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Record breaking numbers reported for early voting; Election's Office employee tests positive for COVID

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The first two days of early voting for the 2020 General Primary, which includes the election for President of the United States, United States Senate and Representative, Georgia Senate and Representative and local races have produced record-breaking numbers in local ballots cast.

The total ballots case in early voting on Monday and Tuesday are 1,470; there were 652 ballots cast on Monday and 818 on Tuesday. In comparison, during the early voting period for the General Primary for the week of May 18, there were 459 ballots cast the entire week.

On Tuesday night, the excitement over the voter participation numbers was overshadowed a bit when Gordon County made the announcement that one of the Election's Office workers has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

"On Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, after work, an employee of the Gordon County Board of Elections was given a rapid test for COVID-19 and tested positive," said the County in a statement. "The employee had sought medical care for sinus trouble and was not running a fever or coughing when tested. In response to the positive test, the employee has been quarantined, the building has been sterilized with an aeroclave unit, already strict sanitation measures will be increased, and the Health Department

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A long line of voters stand outside the Annex Building on Piedmont Street, waiting for the opportunity to cast their ballot on Monday, Oct. 13. (Photo contributed by GORDON COUNTY)

City of Calhoun approves bid for new police station

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The Calhoun City Council on Monday night approved the bid for the construction of the new Police Station, Vehicle Service Building and the Calhoun Recreation Parks Maintenance Building, a 2018 SPLOST project, in the base bid amount of $4,802,490. The new police station campus will be located at the corner of McDaniel Station Road and Recreation Drive.

The recommendation from architect Gregg Sims was to accept the bid from Felder Construction Co., Inc., a commercial construction company based in Dalton, who has built a variety of office buildings, strip malls and industrial buildings in the North Georgia area, including MAPEI, Brown Printing and the turf field at Dalton State College.

"It's something we've been working on a long time," said City Administrator Paul Worley. "We've been collecting revenues; this is by far our largest SPLOST project that we have in this SPLOST cycle. We're excited to take the next step. We've been working hard the last several years on the design. We're making sure we're building a building to fit the needs for the (police) department. We're pleased with the design."

According to Worley, the new police department building is a 13,754 s.f. facility.

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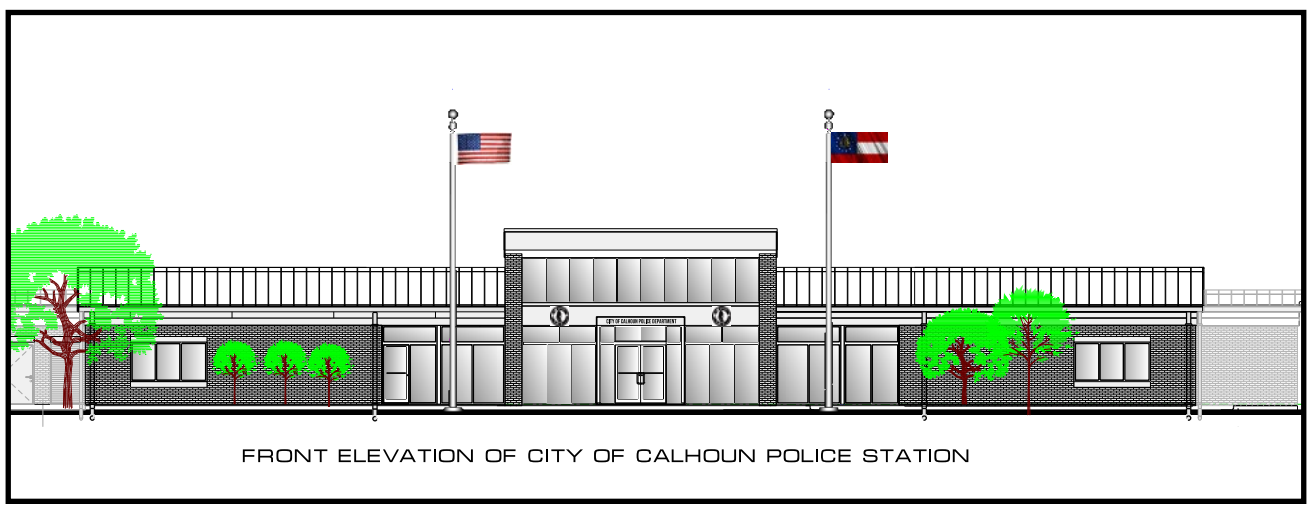
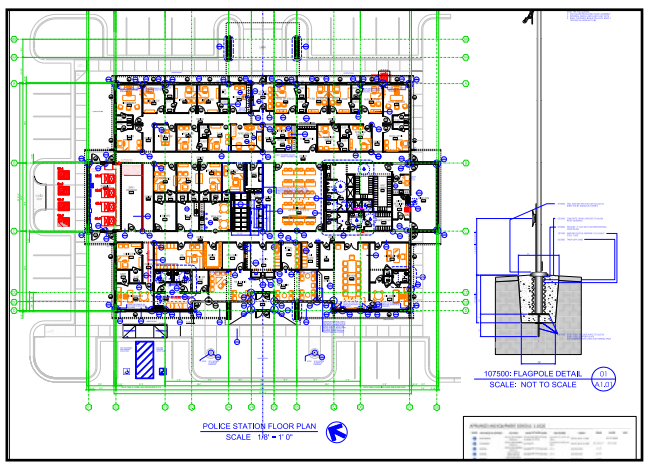
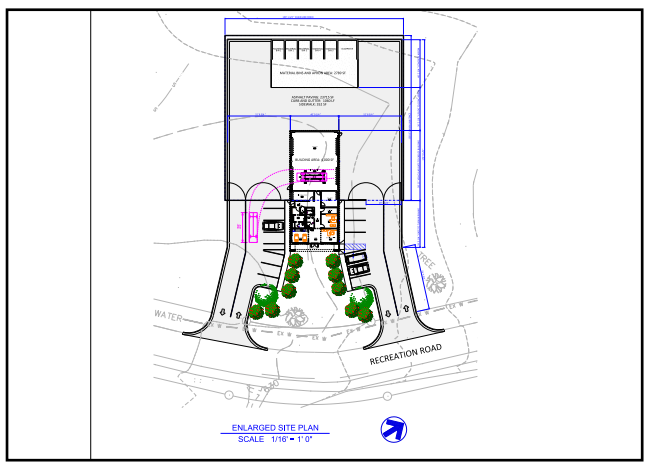


