

Golden Rule Winners!

Golden Rule Award winners were honored by the Katz-Whittle Foundation, Inc., with the McIntosh County School System on May 8 at a gala celebration ceremony at the Board of Education.

The Golden Rule Awards were created by the Katz-Whittle Foundation because the foundation believes and wishes to teach students that "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you"

is an important and vital universal law of Life: that what you do to others, good or bad, will ultimately return to you.

A student from each school was named each month from September through March and each received \$50 in cash. The three students of the Year received a \$75 award. The McIntosh County Student of the Year, Tianna Campbell, received

\$250.

Mark Quarterman, the Senior of the Year, received \$3,000 and runner-up, Edric Moss, received \$1,500.

Paragon Award, Sharon Long, received \$1,500; and Staff Award, Loretta Pressley, received \$1,000.



Todd-Grant Golden Rule Award winners, from left, are Colten Gault, William Monroe, Carley Hillyard (Student of the Year), Christina Walker, Wayneisha Ferguson and Oliver Fletcher.



McIntosh County Middle School Golden Rule Award winners, from left with Principal Scott Brooker, are Hermonie Garcia, Kendall Clark, **Tianna Campbell (Student of the Year)**, Peter McIver, Cayleigh Morgan and Nathan Osteen-Grovenor.



McIntosh County Academy Golden Rule Award winners, from left with Principal Todd Willis, are Madison Farley, Jackson Coley, Edric Moss, Tyler Alexander and **Mark Quarterman (Student of the Year)**.

2023 McIntosh County Student of the Year is Tianna Campbell, right, with School Board Chair Missy Brigman, left.

Tianna is described as "a perfect example of The Golden Rule. This student is quick to greet others and one of the first to wish others to have a great rest of the day. She truly treats others with the utmost regard for their feelings and well-being. This student is always available to lend a hand whenever you need her. She never complains and will stop what she's doing at the moment to help out a teacher or other student."



2023 McIntosh County Academy Senior of the Year is Mark Quarterman, right, who received a check for \$3,000. He received the award from McIntosh County School Superintendent Jim Pulos, left.

Mark is described his peers as "someone who is selfless and is always willing to help others. One peer stated that he never disrespects anyone and always speaks to others in a kind manner. He is a good friend and role model who likes challenges. He has worked very hard this year to develop his leadership skills and has worked with the Communities in Schools Coordinator to help plan events for both students and staff. Mark stated he does his best for other people, and a top priority for him is showing everyone respect."

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CONSOLIDATED BUDGET-TENTATIVE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2024

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL PROGRAMS FUNDS	ESSER III	PROJECTS FUND	CONSOLIDATED FUNDS TOTAL
REVENUE:					
LOCAL SOURCES	\$ 9,261,309	\$ 27,550			\$ 9,288,859
STATE SOURCES	\$ 8,590,064	\$ 38,350			\$ 8,628,414
FEDERAL SOURCES		\$ 982,376	\$ 1,108,428		\$ 2,090,804
FUND BALANCE RESERVES	\$ 636,793			\$ 2,257,000	\$ 2,893,793
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 18,488,166	\$ 1,048,276	\$ 1,108,428	\$ 2,257,000	\$ 22,901,870
EXPENDITURES:					
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 10,159,203		\$ 702,883	\$ 350,000	\$ 11,212,086
STUDENT SUPPORT	\$ 865,970		\$ 28,270		\$ 894,240
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$ 867,234		\$ 80,800		\$ 948,034
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	\$ 460,308				\$ 460,308
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 551,554		\$ 12,475		\$ 564,029
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,314,522				\$ 1,314,522
BUSINESS SUPPORT	\$ 243,408				\$ 243,408
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$ 2,348,340		\$ 190,000	\$ 710,000	\$ 3,248,340
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,487,388		\$ 94,000	\$ 397,000	\$ 1,978,388
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 190,240				\$ 190,240
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES		\$ 1,022,606			\$ 1,022,606
CAPITAL PROJECTS				\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
TRANSFERS OUT					\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 18,488,166	\$ 1,022,606	\$ 1,108,428	\$ 2,257,000	\$ 22,876,200

The operating budget for FY2024 has been presented to the McIntosh County Board of Education. The budget will be presented at two PUBLIC HEARINGS scheduled for June 5, 2023 and June 12, 2023. All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. The budget will be considered for final adoption at the REGULAR SESSION on June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Central Office located at 1100B CA DeVillars Road, Darien, Georgia. Additionally, this budget can be viewed on the MCSS website www.mcintosh.k12.ga.us.

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2023 McIntosh County Academy Senior of the Year runner-up is Edric Moss, right, who received \$1,500. He received the award from McIntosh County Superintendent Jim Pulos.

Edric is described "as an upstanding student and citizen. He possesses an excellent personal work ethic, builds strong relationships with his peers, and is always willing to help other students."



