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Annual Battle of Resaca re-enactment cancelled amid COVID-19 pandemic concerns

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One of the largest tourism events held each year in Gordon County, which brings in an estimated 5,000 spectators and participants, this year's Battle of Resaca Re-enactment, scheduled for May 16-17, has been cancelled due to safety concerns of COVID-19.

"With the concerns of having thousands of visitors from all over the country coming into Gordon County, it came down to our community's

safety and to those visitors attending," said Battle of Resaca Reenactment, Inc. in a statement.

The Battle of Resaca Re-enactment is hosted each year by the many volunteers of the Georgia Division Reenactors Association, one of the nation's oldest and most respected Civil War reenacting organizations. A portion of the proceeds from the event goes towards the Resaca Battlefield area preservation efforts, while the balance goes towards future

re-enactments.

The re-enactment is held each year just off Hwy. 41 on the historic Chitwood Farm, a 650-acre section of the original battlefield. The farm hosted some of the heaviest fighting during the conflict. Two Federal soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor for the capture of the Van den Corput's four gun Confederate battery, whose earthworks are still preserved and intact after 150 years. Also on the property are the original Federal and Confederate entrenchments and the

1864 Western & Atlantic Railroad line located close to the present day camps and fields of battle.

"The staff appreciates the last 35 years of the devoted spectators and local sponsors that have supported the re-enactment and look to better days ahead," said the statement.

According to the statement, plans are underway for the 157th Anniversary of the Battle of Resaca Re-enactment to be scheduled on May 15-16, 2021.



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City Schools to end instructional learning May 15; Hold graduation Aug. 1

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Calhoun City Schools Superintendent Dr. Michele Taylor announced earlier this week outlining the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. According to Taylor, the last day of instructional learning for Calhoun City Schools this year will be Friday, May 15. She also announced that graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020 have been rescheduled for 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, so long as the restrictions for public gatherings have been lifted by that time.

"We are excited that we are planning our graduation ceremony on Hal Lamb Field at

Phil Reeve Stadium for Saturday, Aug. 1. We're so excited to recognize and honor the Class of 2020 and all of their many accomplishments."

Taylor also thanked students, parents and teachers for their help during these unprecedented times.

"I wanted to take the time to say thank you to all of you for your support of our schools and for doing your part to stop the spread of COVID-19," said Taylor. "We have been blessed with great community support and continue to pray for those serving on the front lines to help keep our community safe. We are

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Win prizes at Gordon County Parks & Recreation Online Lip Sync Battle

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Need something fun to do while stuck at home? Open for all ages until April 19, anyone who has what it takes can enter the Gordon County Parks & Rec Online Lip Sync Battle until Sunday, April 19.

To enter the challenge, simply upload videos of your best lip syncing to the Gordon County Parks & Rec Facebook page at facebook.com/GCParksandRec. You can also submit videos to david.mitchell@gordoncounty.org or csparksgordoncounty.org.

YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND SONG TITLE WITH VIDEO SUBMISSION.

Voting takes place from Monday, April 20 through Thursday, April 23. The top 3 videos with the most Facebook likes win prizes.



Free COVID-19 testing available in NWGA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Northwest Georgians with symptoms of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), such as fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath, may receive free testing provided by public health.

The following people without symptoms may also be tested:

-Healthcare workers, first responders, and other critical infrastructure workers that have been exposed to COVID-19

-Residents of a long-term care facility or other group residential setting experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19

Call 706-802-5329 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday to be screened for testing.

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Gordon Gazette Movie Critic Cooper Hunt gives his Top 10 Movies from the 1980's.

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Morning Pointe resident Bill Maxwell celebrates 100th birthday with special parade, fly over

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Morning Pointe of Calhoun, along with the Philip Beamer family, organized a 100th Birthday Parade for longtime Calhoun resident Bill Maxwell, who turned 100 years old on Monday, April 13, 2020.

In addition to celebrating Mr. Maxwell's 100th birthday, Morning Pointe celebrated two more centenarians: Wallace Robbins is turning 100 on Sunday, April 19, and Francis Jackson, who turns 100 in June.

"The residents have been getting a little down and out because they haven't been able to see and visit with their families, so Mr. Maxwell's family and friends wanted to do something special for him since they can't come inside to love and hug on him," said Virginia Hensley of Morning Pointe. "He's been so excited about turning 100, and we've been counting down the days since January 1. He's always got a smile on his face and woke up extra happy today. He's such a joy to be around, just happy all the time. He was just telling us how he's lived

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Mr. Bill Maxwell was celebrated with a parade and flyover for his 100th birthday on Monday, April 13. (BRANDI OW CZARZ/Staff)

Second Front

Calhoun Attorney Charles M. Williams Recognized for Fifty Years of Service by State Bar of Georgia

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The President of the State Bar of Georgia, Darrell Sutton recently recognized the Honorable Charles M. Williams of Calhoun, Georgia for his outstanding achievements of this state’s lawyers who have completed at least fifty years of service to the legal profession. This year, the State Bar is recognizing members who were sworn to practice during the year

1970. “The Bar is very proud of the outstanding attorneys who have for decades worked with distinction for the profession, the public and the courts,” stated President Sutton. A graduate of Resaca High School, Mr. Williams has served the Calhoun, Gordon County community since 1972. Following high school, he enlisted into the United States Air Force where he served for 21 years in

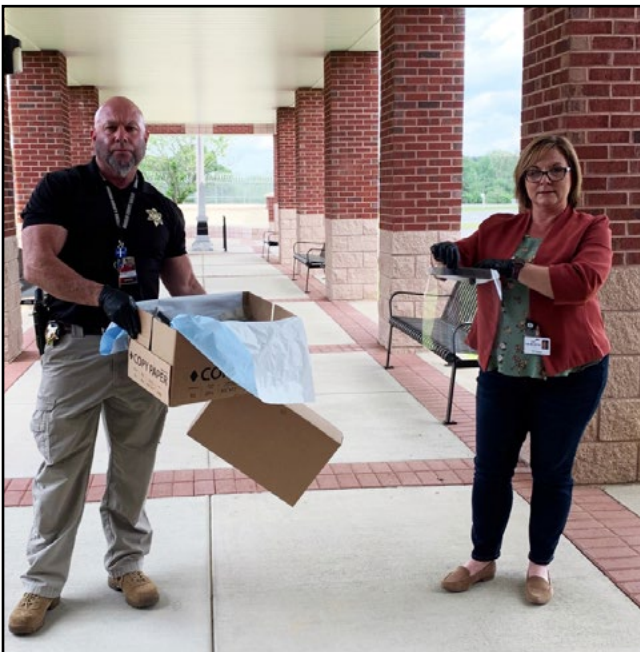
active duty and reserves. After active service, he began working for Dobbins Air Force Base and attended classes at UGA. He graduated with a law degree from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta in 1970. Mr. Williams continues his law practice today on N. Piedmont Street. “I keep thinking of retiring but its hard to tell families no when I’ve been working with some for almost fifty years. I’m now working

with the grandkids,” Mr. Williams said. “My dad has a strong work ethic. He’s starting to slow down a bit, but still makes it into the office almost every day. He’s definitely enjoyed serving many families in our community over the years,” shared his daughter Michele Taylor. “In this time of social distancing, we celebrated his fifty years with dinner and dessert in quarantine. Happy 50 years Paw Paw.”

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Mohawk donates face shields to local law enforcement agencies, first responders



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Calhoun, Ga. - When Mohawk Data Management specialist Alicia Kilgore heard the company was producing face shields and medical gowns for local health care providers, it sparked an idea. “I was thinking about one of my family members in law enforcement and how when these officers go out on calls, they don’t know if that person is sick or if they’ve been exposed to the virus – they just get dispatched to the call,” she said. “A lot of the police and fire departments are providing things like gloves, hand sanitizer and masks when they’re available, but I thought if we could donate face shields, it would give them added protection.” Her idea was met with enthusiasm by the Mohawk Home team, and to date the company has donated face shields to the Gordon County Sheriff’s Department, Calhoun Police Department, Adairsville Police Department, Whitfield County Sheriff’s Department, Dalton Police Department and Catoosa County Fire Department. “When we started producing the gowns and face shields earlier this month, we were responding to the need shared by our local hospitals,” Nikki Robinson, Mohawk Home senior director of human resources said. “We quickly realized that the need reached beyond healthcare, and we had an opportunity to support our local first

responders, as well. Anytime an officer stands close enough to a vehicle to see and speak to a driver or a firefighter responds to a call, they are going to be closer than six feet of another person. We feel honored that we can provide these items for many of our local first responders while they continue protecting and serving our communities during this ongoing health crisis.” In addition to producing medical gowns at Mohawk Home’s Antioch Road facility in Dalton, the company is now producing both medical gowns and face shields at its location on Marine Drive in Calhoun. Franco Sanchez-Camarillo, one of Mohawk’s process engineers, reverse engineered the easily assembled face shield that utilizes elastic from the company’s existing bathmat production line. Once other components were sourced, the team quickly learned the assembly process and began producing the shields in mass quantities. “The requests for these items have come in rapidly, so we looked at how we could expand our operations,” Bart Hill, Mohawk Home senior vice president, product development and operations, said. “We’re currently working up to producing 5,000 gowns a day and 10,000 face shields a day. It’s our intention to continue donating items regularly and providing the remainder of them to healthcare organizations at cost. This isn’t a long-term operation for

