

Brunswick native named professor

Submitted by Robin Heaton

Roger Heaton (Outlaw)

grew up in Brunswick, the adopted son of Roy and Marge Heaton. He attended Glynn Academy and graduated in 1968. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

He is an expert on the American Civil War, in which he became interested because of his great-grandfather, Jordan Alexander Outlaw, who fought in the Civil War. Heaton was post commander of Post 747 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Camden County, known as the "Camden Rifles." That post was subsequently moved to Folkston.

Heaton is an adjunct professor of history at South University in Savannah. He will be teaching Civil War history.



Foundation grants funds to youth orchestra



Submitted by Ellen Post

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A grant of \$5,000 will support the creation and activities of the Golden Isles Traveling Symphony, a student-based performance piece,

designed and performed by the orchestra ensemble and a youth drama group formed by Golden Isles Arts and Humanities. The program is designed to strengthen musical outreach and enrich students through music.

Pictured are **René Shelnett**, member, foundation board, from left; **Zeyveonn Washington**, bass, Golden Isles Youth Orchestra; **Paul White**, president and CEO, community foundation; **Matthew Pendarvis**, cellist, Golden Isles Youth Orchestra; **Jeana Melilli**, director, Golden Isles Youth Orchestra Chamber Ensemble and **Heather Heath**, executive director, Golden Isles Arts & Humanities.

Safe Harbor Street Beat Program receives community grant



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A grant of \$5,000 will support the Street Beat Program at Safe Harbor Children's Center through the purchase of much-needed computers and software to be used by youth for GED and

ACT/SAT preparation and job searches.

Pictured are L.E. Williams, from left, and Sharron Atkinson, both of the Safe Harbor Street Beat Program; Beth Ann Bushon, development director, Safe Harbor; Paul White, president and CEO, community foundation; Bonney Shuman, member, community foundation board of directors and Shawn Pinkney, Safe Harbor Street Beat Program.

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Exchange Club selects 'mystery man'



Submitted by Steven Floyd

The Exchange Club of Brunswick began its "mystery man" tradition many years ago so that members could get to know each other. During the club's monthly business meeting, a member is chosen, and no one knows who it is until the following month, when they are called upon. The July "mystery man" was Ped Drawdy, who has been a member of the Exchange Club of Brunswick since 1968. He is a native of Brunswick and a resident of St. Simons Island. He is a past president of the club, and retired from Sea Island.

He chose Billy Gibson, who has been a member for six years. He moved to St. Simons Island in 1966 and started the Sea Island Credit Union, which is now Five Star Credit Union.

The Exchange club of Brunswick is a group of business people working together to make our community a better place to live through programs of service in Americanism, community service, youth activities, and our national project the prevention of child abuse.

Pictured are **Gary Wise**, president, Exchange Club of Brunswick, **Billy Gibson** and **Ped Drawdy**.

Foundation has inaugural social in Brunswick



Lt. **Ricky Evans**, left, of the Glynn County Police Department, and **Sonya McKinzie**.



Truly Campbell, WOVTF grant recipient, in front, with **Heather Driggers**, second row from left, **Kelli Campbell** and **Sonya McKinzie**.

Submitted by Sonya McKinzie

The Women of Virtue Transitional Foundation had its first annual Cupcakes, Backpacks, Pizza and Chit Chat Summer Social on July 15 at Studio South Performing Arts Center in the Glynn Place Mall. Twenty-five registered for the event and 14 attended. The remaining backpacks were donated to Studio South Performing Arts Center for children who might need assistance with school supplies. The bags were filled with supplies and handmade bookmarks that are the organization's signature touch.

Sonya McKinzie, founder and executive director of Women of Virtue Transitional Foundation (WOVTF), is grateful for new partnerships with Heather Driggers, owner of Studio South Performing Arts Center; Holloway's Bakery; Lt. Ricky Evans of the Glynn County Police Department; Pamela Perry, Paparazzi Independent Consultant and GTC Glynn Place Cinemas. Three generations of women represented Team WOVTF — Sonya McKinzie, Barbara Green, Cassandra McKinzie and McKinzie Baker. The event featured a lot of laughs, tears, fun and games and education.

SOAR receives grant for swimming program



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Social Opportunities & Active Recreation, Inc. (SOAR), Brunswick

A grant to Social Opportunities & Active Recreation Inc. (SOAR) of

Brunswick in the amount of \$5,000 will provide a one week "I Can Swim Program," that provides individualized specially designed instruction for youth with disabilities to acquire water safety and swimming skills.

Pictured are **Jan LaBoone**, board member, SOAR, from left, in front; **Di-ane Laws**, board member, community foundation; **Bev Latvala** and **Jayne Monroe**, board members, SOAR and **Bernard McCleod**, board member, community foundation; and **Charlotte Lawson**, **Jane Christian**, **Pat Jenkins**, **Ellen Goldberg** and **Doreen Sigman**, all members, SOAR board of directors.