Paragon Teachers of the Year from each school were awarded by Katz-Whittle Foundation Executive Director Kelly Howe, from left, Sharon Long, Todd-Grant; Amanda Dev-erger, McIntosh County Middle School; and Marcus Hawkins, McIntosh County Academy.

Sharon Long won the McIntosh County Paragon Award of \$1,500. She is described as "The epitome of the Paragon Award. This teacher greets others daily with a smile on her face and encouraging words. She goes above and beyond by taking her own time to distribute backpack buddies, staying late for meetings and often making home-baked goodies for her colleagues to keep up teacher morale. She is truly dedicated to her students by pushing them academically, as well as making them better people. She teaches students manners, as well as life lessons that they will carry into adulthood. This teacher stated that the classroom is her mission field."

MCA Track Teams have great Finish!

McIntosh County Academy Track teams competed in State Competition last week. These are the results.

MCA Lady Bucs Track Team

- Madi McMahan placed 7th in the 1600 meter run and 4th in the 3200 meter run.
- Jerrica Bryant was the State Runner-Up Silver Medalist in the Girls Discus and she brought home the Gold Medal in the Girls Shot Put and is the State Champion.
- The MCA Lady Bucs Track Team finished with a 9th place team finish.

MCA Bucs Track Team

- Jaylen Dallas placed 6th in the Triple Jump.

- Trey Miller placed 7th in the Boys Discus and was impressive in the Boys Shot Put and finished 3rd to bring home the Bronze Medal!
- MJ Quarterman had a stellar State Meet as he was the State Runner-Up in the High Jump and in the Triple jump, bringing home two Silver Medals!
- The Boys 4x100 team of Lorinzo Reed, DeMarien McNear, Jaylen Dallas and MJ Quarterman placed 6th.
- The Boys 4x200 of Lorinzo Reed, DeMarien McNear, Jaylen Dallas and MJ Quarterman ran a blazing time of 1:30.84 and were State Champions, bringing home the Gold Medal!
- The Boys Track Team finished 4th in the State and brought the 4th place cup back to Darien!



McIntosh County Staff winners from each school were awarded by Katz-Whittle Foundation Executive Director Kelly Howe, from left, Loretta Pressley, Todd-Grant; LeQuida Royal, McIntosh Middle; and Bethany Bryant, McIntosh County Academy.

Loretta Pressley was the winner of the McIntosh County Staff Award of \$1,000. "Colleagues say Loretta works tirelessly to make their school a better place. She goes out of her way to help both students and staff. She always has a kind word to offer and a listening ear to anyone in need. She goes above and beyond every day, taking on responsibilities and duties that are not her own, just to lighten someone else's load. She has been the staff Golden Rule award winner for her school twice in the last three years."

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a screen to protect the eggs from predators.

DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section works to conserve sea turtles and other wildlife not legally fished for or hunted, as well as rare plants and natural habitats. The agency does this largely through public support from fundraisers, grants and contributions.

Key fundraisers include sales of the monarch butterfly license plates and sales and renewals of bald eagle plate and older designs, such as the ruby-throated hummingbird. These tags cost only \$25 more than a standard plate to buy or renew. Up to \$20 of that fee goes to help wildlife.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

All marine turtles in Georgia are protected by state and federal law. To help conserve these species:

- Minimize beachfront lighting during sea turtle nesting season. Turn off, shield or redirect lights.
- When walking the beach at night, don't use flashlights and flash photography. They can deter turtles from coming ashore to nest or cause them to abort nesting.
- If you encounter a sea turtle on the beach, remain quiet, still and at a distance.
- Leave turtle tracks undisturbed. Researchers use them to identify the species and mark nests for protection.
- Properly dispose of your garbage. Turtles may mistake plastic bags, Styrofoam and trash floating in the water as food. After ingesting trash, it can kill them by clogging their intestines.
- Protect beach vegetation: It stabilizes sand and the natural coastline.
- When boating, stay alert and avoid turtles. Of the 84 sea turtles found dead or hurt in Georgia last year, 45 percent that could be assessed had suffered injuries consistent with being hit by a boat. Boaters who hit a sea turtle are urged to stand-by and immediately call DNR at 800-2-SAVE-ME (800-272-8363).
- Also report any dead or injured sea turtles seen at 800-272-8363. (If the tur-

tle is tagged, include the tag color and number in the report if possible.)