Mohawk, but we have a heart for our communities and are committed to helping while this need is so great.” In total, Mohawk has donated approximately 1,500 gowns and 1,000 face shields to first responders and healthcare organizations including Hamilton Healthcare System, AdventHealth Gordon and Emory University Hospital. About Mohawk Mohawk Industries is a leading global flooring manufacturer that creates products to enhance residential and commercial spaces around the world. Mohawk’s vertically integrated manufacturing and distribution processes provide competitive advantages in the production of carpet, rugs, ceramic tile, laminate, wood, stone and vinyl flooring. Our industry-leading innovation has yielded products and technologies that differentiate our brands in the marketplace and satisfy all remodeling and new construction requirements. Our brands are among the most recognized in the industry and include Mohawk, American Olean, Daltile, Durkan, Feltex, Godfrey Hirst, IVC, Karastan, Marazzi, Pergo, Quick-Step and Unilin. During the past decade, Mohawk has transformed its business from an American carpet manufacturer into the world’s largest flooring company with operations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Europe, India, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.



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Obituaries

April 15, 2020

Grace Brannon

Grace Tilley Brannon, 90, of Cartersville, died Monday, April 13, 2020. She was born on Feb. 21, 1930 in Gordon County to the late Garfield Tilley and Tamar Holt. She was preceded in death by her husband, R.L. Brannon, in 2004.



She was a nurse for Dr. Byron Steele in Fairmount for many years as well as having served with several other doctors. She was a graduate of Fairmount High School and played on the girls Basketball State Championship team.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Steven L. and Joanna Brannon and Gregory K. Margaret Brannon; daughter, Peggy B. Jefferson; sister, Carol Lanham; grandchildren, Garah Jefferson, Chad Brannon, Blake Brannon, Emily Faircloth, Tyler Brannon, and Katelynn Brannon; multiple grandchildren; one great great grandson; other relatives also survive.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no formal public visitation or funeral service. She will be buried at Johnson Cemetery in Fairmount, Ga.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.maxbrannonandsons.com

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Grace Tilley Brannon.



Johnny Brown

Mr. Johnny Dewayne Brown, 61, of Dalton, died Thursday, April 9, 2020, at Hamilton Medical Center.



He was born in Whitfield County on Oct. 11, 1958, son of Pearl Brown and the late Charles “Bud” Brown. He enjoyed being outdoors and was an avid hunter prior to failing health. He was retired from Textile Rubber after 30 plus years as a maintenance supervisor. In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by a daughter, Amanda Brown and a brother, Charles “Bim” Brown Jr.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sabrina Locklear and her husband James of Calhoun; three grandchildren, Abi, Ashlynn and Ally Locklear of Calhoun; mother, Pearl Brown; mother of his children, Joyce Maddox; two sisters, Elaine Patterson (Michael), Tammy Watkins (Earl); four brothers, Phillip Brown (Janice), Marshall Brown (Karen), Terry Brown (Cissy), Todd Brown (Vickie); a close family friend, Eddie Kimber and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, no formal services will be held at this time. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be announced later. Interment will be at West Hill Cemetery in Dalton.

Condolences may be shared with the family www.maxbrannonandsons.com.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the Brown family.



Mary Caldwell

Mary Christian Caldwell, age 24, of Cedartown, passed away suddenly Friday, April 10, 2020 at Redmond Regional Medical Center in Rome.

Mary was born Dec. 25, 1995 in Floyd County, daughter of Pamela Angel Bishop and the late William Harvey Caldwell. She was a 2015 graduate of Rockmart High School where she was active in the Rockmart Yellow Jacket Band. Mary was a member of the Connect Ministry Church of Polk County.

She is survived by: her mother and step-father, Pamela and Richard Bishop; her daughter, Nevaeh Rose Adkison; her fiancé, Harlen Phillip Kelly; one sister, Allison “Rabbit” Roberson and her husband Daniel; step-sister, Jessica Lyall; and stepbrother, Jonathan Bishop. Several cousins also survive.

Due to state and local regulations pertaining to Covid-19 the family will have a private graveside service.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to all their many family and friends for their expressions of love though this time of extreme grief.

You may send condolences to the family at www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral services for Mary Christian Caldwell.



Rhelda Casey

Mrs. Rhelda Gee Casey, 85, of Calhoun, died Sunday, April 12, 2020, at her residence following a brief illness.

Mrs. Casey was born in Pickens County on Nov. 13, 1934, daughter of the late Ernest and Flonnie Cowart Gee. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, E.J. Gee and Jimmy Gee; and brother-in-law, Ken Smith.

She was a member and honor graduate of Resaca High School class of 1953 and North Georgia Business College with a degree in business. Mrs. Casey was employed with Civil Service for seven years and received the Superior Service Award, was the secretary for her and her husband’s grading business and was a poultry grower

for Gold Kist. She received the Sunday School perfect attendance award for more than 20 years and was a charter member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, M.D. Casey; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Gee, Barbara Gee, Ruby Smith (Rembert), Joyce Smith (Glenn), Linda Smith, Sandra Davis (Allen); brother-in-law, Winford Casey (Virginia); a host of nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved, along with other relatives.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no public service or visitation at this time. A service to celebrate Rhelda’s life will be held at a later date.

Interment will follow at Gordon Memorial Gardens. Condolences may be expressed at www.maxbrannonandsons.com.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rhelda Gee Casey.



Bernice Davis

Bernice Warren Davis, age 93, of Rome, Ga., passed away on Monday, April 13, 2020 at the Oaks Assisted Living Home of Fairmount, after several months of illness.

Bernice was born on May 15, 1926 in Gaylesville, Ala.; daughter of Paul Edward Warren and Sara Idell Johnson. In addition to her parents, Bernice was also preceded in death by: her husband, Thomas D. Davis; a brother, Edward Warren; and a sister, Betty Woodring. She was a member of the First Assembly of Rome Church.

Bernice is survived by: one brother, Leonard Warren and his wife, Jean; one sister, Ellen Bryant of Rome; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 at Oaknoll Memorial Gardens of Rome with the Reverend Tim Baird officiating.

Thomas Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements for Bernice Warren Davis.



Annie Erwin

Mrs. Annie Holcomb Erwin, age 93, of Calhoun, passed away on Monday, April 13, 2020 at Assured Hospice Care of Cartersville.

Annie was born on March 11, 1927 in Gordon County. She was the daughter of the late Taylor Pickens Holcomb and Lelah Agnes Shaw. In addition to her parents, Annie was also preceded in death by: her husband, C.M. Erwin; two brothers, Roy Holcomb and Otis Holcomb; and sister, Mildred Holcomb.

Annie was employed by Robert’s Department Store for 35 years, serving customers in the shoe department and throughout the store. She was a member of Adairsville Baptist Church and a previous member of Blackwood Springs Baptist Church. She served with the Sonoraville Eastern Star until its depletion, filling each office to include Worthy Matron. She was also active as a key member in the Calhoun High School Band Boosters.

Annie is survived by: her son, David Erwin and his wife Tina; four grandchildren, Tony Erwin and his wife Amy, Jeremy Erwin and his wife Mandy, Dustin Wilbanks, and Elizabeth Wilbanks; seven great-grandchildren, Jase Erwin who was her pride and joy, Conner Spriggs, Anna Hall, Lexie Erwin, Cole Wilbanks, Lauren Anderson, and Bridget Wilbanks; and sister-in-law, Annelle Holcomb.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Thursday, April 16 at 12 p.m. from the Chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Reverend Michael Hunt and Eric Sorrell officiating. Interment will follow in Blackwood Springs Cemetery.

Pallbearers serving include: Tony Erwin, Jeremy Erwin, Joey Dean, Jimmy Dean, Erwin Holcomb, and Ernie Holcomb.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 15 from 2 – 4 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

You may leave the family online condolences at www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Mrs. Annie Holcomb Erwin.



Ann Johnson

Mrs. Ann Davies Johnson, 78, of Calhoun, died Saturday evening, April 11 at Townsend Park Nursing Center in Cartersville.



