

Purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award

The Joe Sewell Memorial Award is named after one of Elmore County's professional athletes who displayed leadership and Christian character both on the field and in his home community of Titus, Joe Sewell. Sewell still owns two of Major League Baseball's records for the single season fewest strikeouts in both 1930 and 1932 as well as the lifetime record of fewest strikeouts during his 14 year career. While he excelled on the field, Sewell was known as a quiet man of character and conviction who gave back to his community as often as he could.

The purpose of the Joe Sewell Memorial Award is to recognize outstanding high school senior athletes who have consistently represented the highest ideals of Christian leadership and emulate the character of Joe Sewell. Each participating high school nominates up to four senior students for this award. The Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board of Directors names Finalists from that list of nominees. Students are then evaluated on the criteria of excellence in athletics, academics, leadership, and church, community, and character, as well as a panel interview conducted by the Board. One male and one female are selected as the overall Joe Sewell Memorial Award recipients. Each of those students receives a \$3,000 John Sewell Scholarship. One male and one female are also selected at the Category Winners for each of the four categories listed above, and each is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board of Directors also names 9th Grade Certificate Winners who exemplify the same criteria as the seniors to encourage these youth to continue to excel. High schools are invited to nominate up to four freshmen who are then evaluated by the board prior to being named a Certificate Winner. Many of our 9th Grade Certificate Winners return as Senior Finalists.

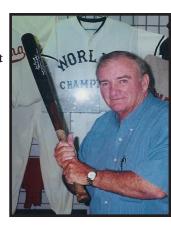
John Sewell Scholarship

John Sewell was a cousin of Joe Sewell who was dedicated to the game of baseball and making a positive influence on young people. After a successful business career, John spent almost all of his available time working with young people. He admitted his greatest weakness in life by saying, "I just can't say no to a kid that wants to play ball. I'll do anything to help him." In 2000, John went on a mission to find his cousin's famous bat. When it was found in Birmingham, John had the opportunity to hold it and make the connection to his famous cousin from years past. John continued to coach and be a part of youth baseball until his death in 2003. He was a resident of Coosada, and his wife Billie serves with the Board of Directors.



The John Sewell Scholarships presented to students each year are fully funded by donations from local businesses and individuals who want to encourage excellence in Elmore County students and support the furtherance of their education. The scholarships for students would not be possible without these sponsors' participation each year – for their generosity, we are truly grateful.

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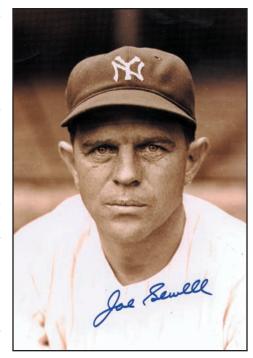


Joe Sewell still holds the record for The Hardest Player to Strike-Out in Baseball

Joe Sewell was born in Elmore County's Titus community in 1898. Most die-hard baseball fans know of the legendary Joe Sewell. However he stood in the shadows of some of baseball's giants in the game - Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and many others. He played for the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees in his career from 1920 to 1933. Sewell was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977 and died in Mobile in 1990.

Joe Sewell still owns two of Major League Baseball's records, records which most fans of the game say will never be broken. He holds the lifetime record for fewest strikeouts at bat during his 14 year pro career - 114 in 7,132 games. Sewell holds the single season record for fewest strikeouts at bat of just three strikeouts in 640 games in 1930 and 1932. A left handed hitter who threw right handed, Sewell was a speedy shortstop who led the American League in fielding twice and putouts and led the league four times in assists.

When it came to hitting, no one matched Joe Sewell. Few rookies then and even in today's modern era faced a tougher assignment or more pressure than Sewell did in 1920. While Sewell was playing his first professional season in New Orleans right out of college



(Alabama), Cleveland Indians hero Ray Chapman was killed by a Carl Mays' pitch in August. When Chapman's replacement was hurt on Labor Day, the kid from Alabama got the call and was thrust into one of the most heated pennant races ever in the American League. "Little Joe" as he was called (5'7"), proved equal to the task, batting .329 for the rest of the season in helping the Cleveland Indians to their first American League Championship pennant.

