

# Citizens lead efforts to beautify Smithville for Olympic torch relay

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A group of retired Smithville citizens are spearheading efforts to clean up the city as part of a "Recapturing the Pride" project sparked by the Olympic Torch Relay, which will pass through Smithville on July 12.

Residents and business owners are invited to attend an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday in the Old Depot building in Smithville to find out how many people are interested in revitalizing the community, as well as getting suggestions for projects for the group.

The group will consider projects such as the cleanup and beautification of public areas including the Old Depot building, raising money for projects to generate funds for beautification, historic preservation projects and even an Olympic Torch celebration.

Diane Smith, wife of Smithville Mayor Jack Smith and one of the organizers of the project, said the group needs the cooperation of all Smithville residents when she announced the group's organization Monday at Smithville's City Council meeting.

"I want to get a committee to work on (Olympic Torch celebration) because some people are interested in having a festival with food booths and all," Mrs. Smith said.

A cleanup day has been set aside for April 20. Activities will include picking up litter, cutting grass and pruning shrubs in the downtown area.

Those who wish to participate are asked to bring their own tools and trash bags and meet at 9 a.m. in downtown Smithville. Other cleanup days are planned for the third Saturday of each month.

In other business, the council:

- Voted to apply for a Community Development Block

Grant for the purpose of funding drainage projects, housing rehabilitation, storage areas and sewer expansions.

- Heard the resignation of Public Works Supervisor Don Brown, effective April 3.
- Instructed City Clerk Loretta Harris to contact a temporary employment service to fill the position until a permanent replacement could be hired.
- Rejected a bid from Sims Pest Control for servicing City Hall and the depot for \$40 per

month. The city is currently paying \$27.50, excluding termite control, to Georgia Pest Control for all city buildings. The council is considering spraying for pests themselves.

- Heard a proposal from Linda Kuller from the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center to assist the city in applying for more recreation funding.
- Discussed the need to send amendments to the Municipal Code Corp. for an update on city ordinance codes.

## Little Miss Albany crowns its winners

Staff report

Lee and Dougherty County winners in the 1996 Little Miss Albany Pageant were crowned March 17 at Darton College's new theater. Winners in each division were:

- Tiny Miss Albany 1996, Jenna Wiggins, daughter of Lane and Gayle Wiggins; Tiny Miss Photogenic, Mary Prescott Barber, daughter of Steve and Tammy Barber.
- Little Miss Albany 1996 and Little Miss Photogenic, Jennifer Kulbe, daughter of Dwight and Darby Kulbe.
- Little Miss 1st Runner-up, Kelsey Richter, daughter of Greg and Pam Richter
- Little Miss 2nd Runner-up, Alayna Carbon, daughter of Deborah Carbon and Scott Carbon.
- Young Miss Albany 1996, Krystal-Anne Grenseman,

daughter of Paul and Anne Grenseman.

- Young Miss 1st Runner-up and Young Miss Photogenic, Haley Kilpatrick, daughter of Tonya Kilpatrick.
- Pre-Teen Miss Albany 1996 and Pre-Teen Miss Photogenic, Stephanie Thomas, daughter of Tommy and Terese Thomas, and Jim and Kathi Hagan.
- Pre-Teen Miss 1st Runner-up, Jennifer Morey, daughter of Cathy Morey.

The queens in each division will serve as "sister queens" to Miss Albany Kimberly Blackshear and Junior Miss Albany Rebecca Carr. They will also be part of the Miss Albany Pageant in November and ride in Albany's Christmas Parade in December. The Miss Albany Scholarship Pageant sponsored the event and is a local preliminary pageant for the Miss America Pageant Organization.



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**Giving a helping hand:** From left, Erica Davis, parent volunteer of the year Donna Flowers; and program director and bus driver Cecil James, who was named staff member of the year, were recently honored by Lee County Head Start program for outstanding service

## Honor roll students

The following are honor roll students for the third nine weeks at Lee County Middle School.

**Top honors:**

- **Sixth grade** — Melissa Casey, Brittany Dixon, Jennifer Godwin, Kristen Goodwin, Chris Hemphill, Melissa McDonald, Dena Metcalf, Amy Mims, Blake Mock, Rebecca Powell, Sarah Steel, Ashley Street, Stephanie Takash, Rachel White and Crystal Wiggins.
- **Seventh grade** — Taurean Batten, Tamara Blair, Candice Burton, Christy Campbell, Jessie Cochran, Katie Dupree, Brandon Furney, Lindsay Hall, Byron Johnson, Deidra Johnson, Shanna Oliver and Tara Titshaw.
- **Eighth grade** — Jenny Anglin, Tabetha Broome, Chad Coffee, Cam Deiter, Jared Dervan, John Evans, Heather Furney, Lawanda George, Mika Harrison, Lacey Jackson, John Kent, Alicia Martin, Mary Martinez, Ashley Mims, Lauren Mock, Jared Sanders and Vincent Sneed.