Mrs. Johnson was born in Gordon County on Jan. 18, 1942, daughter of Clyde Davies and Ora Lee Hughes Davies. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Jessie Cox; two sons, Jimmy Cox and Chuck Waters; two daughters, Shannon Cox and Violet Waters; one sister, Dorothy Gravitt; and by one brother, Sonny Turner, sister-in-law, Carlene Turner; and brothers-in-law Ralph Offutt and Edward Angel.

Survivors include six daughters, Judy Tilley (Dr. Larry), Tamara Burchett (Keith), Leigh Kennett (Clinton), Susie Shoemaker (Jamie), Kathy Hodge and Debbie Luffman; four sons, Jeff Waters (Jami), Mathew Cox (Kerrie), Charles Johnson, Michael Cox, and daughter-in-law, Barentha Cox; two sisters, Audrey Offutt and Faye Angel; one brother, Jerry Turner; three honorary sisters, Edna Young, Vernie Holbert and Robbie Edwards; grandchildren; Grayson, Jennifer, Jamie, Chris, Lauren, Katie, Sheena, Bryan, Wes, Cass, Jessie, Garrett, Hattie Gray, Estley, Shelby, Wesley, Jacob, Scott, Leigh, Charles, Christopher. A host of great-grandchildren, nieces,

nephews and cousins also survive.

Due to recent federal, state and local guidelines, the family will have a private ceremony. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery. The family will have a drive-by visitation in front of Hopewell Baptist Church between the hours of 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. noon on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

You may sign the guest register and leave condolences at www.maxbrannonandsons.com.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Ann Davies Johnson.



Patricia “Pat” McEntyre

Mrs. Patricia Pasley McEntyre, age 73, known by most as “Pat”, departed this life early Saturday morning, April 11, 2020 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family.



Pat was born on June 5, 1946 in Calhoun. She was the only daughter of her late parents, Gordon William and Mary Smith Pasley. In addition to her mother and father, Pat was also preceded in death by her brothers, Gordon Pasley, Paul Pasley, Bill Pasley, Steve Pasley, James Pasley, and Neal Pasley; sisters-in-law, Alma Pasley, Mary Jean Pasley, and Linda Pasley; a nephew, David Pasley; and sister-in-law, Linda Knight.

Most recently Pat had been a server at BJ’s restaurant in Calhoun for over eight years. At the time of her death she worked alongside her husband, Clyde, serving families at Ponders Funeral Home in Calhoun.

Pat is survived by her loving husband, Clyde Edward McEntyre of the residence; daughters, Pam Mills of Calhoun, and Renva Porto of White; her daughter by choice, Jessica Watkins; sons, Bryan McEntyre of Calhoun, Blake McEntyre and Dan Giatauno of Orlando, Fla.; her son by choice, Terry Mills; grandchildren, Monica and Brittany Mills, Maci Mills, Savannah Porto, and Taylor Harris; sister-in-law, Rose Pasley of Adairsville; special niece, Jennifer Pasley; special nephew, Jerome Pasley; aunts and uncle, Rosa Smith, Georgia Meadows, Robert and Martha Smith, all of Calhoun; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Emery and Sylvia McEntyre of Calhoun; brother-in-law, Alfred Knight; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many friends also survive.

Private services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Pat McEntyre were held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at Ponders Calhoun Chapel with Reverend Eddie Brannon and her husband, Brother Clyde McEntyre officiating. She was laid to rest at Fain Cemetery. Jerome Pasley, Steve Pasley, Sean Knight, Anthony McCormick, Michael McEntyre, and Greg Pasley were all honored to serve as pallbearers.

Friends of Pat and the McEntyre family were invited to attend a pass by visitation in their automobile on Monday, April 13, 2020 from 4 – 5 p.m. at Ponders Calhoun Chapel, 675 Jolly Road, Calhoun.

Condolences may be expressed to Pat’s family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

Family owned and operated Ponders Calhoun Chapel is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Pat McEntyre. 675 Jolly Rd Calhoun GA 30701 706-625-7577



Doris Southerland

Doris G. Southerland, 73, departed this life on Sunday, April 12, 2020, at Fifth Avenue Nursing Home in Rome following several years of declining health. She was born in Gordon County on Sept. 22, 1946, daughter of the late Rosa S. Garland and Bob Garland. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Southerland; a sister, Lois Welchel; brother, Jimmy Garland; and brothers-in-law, Mike Barber and Shortie Welchel.



She was a graduate of Calhoun High School, class of 1964 and from the Carroll School of Business in Rome, prior to her retirement she was employed with the Department of Family and Children’s Service in Whitfield County.

Survivors include a son, Mitch Sorrells, MSGT USAF Ret. of Hopkins, S.C.; brother, Herman Garland (Lorene) of Calhoun and a sister, Linda Barber of Calhoun; two granddaughters, Kristiana and Courtney Sorrells of Texas.

Doris always gave more than was given, was willing to give the clothes off her own back to anyone in need, and will be greatly missed by her great-nephew, Jack Barber, and Great-niece, Addie Barber.

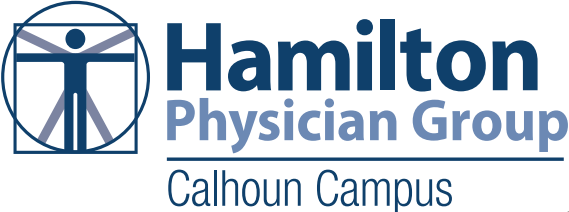
The family wants to thank the staff of Fifth Avenue Nursing Home for their love and care.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no formal public visitation or funeral service. She will be buried by her husband Wesley at Sugar Valley Baptist Church Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed and the guestbook signed at www.maxbrannonandsons.com.

The Brannon Family and Staff are honored to serve the family of Doris G. Southerland.





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Church News

HAVE YOU REACHED SUPERHERO STATUS?



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One time not too long ago, I had some students at my house. They wanted to watch one of the newer Avengers movie. I usually fall asleep

during movies, but this one kept my attention beyond normal. This one was kind of interesting to me, because of the superhero characters.

From an early, early age we begin to recognize superheroes. Ironically, as a child I always thought Aqua-man was cool, even though I swim like a rock. Maybe I felt like I needed a superhero swimmer. My son is a Captain America fanatic. I couldn’t think of a fictional character that I’d rather him look up to.

In recent years, we as a nation have embraced the identity of those serving in our armed

forces as heroes, and so we should. Other heroes we see in action every day are trained public service people such as law enforcement, EMTs and firefighters. Then there are ordinary people like you and I, who find ourselves in position to really be of help to someone we may or may not know.

I believe we all have a real person in our lives that eventually becomes that superhero that we want to become more like, whether it’s a parent or a mentor. Many of us are blessed to have multiple superheroes. With all the evil in the world today, you can’t

have too many.

What are superheroes? Superheroes are people who have the supernatural ability to rise above insecurities and face challenges in their lives. They ultimately are found to be victorious. More fulfilling are the times when they help others to be victorious in their lives.

Where does the idea of superheroes come from? I believe it comes from scriptures beginning in the Old Testament.

David was a small shepherd, whom God made into a warrior. Joshua led his army to

collapse the fortress walls of Jericho without drawing a weapon. Elijah stood against 450 prophets of Baal. Moses was a very insecure man with a speech impediment, which God chose to give orders to Pharaoh. Daniel spent the night in a den of lions and lived to tell about it.

What’s the common denominator among all these Biblical men? They all were given supernatural power from God, so that with them, good could win over evil.

Of course, the greatest, and first, hero would have to be Jesus

Christ! He’s always been around. One of many names for Jesus is The Word. John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

The beginning... that’s about as far back as you can go. Jesus wasn’t only the creator of the universe, but He’s also the master of it. And while He has all power and authority, He humbled Himself to become one of us to defeat the enemy “Death” for us.

Lots of Superheroes save lives, but only one can give it.
Be Blessed.

Church Calendar

ONGOING

-Philadelphia Christian School is located off Highway 41 between Calhoun and Adairsville. The school offers 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade, using the A-Beka curriculum. To find out more about the school, call the office at 706-625-3233.

-Faith Deliverance Ministry and Outreach will be taking donations of clothes, shoes, also all house hold items to help needy families. Call Minister Evelyn Adams at 706-671-7988.

-Celebrate Recovery, a faith based 12-step program, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Relevate Church in Ranger off 411. Call Nicole for information: 706-979-4713/706-290-8028.

-East Calhoun Church of God, at 401 Peters Street, gives out groceries and clothing through the “Feed the Needy” ministry each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The church hosts a miracle healing service every first Friday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact “Feed the Needy” ministry director Florence Jones at 706-409-1981. Senior pastor is Keith Reid.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Fairmount United Methodist Church-Loving One Another To Christ. Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. Children’s Church provided. New Minister now Leading. New programs and community outreach coming soon.

-Pastor Terry Reisner invites everyone to the Vision Pentecostal Ministry located at 401 South Wall Street in Calhoun. Come hear the truth of God’s Word Sundays at 11 a.m.