From September 13, 1922 to April 30, 1930, he played 1,103 straight games a major league record at that time, and only surpassed by his teammate, the great Lou Gehrig. He and his younger brother, Luke Sewell, are still ranked 8th on baseball's Most Career Hits list for brothers. Sewell used a 40-ounce bat called

Joe Sewell

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

"Black Betsy" during his entire career. That bat rests now in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Museum in Birmingham.

But for all of his athletic feats, it is the character of the man that this award seeks to emulate as well. Joe Sewell was known as a quiet man of character and conviction. During the depression, Joe was known on several occasions throughout the years to bring baseballs, gloves and bats to the kids of Elmore County. He

loved the game and wanted other poor kids from the South to have a chance to learn the game and the sportsmanship that accompanied it.

After retirement he spent several years coaching for the Yankees. He later was a scout for the Indians. He was head baseball coach at his alma mater, the University of Alabama, for several years leading the Tide to an SEC title in 1968. Alabama's baseball stadium is named for him.

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Tonight's Speaker -Michael D. Williams, Ed.D. President – Faulkner University

Williams took office on June 1, 2015, and became the eighth president of Faulkner University.

Williams began his career as an accountant in 1985 before his start in higher education as director of admissions at Ohio Valley College. After that, Williams spent twenty-eight years at Harding University before coming to Faulkner University. At Harding, Williams served in a variety of roles including director of admissions, assis-



tant vice president of enrollment services, and vice president of advancement. Williams received both his Bachelor and Master of Business Administration from Harding. He received a Doctorate of Education from the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to being a sought after conference speaker and presenter, Williams is a past president and vice president of the Arkansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, past chairman of the Arkansas ACT Council, and an Alumni Ambassador of the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

Williams is deeply committed to community outreach. Prior to coming to Montgomery, he served as a deacon of community outreach at his church, on the board of directors of the local chamber of commerce, and in various capacities of non-profits. Since his arrival in the River Region, he has immediately immersed himself in the community. He is a member of the Chairman's Circle of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also recently selected to serve on the Montgomery Area Committee of 100.

He and his wife Lisa have been married 28 years. They have two sons, Quentin and Cade.

Tonight's Emcee - DOUG AMOS

Doug Amos has worked in sports media in the River Region for more than 30 years, having covered the Southeastern Conference for The Montgomery Advertiser for eight years before beginning his radio career. He has hosted a sports radio show in the area since 1993, and has been a two-time recipient of the Associated Press Excellence in Broadcasting Award. He currently hosts The MAX Round Table on ESPN The Ticket, and last fall began a new



show – Strong To The Finish – which is a faith-based sports interview program about balancing love for athletics and passion for God. He also works for the Troy Sports Radio Network, serving as the studio host and color analyst for Trojan football and basketball games. Doug and his wife, Karla, have a daughter – Reyn, age 9.

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SENIOR FINALISTS



Jake Baker
Tallassee
High School
Baseball,
Football,
Track & Field,
Wrestling

First Baptist Church,
Tallassee • Good News

Club Leader • 8th grade Sunday School Teacher • 2016 & 2017 Wrestling Heavyweight State Champion • Football Team Captain • Brandon Burlsworth Character Award • Brighthouse Student Scholar Athlete • Alabama Boys State participant • Tallassee Chamber of Commerce Ambassador • Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes • Accepted to Troy University and Huntingdon College • Son of Jeff and Christina Baker



Robert Broom
Holtville
High School
Cross Country,
Soccer

Cain's Chapel United Methodist Church • Worship Leader and guitarist • Boy Scouts

of America-Eagle Scout • Cross Country and Soccer Team Captain • AHSAA North/South All-Star game • Two-time All-Metro Honorable Mention • Member of Beta Club and National Honor Society • Semifinalist for US Senate Youth Program • Accepted and has received various scholarships to Troy University, Auburn University, and The University of Alabama Birmingham • Son of Robby and Jeannie Broom



