

Washington DJJ earns perfect score from GaDOE

Submitted by
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The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is pleased to announce that the DJJ School System scored 100 percent on the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) Special Education evaluation, reflecting the agency's dedication to providing special education programs and services to students with disabilities.

"DJJ is committed to providing an education that empowers lifelong learners to reach their full potential," said Commissioner Tyrone Oliver. "I am proud of our school system and special education team for their hard work and dedication to ensuring youth have access to wraparound services while in our care. We look forward to continuing to provide an environment where our special education students can thrive."

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children. The act requires states to review and evaluate Local Education Agencies (LEAs) performance in meeting the IDEA requirements and purposes each year.

The GaDOE Division for Special Education Services and Supports completed a review of data from the 2020 – 2021 school year and made the Fiscal Year 2022 determination that DJJ 'Meets Requirements' of Part B of the IDEA,

scoring 100 percent. Children and youth ages three through 21 receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B.

DJJ is the 181 school district, with 29 campuses in secure facilities and Education Transition Centers. During the 2020-2021 school year, the DJJ had 300 special education daily students representing approximately 30 percent of the youth in secure facilities. Additionally, the Department currently employs 32 special education teachers.

"We are thrilled with our 100 percent score on the Local Education Agency (LEA) Determination report," said Zane Shelfer, DJJ Deputy Superintendent of Schools. "We welcome and value the guidance and feedback provided to our school system by the Georgia Department of Education. I want to thank our Special Education Director Winifred Pierce, Special Education Curriculum Specialists, and all teachers whose hard work each day made this happen."

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is a multi-faceted agency that serves the state's justice-involved youth up to 21 years of age. The Department's mission is to transform young lives by providing evidence-based rehabilitative treatment services and supervision, strengthening youth and families' wellbeing, and fostering safe communities. Visit us online at www.djj.georgia.gov.

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Jackson Chapel and Blackrock has a new phone number which is 617-793-8272. Additionally, the worship service time has been changed to 11:00 a.m. Worship service is now held in the church as well as virtually.

The Don't Forget column deadline is 5 p.m. Mondays. Please check with

your organization for any scheduling changes.

Stephen's House Food Pantry (God's Marketplace) is open every third Thursday of each month. 3-4:30 p.m. at The Sanctuary Church, 1365 Tignall Road. For more information, contact the church office at 706-678-3423.

New Ford Baptist Church will conduct its annual Family and Friends Day Worship Service and "Great Day of Giving" activities at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13. Rev. Larry Hill, Pastor of Marks Tabernacle

Baptist Church, is the guest preacher and his church family are the special guests of New Ford for this occasion. The entire community is invited to come worship with New Ford on this special annual occasion. A delicious take-out lunch meal will be served.

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April 'Makers Market' expected to be a 'big party'

By MORRIS BRANSON
Staff Reporter

Economic Development Director, Janet Parker, announced the next "big party on the square", the Makers Market, will be held on April 23 and will be bigger and better than ever. She brought a "posse" along to help explain the activities.

Brittany Buttrey spoke about the exciting entertainment that will be featured that day, including Gimme Hendricks, a Jimmy Hendricks cover band. Local favorite The Tanner Duckworth

Band will also be making a return appearance. She talked about the ability of local people and businesses to become sponsors which will be used in conjunction with a grant from the Georgia Council of the Arts.

Barry Holloway, of Poss Hardware, announced that he will be organizing a Barbecue Cookoff during the event. Ace Hardware and other companies are helping to sponsor this effort. This is planned to be an annual event and will be open to 30 teams this year. The contest will require entrants to prepare three dishes, a ham-

burger, Boston Butt, and Ribs. Persons wishing to participate can come by the hardware store and speak to him.

Rocky Miller is planning the first of what is to be an annual Corn Hole Tournament. The play will consist of 26 teams, each requiring a \$50.00, per team, entrance fee. Cash prizes will be awarded, with the remaining proceeds going to the Rotary club.

Further questions may be directed to: info@thefitzpatrick-hotel.com or call 706-678-5900.

LWREA scholarship applications now available for high school seniors

High school seniors enrolled in Lincoln County High School and Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High School may now apply for a scholarship sponsored by the Lincoln-Wilkes Retired Educators Association (LWREA).

Applications are available in the counselors' office. The applicant must attend a college or vocational school for the academic year 2022-2023 and write a 250-500 word essay on the topic "A Higher Education Will Enhance My Life and the Lives of My Family and Community by..."

The deadline for submission of the completed application and essay to the high school counselor is Thursday, March 31, 2022. The scholarship will be issued after verification of attendance which LWREA must receive by October 31, 2022. Further information can be obtained by calling 706-359-4592 or 706-678-1660.



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Four E receives bus donation

Submitted by
ROXEANN COBB

Four "E" Youth Organization Founder, Roxeann Cobb, was gifted with a donated bus.

The bus was donated by TwinAngels (Sheila Hill and Sharon Barnett) from Athens. The TwinAngels are natives of Wilkes County. She's been asking for transportation for two years. Four "E" Youth Organization in Wilkes County, (Educate, Empower, Expose and Encourage) is a 501c3 organization for all youth ages 13 to 19 years old. Website: www.foureyo.org



Sharon Barnett, Roxeann Cobb and Sheila Hill



Registration for the FBC Pre-K Program for 2022-23

Registration Information
Thursday March 3...8:00 am-4:30 pm
Friday March 4...9:00 am -1:30 pm
(in the FBC Fellowship Hall)
*For more information call 706-318-0109

- A registration form may be picked up from the church office, or downloaded from the church website at www.fbcwashingtonga.org
- A registration fee of \$100 is due upon registration
- Bus transportation is available to and from in-town daycares for a fee.
- Student must be either 3 or 4 years old & potty-trained by September 1.
- If space permits, 2-year-olds who will be 3 years old & potty-trained by 12-31-22 may enroll.

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