-Faith Deliverance Church & Outreach Ministry Welcomes Everyone to an Anointed Church Service at 1320 Dawnville Road in Dalton every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. Pastor and Evangelist Evelyn Adams, also an Anointed Gospel Singing. Come expecting Jesus to move for you. Miracles, Healing, Deliverance, Salvation. For more information or directions, call Minister Evelyn Adams (706) 671-7988

-Pine Chapel United

Methodist Church, located at 2232 Pine Chapel Road in Resaca, “A place to begin, belong and become.” Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Louise W. Elmore.

-Resaca Assembly of God, located at 904 Resaca Lafayette Rd NW, would like to welcome everyone to please come and join in worship and meet our Pastor Steve Burns and his lovely wife Cathy. Sunday school at 10 a.m., worship service on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.. Everyone is invited.

-Calhoun First United Methodist Church Sunday Worship times: 9:00 a.m., traditional worship; 10 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., contemporary service (in the CAC). Calhoun First UMC is located at 205 East Line Street in downtown Calhoun.

-First Presbyterian Church, located at 829 Red Bud Road N.E. in Calhoun. Pastor David McDonald invites you to join us on Sunday for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Worship Service at 11 a.m., and Bible Study Class Tuesday 10 a.m.

-Oakman Baptist Church located at 397 Oakman Rd. Oakman, Georgia, has Sunday school at 10 a.m. Covered dish dinner every third Sunday following worship. Everyone is invited!

-Damascus Baptist Church, located on North Highway 41 in Calhoun, Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sunday worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday night at 6 p.m.

-Old Sugar Valley United Methodist Church located at 2659 Old Rome Dalton Road in Calhoun has Breakfast Social at 9:30 am every Sunday. The church history is colorful, dating back to the Civil War, small cozy country church nothing fancy! Come join us!

-Faith Deliverance Ministry and Outreach with Evelyn M. Adams, Minister has been ordained as a Minister of the Gospel since 1972. Call anytime to come minister to your church of place or event at 706-337-3241. 24-hour prayer line at 706-671-7988. Send all prayer requests to P.O Box 394, Fairmount GA, 30139.

-Pleasant Valley Baptist Church is a Bible believing & teaching church located in the Red Bud Community. Pastor

Keith Gibson and the congregation invite you to come and worship with us at 3882 Red Bud Rd., Calhoun. Opportunities for worship: Bible Study for all ages 10 a.m., Children’s Church up to 5th grade 11a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday night service times Prayer Bible Study and Student Ministries 7 p.m.

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-Maranatha Baptist Church on Hwy 225 across from paradise Drag Strip, Calhoun would like to invite you to attend our services for Sunday School starting at 10 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Night Services are at 7 p.m. Everyone is Welcome. Pastor Richard Webster.

-Evangelistic Outreach Ministries on 1590 Dews Pond Road. Pastor Mark Kirby invites everyone to Fellowship and Worship with us. Children’s Church on Sunday Services starts at 11:00am Childrens Church starts at 11:30am. Wednesday nights Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm. Come out and see what the Lord is doing!

-The College Street Church of God, 731 College St., Calhoun, 706-483-3666, pastor Dewayne Smith, holds weekly services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., Sunday; morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday; Sunday night service at 6 p.m.; and Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

-Victory Fellowship Center, 925 Oothcalooga St., invites you to weekly worship services held at 11 a.m. every Sunday morning. Pastor Joe Stewart and the VFC family also invite everyone to join each Wednesday at noon and 7:30 p.m. for anointed and enlightening Bible studies. If you are looking to grow in your understanding of God’s plan for your life and gain greater insight of the life changing power of His word, come and join us as we study the word.

-Boone Ford Baptist Church invites you to attend its services for Sunday School starting at 10 a.m. and Worship services at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday night services are at 6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday night of each month. Wednesday night services start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Gary Quarles, pastor.

-Pleasant Hill Baptist

Church and Pastor David Peeler invite everyone to attend weekly services. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening activities and discipleship training begin at 6 p.m., and children’s and youth programs at 7 p.m. Wednesday service begins at 7 p.m., along with Bible study programs for children and youth.

-Pastor Steve Corbin invites everyone to regular services at New Zion Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and Sunday night service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study is at 7:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

-Greater Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, 259 Herring Road, NW, Armuchee, invites you to come worship and fellowship with us on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Pastor Reginald McDaniel and Church Family also welcome you to attend Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. and Sunday School at 10 a.m.. We are a church on the move for Christ, come share with us as we grow in the Word of God.

-Resaca First Baptist Church and Pastor Rev. Harold Blackstock would like to invite you to attend our Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Sunday night service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday night service at 6 p.m. for children and youth.

-Liberty Baptist Church Pastor Gene

Ratcliff invites everyone to church services in Ranger; service times are 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Sunday worship and 7 p.m. Wednesday worship.

-Brother Joe Hall and the congregation of Ranger Baptist invite everyone to its regular services on Sunday morning. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. Worship is Wednesday night with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m. For more information, call 706-629-3425.

-Oak Grove Baptist Church of Adairsville is located at 997 Brownlee Mountain Road S.W. Service times are Sunday school 9:45 a.m., with worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Pastor: Roger Fisher.

-Fellowship Baptist Church of Plainville will hold a Brotherhood Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month at 8 a.m.

-Hope in Christ Ministries, 306 Peters St., is holding services every Sunday morning. Adult Bible Study starts at 10 a.m. with praise/ worship service at 11 a.m. Bishop W. S. (Billy) Weems is the pastor. Rev. Earnest Diamond Jr. is assistant pastor. For more information, call the church at 706-602-2433.


-Talking Rock Creek Chapel has a new pastor, the Pastor Donald Broachurst and family. Service times are 9 a.m. for Sunday school and Children’s Church and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. For more

information, call 706-669-0854.

-Rev. Israel and Bishop Rita Partin Spaulding will host a Gathering of Eagles Revival Service each Saturday night at 6:30. These meetings are designed for those individuals who have a desire to go higher in God. Come expecting your breakthrough. The location is 799 Pine Street in the Church of God in Christ building. Rev. Israel and Bishop Rita are International Speakers with a Life Changing Word. For more information please call 423-883-3138.

-Philadelphia Baptist Church operates North Georgia Baptist College and is registering students. It is a local church ministry designed to prepare men and women for serving the Lord. It will provide basic training for preachers, Sunday school teachers, Christian schoolteachers, evangelists and missionaries. For more information call the church office at 706-625-3233 or visit the college’s web site at www.northgabaptistcollege.com.

-Calhoun Church of Jesus Christ, located at the corner of Damascus Road and Pine Drive, invites everyone to attend their weekly services. Sunday services take place at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday’s service is at 7 p.m. The church’s pastor is Joshua Maddox and assistant pastor is Hunter Quarles.



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Have you ever had Yahweh speak to you before? I’ve been blessed to hear Him three times. Now it wasn’t as grand as a booming voice from heaven, but it wasn’t something just impressing on my spirit either.

Three times now I’ve heard a still small voice in my ear that was not

my own. The most recent was two years ago when I was going through a very difficult trial. I was in the shower, literally crying out to Yahweh, and I heard Him ask, “Do you trust Me?” I empathically answered “Yes!” And that was that. A still small voice that helped me stop worrying and start trusting. And you know what, the trial ended better than I could’ve imagined.

The time before that had to do with if I could date Ashley or not. You see, I had made some poor relationship choices prior to her and had vowed to Yahweh that I wouldn’t date anyone officially until He gave me the go ahead. Ashley and I had been “friends” for 2 years at that point, and I knew she was the one.

One morning I was out running before dawn,

praying as I went. I remember pleading in my prayers for an answer. I needed for Him to give me the ok to pursue Ashley or make my feelings for her go away. Once again, I heard an audible still small voice in my ear that gave me the go ahead.

I wasted no time. I went and found her, took her to a park and professed to her how I felt. We kissed for the first time on that park bench and we’ve been inseparable ever since. It’s cool to note that not only is she the perfect girl for me, she was an answer to my prayer, the completion of my vow and so important that Yahweh, the king of the universe, took time out of His busy day to have a talk with me about her.

To say we have something special is an understatement.

The third time was once again on a run. This time I was praying and asking for guidance as to what to do with my life. You see, I want my life to be used to bring esteem to my Father in Heaven and His Kingdom. I remember quoting a lyric from a Matisyahu song in my prayers that morning that said, “I’m the arrow, you’re my bow. Shoot me forth and I will go.”

I meant it then and I mean it today. I want to do the will of my Father and I’ll do whatever He wants me to. All I need is His direction.

That morning it startled me when I heard the still small voice in my ear. He said, “Just keep going.”

You know, I’m still not sure what it fully means. Confused, I asked if He meant just keep going by running another lap? Or did

He mean keep going on my plan with life? Or what?