Morgan Brown

Edgewood

Academy

Softball,

Blue Ridge Baptist Church • Vacation Bible School Music Leader • See You At

Volleyball

The Pole Worship Leader • All Area first team pitcher
• All Metro honorable mention pitcher • State volleyball
all tournament team selection • Member of National Honor
Society, Beta Club, and Spanish National Honor Society
• Accepted and has received various scholarships to the
University of Alabama and Troy University • Daughter of
David and Amy Brown



Easterling
Carpenter

Elmore County
High School

Football,
Powerlifting,
Wrestling

The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-Day

Saints • Active participant of the Aaronic Priesthood and Home Teaching • Boy Scouts of America • Bryant Jordan Regional Winner • Member of Beta Club, National English Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta • Alabama Boys State Participant • Accepted and has received various scholarships to Champlain College, Spring Hill College, and Troy University • Son of Daniel and Sharon Carpenter



Brady
Hancock
Tallassee
High School
Football,
Track & Field,
Wrestling

First United Methodist Church, Tallassee

Active member of Youth Group - Football Team
 Captain - Auburn-Opelika Area Large School Honorable
 Mention Defensive Back - Member of National Honor
 Society - Tallassee Chamber of Commerce Ambassador
 Volunteered for ACTS and Toys for Tots - Accepted and received an athletic scholarship to Faulkner University
 and Union College - Son of Bryan and Kim Hancock



Kelsey Hansen

Edgewood

Academy

Basketball,

Softball,

Track & Field,

Volleyball

Journey Church of the River Region • Active

member of Youth Group • Wendy's High School Heisman Winner • South Alabama Volleyball Player of the Week • Volleyball All Metro First Team • Member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society • President's Award for Academic Excellence • Accepted to Troy University, Hollins University, Jacksonville State University, The College at Southwestern, and Faulkner State Community College • Daughter of Clint and Liz Hansen



Madison Hill
Holtville
High School
Cross Country,
Soccer, Tennis

Shoal Creek Baptist Church • Camp AMIGOS Volunteer • Participated in a mission trip to

Jamaica • Cross Country Team Captain • Member of Beta Club, First Priority, and Junior Civitan • Yearbook Editor • Student Government Treasurer • Distinguished Young Women First Runner Up • Accepted and received various scholarships to Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery • Daughter of Ty and Cheryl Hill



Austin
Lankford
Holtville
High School
Basketball,
Baseball

Shoal Creek Baptist Church • Camp AMIGOS Volunteer • Participated

in a mission trip to Nicaragua and Jamaica • All County Honorable Mention in Baseball • Member of Beta Club, Junior Civitan, First Priority, and Future Farmers of America • Accepted to Auburn University at Montgomery • Son of Jody and Wendy Lankford



Caity Jo Lee

Edgewood
Academy
Cheerleading,
Softball,
Track & Field

Claud Independent Methodist Church • Organize weekly

Wednesday night youth activities • Youth Cheerleader Program Coach • Relay for Life Coordinator • Salvation Army Bell Ringer • Four time UCA All American • Multiple All Area, Metro, and State tournament teams • Member of Beta Club, Drama Club, and Spanish Club • Yearbook Editor • Lions Club Youth Leadership Program • Accepted and received multiple scholarships to Faulkner University, Huntingdon College, the University of Alabama, and Troy University • Daughter of Don and Jody Lee

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SENIOR FINALISTS



Mark
McGowin
Stanbope Elmore
High School
Baseball,
Football
Mount Hebron Baptist

Church • Welcome Center

Volunteer • Participated in

charity car wash, Toys for Tots, and special needs Christmas party
• All Metro Baseball Team • AlaBCA Top 120 Selection • Member of
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor
Society, and Beta Club • Accepted and received various scholarships
to Andrew College, Marion Military Institute, and Southern Union
State Community College • Son of Jamey and Anita McGowin