ABOVE: The rendering of the exterior of the new Calhoun Police Station; BELOW LEFT: a rendering of the floor plan of the police station and BELOW RIGHT: the rendering of the new Vehicle Service Building.





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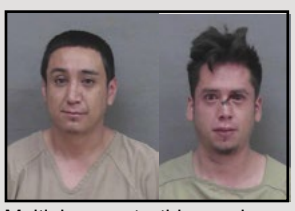

Multiple arrests this week on charges of assaults against LEOs.

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AdventHealth Gordon recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, a health observance where the importance of breast awareness, education and research is highlighted by people and organizations worldwide.

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About one in eight women in the united states will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their lives.

Risk factors for breast cancer include drinking alcohol, being overweight, age, inherited genes such as BRCA1 and BRCA2 and having a family history of breast cancer. Though there is no sure way to prevent breast cancer, there are things that can help lower the risk such as being active, maintaining a healthy weight and limiting or avoiding alcohol.

Symptoms of breast cancer can include a change in size or shape of the breast, pain in any area of the breast, or a new lump in the breast or underarm area.

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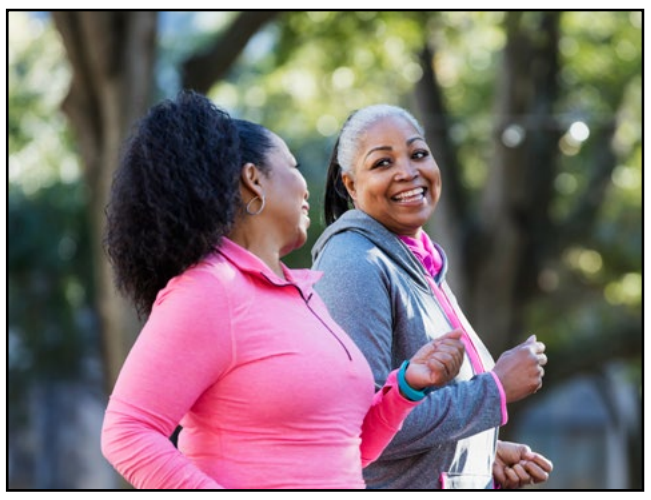

Local businesses to host Trunk or Treats

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A couple of local businesses have organized Trunk or Treats, open to everyone in the community in celebration of Halloween 2020.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, Smile Doctors by Soni Orthodontics will hold a Trunk or Treat from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

"We (are) hosting a Trunk or Treat at each of our locations to allow children to have a safe Treat or Treating experience," said the company in statement.

Smile Doctors by Soni Orthodontics is located at 120 Cornerstone Way Southeast, Suite #1 in Calhoun.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, Fit From The Core invites the community to join the Fit Fam for free fun and loads of candy at their Trunk or Treat, to be held from 6 – 8 p.m. that night at their location on 127 WC Bryant Parkway, Suite C in Calhoun.

"Free candy and a Halloween dance party for the ages," said owner Dorian Johnson. "We want to see all of your littles. Party starts at 6. Adults who show up in costume get a special treat!"