**Junior Trojan Scholars**

- **Sixth grade** — Thomas Adamavage, Margo Anderson, Joseph Barfield, Blaire Beamon, Nicholas Becker, Lisa Bourgeois, Keith Carey, Hayley Carlton, Laura Carson, Latrez Cheeks, Bryant Cooper, Elizabeth Cooper, Heather Cooper, Coe Cotton, Aaron Craft, Amanda Curles, Rackley Davis, Kelly Dixon, Kyle Elliott, Glenn Ellis, Josh Etheridge, David Fackler, Savannah Finney, Diana Garcia, Abigail Garrison, Stephen Goss, Mallory Grebel, Jonathan Haefs,

Courtney Hindsman, Julie Holmes, Jennifer Hooks, Anthony Jenkins, Catherine Johnson, Chris Joiner, Lacey Jones, Cody Kelley, Josh Kerr, Suzette Knight, Angie Kramer, Scottie Lee, Angela Littlefield, Shanna Lockett, Rainey Lynch, Kathy Mashburn, Moe McCaskill, Chipper Mills, Chris Mitchell, Jessica Morns, Hillary Morrell, Tyler Paul, Jams Petersen, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Pfeiffer, Abby Phillips, Jason Phillips, Daryl Randle, Kenny Reber, Bree Roberts, Kerri Roberts, Laura Ruckel, Stephanie Rushin, Kerri Smith, Jay Thomas, Kerry Tracey, Adam Truesdale, Amanda Turner, Joseph Wade, Elise Warner, Travis Whilden, Tyler Whilden, Christina Whitaker, Eva Whitehead, Dustin Williams, Daniel Willis, Chris Wilson, Brandon Young and Kyle Young.

- **Seventh grade** — Martin Alexander, Melissa Barthlein, Ern Bauchat, Brie Berregaard, Pierce Brossett, Cristy Bryant, Buck Burriass, Melanie Cannon, Allen Cason, Blake Clanton, Kimberly Clark, Alicia Clayton, Patrick Coleman, Kerri Coxwell, Heidi Dickerson, Brent Dörner, Brandon Draper, Matthew Edwards, Danielle Eppley, Lindsay Frakes, Lacie Garrett, Langdon Garrison, Tomeika George, Jay Griffith, Russell Hallman, Jay Hardie, Michelle Howell, Alben Hagan, Kyle Keen, Breanna Klewitz, Greg Lambert, Caroline Lawless, Elizabeth Lawson, Mary McCavitt,

Wendy McDonald, Bronwynn McKellar, Jarrett McKenzie, Margo Mosteller, Rena Pearce, Ruth Powell, Jennifer Ritter, Wade Roberts, Amy Robinson, Tessa Runge, Shea Sanders, Laura Scott, Lacey Simmons, James Slattery, Heather Tison, Jim Trace, Christen Wallace, Jeannetta West, Trent Whilden, Brian Will and Troy Williams.

- **Eighth grade** — David Adams, Jokisha Blackshear, Julie Bourgeois, Nikki Britt, Maggie Brown, Faith Bryant, Leslie Cannon, Ashley Chastain, Amanda Davis, Dawn Davis, Adriana Dismuke, Traci Doggett, Scott Duncan, Rebecca Edwards, Jerrica Ehtchinson, Crystal Evans, Misty Faircloth, Kyle Finn, Lindsey Freitas, Casey Green, Becky Griffith, Tripper Griggs, Kerry Haggerty, Kim Hawkins, Kellie Holt, Brandon Horne, Tommy Hunt, Bonnie Jernigan, Laney Kato, Abby Langston, A.J Lawrence, Carla Lockett, Matt Lucas, Lacey McDonald, Christy Mims, Jennifer Mitchell, Lulu Morgan, Danny Oliver, David Oriole, Raquel Perez, Rachel Peters, Lindsey Powell, Heidi Ramos, Lindsey Ranew, Michael Ruffin, Tristyn Satterfield, Melinda Searcy, Blake Sims, Ryan Smith, Katie Snegowski, Sabrina Sparks, Candice Tanner, Keith Thomas, Desiree Warren, Terille West, Leah Whittle, Sam Widman, Stoney Wiggins, Jermarion Williams, Jason Worthy and Nick Young.

