



### TCHS WARRIORS PLAY IN VIDALIA TOURNAMENT

TCHS Lady Warriors win two in Vidalia Tournament.  
TCHS Men's Basketball earns split in Vidalia Tournament.

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### NHCOC TO HOST FIRST MLK PARADE IN REIDSVILLE

New Horizons Community Outreach Center (NHCOC) will host the first annual MLK Parade in Reidsville on January 17

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## Former Second District Commissioner Daniel Shuman passes

Former Second District Commissioner J. Daniel Shuman died January 2, 2022, at 82 years of age. Daniel, as he was known by family and friends, lived most of his life in Tattall County and served in various capacities for the betterment of his community. He served in the United States Army in the years between the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, and he received his four-year degree from Georgia Southern College and his Master's from the University of Georgia. Apart from his 34 years with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), he found time to serve on the Reidsville City Council for one term, the Canoochee EMC Board of Directors, and the Tattall County Commissioners as the Second District Commissioner for 16 years. That information is covered more thoroughly in his obituary in The Journal Sentinel. This writer will attempt to illuminate a side of Daniel Shuman that only some knew.

son of James Henry Shuman and Sarah Elizabeth Shuman of Reidsville, and he learned the value of work and getting the job done while working in his parents' (Shuman's) meat market on South Main Street in Reidsville where he worked in the store and as a bicycle delivery boy throughout the city and sometimes outside the city limits.

In those days during the post WW II period, elderly ladies, and, oftentimes, widows, would call in a grocery order to Shuman's market, and it would be filled and delivered by a young boy on a bicycle. It was a specially designed delivery bicycle with a small front wheel under a large delivery basket and a much larger rear wheel. Daniel and his older brother, Jimmy, were initiated to the world of business in cribs under the counter while their mother worked in the store. Jimmy and Daniel, along with Bernice Ryals, B.D. "Buck" Shuman, and Jackie Easterling, worked on week-ends and after school delivering groceries on the delivery bicycles.



John Daniel Shuman

One day on a return trip, Bernice Ryals was pedaling one bicycle while Daniel was riding on the back and got a foot caught in the wheel spokes. The front wheel turned sideways, the bike cartwheeled, and Bernice and Daniel went back to the store pushing the bicycle, with the knees and elbows ripped out in trousers and shirts. Daniel remembered a scolding for bending up the bicycle and tearing up their clothes.

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## County Commissioners approve Redistricting Map for Tattall

BY PAM WATERS  
The Journal Sentinel

At the Tattall County Commissioners' meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022, the county officials approved the resolution approving a Redistricting Map for Tattall as prepared by the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office. Tattall County requested that the staff of the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office create a map showing changes in population to the five voting districts in Tattall.

Since this Office has to approve the map, the county agreed to allow the above mentioned Office to prepare the map, which illustrates the demographic changes to the districts of Tattall County. This is due to the changes in the population as shown by the 2020 Decennial Census, which

shows a decrease from the previous Census of ten years prior for Tattall County, according to County Attorney Tom Peterson.

As close as possible, each district reflects 4000 voters, and Tattall County is committed to the principle of one person, one vote.

This Redistricting Map for Tattall will be introduced at the regular 2022 session of the General Assembly of Georgia, which is a bill to amend an Act creating the board of Commissioners of Tattall County, approved August 18, 1927, as amended. A Notice of Intention to Introduce Local Legislation was printed in the December 30, 2021, edition of The Journal Sentinel. In addition, the Tattall County Board of Education is expected to approve the Redistricting Map this week since it is for both the Tattall County Commission and School



Tom Peterson, Attorney for Tattall County Board of Commissioners.

Board Districts.

The Redistricting Map reflects a portion of District 2 moved to District 1; a small portion moved from District 5 to District 2; a small portion moved from District 3 to District 4; and a small portion moved from District 4 to District 5. (Prison population was excluded from the redistricting map.)



L to r: 2021 Potentate Illustrious Sir Freddie Humphries, First Lady Colleen Humphries, and 2021 Tattall Shrine President Jay Owens.

## Tattall Shrine Club donates \$125,000 to Shriners Hospitals

The Tattall Shrine Club (TSC) recently presented \$125,000 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

This is the second time in three years that TSC has been able to donate over \$100,000 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Since 2009, TSC has donated \$773,537.

"We would not have these amazing numbers, though, if it was not for the support of the Tattall County community and surrounding areas. We cannot thank you enough for helping us support our cause. Without the patrons who attend our fundraising events and the businesses that sponsor those events, we would not be the number one club in the Alee Temple

when it comes to raising money for these children with medical issues. The compassion of everyone in this area cannot be matched, whether it is the Trail Ride, Mud Bog, or Second Amendment Banquet, just to name a few of the fundraisers we do. This community shows up, and, in our favorite tradition, shows their commitment. We, the nobles of TSC, can't express in words our gratitude to such a loving, compassionate community. Thanks for a great year in 2021, and we are looking forward to 2022. With you behind us, we can't wait to do it all over again," Tattall Shrine Club President Jay Owens said on behalf of the club.

## Sellers mother and son are Grand Marshals of Glennville MLK Jr. Parade

BY SARAH SMITH  
The Journal Sentinel

Ethel Ross Sellers and her son, Antonio Sellers, PhD, are the Grand Marshals of the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Celebration in Glennville on January 15, 2022.

Ethel is a 1995 retired educator of Savannah Chatham County Public Schools. In the field of K through 12th grade education, she has served as a physical science teacher and special education teacher for students with behavior disorders and learning disabilities. She also taught at Clarke County Schools, Tattall County High School, and Bryan County High School.

Ethel graduated as valedictorian and homecoming queen of the Tattall County Industrial High School Class of 1959. She moved to Savannah and attended Savannah State College (now Savannah State University), where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. She furthered her education and earned a Master of Education degree in Special Education from Armstrong State College (now Georgia Southern University (GSU) - Armstrong Campus).

Ethel has a passion for construction and property management, receiving training with Grant



Ethel Ross Sellers and Antonio Sellers

Services. She has been a property owner and manager in Glennville since the early 1980s. She loves her tenets and supports them in various capacities.

Ethel was very instrumental in the building of Little Rock Holiness Church of Glennville. She led the building project for two new sanctuaries and currently serves the ministry as the church administrator. She has a passion for literacy and has taught countless adults how to read.

Ethel also has a passion for helping those in need. She has managed Joey's Stand and Snack for many years and fed countless people in need with her delicious homestyle southern cooking. She has been a longtime supporter of the American Cancer Society, and she has a passion for supporting the elderly and people with disabilities.

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## Reidsville City Councilman Bruce Conner passes

Reidsville City Councilman Bruce Conner, 51, passed on Tuesday December 28, 2021, after an accident on Hwy. 280 near Ace Hardware in Reidsville. Friends believe Bruce apparently was suffering a heart issue and was trying to get to Optim Medical Center. His Dodge pickup left the road near the entrance to Ace, traveling East, and hit the fence and then the corner of the former Anderson automotive building. His adopted children, Alayna and Lucas Allen Conner, were in the vehicle with him but suffered what appeared to be minor injuries. Sources at the accident site stated that young Lucas Conner said Bruce was going to the hospital and driving fast.

Bruce was a 1988 graduate of Reidsville High School. Although he did not participate in sports, he served on the Student Council as a freshman and junior, and he was a member of the Y Club during each of his four years in high school. He was Publicity Chairman as a freshman, Projects Chairman as a sophomore, and President during his junior and senior years. At the state level, he served as Vice President as a junior and served on the State Y Club Council during his junior and senior years. He was on the Literary Quartet as a junior and senior.

After graduating from Reidsville High School, he attended Brewton-Parker College, and perhaps that led to him becoming minister at the Ohoopie Baptist Church



Bruce Conner

Reidsville Mayor Curtis Colwell and Council member Verdie Williams said Monday that Bruce took his city council duties seriously.

"He didn't miss a meeting," the Mayor said

where he served for 17 years. He moved to Spring Hill Baptist Church in Wheeler County for a number of years, and he was serving at East Gordon Baptist Church in Lyons since 2015. Church members were devastated by the news.

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