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Tim Doherty with Doc's Healing Hives and Honey along with Alex Pakdaman from Georgia Honey Farm, both post-active duty veterans that are using the practice of beekeeping and the production of honey to help veterans transition to life after active duty.

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Investing in the Future of Our Youth

AgGeorgia supports the ag leaders of tomorrow

Article by Rhonda Shannon

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Lorene Parker, president of the Rockmart FFA chapter, stands in Washington DC with the Washington Memorial in the background

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, “We cannot always build the future for our youth but we can build our youth for the future.” That’s a fitting description of how Lorene Parker feels about her recent experience at the National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. Already an ag enthusiast and goal oriented, this rising senior at Rockmart High School was energized by the conference. Not only was she able to make new friends through FFA and be reacquainted with old ones, she also received instruction that she is ready to put into action that could mean life-changing contributions in her local area.

Although she wasn’t raised on a farm, Lorene has roots in farming and has developed a great admiration for agriculture. She grew up in a house built on a portion of her great-grandparents’ farm. But it wasn’t until she became a part of FFA that she truly appreciated agriculture. “Going into high school you had to choose electives, a pathway, and I didn’t know which one to take,” explained Lorene. “I thought I wanted to be an attorney so I took the law pathway. I took ag too because my friends were taking it. I love animals and we live in a rural area so farming is a big thing and I thought I’d enjoy it. I thought it would be fun,” she said. She got really involved her first year in FFA with Career Development Events (CDE’s) and on the chapter levels, noticed the responsibilities and involvement of the officers. That led her to apply for her first leadership position in her school chapter and now embarking on a milestone; the 2019-2020 school year will be her 4th consecutive year serving as an officer, with her final position being president of her chapter. “I love being involved in the chapter,” Lorene said.

Another milestone Lorene has accomplished was attending the national conference. “Nobody from my school has ever been to the Washington Leadership Conference and I’m not aware of anyone from the county [ever attending],” said Lorene. She learned about the conference on her own and pursued the protocol to attend. Thirty students from Georgia, preferably high school junior and seniors, are selected after an application process which included composing an essay statement on why they wanted to attend. The chapter advisor had to submit something too. Once all of that was submitted, then came the consideration of paying for the trip. Although the trip was planned in the most economical way for the students, the cost was still a factor. She sent fifty letters out to local ag associations, one of which was AgGeorgia Farm Credit. She’d learned about AgGeorgia through the local office sponsoring their FFA banquet. AgGeorgia was glad to provide financial support for her to attend. Lorene says the trip to the conference was worth the effort in everything she did to get there. “It was definitely worthwhile,” said Lorene. “The conference and experience overall will help me with my senior year and I will take everything I learned back to my chapter,” she said.

A total of 370 FFA members attended the conference, which was broken into large group sessions and community group sessions with about 20 in a group. “It’s crazy how big the ag industry is and I’m meeting 370 new people that I’ll be able to contact again someday.” The small sessions were comprised of a debriefing session and sharing their observations and insights from what they’d learned that day. “I was able to grow as a leader by meeting new people in diverse situations and exposed to

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many new situations,” Lorene explained. “It was eye opening to have people from all over the country share things that were needed in their area that might not be needed here in mine,” she explained. “One girl was from Texas, still living in a trailer in her front yard from when her house was damaged from Hurricane Harvey. That’s stuff I don’t think about because it’s not affecting me personally. I may know it’s going on but it’s not affecting me,” she said.

In keeping with the motto of FFA of “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve,” the group put their words into actions. Lorene mentioned two very impactful things of which she was able to be a part. In their large group session, the facilitators, who were mostly former state and national FFA officers, engaged with the conference attendees and participated in a civic engagement activity on the last day of the conference. These FFA students packed 69,120 meals for Meals of Hope, a food program specifically designed with added vitamins, minerals and proteins to supplement an unbalanced diet. “It was crazy to think that 370 of us were able to accomplish that many meals,”

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Lorene said. They also wrote 191 cards for hospitalized kids and decorated 238 bags for the Meals on Wheels program for the elderly who receive meals in paper bags.

Before leaving the conference, the students were challenged to find an issue that was impacting their community and to determine how they could fix the issue. They were encouraged to work towards a solution, even if it was only on a small scale. They were challenged to establish a goal of planning a living to serve project –a project they would take back with them to affect their school, community or state. “Throughout the week and in every session we were thinking about

the project,” Lorene explained. “Toward the end of the week we were making budgets and contacts, things that would help with the projects.” Her project was to create a community garden in her hometown which would provide nutritious and healthy items to the families in need in addition to the non-perishable food items that the local food pantry provides. She wants to work with local farmers and with both FFA chapters in their county to develop it. She thought the garden would complement the non-perishable food provided with a nutritious aspect since that can be more expensive for most food banks to retain. She started working on researching

what types of fruits and vegetables can be planted in the area, and also a convenient space for the garden to be located. She thought the scope of about an acre would be manageable and plans to talk with her FFA advisor and chapter when school starts again. “My plan is for the FFA members to work the farm [garden] and provide recipes to go with the items,” she said. “WLC (Washington Leadership Conference) gave me and other FFA members the knowledge and confidence to take action in our own communities,” she added. “They gave us the tools, materials and guidance we needed to build that project. They led us and set us up.”

As a synopsis of the trip, Lorene was quick to say it was well worth attending. Already with two years of college behind her when she completes her high school career through dual enrollment, she intends on enrolling at the University of Georgia and obtaining a degree in agribusiness. She feels her experiences through FFA have helped equip, enlighten and ignite her love for agriculture. She encourages others to participate in the program. “Everything FFA does is worth it. You learn new things by doing it and it’s very educational. FFA provides so many opportunities,” she said. It’s obvious that Lorene has found her calling with agriculture. Whether it’s helping out at the local farmers’ market, shadowing professionals at the state capitol or representing her state in Washington, DC, her passion and pride for agriculture is evident and she is not bashful about sharing it. “Georgia grown isn’t just a slogan,” says Lorene, “it’s my story.”