## Leesburg man accused of having LSD

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A Lee County man remained jailed this week on charges of possession of LSD, a substance infrequently found in Lee County, Sheriff Harold Breeden said.

Sam "Roy" Lanier IV, 18, of Henrietta Court, Leesburg, was arrested March 29 for possession of LSD with intent to distribute.

"There have only been two other charges for LSD in Lee County before this," said Maj. Ricky Johnson, an investigator with the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Possession of LSD is a felony. Lanier was arrested after agents with the Lee County Narcotics Unit stopped the vehicle he was in and searched it. During the search, agents discovered five doses of LSD, a quantity of marijuana, two knives and one gun.

Lanier remained jailed on charges of possession of LSD with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a knife during the commission of a felony and possession of marijuana, less than one ounce. Lanier is awaiting a bond hearing later this month.

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have the opportunity to use several that are already in there, at least two and possibly three."

For those teachers who qualify for more than the T-5 pay grade, jobs will be offered to them elsewhere in the Lee County School System. Teachers to replace those leaving the program will still have to meet certain qualifications.

"They will have to have some experience," said Wendy Martin, chairman of the Board of Education. "I don't want to put a brand new teacher in there."

In other business, the board:

- Received an update on the high school addition and the progress at Kinchafoonee Primary School, including some drainage problems which needed to be addressed
- Heard a request for an easement for water and sewer connections to supply services to a proposed apartment complex on property at Firetower Road and Georgia Highway 32 East.
- Voted to allow children of Lee County School System staff members to attend the school zone in which their parent works.
- Approved a request for the Middle School Band to take a trip to Six Flags for a performance and recreation.

## Court report

The following persons appeared before Judge Thad Gibson in Lee Superior Court on March 29:

**Sam Royal Lanier**, 18, of Henrietta Court, Leesburg, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of marijuana and driving under the influence of marijuana. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation under special drug conditions and was fined \$1,100.

**Willie Lee Trice**, 32, of Highway 91, Leesburg, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of battery. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation and was fined \$187.50.

**Robert Arthur Ritter**, 36, of Groover Street, Leesburg, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charge of battery. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation.

**Eric Eugene Alfred**, 24, of Cherry Avenue, Albany, and **Preston Jerard Fowler**, 24, of Harmon Avenue, Albany, each pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft by taking. Alfred was sentenced to 12 months on probation and fined \$312.50. Fowler, who also pleaded guilty to charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to yield right-of-way and violating open container statute, was sentenced to 12 months on probation and was fined \$900.

**Amanda Marie Corley**, 17, of Cardinal Street, Leesburg, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of marijuana. She was sentenced to 12 months on probation under special drug conditions and was fined \$700.

**Rochelle Brown**, 22, of Smithville pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of criminal trespass and battery. She was sentenced to two years on probation and was fined \$500.

**David Paul Simpson**, 31, of Cherokee Avenue, Leesburg, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charge of simple bat-

tery. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation and was fined \$187.50.

**Jennifer Lynn Swinson**, 28, of Cherokee Avenue, Leesburg, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charge of simple battery. She was sentenced to 12 months on probation.

**Stychardis Juan Clyde**, 21, of Edgerly Avenue, Albany, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation under special drug conditions and was fined \$700.

**Sammie Lee Nickens**, 18, of Cherokee Circle, Leesburg, pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation and was fined \$312.50.

**William James Carlson**, 45, of First Road, Leesburg, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor obstruction of officer. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation and fined \$312.50.

**Joey Michael Faulkner**, 17, of Pelham Drive, Leesburg, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of marijuana and misdemeanor theft by taking. He was sentenced to two weeks in confinement served prior to the hearing with the remainder of a 12-month sentence to be served on probation under special drug conditions. Faulkner was fined \$525.

**David L. Clements**, of West Tift Avenue, Albany, pleaded guilty to 14 counts of deposit-account fraud. He was sentenced to 12 years on probation and was ordered to pay restitution totaling \$311.92.

**Charles Richard Wireman**, 17, of Stonegate Manor, Leesburg, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 12 months on probation and was fined \$700.

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- Voted to allow Mike Hunter to tap into the water line at Fred's Auto Service for use in his Snobiz sno-cone facility, to open late this month.

- Addressed drainage problems on Society and River roads as presented by residents at the meeting.
- Voted to collect tap-in fees for developers of a proposed subdivision at Groover Street and Firetower Road.
- Heard a request by Richard Grebel to close a road plattd behind his house on Sixth

Street, which doesn't exist anymore.

- Heard recommendations from the Georgia Rural Water Association on improving the process by which water usage is measured to allow the city to figure the amount of leakage in the system

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