



Walker said Monday that the City portion of the project is expected to take four to six weeks. When working on a federal highway, pavers are not allowed to block traffic, and so they are paving one lane at a time so as not to restrict traffic flow. The above photo was taken just south of the CSX line on North Grant Street.

Based on ratings in the newly released Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Dorminy Medical Center is well ahead of the class in providing a quality

THE SURVEY awards new summary star ratings for 3,504 hospitals eligible to receive a rating. Hospitals are scored on a one-to-five-star scale based on 11 publicly reported measures assessed in the HCAHPS survey assessing patient experience.

Out of all the hospitals eligible for a rating, only 215 received a five-star rating. Dorminy is one of 1,203 to receive the four-star rating and the only one among the

DMC'S 4-STAR overall rating is broken down into eight areas that are individually rated. Dorminy earned 5 stars in doctor communication. It received 4 stars in nurse communication, staff responsiveness, pain man-

(Turn to DMC climbs, 10-A)

Qualifying for the November 8 Municipal election ended Friday afternoon. Only two seats are contested. Mayor Mark Massee is being challenged by Jim Puckett. Councilman At-Large (Eastern District) Albert Webb is being challenged by Mark M. White.

COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE (Western District) Jason Holt did not qualify to run for re-

In all other seats, incumbents are unopposed. They are: First Ward Councilman Alex Tillman; Second Ward Councilman Charles Coney; Third Ward Councilman Dennis Jefferson and Fourth Ward Councilman Michael Griffin.

THE LAST DATE TO register to vote in the Municipal election is October 10. Voters may register at the Board of Elections office, located at 115 W. Pine St. or online at <http://sos.ga.gov/>.

Election day voting will take place at the Fitzgerald Fire Department, located at 315 E. Pine St. Voting hours will be 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

THESE PROGRAMS will essentially be “book club meets science café,” according to Martha Powers-Jones, library director. Attendees can

The first program,
(Turn to Book club, 10-A)

The Georgia Department of Public Health reported last week that a Ben Hill County resident tested positive for

AS OF Monday afternoon, no new cases of either illness had been confirmed in the health district, which includes Ben Hill and Irwin counties. But one pool in Lowndes County tested positive for WNV.

Public health officials in South Georgia encourage everyone to guard against exposure to mosquitoes. In July, a horse in Brooks
(Turn to Resident, 10-A)

Fitzgerald's Walmart Supercenter will hold a grand "re-opening" ribbon cutting at 8 a.m. Friday in celebration of the major remodeling just completed at the store.

The community is invited to attend. The store is located at 120 Benjamin H. Hill Dr.



Last Monday, prior to Friday night's FHS-Irwin County football game, the Rotary Clubs of Fitzgerald and Ocilla met jointly. The clubs expect the joint meeting to be an annual event prior to each year's Border War game. No surprise, the

program was a joint event by FHS Head Coach Tucker Pruitt (left) and Irwin County Head Coach Buddy Nobles. The two clubs plan a joint 10-mile run next year as a fundraiser for Rotary projects.

In a called meeting last Thursday night, the Ben Hill County Commission approved two zoning requests authorized by the Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County Planning Board.

PRIOR TO THE REGULAR

meeting, public hearings were held for both requests. Two citizens spoke in favor of a zoning request by G&L Pawn Shop, located at 395 Redwood Rd.

In other business:

- **COUNTY MANGER MIKE** Dinnerman informed the Commission that funds had been repaid to the general fund using SPLOST revenue. He noted that \$77,289 paid by general funds for 2016 projects, should have been paid by SPLOST funds. Projects paid by 2017 general funds of \$15,684 should have been paid using SPLOST funds. The general fund for both years was adjusted and SPLOST funds used to repay the general operating fund.

- An item on the agenda to discuss a financial manager position was tabled for a future meeting.

GABE GRUBBS

ball when he was 3 years old.
He played T-Ball until he was
(Turn to Gabe, 10-A)

The Fitzgerald High School Purple Hurricane will travel to Kingsland this Friday, Sept. 1, to oppose AAAAAAA classification Camden County. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

THE CANES (1-1) ARE coming off of their first win of the 2017 season and the first win for new Head Coach Tucker Pruitt's career. This game against Camden County was added to the Hurricane schedule after Albany High.

(Turn to Canes, 10-A)

The Jessamine Place is celebrating its 45th anniversary this week, and the public is invited to take part in a 5K run/walk at 7:30-8:30 a.m. Friday at the Blue and Gray Park.

No school on Labor Day

Ben Hill County Schools will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday.

The 2017 Fitzgerald High School homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ALL LOCAL schools, clubs
(Turn to Parade, 10-A)



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