

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Low Country Machinery Names New President



Rick Piper

industry, joins Low Country Machinery from JCB's North American Headquarters where he served as Vice President of National Accounts. During his tenure at JCB, Piper helped cultivate vital business relationships and has implemented strategic customer focused initiatives that have been critical to JCB's success in the area of national accounts.

Piper replaces Dusty Zeigler who decided to step down as President of Low Country Machinery to pursue other interests.

Low Country Machinery is the authorized JCB dealer for the coastal Georgia region. They have been serving the heavy equipment industry in this market since 2001. Located next door to JCB's North American Headquarters, they are uniquely situated to provide unprecedented service and support. "My mission is to reenergize the Low

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Low Country Machinery, the authorized JCB dealer for the Coastal Georgia region has named Rick Piper as the new President of the organization.

"I am excited about this opportunity. I am confident that with the support of JCB and the talented team at Low Country Machinery, we can take this business to the next level," says Piper of his new role. Piper, who has over 20 years of experience in the construction equipment

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quality care. Research has shown that children benefit significantly from two highly involved parents and children an involved non-custodial parent have fewer behavior problems, higher level of sociability, and a higher level of school performance.

We are asking all custodial parents to please come out and join us for a day of food, fun, & facts. This event is free and open up to the community.

To qualify for a special

door prize drawings please RSVP by September 22, 2008. Final RSVP by September 26.

For more information contact Kevin Scarlett at (912) 238-2777 ext.106

Parenting Times Services Program is offered by the Office of Child Support Services and coordinated by Parent and Child Services. This program is geared towards providing Visitation and Access services for the custodial parent and the non-custodial parent.

Chatham Retired Educators Association

President Hugh Golson hosted a fabulous Reception and Tea on the evening of August 4, 2008. This tea was to invite new and returning Retired Educators. There was a total of 26 in attendance. The atmosphere was astounding. Some new retirees join and paid their local dues as well. Mr. Golson was a gracious host. The repast was a beautiful spread and very delicious. It was the ideal evening for such an outing.

This 2008-2009 year has started out with a big BING! We celebrated Patriot's Day with the singing of patriotic songs. Mr. Golson is showing a great deal of enthusiasm toward this organization. New members were introduced namely; Mrs. Melba Priestly, Mrs. Greer Reese and Mrs. Barbara Magwood. Mrs. Shirley Spears awarded certificates to some leaders who worked with her last year while she was in office. Reports were in order; AMBA greeted by Mr. Robert DeWester emphasized the need for new members and all their benefits.

Local Membership - The incomplete report of 114 is on the roll but our goal is 300.

State Membership - The names of those who have not paid their dues will be eradicated. As of

this month 450 have paid. Two plans were stressed, the Life and the Automatic Deduction.

In-Touch- Mrs. Ruth Diase is a recuperating at home. Neurology - The following retirees deceased between May 2 and August 30; Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Pamela Steverson, Mrs. Eloise Castain, Mrs. Zena Carter, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Linda Thompson, Mrs. Eldora Marks, Dr. Benjamin Lewis, Mr. Jack Deal and Mrs. Sadie Drawdy.

Legislature- Mr. Tom Edwards gave up this position.

Scrapbook- This committee is seeking 3 new members along with pictures and articles for this book.

Scholarship- One hundred dollars were allotted to purchase door prizes. Some of the members purchased also.

Public Relations Committee- Information in sent monthly to the various media about this organization.

Old Business- It was amended that we keep the officers the same length of years they have served in the past.

The guest speaker was one our our very own, Dr. Phillip Cooper. He has written a book entitled Why Afro-Americans Children Cannot Read. He expressed the dangers of labeling children (At Risk). His moto is "If the Future is To Be Different, Then the Present Must Be Disturbed. He promised to share with with us again.

President, Mr. Hugh Golson and Publicity Chrpn. Mrs. Lula Wilson

Social Service Agency Board Selects Brown

Yvonnia Brown has been recommended as the next director of Chatham County's Department of Family and Children Services. The five-members local board, assisted by former agency director Earline Wesley Davis, selected Brown, 36, from among 11 candidates.

According to Van Johnson, chairman of the local board, a director is needed. He said it is now up to the state's court to make it official. "Hopefully we will have a new director in office by early next year," Johnson said.

Brown, born in St. Georgia, SC, has been assistant director of operations for the St. Mary's (Md.)



Yvonnia Brown

Department of Social Services since July 2005. Prior to that, she was at the Department of Social Services in Dorchester County, SC.

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courtesy of Melody Rodriguez, director of HOLA. Savor a traditional serving of steamy Mexican cocoa, coupled with a delightful array of pastries, breads, and other mouth-watering breakfast goodies

from Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, and Colombia. For further information on Latino Heritage Week at AASU, call 912.344.2652 or e m a i l Melody.Rodriguez@armstrong.edu.

Jazz Festival...

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At 3pm, there will be a Paper Plane Making Contest, Sponsored by the Women in Aviation International's Southern Wings Chapter.

The weeklong Savannah Jazz Festival, one of the largest and most popular of the Savannah festivals, is presented by the Coastal

Jazz Association and is dedicated to the growth of jazz and jazz audiences in the Coastal Empire. The Youth Jazz Festival is a great opportunity for families to enjoy a fun, relaxing afternoon with great jazz music and fun in beautiful Forsythe Park.

Six Area Youth Selected Finalists in Youth Songwriting Competition

The Savannah Folk Music Society is pleased to announce the six Savannah area youth who are finalists in the 2008 Youth Songwriting Competition. These young people are: Lauren Maxwell, age 13; Christy Miltiades, age 18; Jamison Murphy, age 12; Lauren Trivitayakhun, age 18; Zachary Williams, age 17; and Cecelia Witt, age 15.

All six will present their original songs on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 2:00 PM

at First Presbyterian Church, 520 E. Washington Avenue in Savannah. The first, second and third place winners divide \$1,000 in prizes from event sponsor AMR Music. The Competition, in its third year, is part of the 19th Annual Savannah Folk Music Festival, Oct. 10 - 12, 2008. The first place winner is also given the opportunity to present the winning song on Sunday, October 12th at the Festival's grand finale.



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