

# PERSONALITIES!

Social News from the Washington area.

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## New Beginnings

### Andrew Bennett Chafin

Cayla and Whit Chafin of Washington announce the birth of their son, Andrew Bennett, on Wednesday, February 16, at University Hospital in Augusta. Bennett, as he is being called, weighed 9 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Angie and CJ Gilland of Washington. Maternal great-grandparents are Robert Wright, the late Judy Wright, and the late Hattie and Billy Gilland, all of Washington.

Paternal grandparents are Donna Chafin and the late Scott Chafin of Washington. Paternal great-grandparents are Jean and Thomas Gunter, Charles Chafin, and the late Amelia Chafin, all of Washington.

Mrs. Chafin the former Cayla Gilland of Washington.

### Michael Vernon Cowan, Jr.

Katie and Michael Cowan of Jefferson announce the birth of their son, Michael Vernon Jr., on Friday, February 11, at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, MJ, as he is being called, weighed 7 lbs., 5.4 ozs. and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Lillian Cowan, who is 18 years old.

Maternal grandparents are Gail and Tom Duggan of Washington. Maternal great-grandparents are Mildred Dougherty and the late Wiley Dougherty of Gainesville and the late Mary and Dr. Dan Duggan of Washington.

Paternal grandparents are Lynda Congi of Nicholson and the late Neal Cowan of Warner Robins. Paternal great-grandparents are Sarah Eskew and the late Grady Eskew of Jefferson and the late Louise and Bruell Cowan of Griffin.

Mrs. Cowan is the former Katie Duggan of Washington.

### Oliver Lisle Smith

Kirstin and Ethan Smith of San Antonio, Texas, announce the birth of their son, Oliver Lisle, on Saturday, February 19, at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Ollie, as he is being called, weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 22 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Vicki and John Rodrigues of Watkinsville. Maternal great-grandparents are Elizabeth and James Denard of Washington and the late Aileen and George Rodrigues.

Paternal grandparents are Jan Smith and the late Lowell Dean Smith of Senoia. Paternal great-grandparents are June Bowers and the late Lisle Bowers of Senoia and the late Eolyne and Albert Smith.

Mrs. Smith is the former Kirstin Rodrigues of Watkinsville.

### Lions Club holds successful spaghetti dinner fundraiser



Pictured are members of the Washington Lions Club recent spaghetti dinner fundraising committee (left to right) Shannon Jackson, Melissa Wilson, Olin Newby, Jacqueline Al-Azawi, Nadia Kelman, William Kelman, Nicky MacAislin, and Wendi Qualls. Not pictured are Jeremy Wilson and Haley Wilson. Junior Lions Club helpers were Cali Chavez, Alana Wolfe, and Nevaeh Matias.

### Smyrna Ladies Circle meets for Lenten discussion

Joyce Barden presented a special devotional from a book by Faye Roberts in her program at the Smyrna Ladies Circle meeting Tuesday, March 1, at Smyrna United Methodist Church.

"Spring Cleaning" was the program title from the book, *Hey, Lord, Can Angels Type?* She cited scripture, Matthew 6:19-21 where we are reminded not to store up treasures on earth but in heaven. She then referred to all the "stuff" we accumulate and hold on to over time and how many things could be used by others less fortunate.

Mrs. Barden continued by discussing Ash Wednesday, of the symbolism of receiving a cross of ashes on the forehead acknowledging and asking for forgiveness

of sins. Lent is when Christians give up something acknowledging they recognize what Jesus gave up for all mankind. She used Isaiah 53:7 as her reference.

Carol Hambrick and Mrs. Barden served as hostesses for the luncheon meeting. The opening prayer and blessing were led by Anne Garrard.

During the business meeting, it was noted the "mailbox" was nearly ready to be presented to members. Plans were discussed for Easter and remembering shut-ins.

Following Mrs. Barden's program, she closed in prayer.

Present were Joan Spears, Norwood Strother, Anne Garrard, Carol Hambrick, and Joyce Barden.

### First Baptist Church Pre-Kindergarten celebrates Dr. Seuss week



Students of First Baptist Church Pre-Kindergarten celebrated Dr. Seuss Week by participating in stories, crafts, songs, dress-up days, and a birthday party honoring the children's author, Theodore Sissel. Pictured are front row (left to right) Hadleigh Bentley, Everlee Fortson, Sully Wheatley, Maria Callaway, Jacob Lawson, Ella Reese Taylor, Jenna Echols, and Maisyn Harrison; second row (left to right) Mattox Saggus, Suri Swindall, Emilee Kate Wood, John Thomas Hardy, Sophie Hendry, Marley Pulliam; third row (left to right) Millie Smith, Lilly Katherine Moon, Claire Gilland, Averie Bridges, Sam Sisson, Zoey Thornton; back row (left to right) Carol Souther, teacher; Judy Coxwell, director; Maggie Craycraft, student aide; and Dean Sisson, paraprofessional. Not present for the picture were students Wyatt Goldman and Saylor Grace Smith.