You see, this was before we had really started investing. We were learning and going to seminars, but we hadn’t done a deal yet. So, I didn’t know if “just keep going” referred to real estate.

I did one more lap just to be safe. But that saying has stuck in my mind ever since. And I’ve noticed that when hardships come upon me, if I just keep going and adhere to Matthew 6:33 by seeking Yahweh first in what I’m doing, things tend to work out.

Now, as I’ve been pondering about how to handle the hardships we are facing and what kinds of deals we should be focusing on in this current climate “just keep going” keeps jumping to the forefront of my mind.

You see, we’ve been practicing the deal structures that are going to be essential for the upcoming downturn — subject-to deals, master leases and options — for the past ten years. As a matter of fact, our first closing during the lock down was purchasing a subject-to. So, if we just keep going by making the deals we are already good at, I believe things will turn out very well in the months to come.

As for you, focus on the deal structures you are good at and then just keep going. We’ll get through all this together. And if you need any help, give me a call.

Joe and Ashley English buy houses and mobile homes in Northwest Georgia. For more information or to ask a question, go to www.cashflowwithjoe.com or call Joe at 678-986-6813.

Put Tax-Smart Investing Moves to Work



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The tax return deadline has been extended until mid-July, but you may have already filed your taxes. If you were not entirely happy with the results, you might start seeking ways to change the outcome for next year.

And one area to look at may be your investment-related taxes.

To help control these taxes, consider these moves:

- Take full advantage of tax-deferred investments. As an investor, one of the best moves you can make is to contribute as much as you can afford to your tax-deferred accounts – your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan – every year. If you don’t touch these accounts until you retire, you can defer taxes on them for decades, and when you do start taking money out, presumably during retirement, you may be in a lower tax bracket.
- Look for tax-free

opportunities. Interest from municipal bonds typically is exempt from federal income tax, and, in some cases, from state and local income tax, too. (Some municipal bonds, however, may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.) And if you qualify to contribute to a Roth IRA – eligibility is generally based on income – your earnings can be withdrawn tax-free, provided you’ve had your account for at least five years and you don’t start taking withdrawals until you’re at least 59-1/2. Your employer may also offer a Roth 401(k), which can provide tax-free withdrawals. Keep in mind, though, that you contribute after-tax

dollars to a Roth IRA and 401(k), unlike a traditional IRA and 401(k), in which your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars.

- Be a “buy and hold” investor. Your 401(k) and IRA are designed to be long-term investments, and you will face disincentives in the form of taxes and penalties if you tap into them before you reach retirement age. So, just by investing in these retirement accounts, you are essentially pursuing a “buy and hold” strategy. But you can follow this same strategy for investments held outside your IRA and 401(k). You can own some investments – stocks in particular – for decades without paying taxes on them. And

when you do sell them, you’ll only be taxed at the long-term capital gains rate, which may well be less than your ordinary income tax rate. But if you’re frequently buying and selling investments you’ve held for less than a year, you could rack up some pretty big tax bills, because you’ll likely be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

- Be prepared for unexpected taxes. Mutual fund managers are generally free to make whatever trades they choose. And when they do sell some investments, they can incur capital gains, which will be passed along to you. If this is a concern, you might look for funds that do less

trading and bill themselves as tax efficient.

While taxes are certainly one factor to consider when you invest, they should probably not be the driving force. You need to build a diversified portfolio that’s appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. Not all the investments you select, and the moves you make with them, will necessarily be the most tax efficient, but by working with your financial and tax professionals, you can make choices that can help you move toward your long-term goals.

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Backyard Poultry Management - Part 2



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COVID-19 has caused major issues for everyone. Personally, it has caused a different way of working for the county agent. As I type this article, the Gordon County Agricultural Service Center is closed to the public. Most recently, UGA Extension offices across the state have went to telecommunicating in order to do our part in keeping staff safe and help slow this pandemic. For a twenty-five plus year county agent, it has been a big change. I hope we are back to a more normal situation soon.

I will advise clientele to keep up with our UGA Extension-Gordon County website, plus our Facebook pages for 4-H and Agriculture and Natural Resources for latest up-dates for our office and also valuable resources during this time.

This week, I would like to again revisit the management of the backyard poultry flock by use of a UGA publication revised by UGA Extension Poultry Scientist, Claudia Dunkley.

In the previous article, we centered more on direction in regards to regulatory issues in raising backyard poultry and also covered housing and confinement topics. We also discussed environment requirements including temperature management involved in raising young chicks.

This time of year, it seems popular for many to buy a few chicks. Yes, many people will keep a backyard flock all year, but others purchase a

few chicks when they are seen at the local stores in the spring. I will go back on regulations. It is up to you to find out about any zoning regulations or codes in place that could limit you in raising chickens. You need to be prepared to fence or contain the growing birds, too, since fencing can keep good neighbor relations plus protect the chickens from predators. Containing your flock will also help protect our large commercial poultry industry in Gordon County.

If you are simply doing your homework before buying chicks, you want to decide on the breed(s) you want to raise. Many will raise chickens for the eggs, while some will raise chickens to harvest the meat.

There are breeds that will do better in those aspects than others. Leghorns for example will normally do very well in egg production. This breed is what our 4-H’ers will judge more in poultry judging. The

Rock Cornish, per our information, is better for the meat side of production. There are some breeds that are dual purpose when talking egg or meat production. Those breeds would be Rhode Island Red, Plymouth Rock, New Hampshire, Wyandotte and Orpington, per our information. The take home point is for you to select a breed or breeds that work for your goals.

You may have to do your research on how to find and purchase chickens of your chosen breeds. I will add that that picking up eggs is not that hard, but if you are going to harvest your raised chickens for meat, you will want to follow steps outlined in our UGA publication that I do not have the space to cover in this article.

It should be noted that feed is going to be your biggest costs when raising chickens. Dunkley adds that you always need to provide your birds with quality commercially prepared feeds and that it is not

economical to feed an unbalanced diet to your poultry. One key to note is that there are rations formulated for the specific chicken ages on the market. Also, multi-purpose use birds require starter rations, for example, from day one to six weeks of age. Our information states that you should plan on feeding four pounds of starter feed per bird. Then from six to eighteen weeks, you will feed a commercial grower ration. I will add that many feed supply stores may carry a combination starter/grower ration that can work for both stages of growth.

When the birds hit eighteen weeks of age, the birds will be moved to layer ration to prepare the chickens for egg production. Again, note how important proper nutrition is for the birds you are developing. Our information adds that the issues associated with inadequate nutrition can happen quickly in the growing chicken and most of the time an issue

you can’t fix. When you think you are saving on feed costs, it will cost you in birds on the other side.

Do not forget to always provide clean and fresh water. A rule-of-thumb is that 20 hens can consume one gallon of water a day in cool weather with consumption going up as the temps increase.

I will add that coccidiosis can be a problem in backyard poultry, but many of your commercial feed rations may help. Coccidiosis is a disease caused by parasites that get into the intestines of the birds. Many of the starter or grower feeds are medicated to help control this problem. The medication will help the immunity development of these birds for coccidiosis so you have fewer problems when they are adults. Note that layer rations are normally not medicated.

For more information, contact UGA Extension-Gordon County at 706-629-8685 or email gbowman@uga.edu.

What’s in the CARES Act for Agriculture

GEORGIA FARM BUREAU

On March 27 President Donald Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. The bill provides more than \$2 trillion in financial support for individuals and businesses nationwide.

While much attention has been paid to the bill’s \$1,200 payments to individuals, it also provides more than \$73 billion for agricultural and nutrition programs.

Some key ag provisions, according to analysis from the American Farm Bureau Federation:

- For the agriculture-related provisions, the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture received \$9.5 billion, approximately

19% of the total food and agriculture provisions, to provide financial support to farmers and ranchers impacted by coronavirus. The funding is allocated specifically for specialty crops, producers who supply local food systems and farmers’ markets, restaurants and schools, livestock producers, i.e., cattle producers and dairy farmers.

- The USDA’s Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) was replenished with \$14 billion – 29% of the total allocated for agriculture. The CCC is the funding mechanism for agricultural programs such as Price Loss Coverage and Dairy Margin Coverage. The CCC bolsters commodity and income support programs, natural resources conservation

programs, disaster assistance programs and the Market Facilitation Program. The \$14-billion replenishment is for fiscal year 2020, so that’s in addition to the second and third tranche of MFP payments, as well as farm bill payments made last fall. This replenishment will allow USDA to develop new support programs to assist agricultural producers and potentially help agribusinesses in financial distress.

