

Suspect caught in high-speed chase

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An attempted routine traffic stop Wednesday, May 13, on U.S. Highway 25 North by a trooper of the Georgia State Patrol (GSP) Post, Sylvania, quickly turned into a high speed chase through the City of Millen as the driver attempted to elude the trooper.

NAPOLEON MAURICE PHILLIPS

18, of Vandivere Road, Augusta, was arrested and charged with speeding 101 in a 55 mile per hour zone, felony fleeing/attempting to elude an officer, criminal damage to property, first degree, driving on the wrong side of the roadway, hit and run, disobedience to an officer and false imprisonment.

The GSP trooper, Millen Police Department officers, Jenkins County Sheriff's Department deputies and an additional GSP trooper all attempted to stop the vehicle as it entered the city, traveling south on U.S. Highway 25. The suspect vehicle struck three other vehicles as it attempted to flee law enforcement through the city. Phillips eventually lost control

of his vehicle near McTeer Food and Fuel on U.S. Highway 25 South and struck a telephone pole. The vehicle came to a stop, facing north, on the highway.

Phillips jumped from the vehicle and ran behind McTeer's where he grabbed a bystander standing in front of a nearby garage. The bystander was able to break free, and the suspect ran into a wooded area. Law enforcement began a manhunt, and the suspect was quickly arrested nearby without incident by a Department of Natural Resources Ranger.

Phillips is being held in the Jenkins County Jail pending bond. He also has a warrant with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for credit card fraud.



The driver of this vehicle, Napoleon Maurice Phillips, lost control and struck a telephone pole near McTeer Food and Fuel, U.S. Highway 25 South, as he attempted to elude law enforcement in a high speed chase through the City of Millen on May 13. (Staff photo by Deborah Bennett)

Boone, Joyner named JCHS Valedictorian, Salutatorian

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Top honors of the Jenkins County High School Class of 2009 go to Sheila Marie Boone, valedictorian, and Chester Jeffery Joyner, salutatorian.

Sheila is the daughter of Bob and Donna Boone.

Her academic honors include Governor's Honor nominee, Merit Scholar, Washington Youth Tour delegate, Rochester Scholarship-history and multiple highest average awards.

During her high school career, she has been an active member of the Interact Club, grades 10-12, serving as treasurer while in the 12th grade; Beta club, 11-12 grades, serving as secretary while in the 12th grade; and yearbook staff, 9-12 grades, serving as editor-in-chief her 12th grade.

Sheila plans to attend Georgia Southern University (GSU) and major in history. She plans to obtain a PhD degree in history and become a college professor.

Chester is the son of Jeff and Judy Joyner.

His academic accomplishments include: Bausch and Lomb Science Award, 2007 Governor's Honor Program finalist in biology, 2009 STAR student, full time ACCEL student for 1½ years at GSU in the Honor's Program, ASPIRES undergraduate research grant through GSU, President's List for three semesters, University Honors Program Scholarship recipient, multiple highest average awards, Georgia Certificate of Merit



Sheila Boone, valedictorian, and Chester Joyner, salutatorian, Jenkins County High School Class of 2009 (Staff photo by Deborah Bennett)

Scholar, Augusta State Certificate of Achievement and 2009 Mr. Eagle.

He has been an active member of the Interact Club, serving as vice-president for two years; Spanish Club, 2008 GSU Idol competition, West Millen Baptist Church youth and USHA.

Chester plans to continue his education at GSU in the Honor's Program and graduate with a B.S. in biology. He then plans to attend medical school to become a trauma surgeon.

War Memorial Dedication to be held May 25

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #2776 will host a dedication program for the War Memorial recently placed by the post on the lawn of the Jenkins County Courthouse. The program will be held 2 p.m. Memorial Day, May 25, with Gen. Carlton Fulford USMC (Ret), a Jenkins County native, as the featured speaker.

Other dignitaries scheduled to appear on the program include: City of Millen Mayor King Rocker, Lt. Gen. David Poythress, State Senator J.B. Powell, State Representative Jon Burns, Nancy Bobbitt of U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson's office and U.S. Congressman John Barrow.

All Jenkins County residents are encouraged to attend the program, particularly those residents who are family members of the deceased military named on the monument. Family members will be seated in a designated area and presented with a patriotic ribbon identifying them as surviving family members.

Those listed on the monument are: World War I – Frank Burke, Daniel W. Hendley, Grover McGlohorn and Albert Parker; World War II – Charles E. Anderson, Robert M. Anderson, James Barger, Charles E. Becton, Oliver R. Chance, Ralph Chance, G. O. Cowart, Jesse Godbee, Frank H. Goodwin, Willis B. Hall, George H. Hendricks, G.D. Jackson Jr., Ben F. Johnson, Billy

K. Jones, Harry Joyner, John F. Lane, Earnest B. Lanier, W.W. Lanier, H. L. Mitchell, Dennis R. Neal, Clarance Rosser Jr., Willie J. Williams and Obie D. Willis; Korea – Robert Adams and Thomas Lane Jr.; and Vietnam – Willie L. Love, Robert L. Mosley, Clyde E. Saxon, Michael R. Waters and Jack Weaver.

The Millen Woman's Club will serve refreshments following the program.



GENERAL CARLTON FULFORD USMC (RET)

Jenkins County High School announces honor graduates

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Jenkins County High School's Class of 2009 has 17 honor graduates and six National Technical Honor Society graduates.

Sheila Marie Boone, valedictorian, daughter of Bob and Donna Boone, plans to attend Georgia Southern University, majoring in history. Chester Jeffery Joyner, salutatorian, son of Jeff and Judy Joyner, currently attends Georgia Southern University where he plans to obtain a bachelor of science degree in biology and then attend medical school.

Other honor graduates and their plans after graduation are as follows:

Shante' Fayeann Bynes, daughter of Atalie F. Bynes, Elizabeth Mosley and Natalie Lattimore, will attend Armstrong Atlantic State University majoring in nursing with a minor in business. Kelly Chick, daughter of Forrest and Mary Boyer, will attend Georgia Southern University and major in hotel and restaurant management. Porshea J. Cooper, daughter of Matthew and Jacqueline Cooper, plans to attend Georgia State University majoring in nursing and seeking certification as a nurse anesthetist. Molly Elizabeth Edenfield, daughter of Tracy and Susan Edenfield, plans to attend East Georgia College seeking a degree in teacher education.

Amanda Godbee, daughter of Mickey and Rhonda Godbee,

plans to attend Ogeechee Technical College majoring in diagnostic medical sonography. Lindsey Caitlin Hall, daughter of Terri Bolton and David Hall, will attend Georgia Southern University where she plans to pursue a career in the medical field. Brittany B. Johnson, daughter of Marshall and Alisia Johnson, will attend Georgia Southern University where she will pursue a career in the medical field.

Grant Johnson, son of Casey Johnson Sr. and Yvonne Johnson and Casey Johnson Jr., will attend East Georgia College in pursuit of a degree in nursing. Cierra Joyner, daughter of Mark and Angela Joyner, plans to attend East Geor-

gia College and then further her education to become an orthodontist. Sha-Nique Prescott, daughter of Kimberly Young and James Prescott Jr., will attend Ogeechee Technical College majoring in radiology. Rebecca Leigh Rich, daughter of Don and Cindy Rich, plans to attend Georgia Southern University in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in chemistry and then attend the University of Georgia to become a pharmacist.

Breonna Smart, daughter of Deloris Smart and Rosa Lee Sampson, will attend Georgia State University majoring in biology and seeking a minor in philosophy. Trevor Weathersby, son of Julie Reynolds and Jon

Weathersby will attend East Georgia College. Melissa White, daughter of Jimmie Faye White and the late Jeff White, will attend Georgia Southern University where she will seek a degree in early childhood education. Steven W. Young, son of Jennifer Sherrod and Steve Young will attend Georgia Southern University majoring in accounting.

National Technical Honor Society graduates and their plans after graduation are as follows:

Loretta Doe, daughter of Wallace Doe and Shannon Childs, will attend Augusts State College to become a registered nurse. Jillian Gaiser, daughter of Richard and Gina Gaiser, plans to attend Ogeechee Technical College to become a registered nurse. Cortney Harris, daughter of Larry and Sharon Harris, will attend South University in Savannah majoring in physical therapy.

Brianna Joiner, daughter of Larry and Georgina Joiner, plans

to complete basic training and AIT for the National Guard and then attend East Georgia College and transfer to Georgia Southern University majoring in Nursing. Kyleigh Spidle, daughter of Lisa Leshko, plans to attend Armstrong Atlantic State University majoring in physical therapy and business. Michael Yoke, daughter of Michael and Rebecca Yoke, will join the U.S. Air Force, then attend college majoring in forensics.



Jenkins County High School Class of 2009 National Technical Honor Society graduates are, from left, Kyleigh Celome Spidle, Jillian Victoria Gaiser, Michael Eugene Yoke, Jr., Loretta Marie Doe and Courtney Danielle Harris. Not pictured is Brianna Mary-Belle Joiner. (Photo contributed)



Honor graduates of the Jenkins County High School Class of 2009 are, from left, first row: Amanda Lynn Godbee, Breonna Diesha Smart, Salutatorian Chester Jeffery Joyner, Valedictorian Sheila Marie Boone, Rebecca Leigh Rich, Melissa Elizabeth White and Shante' Fayeann Bynes; second row: Brittany Marie Johnson, Cierra DeRenne Joyner, Porshea Ja'Quindi' Cooper, Lindsey Caitlin Hall, Trevor Ross Weathersby; and third row: Molly Elizabeth Edenfield, Kelly Annette Chick, Casey Grant Johnson, Steven Wayne Young and Sha-Nique James Prescott. (Photo contributed)