AgGeorgia is proud to support students with interests in agriculture as well as those organizations that encourage and mentor them.



Lorene Parker (second from right) with other FFA students from across the country stand in front of the White House

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Association News

New Hires



Valerie Clark joined AgGeorgia as Loan Assistant in the LaFayette Office. Valerie has previous business experience that will be beneficial in her new position with AgGeorgia.



Breyahna "Bre" Pinkney began her career with AgGeorgia on March 25, 2019 as Senior Information Systems Assistant in the Perry Office. Bre most recently worked with a local credit union and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology.



Jacob Collins joined AgGeorgia on June 24, 2019 as Credit Officer in the Perry office. Jacob is a recent graduate of the University of Georgia where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a Major in Agribusiness.



Tamara Shrable joined AgGeorgia on June 17, 2019 as Relationship Manager in the Cordele Office. Tamara previously worked as a Loan Officer in the Perry branch from 2013 thru 2015. Tamara had worked with a commercial bank in the area.



Nathan Dilday began with AgGeorgia on Monday, July 15, 2019 as Relationship Manager in the Gainesville Office. Nathan is a graduate of North Carolina State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. He has held various lending positions, including with banks in the North Georgia market.



Ryan Whitfield began his AgGeorgia career on June 17, 2019 as Credit Officer in the Royston Office. Ryan is a recent graduate of the University of Georgia where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a Major in Agribusiness.

Transfers



John Brazel transferred to the position of Credit Officer for the Perry office. John joined the Association as a Commercial Relationship Manager in January of 2018.

Retirement



Scott Berlin (far right) retired on May 31, 2019, with over 29 years of service. Scott was a fixture in the Gainesville Office and provided assistance, guidance and support during his tenure. We congratulate Scott on his accomplishment of notable and dedicated service to our Association and to the customers in Hall and surrounding counties. We wish him a happy retirement.



Dave Moon, appraiser, retired July 31st with 32 years of service. Dave had been in the Royston Office where he provided diligent support to the entire Association. We congratulate Dave on his 32 years of outstanding and distinguished service to our Association, his peers and co-workers. We wish him a long, healthy and fulfilling retirement.



Rocky Weaver, appraiser, retired on August 9th with over 36 years of service. Rocky had been in the Tifton Office and served the Association well with exceptional knowledge and expertise on market values of real estate, equipment and livestock. We congratulate Rocky on his assistance and notable impact during his service and wish him an enjoyable retirement.

Interns



AgGeorgia again had the privilege of hosting and mentoring interns from across the region through the summer internship program. The program is for college juniors and seniors and is designed to expose them to the policies and procedures of the Farm Credit System while experiencing the differences throughout our territory of branch loan portfolios. At the conclusion of the 10 week program, the interns presented the culmination of their assigned individual and group projects to senior management. Shown congratulating the interns on a successful program is Jack Drew, AgGeorgia CEO (3rd from right) with the five 2019 interns (left to right) Emily Ralston, Austin Floyd, Erin Ricks, Zach Forshee and Logan Clark. We wish them all good luck on their future endeavors.



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GEORGIA HONEY FARM

BEE-lieving in the Importance of Honeybees

Article by Rhonda Shannon

Pictures by Rhonda Shannon and Kat Pakdaman

“We love what we do.” Not everyone can say that about their jobs or careers, but that’s exactly the way Alex Pakdaman describes his family’s honey farm and retail store. What began in Dacula, Georgia when Alex was fifteen years old has resulted in a tradition of hard work and pride of offering quality products. With the expansion of locations not only in north Georgia but now also in central Florida for honey production and with a retail storefront in John’s Creek, it’s easy to see that the Pakdamans truly do enjoy their business.

After graduating from high school, Alex went to Georgia State College and then entered the military. He served four years as an Army Ranger, 2nd Battalion. “I loved serving my country. It was an honor,” said Alex. However, when he returned home, he struggled with PTSD. “I had issues,” he said. “My father suggested getting back into

Georgia Honey Farm has been in the beekeeping industry for 30 years with a team of competent beekeepers who dedicate their time and knowledge to producing the finest honey. They pride themselves in producing the best and selling the freshest honey possible.



On this page, scenic views of the land that is financed through AgGeorgia Farm Credit and some of the improvements that are currently being made.



beekeeping since it requires being calm. Beekeeping really helped me – to calm me down,” explained Alex. His father, now 85 years old, was right, and it has proven to be very good for Alex. Now he and his wife Kat work and manage the business together. Kat was formerly in the medical profession but now handles the marketing and advertising for the business. As their business grew, they partnered with other beekeepers, only the best of whom also share the Pakdaman’s same vision of quality. Georgia Honey Farm has been in the beekeeping industry for 30

years with a team of competent beekeepers who dedicate their time and knowledge to producing the finest honey. They pride themselves in producing the best and selling the freshest honey possible. But in order to continue that tradition, the Pakdamans knew they’d need to provide the best environment for their bees. They began to research options. That research led them to pursue a tract of land, and that pursuit led them to AgGeorgia Farm Credit. They worked with Ryan Hardin in the LaFayette Office.

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— Alex Pakdaman



Alex works with a hive of their bees located on their land.



Alex and Kat pictured in their store in John’s Creek.



Alex educating a group of students on the importance of the honey bee.