- Direct food-and agriculture-related provisions in the CARES Act total approximately \$49 billion. The act provides a total of \$24.6 billion for domestic food programs – representing 50% of the total agricultural program funding in the bill. The act allocates \$15.8

billion to improve access to supplemental nutrition programs in the event costs or participation exceed budget estimates. Of that total, \$300 million is allocated for SNAP improvements in underserved areas such as Indian reservations or U.S. territories. In addition to enhanced funding for SNAP, child nutrition programs received \$8.8 billion in additional funding – representing 18% of the total.

- Approximately \$916 million is allocated for enhancing staffing and services in a number of key mission areas. The package includes funding for a variety of programs critical for rural America, including \$100 million for USDA’s ReConnect pilot, \$25 million for distance learning and



telemedicine programs, an additional \$1 billion of lending through USDA’s Rural Development.

To read AFBF’s complete analysis, visit www.gfb.ag/CARESActsummary.

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GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Pandemic could swell Georgia’s Medicaid rolls, numbers of uninsured

ANDY MILLER
Georgia Health News

Even before COVID-19 struck, Georgia had a high rate of people with no health insurance.

Now, with job losses piling up amid the pandemic, the number of Georgians without coverage is expected to spike.

A new analysis from consulting firm Health Management Associates (HMA) gives estimates for Georgia that are jarring.

HMA projects that if unemployment were to reach 10 percent by midyear, about 100,000 more people in Georgia would be uninsured. And 265,000 new enrollees would join Medicaid, the federal-state program for the poor and disabled.

Those figures represent the low estimate of the state’s insurance fallout.

If the estimate is 17.5 percent unemployment by mid-2020, those increases would be 312,000 more uninsured people in Georgia and 406,000 more on Medicaid, HMA estimates.

The firm also outlines a nightmare scenario, with America reaching a 25 percent jobless figure. The number of Georgians uninsured, in that case, would increase by more than 500,000, with a similar number joining Medicaid.

States that have not expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, such as Georgia, would fare worse than others in terms of growth of uninsured, the analysis says.

“This will affect states differently,” said Matt Powers of HMA, a former Illinois state Medicaid director. “Georgia is heavily populated and a non-expansion state.” (Georgia is the eighth most populous state, with more than 10.5 million people.)

Georgia’s uninsured rate in 2018 was 13.7 percent, the U.S. Census Bureau reported, giving the state the

nation’s third-highest rate of people without health insurance.

Bill Custer, a health insurance expert at Georgia State University, said he agrees with the thrust of the HMA findings.

“Georgia is likely to see a very large increase in the number of people on Medicaid, but because we didn’t expand [Medicaid] to cover the folks most affected by the virus and the economic downturn, the increase in the uninsured is likely to be much larger,” Custer said.

Gov. Brian Kemp, when asked Monday about the pending surge in uninsured in Georgia, talked about the potential for his waiver plans, recently submitted to the feds for approval. Kemp’s Medicaid waiver would add adults earning up to 100 percent of the federal poverty limit to the program. To get that coverage, individuals must meet requirements such as work, enrollment in education, or community service. A second waiver would create a “reinsurance” program, plus a plan to replace the state’s current healthcare.gov website procedure with what officials say would be a more consumer-friendly enrollment process.

Kemp, like his fellow Republicans who control the Georgia General Assembly, has long opposed Medicaid expansion, saying such a move would be too costly for the state. Democrats have argued that many more people could be covered under expansion, in a more cost-effective way, than under the GOP waiver plans.

Georgia is among 14 states that have not adopted Medicaid expansion. Nationally, the HMA analysis estimated that by midyear:

** The number of Americans with employer-based coverage could decline by 12 million to 35 million

** Medicaid enrollment could increase from 71 million to up to 94 million



Georgia has among the lowest rates of testing per capita, according to published reports. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

** Uninsured numbers in the U.S. could increase to a total of 40 million, “with bigger impacts in non-expansion states.”

Testing is still a weak point

Kemp said Monday that the state has work to do on expanding testing for COVID-19.

“Our testing numbers in Georgia continue to lag,” he told reporters, who were scattered according to social distancing guidelines at Liberty Plaza, across from the state Capitol. “The status quo is unacceptable.”

Georgia has among the lowest rates of testing per capita, the AJC has reported.

Kemp said progress has been made on adding hospital surge capacity. The newly announced facility at the Georgia World Congress Center will have 200 “medical pods,” similar to large office cubicles, Kemp said. The facility, aimed at people with mild and moderate illnesses, could expand to 400 non-ICU beds.

Statewide, “as of today, we have 2,617 emergency room beds, 929 critical care beds, and nearly 6,000 general inpatient beds available statewide,” Kemp said.

The Georgia National Guard has been deployed to clean long-term care facilities, support medical providers in hospitals, and assist at food distribution sites. “The Georgia National Guard is working day and night to keep Georgia safe,” Kemp said.

The peak of the pandemic in Georgia is now expected to be May 1, according to new modeling by the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation.

Kemp also said it’s too early to tell when he will start to lift restrictions on economic activity that have been imposed to curb infections. “We need to focus on the mission at hand,” he told reporters.

Andy Miller is editor and CEO of Georgia Health News. Visit www.georgiahealthnews.com.

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REPORT FROM THE CAPITOL

from Representative Rick Jasperse

BY: RICK JASPERSE,
(R-Jasper, District 11)
State Representative

In most of our lives we have never been through anything like this. I am amazed at our friends and community members who are keeping our region moving and safe. I have recovered from my bout with possibly the virus thanks to Marcia’s great care. It is hard to put yourself in someone’s shoes, in doing their jobs, but I have had a lot of time to think about some of this sitting around with Marcia here at Apple Valley Farm. I know we are incredibly thankful for what our healthcare folks have done and are doing as you read this, an Amazing dedication to their calling.

I was just on a conference call with all our Public Safety /First Responding folks, listening to the issues they have had to work through. I want to let you know they are on it and so dedicated to keeping us safe during this time.

We have had a number of calls about unemployment / Georgia Dept of Labor and getting through by phone or other issues with them. I know they are working very hard to try to meet the needs of Georgia. During the last few years as unemployment has been going down, they have been reducing the number of folks working in that area as you would think they should, never dreaming that a pandemic would take place. They have been working day and night responding to the needs of our state. To help so many of you, I looked into the two programs that affect our unemployed folks, and here is

some info that may help. The Georgia Department of Labor is updating its current systems to distribute federal unemployment funds as part of the Federal CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security), bringing economic relief to many Georgians.

The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program, or FPUC, provides a \$600 supplement per week to any individual eligible for any of the Unemployment Compensation programs — State and Federal. The GDOL will begin sending this additional payment to those currently receiving state unemployment benefits beginning next week. This supplement will be an additional payment to regular weekly state unemployment benefits and will include all eligible weeks beginning with the week ending April 4, 2020. The supplement amount is contingent upon any deductions required by the state or federal government.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or PUA, is the program that will provide unemployment benefits to those not ordinarily eligible for them. This includes individuals who are self-employed, gig workers, 1099 independent contractors, employees of churches, employees of nonprofits, or those with limited work history who will not qualify for state unemployment benefits. The GDOL is modifying its current online unemployment application, adding new questions to better identify those individuals who may be eligible for PUA. Once the application is received, it will take several weeks to process.

The additional questions in the application will help determine qualified applicants to continue the process for PUA benefits, including a different set of wage verifications and a different process for certification of wage benefits. The GDOL is partnering with the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR), if given authorization by the applicant, to assist with wage verification simplifying the process for PUA applicants.

If GDOL is unable to verify wages with DOR, applicants may be asked to provide documentation to prove wages. The past wages used to establish your PUA claim may use income not normally covered by regular state unemployment, such as contract labor or self-

employment earnings. I know that that was technical, but wanted to make it clear for all. The Dept. of Labor has a good website that can answer most questions. <https://dol.georgia.gov/gdol-covid-19-information>, and their phone is 1-877-709-8185. If possible, try online first.

I am feeling a lot better these days, and due to Marcia’s great nursing care I am recovered but careful. SO please don’t hesitate to call me if I can cut through red tape for you. You know that’s one of the reasons why I like doing this job.

You can call me by way of my Administrative assistant Lisa Fountain at 404-656-7153 or call me at home at 770-893-2039 or by email at rick.jasperse@house.ga.gov.



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BIRTHDAY

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such a great life; how he and his wife traveled to more than 30 countries. To just sit and talk to him is so inspirational.”

Mr. Maxwell has lived in Gordon County for the majority of his life, and was the neighbor of the Philip Beamer and his wife, June, for more than 50 years, along with their now adult children Phil, Jeff and Amy.

The family that Mr. Maxwell has left is scattered throughout the state, but the Beamers have been his Calhoun family.

“I’ve known him my whole life,” said Calhoun native Amy Beamer Scoggins. “He was my neighbor on Sherwood Drive, in Cherry Hill. They (Maxwell and his wife, Dorothy “Dot” Maxwell) were like our grandparents; we were with them, we went on vacation with them and we’ve just always been with them. He’s such a great man.”