Zachary Mozingo Stanbope Elmore High School Baseball, Football, Track & Field

Journey Church of the River Region • Active

member of Youth Group • Church Usher • Entrepreneur • All Metro Baseball Team • AlSA State Champion Football, Baseball, and Track & Field • Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Spanish Club • Accepted to Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, Jeff Davis Community College, and Faulkner State Community College • Son of Mike and Laurie Mozingo



LauraAnn Parker Tallassee High School Basketball, Softball

First Baptist Church, Tallassee • Children's Ministry Volunteer •

Member of Association of Christians in Tallassee • Tallassee Lower Project Ministry Volunteer • Participated in a mission trip to New Orleans • 4A Area Basketball Tournament • Offensive Basketball Award • Accepted to the University of West Alabama, Shelton State Community College, and Faulkner University • Daughter of Greg and Shanda Parker



John Ellis
Rawls II

Wetumpka
High School
Football,
Track & Field,
Wrestling
The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-Day

Saints • President of Deacons • Organized youth service projects • Boy Scouts of America-Eagle Scout • YMCA Youth Counselor • 2 year Wrestling State Qualifier • All Area Football Team • Bryant Jordan Student Achievement Nominee • Member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes • Plans to attend Southern Virginia University • Son of



Sarah Ray Wetumpka High School Tennis

Landmark Church of Christ • Relay for Life Volunteer • Served as student teacher, teaching Spanish to

elementary students • Distinguished Young Women 2nd Runner Up • Member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, and DECA • Key Club President • Spanish National Honor Society Secretary • Accepted and received various scholarships to the University of Alabama, Auburn University, and Troy University • Daughter of Emmett and Beth Ray



Marcus Robinson Wetumpka High School Basketball, Golf

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints • Youth Leader

and member of Youth Committee • YMCA Camp Counselor and Basketball Coach • Boy Scouts of America-Life Scout • Job Shadowed Governor's Press Secretary • Member of Beta Club and National Honor Society • Accepted to the University of Alabama, Auburn University at Montgomery, and Southern Virginia University • Son of Gregory and Rosa Robinson



John and Sherena Rawls

Cindy Shelton

Stanhope Elmore
High School

Cheerleading

Calvary Baptist Church • Assistant Sunday School Teacher • Nursery and VBS Volunteer

• Angel Pageant Volunteer • Varsity Cheer Captain • UCA All American • Invited to tryout for UCA Staff • Member of Beta Club, Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta • Accepted and received various scholarships to the University of Montevallo and Bellhaven University • Daughter of Donnie and Glenda Shelton and Donna Krafcheck



Karson Stanford Tallassee High School Softball, Volleyball

First Baptist Church, Tallassee • VBS Volunteer • Peer

Mentor • Volleyball team Devotional Leader • Capital City Juniors Club Team • Varsity Volleyball Team Captain • Mu Alpha Theta Historian • Member of Key Club • Show Choir and Chamber Chorus Section Leader • Accepted to Central Alabama Community College and Southern Union State Community College • Daughter of Jason and Tiffany Stanford and Chris and Heather Price



Adele Tessier

Wetumpka

High School

Tennis

Thelma Baptist Church • Fall Festival Volunteer • Served as student teacher, teaching Spanish to

middle school students • Participated in Mission Trip to Guatemala • Alabama Girls State Participant • Member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, Key Club, Skills USA, and Yearbook Staff • Spanish National Honor Society Vice President • Accepted to Troy University and Auburn University at Montgomery • Daughter of Joshua and Julia Tessier

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SENIOR FINALISTS



Elizabeth **Thomas** New Life Christian Academy

Softball, Volleyball

New Life Christian Center • Sound Booth

Humane Society and Alabama Baptist Children's Home Volunteer • Volleyball Co-Captain • Beta Club Secretary • Member of National Fraternity of Student Musicians • Accepted and received various scholarships to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, University of West