## Lauren Chafin to wed Tyler Chaney July 9

Donna Chafin of Washington announces the engagement of her daughter, Lauren, to Tyler Chaney, both of Buford, son of Jennifer and Michael Chaney, also of Buford.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Scott Chafin of Washington. She is the granddaughter of Jean and Thomas Gunter, Charles Chafin, and the late Amelia Chafin of Washington.

She earned a Bachelor Science in Early Childhood Education from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. Miss Chafin is employed as an elementary school teacher.

Mr. Chaney is the grandson of Happy Mayfield and the late Larry Mayfield of Travelers Rest, S.C., and Julie and Roy Chaney of Greer, S.C.

He earned a Bachelor of Sci-



Tyler Chaney and Lauren Chafin

ence in Criminal Justice from the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega and works in law enforcement.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 9, in Eatonton.

## Waylon Callaway celebrates 9th birthday

Waylon Callaway, son of Britt and Jason Callaway, celebrated his ninth birthday on Sunday, February 27, and was treated on several occasions.

On Friday, February 25, Waylon and his third grade classmates at Briarwood Academy were treated to Krispy Kreme doughnuts during their lunch break which they enjoyed while wearing complimentary Krispy Kreme paper hats.

That evening he invited a friend to accompany him, his parents, and sister, Wesleigh, to Top Golf in Augusta. They were joined by his grandparents, Donna and Benjie Edwards, and his great aunt and uncle, Kathi and Brian Smoker of North Augusta, S.C.

On his birthday Waylon attended the worship service at First

Baptist Church and was given the honor of offering the prayer of invocation. Afterwards, the family gathered at their home on Rocking

C Farm for a lunch of pizza and a delicious Butterfinger cake baked by his grandmother, Penny Callaway.

Celebrating this time with Waylon and his parents were his sister, Wesleigh; grandparents, Donna and Benjie Edwards and Penny and Ricky Callaway; uncles, aunts, and cousins, Lindsey, Cary, Cohen, and Carson Callaway, and Sheila, Rick, and Trace Callaway.



Speaker Rande Barry (center) enjoys comments from Laura Toburen (left) and Shelley Warrenfells following her program.

### Cornelia Johnson Circle enjoys yoga relaxation instruction

Rande Barry presented the program to members of the Cornelia Johnson Circle of Washington First United Methodist Church at the meeting Tuesday evening, March 1, in the fellowship hall.

Mrs. Barry, a local yoga instructor, led members in deep breathing exercises and several relaxing chair yoga techniques to cradle the body, comfort the heart, and calm the mind.

The meeting began with a time of fellowship as the ladies enjoyed delectable Reese's peanut butter and chocolate bars prepared by Shelley Warrenfells.

President Warrenfells opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and continued with a discussion of the Food for Friends meals under the direction of Juanita Tyler. It was decided that April's Food for Friends, led by Pauline Bell, would take place on April 21.

Appreciation was expressed to Jennifer Cragle for her many years coordinating the card min-

istry which will be led by Janie Cravens beginning in the fall.

The business meeting continued with other reports. The circle approved donations to God's Marketplace in memory of Dave Toburen and the Wilkes County Cancer Relief.

Kay Bray provided an update on UMCOR Ukraine relief opportunities.

Present Warrenfells shared a devotional with scripture Joshua 1:6 encouraging everyone to "be strong and courageous" in uncertain times.

It was announced Janie Cravens would present a scripture calligraphy lesson for the April program.

Members present were Susan Branan, Juanita Tyler, Rosemary Hopkins, Libbie Bowman, Melanie Wells, Janet Burgess, Carolyn Reynolds, Barbara Fulbright, Rande Barry, Kay Bray, Pauline Bell, Janie Cravens, Beth Conard, Laura Toburen, and Marcia Delany.

## Washington Personnels

Charlie Burke of Vinings visited over the weekend with his mother, Margie Burke, in celebration of her birthday on March 7. While visiting they enjoyed the beautiful weather as they toured the Kettle Creek Battlefield.

Louise and David McClearen celebrated her birthday Saturday with lunch and tour in Helen.

Keith Winn of Atlanta visited recently with his mother, Patsy Winn.

Nadia and William Kelman of St. Augustine, Florida, are visiting her mother, Jacqueline Al-Azawi.

Susan and Edward Pope Jr. returned Sunday from visiting several days in Bethesda, Maryland, with Jenny, Craig, Ellie, and Wyatt Thomas. While there they enjoyed seeing Ellie ride at Meadowbrook Stables and attended Wyatt's basketball game. Also a highlight was the Thomases treating Edward to a special birthday dinner at Medium Rare on his birthday Friday night.

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