Their land purchase was in the north Georgia mountains near Cloudland Canyon in Dade and Walker Counties. There, their hives could be further away from pollution. “Bees travel 2-3 miles to get their fruit and bring into the hives,” explained Alex. “[With the hives located in the mountains], the air is much cleaner, the water is much cleaner and the quality of the honey is much better.” Now with their land, they could not only focus on the quality of the honey but also provide a value-added service. They’d like to eventually open up their land and have the community and others visit to learn about beekeeping,

the production of honey and the importance of the bees themselves. This in turn will help the visitors learn about agriculture and help them have a better, healthier life. As a third generation beekeeper, Alex knows the significance of learning. “I learned the hard way about how not to get stung,” Alex comically stated. “Don’t stand in front of the hives – that’s where they go in and out. Don’t walk or move fast – stay calm. If you stay calm, they will too,” he explained. “They can sense the fear. Their whole job is to protect the queen.” He also compared the hive to a family. “The queen runs the family just like the mother and takes care of the family. The drones are like

the father, doing a lot of hard work,” he said. But he quickly added, “It’s all team work.” The Pakdamans also said we could learn from the work ethic of the bees. It’s what they BEE-lieve in. BEE a giver, not a taker. BEE humble. BEE the best you can BEE and pay it forward.

Alex and Kat both enjoy educating visitors to their store on the holistic benefits of honey. Using it as a natural therapeutic agent, honey can be used as a nutritional supplement to aid in weight loss and promote health benefits such as reducing cough and throat irritation, easing the symptoms of the common cold and providing vitamins and minerals. It can also serve as a natural source of energy and improve the appearance of your skin. In addition, the pollen that bees collect is used as a holistic support for better health not only for humans but for the bees themselves. “Bee pollen is collected from the flowers and is a super food,” explained Alex. “It’s what they save for the winter. We feed our bees pollen and honeycomb. Bee pollen is their protein and honeycomb is their food.” According to the Medical Daily website, bee pollen contains several enzymes that can aid in digestion and assist in weight loss, reduction of inflammation, fight allergies and support health hormones. “We love having customers in our store to let them taste and give them information about our products,” Alex said. “One of the first things we ask is what their use will be - allergies, sweetener, etc. Sugar is harder to break down in your body than honey and we offer several different varieties of honey, including the local honey. We want them [the customers] to touch, smell and taste,”

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One of their baskets available for ordering.

said Alex. Their store has plenty of items for the customers to do just that. They also have a website for online orders and can customize gift bags and baskets for special occasions like wedding or baby showers, anniversaries, as a thank you, or as the Pakdamans say, just for BEE-ing you or just BEE-cause. They explained that in numerous cultures, giving honey for the holidays has a symbolic value. Honey is also a traditional housewarming gift so that you may always enjoy the sweetness of life. During the Jewish New Year, dipping apples into honey welcomes a sweet new year. “The Georgia honeys are Wildflower, Gallberry, Sourwood and Clover, and our Florida honey is Clover, Orange Blossom and Tupelo. These won’t grow in Georgia because of the weather,” explains Alex.



Some of the natural honey offered in their store and online.

Since the formation of Georgia Honey Farm, their focus has been on the quality of their honey. Their dream, however, now that they’ve made their land purchase, is to have hands-on training on the land and allow visitors to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city. They’ve already been able to make improvements toward that goal with the installation of fencing and irrigation with help from AgGeorgia. “We want them [the visitors] to come to the country, get off the grid and be at a place they can stay calm. We want to share the land with the community. It’s there for them,” explained Alex. His sense of generosity is something he’s learned from the bees he keeps. “One thing I love about beekeeping is they take care of each other like a family,” Alex said. “I’m learning that just like honeybees, when we work together as a

team, we all can be successful.” Alex paused and then continued, “All people in agriculture need to support each other. Agriculture is not easy but we’re blessed to have AgGeorgia Farm Credit. They’ve been with us since day one. Ryan Hardin helped us and took care of us, the whole team did. He explained all our documents from A to Z and followed up with me. It’s been absolutely helpful. Ryan’s been a blessing and they’ve helped us grow our business,” said Alex. “We’re not just numbers, we’re friends.” Ryan feels the same about Alex and Kat. “Alex has been great to work with from the beginning,” said Ryan. He further explained, “He is always quick to send infor-

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mation and goes above and beyond to make sure the information is correct and thorough. My favorite part about their business is how Alex takes time with his customers to explain beekeeping and all of the many benefits. He’s not in it for the next sale but to make sure people leave with a better understanding of beekeeping and its role in agriculture throughout the world.”

For more information, visit Georgia Honey Farm at the following location:
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Doc's Healing Hives

A Veteran Helping Vets Heal

Article by Rhonda Shannon / Photos by Rhonda Shannon and Lisa Evans

For most civilians, it can be hard to imagine life in active-duty military. The disciplined training, fitness requirements and mental aptitude are aspects that are commonly obvious as prerequisites for deployment. What probably is not so obvious is the transitional challenges faced by those returning home from completing a combat tour. "It's like getting sent home unexpectedly from a job that you love and having to leave your brothers and sisters in arms behind as well as the mission you love. You have a huge void and have difficulty relating with others and difficulty finding a purpose" That's how army reservist veteran and High School Assistant Principal Tim Doherty describes returning stateside from his last tour in Afghanistan.

Tim served as Deputy Surgeon for NATO Special Operations Component Command Afghanistan (NSOCC-A), as a medical operations officer. His initial duties in addition to being the Deputy Surgeon for NSOCC-A were to advise the Afghan Special Mission Wing Medical evacuation team and help refine the existing medical evacuation and support for all US Forces in Afghanistan. His role slowly expanded to advising the Surgeon General of Afghanistan in order to ensure the Afghan Special Mission Wing Medical team had the personnel, equipment and training they needed to support the Afghan Special Forces. Tim said, "I was working at the Command level, my job was to advise all the Afghan medical military supporting the Afghan Special Forces at the same time making sure that our Special Forces had all the support they needed as well. "When I first started my tour, there was one SMW Afghan Flight Surgeon, one nurse and two flight medics. That Afghan medical team could only run one clinic and support a single medevac," explained Tim. "We had begun to transfer the medical evacuation of the Afghan Special Forces to the SMW medical team and they simply did not have the ability to do it. The role of Special

Forces is very important for any military; you can change the fight of the battlefield. A soldier's will to fight is directly tied to knowing they will be medically evacuated if they are injured." Tim worked quickly to establish the medical evacuation capability



The first hive to be moved to the land.

within the Afghan SMW, and in less than 6 months, there were three Afghan SMW clinics, 21 flight medics, 9 flight doctors and 2 nurses all fully trained, equipped and performing medical evacuation for the Afghan Special Mission Wing.

