

in Georgia. To receive such notation, Sumter Primary exceeded state standards by at least 20 percent.

The Governor's Office for Student Achievement,

achievement, it is great to know that we have exceeded these marks by 20 percent. Congratulations are in order to all who have worked so hard."

Under the direction of Principal Valerie Duff, custodians John Jones and Tyrone Johnson are shown hanging the latest banner in the front office of Sumter County Primary School.

Sen. Hooks receives highest Boy Scout honor

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AMERICUS — State Sen. George Hooks (D) was presented the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Boy Scout Troop 21 Saturday at the SGTC Pope Center.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, is a special award, awarded only to Eagle Scouts, for distinguished service in his profession and to the community for a period of at least 25 years after earning his Eagle Scout rank. Requirements include: having attained the Eagle Scout rank, accomplishment of significance in one's career, and a solid record of continued community volunteer involvement. Only about one in 1,000 of all Eagle Scouts has been presented this prestigious award, according to Troop 21 members. Since its introduction in 1969, the DESA has been awarded to just under 2000 Eagle Scouts, according to Dr. Ben Andrews, a Troop 21 Eagle Scout.

The presentation of the DESA wasn't on the original program of the event Saturday so it would be a

surprise to Hooks. "Accept this award with humility," said Hooks at the podium. Hooks gave a lot of credit to his former scoutmaster, Charlie Hogg. "Charlie Hogg is an inspiration to all of us,"

said Hooks. Current Troop 21 Scoutmaster, Tommy McCurley, used the event to reveal a little history about the Troop. "This is the greatest Boy Scout Troop in the world," he

said. He said the Troop throughout its history has produced doctors, lawyers, successful businessmen, professional

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Dr. Ben Andrews, left, a Troop 21 Eagle Scout, presents State Sen. George Hooks the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Boy Scout Troop 21 Saturday at the SGTC Pope Center.

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football coaches etc. McCurley said recent Troop 21 Eagle Scouts are also doing great things. "The new ones are going to be great also."

Kenneth Cutts of Congressman Sanford Bishop's Office spoke at the event on the behalf of the congressman. Bishop once told Cutts his Eagle Scout designation was more important to him than any award Bishop

had ever received, Cutts told the audience.

"Congressman Bishop will tell you that being an Eagle Scout has led to much of his success in life," said Cutts. Cutts said no organization in the world mold more boys into successful young men like the Boy Scouts. He said the organization teaches perseverance.

Bishop is also a recipient of the DESA.

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CMOs

participants in the South Georgia region.

Marty Fallon, executive director of the South Georgia Health Care Association and Sumter Regional Physicians' Services, said late in a telephone interview Tuesday that these participants did not receive their enrollment packages until Aug. 15. They had 30 days to complete it, and the "go live" date for the entire region was Sept. 1.

The new privatized Medicaid program has limited primary care physicians in this

area, Fallon said. Fallon said these doctors can not be made to enroll with a CMO.

The limited number of primary care physicians with the CMOs has caused some patients to use the Sumter Regional emergency room for things they would normally see their primary care physician for.

However, she said she has been told by hospital officials that it's too soon to tell what impact the new CMO program has on the physicians or the hospital.

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Recently Mothers of Zion Prayer Ministry of United Holiness Church held a special inspirational and motivational program for the resi-

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