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## Commissioners recognize J.C. Douglas for service

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Jenkins County Commissioner J.C. Douglas, who represents District #2, was recognized for his 12 years of service to the citizens of Jenkins County during the Jenkins County Commissioners' Dec. 19, meeting. Douglas' term ended Dec. 31.

Chairman James Henry yielded the chair to vice-chairman Douglas, allowing him to preside over his last meeting on the board of commissioners. Douglas was also presented with a plaque of appreciation, and a resolution acknowledging his service to the citizens of Jenkins County was read and adopted as an official and permanent part of the minutes.

Pam Dwight was elected by the voters of District #2 to assume the seat held by Douglas. She began her term at the first January meeting of the commissioners.

In other business, Steven Slocum, appeared before the group seeking approval of a plan to sell and possibly divide three tracts of timberland in Jenkins County. The commissioners determined, upon advice of county attorney Troy Gay, that the county's subdivision ordinance did not apply to the situation and gave approval of

the plan.

Slocum was given a copy of the county's mobile home ordinance to pass on to any prospective buyers of the properties.

Bonnie Wiggins was reappointed as a member of the Jenkins County Department of Family and Children Services board of directors. No other citizens had expressed an interest

in the position.

The commissioners voted to pay off a loan on a semi-truck purchased in the amount of \$77,549.25.

Also approved was an amendment to the county retirement plan as outlined and required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Jenkins County Magistrate Judge Janice Cheney presented

a copy of the activities of the Magistrate Court for the months of November and December and advised that her office may soon be in need of a new computer.

It was noted that county employee Grady Lane needed to be sworn in as the county's Environmental Control Officer and furnished with an ID.



Retiring Jenkins County Commissioner J.C. Douglas, left, accepts a plaque of appreciation from chairman James Henry for 12 years of service to the citizens of Jenkins County. The presentation was made during the Tuesday, Dec. 19, meeting of the group. (Staff photo by Deborah Bennett)

## Planters EMC seeks local applicants for scholarships

Each year, Planters Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) accepts applications for the prestigious Walter Harrison Scholarship. This year, eight scholarships will be awarded to students throughout Georgia.

Sponsored by the electric cooperatives of Georgia, including Planters EMC, the \$1,000 scholarships are offered to students of all ages attending any accredited two or four-year university, college or vocational technical institute in Georgia.

"This scholarship is not just for graduating high school se-

niors but for anyone who seeks technical school training or an associate's or bachelor's degree," said Randy Hill of Planters EMC.

"This is to help students of all ages get started on their careers. Some scholarships have gone to older students who wanted to return to school to improve their circumstances," Hill said.

The Walter Harrison Scholarship program was created in 1985 by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, the trade association for Georgia's 42 EMCs. The award pays tribute

to the late Walter Harrison, a pioneer in rural electrification and an electric cooperative leader at local, state and national levels. Since its inception, the program has awarded \$100,000 in scholarships, in cooperation with Georgia's EMCs, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Georgia Rural Electric Supply Corporation.

The Walter Harrison Scholarship is awarded to students who excel in SAT scores, academic standing, scholastic honors, plus demonstrate a financial need. To

be considered, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete a two-page application and write a two-page autobiographical sketch with references to future plans and goals. Entries are reviewed by a scholarship committee consisting of EMC directors and managers from across Georgia.

To receive a scholarship application, contact Randy Hill at planters EMC at (478) 982-4722. The deadline for returning applications is Friday, Feb. 2, no later than 5 p.m.

## Grand Jury indicts 38

A Jenkins County Grand Jury convened in Jenkins County Superior Court in December and handed down the following indictments:

- Emory Lee Bell, robbery;
- Joseph Budgett, aggravated assault, aggravated battery and battery-felony (family violence-first offense);
- Kareem Maurice Green, four counts of terroristic threats and acts;
- Charles Jones, burglary and theft by taking;
- Marvin Roland Odum, rape and burglary;
- Shelly Renee Sheffield, burglary and three counts of forgery first degree;
- Quinney Lloyd Williams, burglary and forgery first degree;
- Rodney Dwayne Gaines, forgery first degree;
- Jimmy Jones, forgery first degree;
- Nicole Denise Newton, sale of cocaine;
- John Lamar Whitehead, possession of cocaine, possession/manufacture/distribution of marijuana and simple battery;
- Benjamin Berry, 13 counts of forgery first degree;
- Kelly Marie Flakes, 10 counts of forgery first degree;
- John Thomas Googe, burglary, criminal damage to property in the second degree and interference with government property;
- Randall Bryan Sherrod, burglary, criminal damage to property in the second degree and interference with government property;
- Billy Joe Googe, burglary, criminal damage to property in the second degree and interference with government property;
- Stephen Mark Hall, burglary and possession of firearms by a convicted felon;
- Leola Pierce, burglary;
- Quincey Scott, two counts of sale of cocaine;
- Hayward Wadley, terroristic threats and acts and criminal trespass;
- Quentellis A. Fryson, two counts of forgery first degree and entering auto;
- Ricky Julius Harden, theft by taking (motor vehicle);
- Edward Keith Lewis, habitual violator;
- Kim Lamb Reese, theft by taking;
- Mary E. Solsberry, criminal damage to property in the second degree;
- Lucious James Boyd, aggravated assault;
- Katrina Anne Folds, seven counts of burglary;
- James Floyd Jones, trafficking in cocaine, speeding, driving while license suspended or revoked and obstruction of officers-misdemeanor;
- April Nesmith, possession of cocaine, prostitution, criminal trespass, possession of drug related objects/equipment and carrying a concealed weapon;
- Samira Ebon Reynolds, nine counts of aggravated assault and criminal damage to property in the second degree;
- Cody Wilcox, rape, child molestation and aggravated assault;
- Erica Anfield, sale of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent and possession of marijuana, less than an ounce;
- Bruce Lewis, possession of cocaine with intent and possession of marijuana, less than an ounce;
- Johnnie Lee Green, four counts of forgery first degree;
- Donovan Kelly, five counts of forgery first degree;
- Patrick Lamar Roberson, forgery first degree;
- Desmond Antonio Underwood, forgery first degree; and
- Sheldon Marie Schwarz, forgery, first degree.

## Matt Gay Chevrolet donates car for driver's education

The Jenkins County Board of Education is pleased to announce that beginning in January, Jenkins County High School (JCHS) will offer three classes of driver's education. A vehicle has been secured for the course through the generosity of Matt Gay Chevrolet in Sylvania. Ray Miller, director of administrative services, is a certified driver's education instructor and will teach the course. Consideration is also being given to a possible summer school offering.

Teaching teens how to drive safely is critical. Each year more and more young lives are devastated simply because of bad decisions. The State of Georgia recognized the seriousness of the problem and enacted Joshua's Law which mandates that all 16-year-olds seeking to obtain a Class D license complete an approved driver's education course. They must also complete a total of 40 hours of supervised driving, six hours of which must be at night, with a parent or guardian's sworn verification that these requirements have

been met. This law becomes effective Jan. 1.

Because of limited class size, priority will be given by JCHS to those students who turn 16 between Jan 1 and May 31, 2007 and those students who are already 16 years of age, have not received a driver's license and will not turn 17 before May 31, 2007. Students who fall into this category and have a valid learner's permit will be given the opportunity to take the course which will consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of "behind the wheel" training, monitored and recorded by the instructor. Parents should note that students will also need an additional 40 hours of supervised driving experience (six of these hours must be supervised night driving) which they may provide to their children.

Parents and students should be aware that students may not apply for or keep a driver's permit or license if they withdraw from school, if under age 18, have a total of 10 unexcused absences or have any

conduct infractions.

Requirements to be eligible to enroll in the driver's education course that will begin in January are as follows:

- Students must be on track for graduation;
- Students must have a valid learner's permit/instructional permit/Class CP;
- Students must reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthdays between Jan. 1 and May 31, 2007 or already be 16, have not received a driver's license and will not turn 17 before May 31, 2007;
- If demand for the course exceeds available space, students will be enrolled in the course based on birthday with older students receiving priority in the order of birth date; and
- Students may not take this elective course unless it fits into their schedule, as the school's goal is for students to graduate on time, and this course is not required for graduation.

Local citizens are encouraged to let David Gay of Matt Gay Chevrolet in Sylvania know much his generous do-

nation of a vehicle is appreciated. School officials feel that strong community support is a

foundational piece of any good school system but is even more valuable for a small system.

For additional information, please feel free to call 478-982-6000 or 982-4791.



From left, David Gay of Matt Gay Chevrolet in Sylvania presents the key to a 2006 Malibu Max to Jenkins County School Superintendent Joan Blackwood and Jenkins County Board of Education Chairman Carroll Gay. The vehicle was donated to Jenkins County High School for use in the school's driver's education program to begin in January. "I wanted to give the kids something they would be interested in driving," said Matt Gay of the donation. (Staff photo by Deborah Bennett)