Originally from Cornelia, Ga., Mr. Maxwell owned the Ford Tractor Dealership for many years in Calhoun. After retirement, Mr. Maxwell and his wife traveled the world. According to the Beamers, he made five trips to Alaska in his RV, and toured the United States in it as well.

Amy said that before he began living in Morning Pointe just over three years ago, one of Mr. Maxwell’s favorite things to do was visit Big Johns Treat Shoppe every day.

“Big Johns was also part of his family, and visiting them each day made him very happy,” said Amy, saying that even though he is living in assisted living, Mr. Maxwell’s mind is still very sharp.

On Monday, dozens of public safety and community members drove through the Morning Pointe parking lot in celebration of Mr. Maxwell’s birthday. Leading the parade was the Gordon



LEFT: Mr. Maxwell, a former pilot, watches a fly over in his honor (above) for his 100th birthday. (Photos: BRANDI OWCZARZ/Staff)



County Sheriff’s Office, followed by community members and Calhoun Fire Department.

Mr. Maxwell, who also enjoyed being a pilot, was saluted with a fly over by several airplanes.

“It’s not exactly what we had planned to do to celebrate his birthday, but it’s perfect,” said June Beamer as the cars drove through, honking and waving as they passed Mr. Maxwell.

“He’s been looking forward to this for so long, and has been so excited about his 100th birthday,” said Hensley. “We’re just happy we can recognize him on his special day.”



The Beamer family poses for a picture with Bill Maxwell on his 100th birthday on Monday, April 13. (BRANDI OWCZARZ/Staff)

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navigating challenging waters as we plan for the remainder of the school year. We appreciate the responsible actions of our Governor to ensure that our students are safe. While school building closures during the COVID-19 pandemic have been disappointing, we know that they were necessary to protect our community.”

Taylor said that over the past three weeks, teachers, administrators and staff have been tending to the basic needs of their students, including preparing and delivering more than 71,000 meals, deploying 1329 devices to strengthen distance learning and to continue to provide meaningful educational experiences for the students.

At this time, the school system has more than 98 percent of students with an electronic device for learning, and more than 92 percent with internet access, with Taylor saying the school system is working with AT&T and Comcast to support our families with free access.

For the purpose of allowing teachers the necessary time to process and post grades, and work with any student needing additional support or to complete make-up work, Taylor announced the last day of online instructional learning will be Friday, May 15.

“We are very pleased with the daily work being given by teachers and completed by students given the circumstances we have been dealt,” said Taylor. “Fortunately, our school instructional calendar provides that students will meet all grade level standards before the milestones testing period. The remainder of the school year is normally used for standardized testing, remediation and enrichment of those standards.”

Taylor laid out the following focus areas for the remainder of the school year.

PreK, Primary and Elementary Schools Highlights:

- Direct instruction will be posted in Google Classrooms starting April 13th
- Streamlined communication with parents
- Exploring remediation/acceleration options

“Teachers are working collaboratively to ensure each grade level has the same set of expectations, so that all students will receive the same level of instruction,” said Taylor. “Special area teachers (music, art, PE, etc.) are developing lessons and activities to be posted inside each teacher’s Google Classroom. Teachers understand that all independent activities assigned for all classes combined, should not exceed Kdg-1st (1 hour), 2nd-3rd (2 hours),

4th-5th (3 hours) of work for students per day. Fridays will be for family fun days. Teacher instruction and learning activities will be exclusively delivered and submitted online (individual student technology needs will be addressed as needed). These virtual lessons and learning activities will include review material as well as some new content that would have been taught in the last three months of the school year. Students are expected to turn in work to their teachers, preferably online. Teachers will communicate submission dates with parents and students. Teacher feedback will be provided to students on assignments; students will have the opportunity to resubmit unsatisfactory assignments after receiving feedback.”

Taylor said that as part of the good faith effort to help all students, the system is striving to provide alternative access to the curriculum for students with disabilities and English Language Learners.

“ESS and ESOL teachers will work closely with grade level teachers to provide appropriate accommodations,” said Taylor. “All teachers have called and checked on their students and conducted parent conferences via phone. The feedback received from the parent survey sent out earlier this week was appreciated and utilized to support student learning from home. As a result teachers are also working to streamline communication with parents so that messages are not sent multiple times a day. We are hopeful that these guidelines and expectations will keep our parents from feeling overwhelmed.”

Taylor also said that at the end of the year, students will be promoted to the next grade unless the student is significantly behind. In that event, a meeting will have already been held with parents to discuss retention. Summer remediation options for elementary students are under consideration, provided that schools are open at that time. A strategic plan for remediation and acceleration will be put in place to meet students instructional needs in August and September of the 2020-21 school year.

Calhoun Middle and Calhoun High Schools Highlights:

- Updated Black/Gold Schedule
- Direct instruction will be posted in online platforms starting April 13th
- Streamlined communication with parents
- Grading practices for the remainder of the school year

“The issues become a bit more complex as we are working with topics related to graduation, grading, courses for high school credit, online learning, etc.,” said Taylor.

April 13 – May 15: Teachers are expected to develop 2 direct-instructional lessons a week with follow

up homework/task/activity. Lessons are to be interactive where possible. Many live lessons should also be available as a recording for students to review later on the teacher’s digital platform. We have developed and shared the schedule below to help teachers and students prioritize their work each week and not become overwhelmed:

CMS Schedule: (after Spring Break)

Monday/Wednesday- Black days (ELA)

Tuesday/Thursday- Gold days (Math)

Friday- Fun Friday (Get outside, makeup day for missed work, etc.)

*Science, SS, and your 2 elective classes can fall on black/gold day depending on the student’s schedule.

CHS Schedule: (after Spring Break)

Monday/Wednesday- Black day courses (1-4)

Tuesday/Thursday- Gold day courses (1-4)

Friday- Fun Friday (Get outside, makeup day for missed work, etc.)

“We have asked staff members to streamline their communication so that messages are not being sent multiple times a day,” said Taylor. “We have shared the following plan for communicating: Homeroom teachers should check in with their homeroom students via Remind once a week to see if there are any needs. Class Reminds should be sent on the black/gold schedule shared above as needed.”

Taylor said that current seniors who are on track to graduate will participate

in the graduation ceremony on Aug. 1, as there is not any end of the year state assessments, and students in grades 9-12 enrolled in a class with an end-of-course test have had the testing requirement waived from the Georgia Department of Education. In addition, there will be no final exams for students this semester.

“It is important to understand that the school year was nearly 75 percent completed when schools were closed,” said Taylor. “Therefore, in most classes, students completed a majority of the standards and competencies for their classes.

“While this school year has been anything but traditional, the Board is committed to continuing our tradition of excellence by celebrating the many accomplishments of the Class of 2020,” said Taylor. “As long as conditions allow, Calhoun High School plans to host the Senior Prom on Friday, July 31 and the Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020.”

Taylor also reminded students that due to school building closures extending through the end of the school year, all other school sponsored events, dances, and trips have been cancelled.

“We are looking at creative ways to showcase our students through virtual awards ceremonies and other highlight videos,” said Taylor.

“Students, continue to work hard. We are so very proud of you. Your teachers are there to support you during the remaining weeks of school and we want to finish strong,” said Taylor.

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THE HUNT FOR FILM: Rewatching the 1980s



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Movie Reviews at
The Hunt For Film

TOP 10 OF
THE 1980s

My Top Ten isn’t based on objective critical quality or awards-deserving attributes. These are simply the films I personally enjoyed and appreciated the most from the 1980’s.