Sources: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia DNR ACCIDENTAL CATCHES

Anglers who hook or entangle a sea turtle should call DNR at 800-2-SAVE-ME (800-272-8363). Also:

- Keep your hands away from the turtle's mouth and flippers.
- Safely land the turtle using a net or by walking it to shore. Do not lift the turtle by the hook or by pulling on the line.
- Leave the hook in place; removing it can cause more damage. (Anglers are encouraged to use non-stainless, barbless hooks when possible.)
- Keep the turtle out of direct sunlight and cover it with a damp towel. If an angler cannot reach DNR, cut the line as short as possible and release the turtle

LOGGERHEADS AT A GLANCE

- **Caretta caretta:** Most common sea turtle on Georgia's coast; found off coast year-round. Also one of the world's largest turtles, topping 350 pounds and sporting a carapace up to 44 inches long. How long loggerheads live is not known.
- **Range:** The Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans, and the Mediterranean Sea. Nests in the U.S. from Virginia to Texas.
- **Nesting:** Females reach sexual maturity at 30-35 years. From about May through September, they crawl ashore at night, dig a hole in the face of dunes along barrier island beaches, and deposit and cover eggs.
- **Pilgrimage:** Eggs hatch in 55-65 days. The young scramble for the water, beginning a journey that can take them from sargassum weed off Georgia's shores to a current-powered loop that circles to the Azores and the eastern Atlantic Ocean, south to west Africa and back to the western Atlantic.
- **Eats:** Fish eggs and small invertebrates when small. As adults, they eat mainly crabs and mollusks, but also forage items like jelly-

fish and dead fish.

- **Status:** Federally listed as threatened since 1978. Georgia DNR reclassified loggerheads in the state from threatened to endangered in 2006.
- **Threats:** Primarily mortality associated with commercial fishing activities, but also nest predation by raccoons and feral hogs, poaching, loss of habitat, boat strikes, and even ingestion of plastic litter mistaken as food.

Public Notices

NOTE TO OUR READERS: All public notices are now available for viewing online at georgiapublicnotice.com. They will be available for viewing beginning on Thursdays after they have been published in **THE DARIEN NEWS**.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE

Under and by virtue of certain tax fi fa's issued by the Tax Commissioner of McIntosh County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of McIntosh, against the following named persons and the property as described next to their respective name(s). There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, at the McIntosh County Tax Commissioner's Office located at 1200 Northway, in Darien, McIntosh County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in June, 2023, the same being June 6, 2023, and continuing on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, if necessary, between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the state and county tax execution on the respective individual and property, will be sold. The property (ies) hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in McIntosh County, State of Georgia. The years for which said fi fa's are issued and levied are stated opposite the name of the owner in each case. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, adver-

tising cost and recording fees.

MAP AND PARCEL: 0053 B 0144
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GEORGIA COASTAL DEVELOPMENT LLC (VIA TAX DEED) & ROBERT TRUESDELL
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2020-2022
DEED BOOK: 326/283 (PORTION) 584/237
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING AN UNNUMBERED LOT, OF TRUESDELL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 103G. 1473 FRANKLIN ST

MAP AND PARCEL: 0053 A 0009 004
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GEORGIA COASTAL DEVELOPMENT LLC (VIA TAX DEED) & SAMS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAMS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC
TAX YEARS DUE: 2015-2022
DEED BOOK: 559/442 AND 607/228
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 271ST GM DIS-

TRICT, IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING TRACT C, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE 244K. MORNING GLORY LN

MAP AND PARCEL: 0049 0020 003
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GEORGIA COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: CLEATRICE DRAKE ESTATE; JOSEPHINE SALLINS ESTATE; MARTHA TAYLOR; LILLIE MAE SAMS ESTATE; DAN SKIPPER; BENJAMIN SKIPPER; JOE SKIPPER; AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, GEORGIA COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC
TAX YEARS DUE: 2014-2022
DEED BOOK: 558/248, 581/52
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1515TH GMD, IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 3.19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARCEL 3, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT IN DEED BOOK 276, PAGE 381. BRIAR PATCH RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 0061 C 0040
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GERHARDT, ANN ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2022
DEED BOOK: 173/204 (PORTION) & 594/163
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1515TH GMD, IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 9 AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT 10, BLOCK K, OF SAPELO GARDENS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET 2, PAGE 113.

MAP AND PARCEL: 0064 I 0013
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GILLAND MARTHA M ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)

TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2022
DEED BOOK: 347/397 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1515TH GMD, IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 13, PHASE II-A, OF TOLOMATO ISLAND-THE THICKET, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET 1, PAGE 180-A-D. MISSION DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: 0064 H 0013
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GILLAND, MARTHA M ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2022
DEED BOOK: 347/397 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1515TH GMD, IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 13, PHASE 1, OF CARNOCHAN BLUFF SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET 1, PAGE 182-I-J. CARNOCHAN DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: 0048 C 0036 002
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GILLIARD, CHRISHANDA (VIA TAX DEED INTEREST) JUANA BRITTON ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN & CHERRY LOG HOLDINGS, LLC AS TRUSTEE FOR LECOUNT ROAD TRUST (VIA TAX DEED)
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2022
DEED BOOK: 610/632 538/285 (PORTION) AND 97/316 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1514TH GMD, IN MCINTOSH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. LECOUNTE ROAD

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