

Community Life Bulletin Board

Star holds graduation ceremony

Posted by Ellen Murphy



With the purpose of finding employment or a better job, these 12 students made an 8-week commitment to themselves and the STAR Foundation's Employment Readiness Program. At graduation five students are employed and two are pursuing higher education, with the remaining graduates actively seeking employment. Six students achieved perfect attendance and seven were awarded donated, recycled computers for meeting certain criteria.

Established in 1997, the STAR Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) whose mission is to teach individuals with limited income how to become financially stable citizens and more productive

employees in our community. The overview of the program curriculum consists of computer literacy, financial literacy, life skills and job readiness. In addition to the STAR Foundation Certification of Completion, students earned a certificate from Georgia Work Ready program.

Pictured are members of the fourth quarter 2009 graduating class, **Cynthia Atkinson, from left, Doris Height, Amanda Ramos, Rena Lang, Felicia Watson and Betty Banks; and in the second row, Nashalle Johnson, from left, Annette Steele, Lora Easton, Natasha Granger, Alvin Williams, Katie Orrel, instructor, and Mary Watson.**

Student wins science fair

Posted by Melissa Allen



Elizabeth Burns, right, a freshman at Glynn Academy, recently won first place in the Physics Division of the Glynn County Science Fair for her project, "Solar Energy for Everyday Use." Elizabeth will now progress to the regional science fair. She is a 4.0 student and plays on the freshman basketball team and the varsity golf team. She is the daughter of Allen and Gloria Burns. Elizabeth is pictured with her science teacher, **Debbie McKeon**.

Braves coach to speak Thursday

Posted by Jenny Humphries

The St. Simons Library League will welcome **Bobby Dews** to their "Lunch with the Author" at noon Thursday at Bonefish Grill, St. Simons Island. Cost for the luncheon is \$20 with a choice of chicken or salmon for the entrée. For tickets, call 638-8680 or 638-1364. Tickets are also available at St. Simons Library.

Bobby Dews has been a member of the Atlanta Braves organization for more than 30 years. After the 2006 season, he retired as the Braves' bullpen coach to become a roving coach. He works with the Braves at home games and works with the minor league teams. He will be signing copies of his book, "Legends, Demons and Dreams" at the luncheon.

The St. Simons Library League is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds needed for children's and adult programs at the St. Simons Library.



You may become a member by picking up an application at the St. Simons Library or area bookstores.

Retiree club elects officers

Posted by Venus Holmes

The Pulp Mill Retiree Club has been in existence for more than 19 years and boasts of presently having 100 members. It is open to all pulp mill retirees. The club meets quarterly for a dinner meeting and gives away six monetary door prizes.

The 2010 officers are Venus Holmes, president; Edna Boggan, first vice president; Christine Rowell,

second vice president; Betty Callahan, secretary; Elaine Clark, correspondence secretary; Margaret Sutton, treasurer; and Jennings Overstreet, chaplain.

Retirees interested in joining or attending the next meeting should call 265-7888. The membership fee is \$5 per year.

Kiwanian celebrates 55 years

Posted by Bill Ray

Bill Brown has been a member of the Brunswick Kiwanis Club for 55 years. He joined the club on Jan. 20, 1954, and served as its president from Oct. 1970 through Sept. 1971.

For many years he has given the health reports

to the club and reported members' birthdays every meeting.

He is also known to tell a joke or two at each meeting.

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School announces science fair winners

Posted by Maria Gamble



Brunswick Christian Academy recently held a science fair. Winners are **Lindsey Gamble**, second place, from left, **Alex Sanchez**, first place, **Kaeli McLendon** and **Nikki Dykstra**, third place.

Rotary club welcomes guest speaker

Posted by Diane J. Richardson



Hank Martin, the vice president of economic development at Altamaha Technical College, was the guest speaker at a recent McIntosh County Rotary Club meeting.

Wally Orrel invited Martin to encourage McIntosh County to become a Work Ready Community.

Martin shared the purpose and goal of the Work Ready program that began in the Fall 2007 as a state initiative.

Pictured are **Wally Orrel, from left, Hank Martin and Jason Coley, rotary president.**

Senior squadron welcomes speaker

Posted by Joan Scarborough

Winn Baker, pictured, was the guest speaker at the December meeting of the Brunswick Senior Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at McKinnon Airport.

His dad, Sam Baker, was a charter member of the same squadron at the same airport 68 years ago.

When the Coastal Patrol was organized in 1942, Sam Baker flew surveillance flights over the Georgia coast in search of German submarines and reported findings to the U.S. Navy. Later, Civil Air Patrol planes were armed and engaged in at-



tacks on enemy submarines and performed search and rescue operations for the Navy and Army

Air Corps.

Squadron members were amazed Winn Baker's recollection of the early days of flight (and fright) as he shared thrilling accounts of his young years in the cockpit with his dad and after he got his own pilot's license at 16.

While Sam Baker has joined other famous aviators in the Aviation Hall of Fame, his legacy lives on as the local squadron provides mission ready crews 24/7 for search and rescue, homeland security and disaster relief.

Advocacy group receives grant

Posted by Ellen Mayoue Baker

CASA Glynn was recently awarded a \$16,000 grant from Jewelers for Children (JFC) to increase the number of volunteers who represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in court. The award to CASA Glynn is part of a \$500,000 grant that JFC made to the National CASA Association. Through a competitive re-granting process, all of this funding has been awarded to local CASA and GAL programs that recruit, train and supervise volunteers advocating for children in foster care.

"We are proud to be able to continue our support for

CASA despite the impact of the economic downturn," says David Rocha, executive director of Jewelers for Children. "By helping to fund CASA volunteer advocacy, we know we are helping to ensure our nation's most vulnerable children find safe permanent homes and hope. And, as we look out to the future, we cannot think of a sounder investment."

More than 125 enter the foster care system in Glynn County each year. Last year, CASA Glynn volunteers helped 80 percent of these children find safe, permanent homes. The program is always seeking new volunteers in its effort to provide a voice

to every abused and neglected child. CASA Glynn started in 1994 and has grown each year. A new 10-week training class is starting at the CASA offices on March 2. For more information, contact CASA Glynn at 264-4448 or the Web site casaglynn@casaglynn.org.

"Funding from Jewelers for Children will help us recruit and train additional volunteers and serve those children that no longer can be with a parent. We are grateful that during these trying times, the jewelers and our local supporters are focused on helping others," says Ellen Mayoue Baker, executive director.

