WHO BROUGHT COMMUNITY TO THE FULFORD CENTER IN 2016?

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• conducted seven summer camps.
• held our 3rd Annual Fulford Youth Leadership Academy
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FULFORD CENTER COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

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OUR MISSION
By providing an environment where learning opportunities take place and community
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OUR GOALS
Education
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
Glad Garden Club Meeting---January 9
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NEW FULFORD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCED

At its December board meeting, the Fulford Advisory Board welcomed new member Dr. Alan Brasher. Dr. Brasher serves as one of the East Georgia State College board representatives and is professor of humanities at the college.

Dr. Brasher is an award-winning faculty member and is actively involved in the community. He will add invaluable insights to the Fulford Board, and we are very excited to welcome him!

4th ANNUAL YOUNGBLOOD CHESS TOURNAMENT HELD

Twenty-four students from Swainsboro, Twin City, Statesboro, Metter, and Vidalia competed in the 4th Annual Youngblood Chess Tournament in December.

The tournament was a huge success and provided some outstanding performances throughout the day.

Award winners included: 1st Place-Jackson Williamson (Vidalia Heritage Academy), 2nd Place-Alexander Muzafarov (Vidalia Heritage Academy), and 3rd Place-Connor Higgs (Sally Meadows Elementary, Vidalia).

Sections winners included: Spencer Lawrence Conner Merier, and Gavin Gay (all of Twin City Elementary), Drake Menard and Grant Ostebuh (both of Vidalia Heritage Academy).

The 5th Annual East Georgia State College Scholastic Invitational Chess Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 15. More information regarding this tournament will follow in future newsletters.

NEW PLANETARIUM SHOW PURCHASED

As part of its goal to expand planetarium offerings, the Fulford Center recently purchased GROSSOLOGY AND YOU. With its focus on human anatomy and physiology, “Grossology & You” is one of the first planetarium shows to venture beyond the traditional astronomy and space science themes for which planetariums are best known.

The animated planetarium show follows the adventures of the Kid, a teenage boy who is looking into his bathroom mirror when he is suddenly pulled into an astonishing game show — inside his body — led by Noreen Neuron, the “brains of the operation.” He meets three contestants (rapper Scabby, disco diva Boogie and rocker Flatus) who are competing to determine which system of the human body is most important. Is it the immune system, the respiratory system or the digestive system? Together, they discover that all of the systems work together to keep the human body healthy … but not until they see what happens if the systems fail!

DECEMBER WAS PACKED WITH A HOST OF FUN-FILLED ACTIVITIES