

Six new Mayhaw Queens chosen Saturday night

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theme was carried out in the stage decor.

The pageant got underway with the singing of the "National Anthem" by Little Miss National Mayhaw, Harley Shiver.

Vincent Edenfield introduced the master of ceremonies for the pageant, Brittany Shepard.

The pageant featured 26 lovely young ladies vying for the titles of Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Young Junior Miss, Junior Miss, Teen Miss, and Miss National Mayhaw.

"Everybody Dance Now," featuring the 2008 Miss National Mayhaw Festival Queens, got the pageant underway. The reigning queens are Tiny Miss, Ellaina Phillips; Little Miss, Harley Shiver; Young Junior Miss, Amber Watson; Junior Miss, McKenna Locke; Teen Miss, Megan McNab; and Miss, Hannah Manry.

The Tiny Miss and Little Miss contestants made their way to the stage next to "Do You Love Me," as they introduced themselves to the judges and audience.

"Cupid Shuffle," featured the Young Junior Miss and Junior Miss contestants who were welcomed to the stage next as they introduced themselves.

The Teen Miss and Miss contestants followed with "Electric Slide," and each of them introduced themselves to the judges and audience.

Master of Ceremonies Brittany Shepard then introduced the judges and the auditors for the night's pageant.

After the Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and Young Junior Miss walk and on-stage question, the audience was entertained by Junior Miss Mayhaw, McKenna Locke.

The Teen and Miss verbal communication was next as the contestants gave their speech on "Mardi Gras is a tradition; in our family our favorite tradition is....." followed by Tiny Miss Ellaina Phillips giving her farewell speech and walk.

Tiny Miss winners included Photogenic, Lyric Moore; Prettiest Dress, Ameila Stanford; People's Choice, Katlynn Chambers. Second runner-up was Mollie Grace Meredith, and first runner-up was Amelia Stanford. The new Tiny Miss Mayhaw is Lyric Moore.

"As an American I am not so shocked that Obama was given the Nobel Peace Prize without any accomplishments to his name. America gave him the White House based on the same credentials..."

Also competing in the pageant was Pamela Pitts. After the crowning of the Tiny Miss, Harley Shiver, Little Miss, gave her farewell speech and walk.

Little Miss contestant Bridget Peterson was Most Photogenic; Prettiest Dress was Kennedy Jester; and People's Choice winner was Marley Bailey. Second runner-up was Bridget Peterson. First runner-up was Kennedy Jester, and the new Little Miss Mayhaw is Carlie Maxwell. Others competing in the pageant were Skyler Beamon, Lelia Wolfe, and Kaylee Norman. After the crowning of the Little Miss, Miss National Mayhaw, Hannah Manry entertained the audience with "Cry."

Amber Watson, Young Junior Miss gave her farewell speech to the crowd before the crowning of the Young Junior Miss winners.

Young Junior Miss winners were Most Photogenic, Taylor Godby; Prettiest Dress, Alyson James; and People's Choice, Aereyona Fillingame. Second runner-up was Aereyona Fillingame. First runner-up was Taylor Godby; and the new Young Junior Miss is Alyson James. Taylor Godby was also the spirit line winner.

After a 10 minute intermission, Hannah Manry, Miss Mayhaw, introduced the visiting queens.

The Junior Miss, Teen Miss, and Miss were then welcomed once again to the stage for their walk and on stage question followed by Tiny Miss Mayhaw Ellaina Phillips entertaining the crowd with "You Belong With Me."

Junior Miss Mayhaw McKenna Locke then said her farewell speech to the audience.

Junior Miss winners were Most Photogenic, Sydney Lee; Prettiest Dress, Megan Smith; and People's Choice, Paige Bailey. First runner-up was Sydney Lee, and the new Junior Miss Mayhaw is Elizabeth Stanford.

Before the crowning of the

Teen Miss, Megan McNab Teen Miss Mayhaw gave her farewell walk and speech. Recognized as Most Photogenic winner was Brooke Kelley and Prettiest Dress was Bailey Troyer. People's Choice was Leila Collins. First runner-up was Bailey Troyer, and the new Teen Miss Mayhaw is Beth Burkett.

Miss National Mayhaw, Hannah Manry gave her farewell speech and walk before the winners were announced. Photogenic and prettiest dress winner was Courtney Brownlee. People's Choice was Marlena Collins. Second runner-up was Audrey Runnels. First runner-up was Marlena Collins and the new Miss National Mayhaw Festival Pageant winner is Courtney Brownlee.

These six new queens will reign over the 28th annual National Mayhaw Festival which will be held the third Saturday in April, 2010 at Spring Creek Park. They will also promote the festival as well as be guests in other parades and events.



2009 Little Pirates remember a lost teammate, Devan Patterson, by presenting his jersey to his relatives in his memory.

Little Pirates lose in play-offs

The Little Pirates lost in the playoffs this past Saturday. Early Gold beat the Little Pirates by a score of 28-6.

These little boys have played hard all season and deserve a huge round of applause for playing so hard and well.

However, on September 1, the Little Pirates lost one of their teammates in a car accident. Devan Patterson, #11, was killed in a one vehicle accident on the Brinson Highway. His father, mother and brother were all injured in the ac-

cident. In his memory, the team gathered on the 50-yard line along with his parents and released balloons with a #11 on them. Some of the players had written special sayings on them. They also presented his parents with his jersey in a shadow box.

He will always be remembered to everyone as a special little boy who loved sports, and ball was his game.

The Little Pirates would also like to thank the businesses of Colquitt and also,

Rolling Hill Farms who donated peanuts to sell and to all the merchants who donated items for a "Pirate Basket," that the players sold chances to win the basket. Evelyn Stubbs was the winner of this.

Also thanks to Mr. Terry Toole and Miss Wanda Griffin at the Miller County Liberal for allowing us to have an article about our team each week. The Little Pirates would like to thank everyone for their support this season and are already looking forward to next year.

MC Commissioners sets tax levy for county

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procedure.

The first step, which can take months, is to place a Fair Market Value on all property in the County. The Tax Assessors' Office has the responsibility for doing this, using state laws and regulations as guidelines. Only 40 percent of the Fair Market Value can be taxed, so after property is valued; the taxable amount is calculated like this: Taxable Property Value = Fair Market Value of property x 40%.

Then exemptions are applied to the taxable property value to get the final value to be used for taxing purposes, called the "net assessed property value."

The second step, which is done while the first is still in process, is to determine how much revenue will be needed for the upcoming fiscal year. Each department

must prepare a reasonable budget, taking into account operating costs plus adjustments due to new projects or services being offered as well as rising prices. The budget is then submitted to the Board of Commissioners for the approval process which includes public hearings and public input. Once approved, the county knows how much revenue is needed in the next fiscal year, as shown below:

Revenue needed = Budgets of Constitutional offices,

Boards, Roads, EMS, E911, etc.

Once property tax values have been set, the amount of non-tax revenue (sales tax, permit fees, fines, etc) received the previous year from all sources is gathered and totaled. Knowing approximately how much non-tax revenue may be collected is important, because these figures reduce the amount of property tax levied, as can be seen in the formula below:

The total mill rate levied for 2009 is 37.067 which is

a reduction of 1.464 mills from the 2008 mill rate of 38.531.

The State of Georgia is not funding the Homestead Relief grant for 2009. This means that although there is not an increase in millage, there will be an increase in taxes.

If everything goes on schedule the tax bills will be mailed on October 30, 2009 and will be due on December 30, 2009.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Victoria Henley named UGA Outstanding Teen

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Pageant on January 16, 2010, and will go on to participate in the Outstanding Teen Competition at the Miss Georgia Pageant later in the year.

A trained vocalist and fashion model, Henley attends homeschool for her high school curriculum and is concurrently enrolled in college courses. She has acted in numerous stage productions and

recently wrote a stage play titled "Sister Queens." The production takes a comedic look at Henley's experiences competing in pageants since she was a young child.

First runner-up for Miss UGA Outstanding Teen was Amelia Hunt, 14, of Acworth; second runner-up was Macall Brown, 14, of Monroe, and third runner-up was Haley Watkins, 16, of Temple.

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