Alabama, and Auburn University at Montgomery •

Daughter of Steve and Linda Thomas

Technician • Children's Church Helper • Chilton County



Jana Venable Elmore County High School Cheerleading, Golf

First Baptist Church, Eclectic • Youth Leadership Team • Upward Basketball,

Ministry Volunteer • Varsity Cheer Captain • UCA Pin It Forward Recipient • Team Up for St. Jude Coordinator • Yearbook Editor • Student Council Vice President • Member of First Priority, Key Club, and Mu Alpha Theta • Accepted and received various scholarships to the University of Alabama and Troy University • Daughter of Craig and Renae Venable



Hannah **Traylor** Elmore County High School

Basketball, Powerlifting, Track & Field, Volleyball

First Baptist Church, Eclectic • VBS Crew Leader • Nursery and Kindness Ministry Volunteer • Powerlifting State Champion • Volleyball Captain • Member of Beta Club and National English Honor Society • Key Club Secretary • FCCLA Vice President • Student Council Representative • Accepted and received various scholarships to Auburn University, Huntingdon College, and Auburn University at Montgomery • Daughter of Shane and Abby Traylor and Jason and Allyson Tatum



William Venable Elmore County High School Basketball,

Football, Golf, Powerlifting, Soccer

First Baptist Church,

Eclectic • Youth Leadership Team • Upward Basketball, An Eclectic Christmas, and VBS Volunteer • Football Team Captain • 1st Team All Area and All Metro • Powerlifting State Champion • Member of Mu Alpha Theta, National English Honor Society, and Beta Club • Boys State Representative • Accepted and received various scholarships to the University of Alabama, Auburn University and Troy University • Son of Craig and Renae Venable



Nicole Tyler Holtville High School **Cross Country,** Soccer

First United Methodist Church, Wetumpka • Communion Volunteer • Youth Leadership Team • Elmore Area Food Bank

and Humane Shelter Volunteer • Soccer Team Captain • Izell Brown Academic Excellence Award • Member of Beta Club and National Honor Society • Mu Alpha Theta President • Girls State Representative • Accepted and received various scholarships to Troy University, the University of Alabama Birmingham, and Auburn University at Montgomery • Daughter of Rick and Diane Tyler



Philip Warlick III

Stanbope Elmore High School

Baseball. Basketball, **Football**

Coosada Road Baptist Church • Small Group Leader • Welcome Center Volunteer • Boys State

Representative • Student Council Treasurer • Football and Baseball All Area Honorable Mention • Member of National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta • Accepted and received various scholarships to the University of Alabama, Millsaps College, Duke University, Yale University, and Tulane University • Son of Phil and Julie Warlick



The Joe Sewell Memorial Award and John Sewell Scholarships are projects under the auspices of the Elmore County Community Foundation.

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NINTH GRADE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Edgewood Academy

Sydney Brown Kamden Burleson Katie Roberts Luke Sisson

Elmore County High School

Taylor Atkinson
Ean Carpenter
Grace Clements
Ella Watts

Holtville High School

Miles Broom
Payton Coburn
Brooke Cooper
Brianne Staton

New Life Christian Academy

Abigail Chavers Isaac Merrell Matthew Thomas Kaleb Varner

Stanhope Elmore High School

Aubrey Beyer Kalynn McElrath Sullival Stevens Tyler Wilson

Tallassee High School

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"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

- Proverbs 22:6 KJV

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PREVIOUS OVERALL AWARD WINNERS