An injury Tim received while evacuating soldiers in Afghanistan persisted and when Tim's tour was completed, he was sent to Fort Hood. There he was evaluated and diagnosed with a bicep injury and torn rotator cuff and was sent to a warrior transition unit at Fort Stewart. "When I came home and was waiting for approval for surgery, all I had to do was go to medical appointments and 3 formations a day. I had a whole year to decompress and went from [a routine of] every day engaging in a different Afghan medical element of support and guidance to just sitting around. As I waited for my surgery to be approved and scheduled, I began to experience symptoms of Transition Disorder and PTSD," explained the Fulton County school system Assistant



Tim inspects some of the bees from inside the boxed hive.



The tools and equipment Tim uses when working with the hives.

"You train for your deployment, on deployment, you've got that purpose and you're operating at the highest level you're trained for. Then you come home, go back to your civilian job and you're not involved in that duty and you're not around the people you'd spent every day with, 24/7. You get addicted to the adrenaline. You don't have that purpose when you come home and you don't have that adrenaline rush. I'd found a new purpose, something to look forward to.

Keeping bees."

— Tim Doherty



Tim, in the center of the land, points out his sketch of plans for the layout of the land and for the learning center that will be underway soon. Photo by Lisa Evans.

Principal. He continued, “During this time, I had an opportunity to visit with my sister in Michigan and I began to watch her as she cared for her honey bees at Redoubt Farm. The excitement of tending to her bees was contagious,” said Tim. This experience would not only lead him to a new profession as a beekeeper and honey producer but it would have a resounding impact on his recovery as well, helping him convert from the extremely fast-paced and on-your-guard mentality to a more relaxed pace within a somewhat secure environment. “You train for your deployment,” Tim explained. “On deployment, you’ve got that purpose and you’re operating at the highest level you’re trained for. Then you come home, go back to your civilian job and you’re not involved in that duty and you’re not around the people you’d spent every day with, 24/7. You get addicted to the adrenaline. You don’t have that purpose when you come home and you don’t have that adrenaline rush. I’d found a new purpose, something to look forward to. Keeping bees,” he said.

Tim began researching beekeeping and attending educational seminars. He first participated in the fall conference of the Georgia Beekeepers Association and with information he received there, he was ready to get started. He bought his first hive at a MABA (Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association) silent auction in September of 2016 and began with a few hives at his home. But then a challenge arose that was not really expected – where the bees were located. Being in a subdivision in Dunwoody was not a healthy environment for the bees. “I was on a ½ acre and I thought it’d be fine because there was a creek behind me and also a neighbor who had an adjoining 5 acres,” Tim explained. “What wasn’t fine was

less than 50 yards away was a neighborhood pool with a textured concrete deck that held water. My bees figured out they loved pool water. The bees would go drink on the deck, the kids would step on the bees and the bees would sting them,” Tim explained. In addition, pesticides and herbicides are detrimental to bees because the sprays are not pest specific. “Doing things like spraying for mosquitoes is lethal to bees since the insecticide floats through the air,” said Tim. His hives began collapsing and Tim knew he’d need to find a more suitable environment and soon. He decided to look for rural property nearby and situate the bees there. While at the Farmers Veteran Coalition Conference, Tim talked with a fellow veteran and AgGeorgia customer Mike Reynolds, who referred Tim to his lender, Mitch Adams in Chatsworth. Tim called Mitch from that very conference. “Mitch said all I needed was a business plan and a property,” said Tim.

His search for property began. Tim found a few rural areas that were nice during his nine month search, but the properties for sale didn’t fit his needs – either the price was more than he wanted to pay or there were restrictive conditions that would interfere with the present and/or future uses. He found a few acres near Blue Ridge, Georgia and it seemed to fit. With a conference center convenient for meetings and Tank Town nearby (Tank Town is a recreational area where you pay to drive tanks, shoot rounds and crush cars) coupled with the beauty and popularity of the area, the location was ideal. Tim reached out to Mitch again. “Mitch helped in getting the loan for this property and made it one of the easiest things in the world,” said Tim. “I submitted a business plan, submitted

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tax returns and proof of income and he did the rest of the work. He even went as far as coming to the closing. He was great! He’s helping me help others to obtain the dream.” Tim continued, “What we’re building and the return on that [this investment] will be amazing and I couldn’t have done it without Mitch. Mitch made it super easy, insanely easy.” According to Mitch, Tim was great to deal with, quickly getting the information to Mitch that he needed to process the loan. “With all the different types of operations around us, large and small, a true farm is not defined on the size but what you can do on them,” said Mitch. “I was glad to help Tim help others, other vets and getting them exposed to a niche operation on a smaller scale.” An interesting twist to Tim and Mitch’s professional connection was that Mitch consulted Tim on removing honey bees from his house. The bees were between the foundation and an exterior wall of Mitch’s home and with Tim’s instruction, 40,000 honey bees and 15 combs were carefully removed. Today, Mitch has his own hives that he works with his son, thanks to Tim.

Operating under Doc’s Healing Hives and Honey, a non-profit foundation that was incorporated in 2017, Tim’s goal is to help other veterans heal their service wounds with agriculture, namely beekeeping. The first class of its kind was in April of 2017 at Tim’s church, Kingswood United Methodist Church in

Dunwoody. There, 25 of the 32 participants were veterans and they all walked away with a beehive, a nucleus of bees and equipment, and a one day training course that didn't cost the vets anything. High school students helped build the frames for the hives during spring break, volunteering through their respective organizations in order to experience different things. In this particular case, the students knew they were building the boxes for veterans. Through these courses, the soldiers are working toward a new career and in most cases, spouses attend too as the soldiers are also working on their relationships as well.