Second Front

Calhoun Housing Authority selected to receive assistance with their housing needs through GICH

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Five Georgia communities have been newly selected to receive assistance with their housing needs through the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH), a public-private program that helps communities strategically grow their economies through housing-related solutions. The cities of Blakely, Jonesboro, East Point, Covington and the Calhoun Housing Authority will begin the three-year program in February 2021. The communities were recognized at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) virtual fall conference on October 5.

Through training and technical instruction delivered during a series of conferences, community-housing teams design and implement strategies to enhance their economies as well as the quality of life for their citizens. During these sessions, each team will work with and receive continuous feedback from a facilitator or housing professional, as well as engage in cross-community collaboration.

The GICH teams consist of about 12 members, and include representatives from local government and businesses, nonprofit housing organizations and the local public housing authority. Teams may also include members of local faith-based organizations and churches, development authorities, chambers of commerce, school systems, major employers and law enforcement.

Since the program's inception in 2005, 81 Georgia communities have benefited from the GICH program. The communities currently enrolled in the program are Arlington, Centerville, Conyers, Social Circle, Smyrna, Adel, Hartwell, Ocilla, Rossville/Lafayette and Statesboro. The cities of Byron, Cochran, McRae-Helena, Norcross and the joint collaborative of Troup County, Hogansville, LaGrange and West Point were recognized at the GICH Fall Retreat in September as 2020 graduates of the program.

Some of the resulting strategies undertaken by communities include revitalizing distressed neighborhoods and subdivisions, developing multi-family apartments through tax credits, updating codes and ordinances, creating a land bank authority, writing an urban redevelopment plan, conducting a housing assessment, and launching community clean-up programs.

Each year, GICH communities are selected to participate in the initiative through a competitive process. Communities are selected based on need and a demonstrated commitment to community improvement. Any city, county or public housing authority in Georgia is eligible to apply on behalf of a community housing team. Applications are due in August.

GICH is a collaboration of partners including the University of Georgia's Housing and Demographics Research Center, a unit of the Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics in the College of

Family and Consumer Sciences; UGA's Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach; the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and the Georgia Municipal Association, a voluntary, non-profit organization based in Atlanta that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to its 521 member cities.

Georgia Power funds the GICH program. Additional in-kind services are provided by UGA Cooperative Extension and UGA's Archway Partnership and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, both units of the UGA Office of Public Service and Outreach. Learn more about GICH online.

About the Department of Community Affairs

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) partners with communities to build strong and vibrant neighborhoods, commercial and industrial areas through community and economic development, local government assistance, and safe and affordable housing. Using state and federal resources, DCA helps communities spur private job creation, implement planning, develop downtowns, generate affordable housing solutions and promote volunteerism. DCA also helps qualified Georgians with low and moderate incomes buy homes, rent housing and prevent foreclosure and homelessness. For more information, visit www.dca.ga.gov.

DPH Urges All Georgians to Get a Flu Shot

More important than ever before!

GEORGIA DPH

Atlanta – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has a message for Georgians: Everyone needs a flu shot. Yes, you! That's the focus of a new campaign urging all Georgians over the age of six months to get a flu shot this year.

"Now more than ever, influenza vaccination is critical not only to protect people from getting sick, but to reduce the burden on our healthcare system already caring for COVID-19 patients," said Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H, DPH commissioner. "Even if the vaaccine doesn't prevent illness from flu completely, it can help reduce the severity and risk of serious complications – and keep people out of the hospital during this COVID-19 pandemic."

Influenza and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. Flu and COVID-19 share many characteristics, including:

Fever or feeling feverish/chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Sore throat
Runny or stuffy nose
Muscle pain or body aches and headaches
Vomiting and diarrhea, more common in children than adults

Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis.

Both the flu and COVID-19 spread in similar ways. Droplets or smaller virus particles from a sick person can transmit the virus to other people nearby. The smallest particles may linger in the air, and another person can inhale them and become infected.

An important difference between flu and COVID-19 is there is a vaccine available to everyone to protect against flu. Every individual over the age of six months should get a flu vaccine – not just for their own protection, but to protect others around them who may be more vulnerable to the flu and its complications. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend getting an annual flu shot by the end of October. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body.

There are tried and true measures to help protect against the flu or any respiratory illness, including COVID-19:

If you have symptoms, stay home from school or work.

Practice social distancing by keeping 6 feet between you and others.

Wearing a mask or face covering in public.

Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Alcohol based hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol) are the next best thing if there is no access to soap and water.

Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing to help prevent the spread of viruses. Use a tissue or cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow or arm.

Avoid touching your face as germs can get into the body through mucus membranes of the nose, mouth and eyes.

Remember, everything you do to help prevent flu will also help prevent COVID-19.

