

The Optune



L-R Front - Issac Agan (Armuchee), Nathaly Quiroz-Cortez (FCCA/Coosa), Alyssa Knott (Coosa), Rayburn Zinn (GSD)
 L-R Back - Kristen Reece (Model), Kadence Ullery (Pepperell), Christopher Reyes-Serrano (Rome), Alyssa Okubo (Unity)

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The **Student of the Month** Program was held on Tuesday, February 13. Dawn Ables, Chairperson, emceed the event and recognized nine students from area high schools. School personnel and parents attended the program.

Armuchee, Isaac Agan - Is a member of FBLA, National Honor Society, Key Club, Cross Country and Track Teams, will graduate with High Honors, a positive young man with a servant's heart, Boy Scouts for twelve years, Eagle Scout, trustworthy, reverent, and will attend college.

College & Career Academy, Nathaly Quiroz-Cortez - A strong commitment to academic achievement, extremely hard working student, in Healthcare Program, Certified Nursing Assistant certification, professional, calm under pressure, first to graduate from high school, and will attend GNWTC to become an Ultra-sound Tech.

Coosa, Alyssa Knotts - Will graduate with High Honors, 8 AP/Dual enrollment classes,

a positive attitude, a member of Chorus, Track, Dance, Marching and Concert Bands, NHS, works part time at Buffalos, would like to attend Kenesaw State University.

GSD, Rayburn Zinn - Is an eleventh grader, a member of the Basketball Team, participates in volunteer work for his friends, has worked in camps, very thankful to his teachers, and plans to attend college.

Model, Kristen Reece - Captain of the Dance Team, participates in dance class, Key Club, NHS, Jr. Optimist Club, received Distinguished Young Woman of Floyd County 2024 Award, a servant leader, great conviction, volunteers at Chieftain's Museum and the first to offer help to a student in need.

Pepperell, Kadence Ullery - Kind, optimistic student, straight A's. a member of FCA, Cross Country, and NHS, a Hud-

participates in an Executive Internship at Atrium Health and would like to attend Emory University to become a Neuro or Trauma Surgeon.

Unity, Alyssa Okubo - Has a 3.8 GPA, a quiet leader, supportive of friends, demonstrates integrity, hard-working, participates on the Volleyball and Tennis Teams, a member of NHS, Art Club, and Interact Clubs, volunteers at her church teaching first, second and third grade students, will be interning with Atrium Health. and attending a college to major in some type of healthcare.

Darlington, Mary Blair Fuller - Unable to attend due to illness.

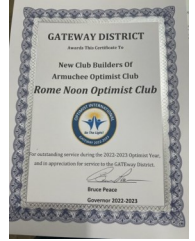


The “Terrific Kid” Program

Bob Puckett Receives Awards

On Tuesday, March 13, thirty-five fourth and fifth grade students from seventeen area schools were recognized at the **Terrific Kid Program** held at North Pleasant Valley Church. Terri Ainsworth, Chairman of the program served as emcee introducing the staff members and interviewing the students. Each child received a goody put together by Jean Evans and Elaine Turner along with a Chic Filet A boxed lunch. Special guests included FC Superintendent Dr. Glenn White and several board members, principals, teachers, and parents of the honorees.

The following students were recognized: Alto Park - Esvin Barrios Calmo & Marjorie Parks, Anna K. Davie - Kennedy Harris & Nozomi Perry, Armuchee - Kylan Coalson & Hadley Parker, Berry - Grace Marshall & Olivia Qualley, Darlington - Campbell McQuire & Iman Yassin, East Central - Wes Bucariza & Perry Hansard, Elm Street - Miriam Reyes-Gonzalez & Jaden Tang, Garden Lakes- Afton Burnett & Elisa Garcia, GSD - Zaiden Morrison, Johnson - Cael Harris & Paisley Rozier, Main - A'myias Harris & Alalah Ross, Model - Elijah Mitchell & Bayley Tolbert, Montessori - Claire Chen & Dhiren Kanthala, Pepperell - Kayla Smith Garcia & Easton Hall, West Central - Marqueese Pinson & Halle Woodrow, West End - Anna Lee & Jayden Mantooth and Unity - Sadie Roll & Ace Trammell.



Bob Puckett, Rome Noon Optimist member, received several awards at the Optimist International Convention. Bruce Peace, Lt. Governor presented Bob with five certificates. He received recognition for District Lt. Governor Zone 1, Builders of Excellence, Gateway Distinguished Lt. Governor Zone 1, and Distinguished District Citation awarded by Optimist International.

The Rome Noon Optimist Club received recognition for “Gateway District New Club Builders” for sponsoring the new Armuchee club. **Congratulations Bob!** We appreciate all that you do for Optimists in Rome!

Member Update

Please keep the following members & their families in your prayers!

Cal Hicks had a serious fall in a parking lot a week and a half ago. He underwent surgery on his spinal cord to reduce the swelling and remained in ICU. Cal passed away on Tuesday, March 19. Arrangements have not been finalized. Condolences may be sent to Gina Hicks and Family at 11 Heather Rd. SE, Rome, Georgia 30161.

Sara Graves is at home recuperating after her stay at the hospital for double pneumonia.

Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts. Winston S. Churchill

Anniversaries

Information not available

Birthdays

Information not available

Promise Yourself...



Future Events

- Mar. 26 Regular Meeting, Palladium, 11:45
- Apr. 06 Area Oratorical Contest, UNG Gainesville Campus, 9:45am. Details to follow.
- Apr. 09 Spring Picnic, Ridge Ferry Park, 11:45-1pm, Details to follow.

