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By Carol A. Gasser Moore

LANIER COUNTY, Georgia - The Lanier County News Online is offline at its usual press time of 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1st.

Yesterday, The LCN learned that its web host, WebSitesForNewspapers has experienced a technical problem leaving several hundred newspapers nationally without their usual on-line presence.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience this causes readers," said Carol Moore, Publisher.

Check back at LanierCountyNewsOnline.com for information, updates and a return to its usual published news.

LCHS Band Boosters Work to Fund Daytona 500 NASCAR 2025 Band Performance: Help Requested

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

LANIER COUNTY, Georgia - The Lanier County High School (LCHS) Band Boosters have announced their efforts to help offset the cost of the Lanier County High School Band when they perform at the 2025 Daytona 500 NASCAR race next spring.

The Lanier County Marching Band has accepted their invitation to play at the Daytona 500 NASCAR race in 2025. According to the Lanier County Band Boosters (LCBB) the band will be performing on the track before the race. As race goers enter the Daytona 500, the LCHS Drumline will be playing at the gate.

The LCBB is raising money to help offset the cost of food and hotel fees. They are asking for any donation possible to the LCBB. Donations will be helpful in allowing all the marching band students to attend and perform during the Daytona 500 NASCAR Race.

Besides being a fun activity for the LCHS Band to attend and give a performance, there are real benefits that our music students gain from participating in band and giving a performance. Playing music with other high school students in our marching band helps our students build social skills. Through interactions in band, they develop lasting friendships. Being a musician cultivates creativity. Music programs such as marching band help students develop advanced problem solving skills, both as they read and play music as well as take responsibility for uniting with a large group and share in the work that it takes to put together and play in locations outside the band room.

Student academics and, later, career skills improve because our LCHS Marching Band Program fosters accountability, confidence, leadership, patience and time management. These skills, in turn, benefits the student and those who interact with them throughout their lives.

Interested in helping our local band with this performance opportunity? On-line go to the "Go Fund Me" URL and search for Lanier County High School Band. Follow the instructions which will help you contribute and help you help the Lanier County Marching Band "Fuel the Lanier County Band's NASCAR Journey"

Be Aware that Area Rivers Are Overflowing: Be Cautious When Driving on Water-Covered Roadways

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

LANIER COUNTY, Georgia - As tornados pummeled the Midwest this week, First Responders are encouraging all residents to be aware that the flooding in and around Lanier County. Lanier County is crossed by the Alapaha River, Buck Creek, Cross Creek, Tenmile Creek and Fivemile Creek and all are in flood stage.

Immediately northeast of Lanier County, the Ware County Emergency Management Agency have identified flood related problems despite the fact that rivers in their area have begun to recede.

Lanier County bar ditches are full, just as they are in Lowndes County and Berrien County.

In Coffee County, a reported damn break sent unexpected water gushing in their area's waterways. Water levels are reported to be more than six (6) feet above flood stage in our area.

Overall the amount of rain has caused water levels to rise, but there are also anomalies such as the damn break which bring unexpected water from upstream into the Lanier County and surrounding areas. At times, there are areas which have experienced rising water and water on road cautionary signs has been utilized. For this reason when traveling Lanier County and surrounding areas, drivers need to be alert.

With the rising waters, some wildlife has been displaced.

One example of unusually high water has been in the Banks Lake Pointe Subdivision where Magnolia Trail has been virtually submerged in water at about mid-hubcap level.

During the worst of recent storms, some residents



report hail as large as ping-pong ball-size. Gusting winds and deluges from a severe thunderstorm in the last few days have taken a toll.

When we think there can't be another fallen tree, storms have knocked down more trees and scattering limbs.

Anything outside such as lawn furniture have shifted from their usual home placement areas.

Both Atkinson and Brantley County have reported that the water has been extremely high as the Satilla ran far away from its bank. Bridges along U.S. 82 experience high water just below the bridges' decks.

The Withlacoochee River which cuts through Valdosta has been reported as high as 20.4 feet. As the Lanier County News has understood it, a water level of over 20 feet is over 11 feet above flood stage. Flooding of the Withlacoochee River is affecting Lowndes County, although water levels have dropped to about 19 feet this week.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Brings Appreciation for Tri-county E911 Call Takers

By Carol A. Gasser Moore

ATKINSON, CLINCH and LANIER COUNTIES, Georgia - Public safety telecommunicators at the Tri-county E911 Call Center are the link between the community and fire, medical, mental health and law enforcement agencies. Tri-county Joint E911 telecommunicators often provide life-saving instructions over the phone and give first responders the critical information they need before they arrive on the scene. The work of a 911 telecommunicator happens behind the scenes and out of the spotlight.

During the recent National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, from April 14 to 20, one local family needed assistance. It was an opportunity for the Moore family to thank these caring and talented call takers and recognize them for their dedication and professionalism.

"Thank you to our Tri-county call takers and dispatchers who have stood together through challenging times in serving our community with professionalism and compassion. Daily, they provide life-saving service and take pride in their work. Everyone in our community matters, and I am especially proud of the professionals at our area's Tri-county Joint E911 Center, who answer calls for help each and every day," said Carol Moore.

In January, Moore's son, Jon, was on the Lanier County High School (LCHS) Senior Trip when Moore suffered from a severely pulled hamstring. It was painful enough to render her unable to pick her son up at LCHS after midnight when the students returned from their 18 hour trip to Florida. Desperate to keep Lanier County School staff and students from being detained at the school parking lot after an 18 hour day trip, Moore called the Tri-county E911 Call Center number and asked if there was any help that the center could provide. She was told that when more critical matters weren't drawing First Responders time and attention, they were available for courtesy calls. She was given instructions.

Moore called the Tri-county Joint E911 Center when the LCS bus arrived in the school parking lot about 12:30 a.m. Initially, she was told that no one was available to help with a courtesy call. "I thought that was the end of possible help!" said Moore. "I didn't know that the Call Center Staff would continue to pursue help. Within



a few minutes, the Tri-county E911 Call Center staff contacted me and had help lined up from an officer with the Lakeland Police Department! Jon was returned safely home and LCS staff did not have to wait at the end of a long day!"

Moore and her son, Jon, honored the Tri-county Joint E911 Center staff by giving a framed "Jon the Scout" Comic Strip titled, "Too Many Chocolates", which commemorated their help that night. They also provided staff with a very large "snack goodie bag" for their enjoyment as they work tirelessly in their critical jobs!

"On behalf of all Atkinson, Clinch and Lanier County citizens whom you serve, a heartfelt thank you to every single call-taker and dispatcher at the Tri-county Joint E911 Center. Too often, call-takers are the unsung heroes of our public safety system. Jon and I are deeply honored to recognize them this week. They show up every hour of every day to serve those in need, acting as primary First Responders, during some of the most distressing moments for our community. They answer these calls with expertise and empathy, and we're proud of every single one of them! As Lanier County residents, Jon and I are deeply committed to supporting their critical work and needs. They are, quite literally, our 'Light in the Darkness', and for that, we're eternally grateful," said Jon Moore, a Lanier County High School student.



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