"They [the couples] both start learning and start helping each other," added Lisa Evans, friend of Tim and supporter of Doc's Healing Hives. "It's a gradual re-introduction [to civilian life] and the bees and the honey they produce are ways for them to do that." Lisa is a social worker typically dealing with transitional situations, primarily children exposed to trauma. Although their causes can be vastly different, she's very accustomed to the remnant effects of PTSD situations of both veterans and children. Due to her training and experiences she admits she is different around those who have PTSD compared to those who do not and enjoys the opportunities to interact with the veterans and their families. "The entire course and those who presented instruction were so professional and caring and really made the veterans feel calm and at ease," Lisa said. She loves seeing the transformation of those who attend the workshops, and had taken pictures of the veteran participants standing far away from the hives at the beginning of the course and being "not quite sure" of what to expect. "Those same ones were extremely hands-on by the end of the day, very comfortable and excited about their new possibilities," she said.

Since the purchase of the land in February of 2019, Tim has begun moving forward to develop the land into an expanded honey bee farm and a teaching area for fellow vets. His vision includes 5 small cabins in the center with a learning center that's an open-air pavilion which will include a kitchen, rest rooms and a place to sleep. Until that time, Tim will continue to teach and mentor his fellow veterans with beekeeping and agriculture to promote their healing and returning to their communities. Currently, the course encompasses two days. "When we are where we want to be, it will be a week long course," said Tim. His work is to provide an opportunity to veterans who are strugg-



Tim (standing, far right) is shown with a group of participants in one of the beekeeping seminars. Photo by Lisa Evans.

ling with physical and mental challenges associated with service and deployments. "Veterans' return home has changed in the last few decades," said Tim. "Those that returned home from Viet Nam didn't get to talk about their experiences or their struggles. Now veterans can find each other and collaborate. We help each other."

It's easy to see that Lieutenant Colonel Tim Doherty is passionate about whatever his mission might be, in active duty or through the Foundation. And although he admitted he didn't want to come home from the last tour because there was more to accomplish for the country of Afghanistan, he will be "hanging it up" come September of 2019 after 33 years of military service. He has begun the process of shifting gears and focusing his attention to agriculture and its therapeutic benefits for the vets' rehabilitation. Tim sees a correlation between his experience in the military and in agriculture. "It's constant problem solving," he admits, "and education is always involved." He's applying the phrase from the soldier's creed of 'I am an expert and I am a professional' into practice with beekeeping. He's done research, and along with hands-on instruction provided by UGA's Beekeeping Institute (in conjunction with Young Harris College), he's prepared himself for this next juncture. He's also gotten very involved in the promotion and awareness of the importance of the honey bee. Currently, he is the co-chair of the legislative committee for the Georgia Beekeepers Association. On that committee, he was instrumental in developing the Georgia license plate that was released on May 28, 2019, to save the honey bee with all funding going to the Georgia Beekeepers Association. "I was paired with Gail Dean, a Fulton County BOE member

and we worked together on the project and followed the protocol of application for a year. We had to wait another year for them [DMV] to revamp their system to be able to print the plate," Tim explained. Although it was a somewhat tedious process, he didn't shy away from the challenge. "I just fixed the Afghan Special Mission Wing medical evacuation system. Yeah, we can do this," he said.

Doc's Healing Hives has made great strides since its inception in 2017 serving more than 50 veterans, but there's a lot more to be accomplished in helping veterans heal. Understanding the sacrifice that veterans and their families make during their service to our country is not easy for those that haven't served. The devotion to military service, like agriculture, is something that's hard to explain and comprehend to those outside of it. But through his own transitional and healing achievement that was in part brought about by having his own apiary, Tim has found a niche that he feels can also be beneficial to other veterans' transition and healing process. "The solution isn't going to be to talk to someone who doesn't understand what you've been through or found in a prescription. The solution is being purposeful and being around people that you can relate to. Beekeepers and vets have a ton in common. It's a can-do [mindset] to take care of our bees as we take care of each other."

Editor's Note: Tim was recently approved for a farm improvement loan and hopes to break ground on Doc's Healing Hives Learning center prior to this Veteran's Day this November.

For more information, to contact or to contribute to helping veterans, go to www.docsh healinghives.org

Property for Sale



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BALDWIN



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Amazing opportunity to buy your own estate! 3 houses, 1 cabin, 3 barns/outbuilding, covered deck/pavilion on 57+ acres on the Etowah River. Main house boasts 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, separate apartment, fully furnished home theatre room, & amazing pool! More pictures & information online at www.etowahriverestate.com. H&H Realty - Leah Harper, (770) 6088321. leah@handhrealty.net



484 acre recreational tract in southern Bleckley County. Great area for any kind of hunting-deer, turkey, & duck. Has road frontage on 3 paved roads. Price: \$1,750 per acre. This property offers a bit of everything: productive cropland, woodland, cypress swamp, pond, & 10 year natural regeneration. Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty - Joe Meadows, (478) 697-3448. joemeadowsjr@robbinsfree.com

BARTOW



1519 Mission Road, Cartersville, Ga. 30120. Gorgeous home on 4.84 acres! Private, yet convenient to Cartersville & Rome. Two master suites on main! Bathrooms are top notch! Kitchen is gorgeous! HUGE attached garage...additional unfinished space above the garage. Detached garage/workshop also! Large gameroom/bonus upstairs along with 2 more bedrooms & a full bathroom. Listed at \$395,000. H&H Realty - Leah Harper Leah Harper, (770) 608-8321. leah@handhrealty.net

