in Athens.



Speaker Lizzie Keen is welcomed by Shelley Warrenfells

Lizzie Keen speaks at Cornelia Johnson Circle

Lizzie Keen was guest speaker at the Cornelia Johnson Circle as members gathered for the first meeting of 2022 on Tuesday evening, February 1, in the Washington First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Miss Keen, MS, RD, LD, is a clinical dietitian in the Medical/Trauma ICU at Doctors Hospital of Augusta. During an engaging and lively presentation, she reminded group members how to take care of their bodies with good nutrition and how important it is to make good nutrition choices that are sustainable. She was introduced by President Shelley Warrenfells.

Prior to her presentation President Warrenfells opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. While enjoying delicious refreshments of apple cake and ice cream served by hostesses, Pauline Bell and Beth Conard, Ms. Warrenfells encouraged the ladies to sharpen their memory skills by leading

them in several fun memory activities.

After the program, a short business meeting was held. It was decided that Food for Friends ministry would resume in March. Juanita Tyler would be in charge of the meal.

It was announced that Randee Barry would be providing the program in March sharing some chair yoga techniques to keep members moving and Janie Cravens will provide a scripture calligraphy lesson for the April meeting. Praise and prayer concerns were given and the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were Pauline Bell, Pat Amrine, Diane Jordan, Tina Lewis, Laura Toburen, Rev. Liza Marler, Shelley Warrenfells, Janie Cravens, Melanie Wells, Rosemary Hopkins, Libby Bowman, Kay Bray, Janet Burgess, Susan Branan, Juanita Tyler, and Beth Conard.

National Ladies Homestead gathering invites newcomers

The Wilkes County Chapter of the National Ladies Homestead Gathering invites ladies, 16 or older, to attend its meetings and take part in all the chapter is offering.

The chapter is meeting a week early this month on Thursday, February 10, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Danburg Baptist Church at the address of 164 Bradford Road, Tignall. This month's speaker is Elizabeth Johns who will present a program on how to raise and care for dairy goats and goat milk.

The chapter is also in the process of a fundraiser with its seed sale. While the kick-off event has passed, the project is ongoing through March. The seed sale is through rareseeds.com but orders must be placed through the chapter. For ordering or questions, contact Trudy Cottone at 1-828-337-4845. You can contact her for a catalog or go to www.rareseeds.com to view what is available or wilkes.ga@nlhg.org for more

information.

The chapter typically meets the third Thursday each month from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Danburg Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Ladies interested in homesteading and making meaningful connections with other women are welcome. The chapter discusses topics such as raising chickens, livestock, gardening, and much more. Current officers are Trudy Cottone, president; Tammy Hartman, vice-president; Terry Force, treasurer/secretary; and Melissa Riley, communications coordinator.

The purpose of the National Ladies Homestead Gathering is to empower women through homesteading with its mission being to share knowledge, build community, and grow friendships. For more information about meeting topics, dates, and times visit <https://ladieshomesteadgathering.org/wilkesga>.

We hope to see you there!

New Beginnings

William Armstrong Slaton V

Sarah Elizabeth and William A. Slaton IV of Jacksonville, Florida, announce the birth of their son, William Armstrong V, on Wednesday, January 5, at Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville. Liam, as he will be called, weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. He has a sister, Sadie Kay, who will be two in April.

Maternal grandparents are Karen and Kenneth Hart of Jacksonville.

Paternal grandparents are William A. (Bill) Slaton III, formerly of Washington, and Lynne Slaton Collier, also of Jacksonville.

Mrs. Slaton is the former Sarah Elizabeth Hart of Jacksonville.

Liam is the great-great-grandson of the late William Armstrong Slaton, a former mayor of Washington.

Luna Hernandez celebrates fifth birthday

Luna Hernandez, daughter of Lydia and Moises Hernandez of Tignall, celebrated her fifth birthday on two occasions.

Luna was treated to a Chuck E. Cheese birthday party in Athens on January 22.

She, along with family and friends, enjoyed all the festivities that included games, pizza, ice cream, and birthday cake. Each child was presented a goody bag filled with Chuck E. Cheese party items.

On her birthday on January 26, Luna and her classmates at Blackwell Learning Center in Elberton were treated to cupcakes, chips, and fruit punch.



Joanne Pollock hosts WALLI Readers

The WALLI Readers gathered in the home of Joanne and Gene Pollock on Wednesday morning, January 26, for the monthly book review.

Mrs. Pollock led the review of A Single Thread by Tracy Chevalier. The characters in the book take you into the world of women who embroidered the choir seat cushions, the kneelers, and alms bags for Winchester Cathedral in England and into the skill and challenge of church bell ringing.

Refreshments were enjoyed during a time of fellowship. Joining Mrs. Pollock for the review were C. Carol Cartledge, Barbara Fulbright, Renee Brown, Roy Smith, Katie Price, Ruth Rogers, and Dackie Callaway.

Personal Mention

In celebration of her February 2 birthday, Daphne Albertson was in total shock as she and husband, Steve, arrived at The Royal Peasant in Athens the following day to be joined by her daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Matt Carroll of New York City, N. Y., who with help of several planned the surprise festivities. Also joining the family for the birthday lunch were friends and party "co-conspirators," Paula and J. R. Suggs.



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