

“Dead Animal Disposal” continued from page 1

Commissioners and the Lanier County Animal Control Department

April 10 – LCN receives Open Records response from the Lanier County Board of Commissioners stating, “Received, we are working on your request.”

April 17 – LCN contacts Lanier County Board of Commissioners office and asks for a response to its April 5th restated Open Records amended and restated Open Records request

April 17 – At the time of publication preparation, the LCN has not had a response to its April 5th Open Records Request.

The Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, Department 40, Chapter 40-13, Subject 40-13-13q states:

“Waste disposal: Provisions must be made for the regular and safe removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris, so as to minimize vermin infestation, contamination, odors, and disease hazards. Disposal of dead animals must be by burial or incineration. Legal permission from the appropriate authorizes or landowner must be obtained, prior to, burial on any public or private land. Disposal of dead animals in wells, waterways, or wetlands of any kind is strictly prohibited.”

The Lanier County News has received some indication that initsphotos, two dead dogs were in a crate and all were placed in the open pit, because both dogs may have been positive for the Parvo Virus.

The entire issue seems to boil down to the fact that the State of Georgia has laws and/or requirements for the safety and welfare of all living people, animals and their environment and there appears to be a Lanier County Board of Commissioners practice, despite the BOC’s statement otherwise, of taking euthanized animals and/or road kill dead dogs, and dumping their bodies in an open pit on county property to decay and rot.

This is a developing story which the Lanier County News will update as soon as more information is available.

Fatality in Pick-up Collision with Valdosta City Bus

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

VALDOSTA, Georgia – Valdosta Police Department (VPD) Chief Leslie Manahan has shared that an early morning traffic accident on Friday, April 12, has found one person dead.

In a VPD report, Chief Manahan states that at roughly 6:38 a.m. that morning, Valdosta Police Department Officers, Valdosta Fire Fighters, and Emergency Medical Services Personnel responded to citizen initiated emergency calls. Numerous E911 callers informed emergency personnel about a traffic accident involving a school bus and another vehicle.

The first responders were prompted to go to the 1000 block of South Patterson Street. Once at the scene, those first responders found the traffic accident involved a Valdosta City School bus and a pickup truck. Emergency personnel found a pickup truck partially underneath the side of the school bus at the accident scene.

As their investigation and assistance began, Emergency personnel found that the driver of the pickup truck, an 80-year-old male, was unresponsive. They pronounced him deceased at the scene.

When checking on the school bus driver, VPD found that the school bus had six students on the bus at the time of the accident. They indicate that there were no injuries of anyone on the bus.

The VPD Traffic Unit is currently investigating the accident.

VPD Chief Manahan has stated, “Our prayers go out to everyone involved or affected by this terrible accident. We appreciate the assistance from the Lowndes County



Sheriff’s Office and the Georgia Department of Motor Carrier Compliance.”

The Valdosta Police Department Traffic Unit asks that if anyone has any information on this case, they would appreciate for that person to contact the Valdosta Police Department Traffic Unit at 229-242-2606. Information may also be provided through the crime tip line at 229-293-3091, or information can be given on-line by going to www.valdostacity.com/police-department/.

Advertisement for 'TAKE THE PLEDGE to never text and drive' featuring a hand icon and the slogan 'TEXTING & DRIVING... it can wait'.

Advertisement for Compu-Art Typesetting & Graphics, featuring the slogan 'We'll make you look great on paper. The Rest ... Is Up To You' and contact information for Monte Kilorease.

Advertisement for LanierCountyNewsOnline.com, featuring an American flag background and the slogan 'Support Democracy Subscribe to our online edition'.

Advertisement for the 39th Session of the Citizens Police Academy, featuring a photo of Officer Randall Hancock and details about the academy schedule and sign-up information.

Advertisement for Compu Art Designs Custom T-Shirts, featuring various t-shirt designs and a mug, with contact information for placing orders.