BLECKLEY



All wooded 343 acre timber tract in northern Bleckley County. Property would make an excellent investment or recreational tract. Approximately 215 acres is mature thinned planted pine, 100 acres is 4 year old planted pine, and 28 acres is hardwood bottoms. A creek is found on the property and there is both paved and dirt road frontage. Price is \$2,450 per acre. Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty - Joe Meadows, (478) 697-3448. joemeadowsjr@robbinsfree.com

BROOKS



Absolutely stunning recreational tract of tract located in Brooks County. 353+/- Acres comprised of various aged timber with an estimated value of \$500 to the acre from recent cruise. Excellent road system throughout the property which makes nearly the entire property accessible from a truck. Abundant WILDLIFE throughout the property and with over 5000 ft of frontage on the Withlacoochee River. Excellent opportunity to own a large tract of land with so many opportunities. Close proximity to I-75, shopping, restaurants and much more! An additional 300 acres of adjoining land also for sale. Combine them both for a Sportsman's Paradise! THE HERNDON COMPANY - Jon Bollinger, (229) 269-3687. jon@herndoncompany.com

BURKE



819 acres Hwy 25, 2-1/2 miles north of Waynesboro. 2.7 miles Brier Creek frontage, 194 acres fenced pasture, 586 acres wooded, 3 small ponds, Georgia Power transmission line, 3188 sq ft home, beautiful home place or retreat, \$1,700,000, www.GeorgiaLand.com. Shivers Real Estate - Chad Shivers, (706) 833-9114. shivers@georgialand.com



Rural retreat or home site with acreage! Beautiful piece of property in the midst of farm country...this 56.8-acre tract is a perfect size for recreational use and offers a mix of open land and hardwoods. The property is mostly level and has been leased for several years for row cropping. Nearly 600 feet of frontage along Claxton Road (paved road) allows easy access, and the property runs back to a dry creek bed thick with trees. Great piece of property and a nice size! Presented by Agent AnnMarie Kyzer (706)533-3307. Mary Yelton Realty - AnnMarie Kyzer, (706) 554-0340. amkyzer@gmail.com



This tract offers a great home site, hunting and room for horses or cows. There is a approx. 1.5 acre pond in the rear of the tract that needs some repair. This tract has approx. 482 feet of frontage on Beaver Dam Creek. There is about 20 acres in open land with the balance of land in large mature hardwoods and pines. There is a good road system that runs on the property for good access. This tract makes for a great getaway place or a home in the country. Mary Yelton Realty - Max Boswell, (706) 554-0340. mb362@bellsouth.net

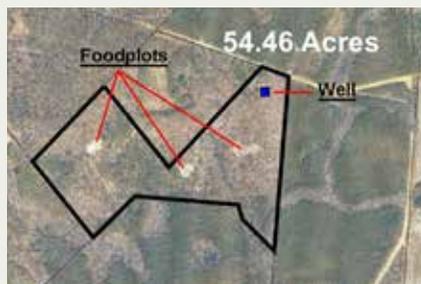


This tract is ready for the sportsman or a wildlife get away. It offers lots of good road frontage on two roads and an interior road on the larger tract. There are wildlife openings that could be food plots for hunting or a possible house site. This tract consists of a pine, hardwood mix with creek bottoms and rolling topography. There is a large slough area that would be great for waterfowl hunting, lots of opportunities for hunting all across the property and a creek branch that is the back property line of the tract. Presented by Agent Max Boswell (706) 871-9141. Mary Yelton Realty - Max Boswell, (706) 554-0340. mb362@bellsouth.net

BURKE



This tract consists of bottom land, large planted pines and young planted pines with approx 2,000 feet of frontage on Hwy 23. This would be a great area for a home site with plenty of locations for hunting and recreating. It is conveniently located approx 1.5 miles south of Sardis on Hwy 23. Approx.15 acres of the property is in merchantable pines that could be thinned or totally cut. The size and shape of the tract also gives a future owner the options of splitting off parcels if wanted. Presented by Agent Max Boswell (706) 871-9141. Mary Yelton Realty - Max Boswell, (706) 554-0340. mb362@bellsouth.net



This tract is a great spot for a home site or a weekend get away. It has good road frontage, an old block house that could be restored, power and a working well. There is a good road system throughout the property offer access to the entire tract. There are 3 ready to go food plot openings waiting

to be planted for next deer season. The property is a mix of hardwoods and pines with some rolling contour offer some good hunting opportunities and pretty woods to walk through. This tract offers many options to someone to make it there dream place. Presented by Agent Max Boswell (706) 871-9141. Mary Yelton Realty - Max Boswell, (706) 554-0340. mb362@bellsouth.net

COLQUITT



Custom built home located just outside of town in a peaceful and country setting with almost 20 acres. Enjoy the open living space of this 4 bdrm., 3 bath home with a huge great room/ living room with upstairs balcony overlooking the living space. The kitchen provides plenty of room for entertaining with an eat-in-area, center island and tons of counter space. Main level master bedroom and remodeled master bath with double vanities, garden tub and tile shower. Two additional bedrooms and bath are located upstairs both rooms providing tons of closet and storage space. The guest house is located just off of the main house with 1 bdrm, 1 bath, living room, kitchen and laundry room. The grounds of this property are well manicured with a sprinkler system in place and mature planting. Large wired barn for equipment and storage. ** Additional acreage is available. MLS#908175. THE SLOCUMB COMPANY - DENA PEARCE, (229) 985-9333. denacjp@yahoo.com

COLQUITT



Unique property with approximately 114.59 +/- acres located between Moultrie and Adel. Property consists of a mixture of hardwood, southern pines, pecan trees, barn, pond, and a large wired workshop with plumbing. Also included are two homes with the main home being built in 1995 which offers over 3000 sq ft. with 4 bedrooms/ 2.5 baths. Walk-in closets in all bedrooms. Master bedroom with master bath and a HUGE walk in closet with additional closet for extra storage. Large laundry room and walk in pantry. The farmhouse is situated at the front of the property which offers 3 bedrooms/1 bath, kitchen and living room. Very nice workshop with plumbing and wiring in place that could easily be converted to a guest house or

in-law suite... 4 stall shed for farming equipment. Ideal property for someone looking for a nice recreational tract or farm land. MLS#908150. THE SLOCUMB COMPANY - DENA PEARCE, (229) 985-9333. denacjp@yahoo.com



