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New Deep South Sanitation Services Slowly But Surely Finding Its Routes

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

LANIER COUNTY, Georgia – Rain, sleet, storm of night may not affect trash services, but let two holidays – Christmas and New Year’s Day fall on a Monday as the new Deep South Sanitation, LLC service starts in Lanier County ... well, it’s caused a few delays!

Deep South Sanitation, LLC sanitation service is dealing with a bit of a backlog of garbage, as any service would. But, coupled with a completely new route area, smooth servicing is a bit slow. Now, as the company tries to catch up, county customers are unused to service occurring later in the day.

“Our service employees are working to thoroughly complete its Lanier County routes now as it gets used to traveling the new area,” said a Deep South Sanitation Customer Service person.

While some people find the days leading up to and following Christmas as a kind of trashy time frame with obvious extra trash from residences and businesses, the change from one sanitation company to another during this season has been a bit of a challenge.

While Lanier County has not experienced the backlog in garbage occurring in other parts of the United States due to heavy snowstorms that prompted trash service delays and cancellations, its been described as bit “different” by customers the last week.



If you’re a customer – residential or commercial, that failed to contact Deep South Sanitation LLC by mid-December in order to obtain new trash receptacles, its recommended that you call them now. They can be reached at 229-559-0200.

A Facebook Flash Notification results in new experience on CaterParrott Railnet’s Azalea Sprinter



By Carol A. Gasser Moore

BERRIEN & LOWNDES COUNTIES, Georgia – Reviewing Facebook posts during December, lead this writer to a chance to take in a fairly new experience — riding on the CaterParrott Railnet’s Azalea Sprinter. While I had seen passenger train cars in Nashville, I had not dreamed that I could take one for a short bit of fun and for a fantastic new experience!

The Azalea Sprinter is South Georgia’s premier excursion train - traveling along the historic Georgia & Florida Railroad. Its’ trains depart from Nashville or Willacochee and travel to Moody, Ray City, Valdosta and Willacochee. Simply put, it is a memorable rail journey through beautiful rural Georgia, through a series of short round-trip excursions; and with three different rail car seating options available. Whether with friends or family, fun awaits!

The Azalea Sprinter Passenger Excursion Train launched about three years ago. It offers several excursion travel options. This Lanier County News

writer started by taking Holiday Dinner Train and loved it so much that my family and I rode the Santa Train.

A number of special excursion rides on the Azalea Sprinter can be found on-line by going to <https://azaleasprinter.com/>.

“Just being on a moving train was fun,” said one passenger. “But I think a lot of it is who you bring along with you and who you meet. We were able to talk to our neighbors across the aisle and find out a little something about them. It was just something new and interesting to do.”

The Holiday Train Ride lasted 3 ½ hours, included live music as well as an excellent dinner meal. The music was provided by Macon’s Music Solution. The Music Solution is made up of Jerry Moss on keyboard and Harold E. Thomas, who may have helped Kenny G develop his saxophone style!

Unbelievably, the Holiday Dinner included filet mignon, and lobster tail, cooked to perfection!

The second train rain was billed as the Santa Express.

It featured lots of hot chocolate, chocolate kisses and visits with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

One source has indicated that enough people are slowly finding about this unusual excursion passenger train that the Nashville Farmer’s Market, which is the train depot, is expanding. Currently, the Farmer’s Market is one large French style market with a few vendor trailers around the outside of the building. Word has it that the offering at the train location is planning to expand.

Tickets range from about \$50 per person and up, depending upon what is being offered as part of the excursion train ride. There are four-person and two-person tables available, and the train car includes a restroom. A private caboose is available for a party up to eight people. Trains travel between 15 and 20 miles per hour. Walking during the ride isn’t difficult, but as one person said you do have to find your “train legs.”

The train was dressed in holiday splendor and seemed “magical”.

Valdosta Police respond to Bemiss Road Stabbing

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

VALDOSTA, Georgia – The Valdosta Police Department (VPD) has released information about an aggravated assault which occurred on Friday, December 22 about 2:30 p.m. A E911 call by a citizen indicated that someone had been stabbed in the 2400 block of Bemiss Road. VPD, Crime Scene Technicians, Detectives and Emergency Medical Services responded.

When the First Responders arrived on the scene, reacting officers located a male (30) with multiple stab wounds. VPD Officers report that their personnel provided first aid on scene. The victim was then transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released.

VPD Detectives have identified a person of interest. The investigation has shown this to be an isolated incident.

This case is currently under active investigation and no further details will be released at this time.