#1 Raiders of the
Lost Ark (1981)

The greatest adventure film of all time that utilizes the gritty but charming performance of Ford and the compositions of Williams to create a legendary action hero, featuring iconic action set pieces.
“Archaeology is our religion, yet we have both fallen from the purer faith... I am a shadowy reflection of you. It would take only a nudge to make you like me, to push you out of the light.” – Belloq
Grade: A+

#2 Star Wars: Epi-
sode V – The Empire
Strikes Back (1980)

A sequel that pushes the boundaries of story, character, and technology in darker, more exciting directions with expansive world-building and the

most shocking plot twist in film history.
“You like me because I’m a scoundrel. There aren’t enough scoundrels in your life.” – Han Solo
Grade: A+

#3 The Princess Bride
(1987)

A wonderful ensemble of lovable heroes and dastardly villains make for the quintessential fairy tale, a solid revenge subplot, and plenty of “inconceivably” quotable one-liners along the way.
“I dedicated my life to the study of fencing so the next time we meet, I will not fail. I will go up to the six-fingered man and say ‘Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die.’”
Grade: A

#4 Back to the Future
(1985)

The chemistry between Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd, accompanied by a brilliant script and score, helps lead one of the most purely entertaining and rewatchable movies ever made.
“Why are things so heavy in the future? Is there a problem with the Earth’s gravitational pull?” – Dr. Emmett Brown
Grade: A

#5 Ghostbusters
(1984)

Ranging all variations of comedy from wild and zany to dry and dark, Bill Murray and friends create a sci-fi flick that’s perfect for Halloween or whenever there’s something strange in your neighborhood.
“Ray, when someone

asks you if you’re a god, you say YES!” – Winston Zeddemore
Grade: A

#6 Indiana Jones and
the Last Crusade
(1989)

Recapturing the glorious heroic serial tone of the original, this Indy threquel receives a huge assist from the addition of Sean Connery and contains some of the series’ best dialogue and action scenes.
“The diary tells me that goose-stepping morons like yourself should try reading books instead of burning them!” – Dr. Henry Jones, Sr.
Grade: A-

#7 Star Wars: Episode
VI – Return of the
Jedi (1983)

George Lucas’ original trilogy closes out as the story of Luke and Vader poignantly concludes by bringing the saga full circle thematically, not to mention Ian McDiarmid’s deliciously evil performance.
“Never. I’ll never turn to the Dark Side. You’ve failed, your highness. I am a Jedi, like my father before me.” – Luke Skywalker
Grade: A-

#8 Batman (1989)

One of the all-time best superhero films, Tim Burton’s first Bat-movie is elevated by the show-stopping performance of Jack Nicholson and the musical contributions of both Danny Elfman and Prince.
“Batman... Can somebody tell me what kind of a world we live in where a man dressed up as a bat

gets all of my press? This town needs an enema!” – Joker
Grade: A-

#9 Indiana Jones and
the Temple of Doom
(1984)

Though not as impressive as its predecessor or follow-up, the second Indy movie is full of thrills with plenty of special effects and action, particularly in the film’s opening and closing sequences.
“Are you trying to develop a sense of humor, or am I going deaf?” – Indiana Jones
Grade: B+

#10 Star Trek II: The
Wrath of Khan (1982)

Considered the greatest Trek outing by many, this sequel delivers some of the best starship action, a compelling character arc for Kirk, and the franchise’s most well-written and acted villain, Khan.
“You are my superior officer. You are also my friend. I have been and always shall be yours.” – Spock
Grade: B+

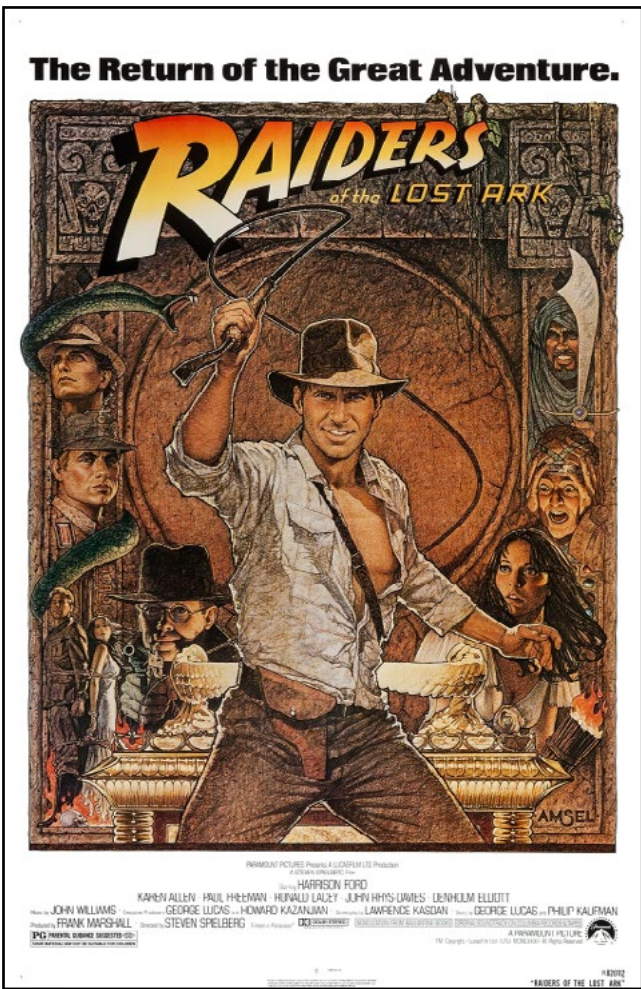
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MENTIONS OF THE
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Some 80’s films that I enjoyed or appreciated but didn’t quite make it into my Top Ten were...

Big Jake (1971)

Airplane! (1980)

Superman II (1980)



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Gandhi (1982)

E.T. the Extra-
Terrestrial (1982)

The Dark Crystal
(1982)

The Outsiders (1983)

Star Trek III: The
Search for Spock
(1984)

The Breakfast Club
(1985)

Rocky IV (1985)

Three Amigos (1986)

Top Gun (1986)

Ferris Bueller’s Day
Off (1986)

Raising Arizona
(1987)

Die Hard (1988)

National Lampoon’s
Christmas Vacation
(1989)

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Gordon County BOE approves assistant principals for
Fairmount and W.L. Swain at Monday’s meeting

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During its April meeting, the Gordon County Board of Education approved the hiring of two leadership positions for the 2020-2021 school year. Rebecca Champion was approved to replace the retiring Lee Ann Amico, assistant principal at Fairmount Elementary School, and Tara Green was approved to replace W. L. Swain assistant principal Shelly Allen, who will take over the reins as principal at Tolbert Elementary School in July.
Champion comes to Gordon County from White Elementary School, but she is no stranger to the school system or Fairmount Elementary School. Before her time as assistant principal in Bartow County, she began her career at Fairmount Elementary in 1996 and taught for several years before moving to Bartow in 2014. She is excited to return home in this new capacity. “I’m so excited to be coming back to my home school. I love the Fairmount community, and I will strive daily to support the

students, parents, teachers, and staff in ways that enhance learning for all. I believe it takes a united effort for children to acquire the education they deserve. I’m ready to be a part of that effort in Gordon County.” Champion holds an Ed. S. in Administration and Leadership and both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in Middle Grades Education.
Green has been with Gordon County Schools since 2015 and currently teaches in the system’s gifted program and at W.L. Swain Elementary School. She holds an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Piedmont College, as well as both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. She also holds endorsements in reading, ESOL, and gifted education. “W. L. Swain holds a special place in my heart. I am humbled by this opportunity and look forward to serving the teachers and students of W. L. S. in this new capacity,” said Green of her new position.
These educators will assume their new roles in July 2020.



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From Left: Rebecca Champion will take over as assistant principal of Fairmount Elementary School, and Tara Green has been named principal at W.L. Swain Elementary.

GNTC announces Free Application Week

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In an effort to help students continue to reach their education goals during the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) will be hosting a Free Application Week Monday, April 20, through Friday, April 24, to help those who are seeking to enroll in the summer semester.
During Free Application Week, GNTC will waive the \$25 application fee for all new applicants. The admissions deadline for the summer semester is April 28 and classes are scheduled to begin on May 18.
“We understand that many in our community are experiencing hardships during this crisis and waiving the application fee is just one of the many hurdles we are removing for our students,” said Selena

Magnusson, vice president of Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success. “During the Free Application Week when you apply online your application fee will be waived.”
Another step GNTC is taking to help students during this time is streamlining the enrollment process by waiving the entrance exam for the summer semester. Georgia Northwestern Technical College, along with all other Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) colleges, is suspending the placement exam requirement for admission.
The suspension of the requirements for official high school or high school equivalency transcripts for admission allows applicants who wish to begin this summer the ability to continue their admission process. In the interim, students may submit unofficial transcripts until

GNTC resumes normal business operations and will have the ability to submit official documents to the college without affecting their current enrollment.
Waiving the placement exam, ACCUPLACER, still provides GNTC the ability to use other placement methods already established to allow an applicant to continue the enrollment process. GNTC will continue to evaluate program readiness in a number of different ways to ensure student success.
Although GNTC’s campuses remain closed to public through spring semester, GNTC is open virtually and available through our call center at (866) 983-4682, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For more information on applying for the summer semester visit us at www.gntc.edu and click “apply”. For questions about GNTC’s Free Application Week, contact

the Office of Admissions at admissions@gntc.edu or call (866) 983-4682.
Georgia Northwestern Technical College provides quality workforce education to the citizens of Northwest Georgia. Students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree, diploma, or a certificate in business, health, industrial, or public service career paths. This past year, 12,454 people benefited from GNTC’s credit and noncredit programs. With an annual credit enrollment of 7,730 students, GNTC is the largest college in Northwest Georgia. GNTC has an additional enrollment of 4,724 people through adult education, continuing education, business and industry training, and Georgia Quick Start. For more information about GNTC, visit us at www.GNTC.edu. GNTC is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and an Equal Opportunity Institution.

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