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COLUMBIA



110 acres South Bell Street. Harlem, 17 acres 2016 planted pines, 92 acres hardwood/pine mix 15 years old, pretty property for small town living and recreation, to be sold with a Conservation Easement in place (tax advantages for Buyer), \$442,400, www.GeorgiaLand.com. Shivers Real Estate - Chad Shivers, (706) 833-9114. shivers@georgialand.com

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Scenic Hunting Tract with Timber | 113 Acres | \$225,435. Amazing Property with Beautiful rolling Hills. Amazing Home or Cabin Sites. Excellent Hunting Opportunity/Loaded with Deer Trail. Mature Pine Timber with Scattered Oaks Throughout. 2 Gated Entrances. Good Road System with Extensive ATV Trails. Possible Development Potential. LandMart.com - Cal Pipkin, (478) 6093283. cal@landmart.com”

DOOLY



50.80 acre recreational/timberland tract on Moree Lamb Road in Dooly County. 12 acres is open land and 38.79 acres is timberland. There is a small pond on the property along with deer, turkey and hogs. List Price is \$132,000. Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty - Scott Free, (478) 218-2600. scottfree@robbinsfree.com

DOUGHERTY



Beautiful main house with 2,000 sq ft of porches, detached garage/carriage house. 4,000 sq ft equipment barn / manager's office with climate controlled garage. 9 and 3.6 acre-ponds, creek, rich and diverse ground cover quail habitat. Excellent timber. Offered turn-key with equipment. Jon Kohler & Associates - Jon Kohler, (850) 508-2999. jon@jonkohler.com

ELBERT



64 Acres-Best of both land and home. Land for hunting or hold for future development with several access points and utilities available. The unique home has over 5000 sq. ft. It is a 3 bedroom 4.5 bath with a large true master bedroom/retreat. The exquisite details are from the chandeliers to the floors. The home also has a large vault. Part of the land is within the City of Elberton but you feel the privacy as soon as turn into the paved driveway. Call Shirley Lightner with Burdette Realty at (706) 296-7558. Burdette Realty - Shirley Lightner, (706) 296-7558. slightner42@gmail.com



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FRANKLIN



112-acre farm, 2,300 SF fully-renovated home and new shop in Carnesville/Franklin County. Located near I-85 just off Hwy 63. Land lays well with mule/ATV trails cut for access to the entire property. Year-round creek, food plots, pasture/wood mix. Possibility to split but prefer to sell all. Asking \$695,000 but seller is open to offers. The Simpson Company of Georgia, Inc. - Otis Rylee, (706) 870-0621. otis@simpsoncompany.com

GRADY



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GREENE



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HABERSHAM



BEAUTIFUL! 20 Wooded acres close to Hwy 384 and 115 on private paved road. Mountain views at top and creeks and spring heads at bottom. ATV trails and abundant wildlife with 12x12 hunting shack and camp area. Underground utilities and restricted covenants. (8573940/8573958) \$189,900 Bill (706) 499-4720. Shield, Realtors - Bill Camp, (706) 499-4720. bill@billcamp.net

HABERSHAM



GORGEOUS 72+ ACRES! Absolutely gorgeous 72+ acres of mostly rolling pasture (about 1/2 fenced) with Hazel Creek on the Northern border, old hay storage barn and some old hardwood trees add to the beauty of this property. Located within half mile of the 441-4 lane to make it even more appealing. (8502662) \$765,240 Bill Camp (706) 799-4720. Shield, Realtors - Bill Camp, (706) 499-4720. bill@billcamp.net



ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE!! Beautiful 53+ acres in NE Georgia. Fenced and cross fenced, large barn and storage shed, almost 1400 ft of Yellow Bank Creek runs through property. (8494637/8494626) \$592,000. Shield, Realtors - Bill Camp, (706) 499-4720. bill@billcamp.net

HARALSON



Bremen Farms has 140 acres of pastures, multiple streams, beautiful hardwoods, pines, and gorgeous rolling topography with spectacular high ridge views. Has exceptional higher and better use potential. Jon Kohler & Associates - Walter Hatchett, (850) 508-4564. walter@jonkohler.com

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162.81 acres on Grovania Road in South Houston County. Property can be used as a recreational tract or home site with plenty of paved road frontage and mostly natural regeneration. It also has a creek that runs thru it. Deer, turkey, and quail are also found on the property. List price is \$407,025. Coldwell Banker Robbins & Free Realty - Joe Meadows, (478) 697-3448. joemeadowsjr@robbsfree.com

JACKSON



39.50 acres of land for sale in Commerce/Jackson County. Great spot for a home site. Small creek runs through the site. Pasture small amount of pasture. \$30,000 in marketable timber onsite. Seller is ready to move on and looking for offers. Asking \$6,500 per acre. Call Otis Rylee for more info at (706) 870-0621. The Simpson Company of Georgia, Inc. - Otis Rylee, (706) 870-0621. otis@simpsoncompany.com

JEFFERSON



146 acres Walden Rd. 14 miles NW of Louisville, planted pines about 28 years old, timber investment, hunting, recreation, \$362,500, www.GeorgiaLand.com. Shivers Real Estate - Chad Shivers, (706) 833-9114. shivers@georgialand.com

LOWNDES



This beautiful 42.89 acre tract of land located in North Lowndes County has so much potential!!