If you do get sick and think you may have the flu, contact your healthcare provider right away. There are medications that can be used to treat flu but they are most effective when taken within 48 hours of the onset of flu symptoms.

Flu vaccine is widely available at public health departments, doctors' offices, grocery stores, neighborhood clinics and pharmacies. To find a location near you click on https://vaccinefinder.org/find-vaccine.

For more information about flu and how to prevent it, log on to dph.ga.gov/flu or flu.gov.

For updates on flu or COVID-19, follow @GaDPH on Twitter and @GaDPH on Facebook. Show your flu shot! Share your flu shot photo with DPH on social media using the hashtag #Igotmine.

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Obituaries
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Marian Booth

Marian Lucy Booth, age 97, of Calhoun, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020 at her residence.

Marian was born on May 16, 1923 in Binghamton, N.Y., daughter of the late Aurther Tanner and Irene Pollard Tanner. In addition to her parents, Marian was also preceded in death by: her first husband and father of her children, Elmer John Halikias; her second husband, Sammie Alton Booth; three sons, Richard Halikias, Jackie Halikias, and Stanley Halikias; and son-in-law, George Seaberger. Marian was of the Catholic faith.

Marian is survived by: five sons, Billy Halikias and his wife Carol, Robert Halikias, Elmer Halikias, Russell Halikias, and Donald Halikias and his wife Sherry; six daughters, Glenda Seaberger, Josephine Campney and her husband Tom, Annie Batchelder and her husband Les, Debbie Holmstead, Mary Stevens and her husband Jeff, and Kathy Halikias and her companion Harvey; two brothers, Duffy Tanner and Robert Tanner; and two sisters, Renee Green and Lula Shameine. Many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews also survive.

The family will receive friends on Monday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Monday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Frank Bramlett officiating. Interment will follow in the Georgia National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Marian Lucy Booth.

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William "Bill" Kirby

William "Bill" Paul Kirby, 97, of Fairmount, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2020. He was born in Aims, Iowa, to the late Paul and Maude Kirby, on July 12, 1923. Formerly from Woodland Park, Colo., he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 68 years, Ruby Pauline Kirby; siblings, Myrtle, Oral, Pauline, Arden, and Howard; son-in-law Butch Johnson.

He is survived by his daughter, Penny Johnson of Pine Log; grandchildren, Jessie and Matt Edwards of Kingston, Dalton and Madison Johnson of Adairsville; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives also survive.

Mr. Kirby enjoyed many recreational activities such as shooting, four-wheeling, riding mules, hunting, and fishing. He was also locally famous for dirt track racing in his home town of Urbana. He was a decorated veteran of World War II and received the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Japan, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. He enjoyed retirement for 34 years after working as an equipment operator on the Alaskan Pipeline and civil service at Fort Carson.

Mr. Kirby had a great 97 years with his only hesitations being leaving his family, soon to be great grandchild, and his beloved dog Dolly.

To honor his wishes his body was cremated and a private service will be held at a later time.

To leave condolences and sign the online guest book please go to, www.maxbrannonandsons.com

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of William Paul Kirby.

Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home

Louise McReynolds

Louise Garland McReynolds, age 79, of Rydal, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 at Cartersville Medical Center.

Louise was born on March 31, 1941 in Gilmer County to the late Worth Garland and Lela Tatum Garland. She was a member of Sonoraville Baptist Church. In addition to her parents Louise is preceded in death by her husband, Dan McReynolds, Sr., a brother, Jerrel Garland; and a granddaughter, Melissa McReynolds.

She is survived by two sons, Jeffrey McReynolds of Calhoun, and Dan McReynolds Jr. of Louisville, Ky.; two brothers, Gene Garland, and Earl Garland; two sisters, Wylene Wilkie, and Diane Hales; two grandchildren, Emily McReynolds, and Nick McReynolds; great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral Service was conducted on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. from Sonoraville Baptist Church with Reverend Jether Cochran and Reverend Jamie Hunt officiating. Burial followed in Gaines Cemetery.

The family received friends on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

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

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Stephen "Steve" Ogletree

Mr. Stephen Paul "Steve" Ogletree, 76, of Calhoun, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020.

Steve was born in Detroit, Mich.., on March 3, 1944, son of the late Frederick Clifford Ogletree and Lois McCamy Ogletree. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sheila Harris Ogletree in 2009; brother, David Ogletree, and his loyal fur baby, Ella.

He was a graduate of Valley Point High School in Dalton and West Georgia College. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Shaw Industries as manager of credit and claims. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a Christian and a Baptist.

Steve is survived by a step-son, Derrick Davis; brother, Mike Ogletree; nieces, Laura Greif and Natalie Ruge; great-nieces and nephews, Madeline Greif, Chase Greif, