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For Saturday's Auburn Armed Forces Day Festival, the Barrow Jackson CAP Squadron #156, including C/2LT Steven Guyette saluting during a shift change, participated in guarding the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial. The wall was making its only appearance in Georgia this year. Thousands visited the wall to honor the branches of America's military and to pay tribute to those whose names appear on the Traveling Vietnam Wall – those who gave their lives in the service of this country. The squadron also provided the color guard for the Armed Forces parade.

Memorial Day: Time to pay tribute for sacrifices

From staff reports

The Memorial Day weekend is generally considered the start of the summer travel season, but it is also a time to reflect on those who traveled into battle and sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom.

The loss of American servicemen and women will be remembered on Monday as the Jackson County Memorial Day observance will be held at 9 a.m. on May 30. Tenth District Congressman Paul C. Broun Jr., will be the featured speaker.

"Post 56 is honored and proud to have Congressman Broun as the featured speaker for this event," said Lance. The congressman served in the U.S. Marines, was a commissioned medical officer in the U.S. Navy and is a member of the American Legion.

The one-hour service, sponsored by the American Legion Albert Gordon, Post 56, will be held on South Street adjacent to the Jackson County Historic Courthouse in Jefferson. In the event of rain, the program will be held at Post 56 located at 309 Lee St., in Jefferson.

"Memorial Day is a time to remember and honor our military men and women who

lost their lives in our nation's wars," said Commander Harvie Lance. "It is, also, to honor all veterans, active duty and reserve components military service members. The observance will include full honors for our veterans living and deceased."

All 115 names engraved on the monument located on the courthouse grounds will be read aloud by members of the American Legion.

The nation's colors will be posted by the Jackson County Comprehensive High School and Jefferson High School JROTC and the American and POW/MIA flags will be lowered to half staff. The National Anthem will be sung by Brooks Benton. Tribute will be paid with a 21-gun salute, playing of the bag pipes and taps.

All mayors, county commissioners and State Rep. Tommy Benton and State Sen. Frank Ginn have all been invited to the event. Please bring a chair for your comfort during the ceremony.

"A special invitation is extended to the Jackson County families who have lost loved ones in our nation's wars," said Lance.

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School staff action stalls

Recommendations from Superintendent to come next month

By **LEANNE AKIN**
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Recommendations for transfers and new hires for Jackson County Schools won't come until next month.

Although the audience assembled Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the staff development room of the Jackson County Board of Education Central Office included a number of the individuals on the list of personnel actions expected to be recommended by Superintendent Dr. Shannon Adams, they will have to wait for the board's next regular meeting of June 13.

Chairman Lynne Massey-Wheeler adjourned into executive session, and 30 minutes later, it was announced by Superintendent Adams that his recommendations would not come until the board's next meetings.

The board will convene June 9 for its work session and June 13 for its monthly meeting. Both sessions are held at 6 p.m. at the Gordon Street Center.

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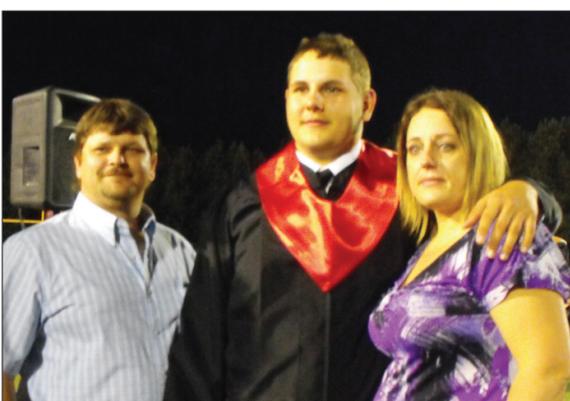


LeAnne Akin The Paper Faculty members led groups of seniors as they made their way into the stadium for the 54th annual commencement exercises for Jackson County Comprehensive High School under swords raised by members of the Junior ROTC.

Class of 2011: It's time to shine



LeAnne Akin The Paper Bruce Yates, far right, joined in singing the alma mater after he was awarded a diploma at the conclusion of his 28-year career at JCCHS. Below, at left, graduate Dalton Whitlock gets his photo made with his father, Scott Whitlock. Below, at right, another graduate among the Class of 2011 graduates Jessie Mills also posed with family after the Friday night ceremonies.



Sliding in to summer – What a bash in Braselton!



By **KATIE DUNN**
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BRASELTON — Specks of sand dotted Alyssa Willard's face and arms, sparkling in the afternoon sun as the 3-year-old waited in line for yet another ride at last Saturday's Braselton Beach Bash festival.

The toddler was still in good spirits more than three hours after arriving with her mother and grandmother. She smiled when asked what her favorite activity had been and shyly said, "jumpsies" and "sand."

Her grandmother, Genae Lindsay, laughed and explained that Alyssa had buried herself in a giant sand pit earlier that morning. Eighteen tons of sand were brought to the park to create an enormous sandbox. Alyssa also enjoyed the alpacas, foxes, llamas and other critters in the petting zoo and explored an array of inflatable slides and bounce houses brought in for the daylong festival.

The family planned to stay through the evening to hear band Sons of Sailors perform. Lindsay, a bus driver for the Jackson County

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LeAnne Akin The Paper Arabella Wunn found the beach sand and ball to be lots of fun at the Braselton Beach Bash.

Kaite Dunn The Paper Hunter Palmer, 5, (front) and brother Tristan, 3, shoot down an inflatable slide, one of many inflatable bounce houses brought to Braselton Park last Saturday for the daylong festival. See more scenes from the Braselton Beach Bash at facebook.com/thepaper.hoschton

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