It is only minutes away from Moody AFB and Valdosta Georgia. Approximately 20 acres of open land is leased. This property is also currently enrolled in a conservation use program. THE HERNDON COMPANY - Wendy Woodruff, (229) 356-1380. wendywoodruff@outlook.com



Approximately 84 +/- Acres with plenty of road frontage Approx. 1230 FT on HWY 135 and 1500Ft on Wrights Road. Land has been plantation cut with 30 pines to an acre. Currently zoned E-A .Perfect Land for a Home Site, Breaking up in to Smaller Tracks , Clearing and Planting, or Just Enjoying Hunting and Recreationally. Call Today for more information. LOWNDES COUNTY LAND FOR UNDER \$2,200 AN ACRE!! BUY NOW BEFORE LAND PRICES AND INTEREST RATES GO UP. PERFECT LAND FOR BLUE BERRIES!!! MAKE AN OFFER TODAY ! THE HERNDON COMPANY - Nathan Smith, (229) 563-4199. nathan@herndoncompany.com



DRASTICALLY REDUCED! Check out this STEAL OF A DEAL...100 ACRE tract with 2,809 ft. frontage on Lakeland HWY and 493 ft. of frontage on Lightsey Road. This would make an ideal homesite and/or recreational tract with a combination of some PLANTED PINES, hardwood and NWI acreage. The Seller is clearing some access trails/roads. The land is located in NORTH LOWNDES COUNTY and just minutes from town. Additionally, there may be some development potential. There is a ideal location for development of a pond with creek bed

running through the land. Listing Agent has a current survey and a current delineation map available. ADDITIONAL ACREAGE AVAILABLE +/- 100 ACRES. (PURCHASE ADDITIONAL MLS#117886 WITH HOME AND ACREAGE + ADDITIONAL ACREAGE, APPROXIMATELY 225 ACRES TOTAL FOR \$1,095,000). THE HERNDON COMPANY - DoraLe Smith, (229) 292-4842. realestatebydoraLee@gmail.com”



61.54 Ac in Lowndes County, GA. Located on Val Del Road. Great area for a developer to subdivide and create a wonderful new subdivision. THE HERNDON COMPANY - Ann Guess, (229) 251-4210. aguess@herndoncompany.com

MADISON



95.63 of beautiful pasture land. Fenced and cross fenced, streams, double paved road frontage, near shopping and I 85, 2 farm houses that are rented. A1 zoning and in conservation.\$629,900 Call Gerry Burdette with Burdette Realty at (706) 207-2820 or email gerryburdette@aol.com. Burdette Realty - Gerry Burdette, (706) 207-2820. burdetted@hotmail.com



65+/- acres located on Hwy 29 in Danielsville just moments from Athens. Frontage on Hwy 29 and south fork of the Broad River. So many different possibilities! Land is priced at \$6500 an acre. Possibility of additional tract that would provide road frontage on Veterans Dr and a beautiful lake. Call for pricing. Burdette Realty - Amanda Smith, (706) 680-1800. amk23@bellsouth.net



This property has so much to offer! 34.54 acres with open pasture, woods, over 2700 ft of river frontage on the South Fork of the Broad river and a brick home on a basement only 20 minutes to Athens. The home has been well cared for and contains features such as fireplace, hardwood floors and a fenced in backyard. Come sit on the back porch and enjoy the privacy while eating blueberries from your yard. This is a great place to call home! 425,000. Burdette Realty - Amanda Smith, (706) 680-1800. amk23@bellsouth.net



Operating poultry farm located in Danielsville/ Madison County. Farm features six 40' x 500' broiler houses, a 2,669 SF main residence with in-ground pool, 64 acres of land, stocked pond, black-board fencing, the list goes on. Property has been well-taken care of and maintained. Great hunting for a bonus. Minimal upgrade for new owner less than \$6,000 total. Asking price of \$1,550,000. Ready for new owners to take over and make money. Call Otis Rylee at (706) 870-0621 for more info. The Simpson Company of Georgia, Inc. - Otis Rylee, (706) 870-0621. otis@simpsoncompany.com

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OGLETHORPE



60.43 Acres, \$1,475 Per Acre. Located in the rolling north Georgia hills, this property is well located on Ga. Hwy. 22 approximately 3 miles north of Lexington. Abundant deer and turkey. Interior roads provide ATV recreation. Excellent hunting tract only 30 minutes from Athens. Grove Creek is a major Oglethorpe County creek. There are two small branches that feed into creek. Interior logging roads and wildlife food plots ready for planting and the Fall deer season. Visit www.DrinkardRealEstateSales.com for more info. and photos. Drinkard Real Estate Sales, Inc. - Eddie Drinkard, (706) 318-3636. eddie.drinkard@gmail.com

POLK



Gorgeous estate featuring 3000+- SF home, large hay barn, horse barn & 5600 sf shop/warehouse...all on 19 acres! House has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, eat-in kitchen, bonus room/man cave or 4th bedroom above garage. This place is ideal for those wanting to run their business from home on their own farm! H&H Realty - Leah Harper Leah Harper, (770) 608-8321. leah@handhrealty.net

RICHMOND



93 acres Brown Road & Hwy 56. 86 acres wooded, long frontage on Spirit Creek, Georgia Power transmission line, great hunting/recreational tract in the edge of Augusta, development potential along Brown Road. \$232,250, www.GeorgiaLand.com. Shivers Real Estate - Chad Shivers, (706) 833-9114. shivers@georgialand.com

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TALIAFERRO



Hardwood Hunting Tract. 64.46 Acres. \$173,719. 30+/- Acres of Beautiful Old Hardwood. Flowing Interior Creek w/ Pond Site. 34 +/- Acres of Pine Timber. Camp Site w/ Storage Shed. Establish Road System & Trails. Deer and Turkey Hunting Opportunities. 1000 Ft. of Paved Road Frontage. 100 Miles to Atlanta. 8 Miles to Exit 148 on I-20. LandMart.com - Aubrey Breiner, (478) 454-7980. aubrey@landmart.com



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TAYLOR



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WILKES



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