2016 BOY'S AWARD



Ty NaquinStanbope Elmore High School

Baseball, Wrestling

2016 GIRL'S AWARD



Elissa Brown

Elmore County High School

Softball, Basketball, Track & Field

2015 BOY'S AWARD



Kirkland McWhorter Tallassee High School Cross Country, Soccer, Track & Field

2015 GIRL'S AWARD



Madison Roberts

Wetumpka High
School

Cheerleading

2014
BOV'S AWARD



Aaron Smith

Elmore County High
School

Football, Powerlifting,
Track

2014 GIRL'S AWARD



Patty Holley

Elmore County High
School

Volleyball

2013 BOY'S AWARD



Colton LaDon Campbell Holtville High School Baseball, Basketball, Football

2013 GIRL'S AWARD



Carter Singleton

Elmore County High
School

Basketball, Powerlifting,
Soccer, Track

PREVIOUS OVERALL AWARD WINNERS

2012 BOY'S AWARD



Evan Miles Venable

Elmore County High
School

Football, Powerlifting,
Basketball, Golf

2012 GIRL'S AWARD



Hannah Elizabeth Weldon Edgewood Academy Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track, Cheerleading

2011 BOY'S AWARD



Cody Arant *Wetumpka High School*Football, Baseball

2011 GIRL'S AWARD



Kelsey Baker

Tallassee

High School

Cheerleading

2010 BOY'S AWARD



Thatcher Pinkston

Wetumpka High School

Football, Tennis,

Wrestling

2010 GIRL'S AWARD



Taylor Veazey *Holtville High School*Basketball, Tennis,
Cross Country

2009 BOY'S AWARD



Jordan Nickols

Holtville
High School

Football, Baseball

2009 GIRL'S AWARD



Ashley Colquitt

Wetumpka

High School

Cheerleading, Soccer

2008 BOY'S AWARD



Thomas Luke Rowe

Elmore County

High School

Football, Basketball,

Track

2008 GIRL'S AWARD



Rachel Virginia Powell Tallassee High School Volleyball

2007 BOY'S AWARD



Chris Glover

Holtville
High School
Football, Baseball

2007 GIRL'S AWARD



Kelly McWhorter

Elmore County

High School

Cheerleading

2006 BOY'S AWARD



Chas Worthy

Elmore County

High School

Football, Basketball,

Baseball

2006 GIRL'S AWARD



Ashley Hicks

Stanbope Elmore

High School

Cheerleading

2005 BOY'S AWARD



Josh Cain

Edgewood

Academy

Football, Basketball,

Track

2005 GIRL'S AWARD



Heather Finklea

Elmore County

High School

Softball, Basketball

Thirteenth Annual

Joe Sewell Memorial Award Banquet Program

Wetumpka Civic Center May 2, 2017

Call to Order & Welcome ~ Mark McGhee, Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Chair

Senior and 9th Grade Student Entrance

Dinner Instructions ~ Mark McGhee

Invocation ~ Jimmy Veazey, Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Vice Chair

Dinner

Sponsor Recognition ~ Joey Holley, Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Member

Introduction of Emcee ~ Don Duncan, Joe Sewell Memorial Award Board Member

Special Recognitions ~ Doug Amos

Board Members

Past Award Winners

Senior Finalists who were 9th Grade Certificate Winners

Recognition of 9th Grade Certificate Winners ~ Doug Amos

Introduction of Senior Joe Sewell Award Finalists ~ Doug Amos

Introduction of Speaker ~ Doug Amos – GKN Aerospace

Keynote Speaker ~ Dr. Michael D. Williams, Faulkner University President

Honoree Selection ~ Jimmy Veazey

Senior Category Award Winners ~ Doug Amos

Girls Leadership Award	Neptune Technology Group
Boys Leadership Award	Wetumpka Lions Club
Girls Academic Award	Alabama Power Foundation
Boys Academic Award	Adams Drugs
Girls Church, Community & Character Award	Tallassee Rehab
Boys Church, Community & Character Award	Millbrook Men's Club
Girls Athletic Award	Weldon Family
Boys Athletic Award	Ingram Family

Girls Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner . . Billie Sewell and Barry Mask

~ Sewell Family

Boys Overall Joe Sewell Award and John Sewell Scholarship Winner Billie Sewell

~ Lee's Auto Repair

Adjourning Remarks ~ Mark McGhee

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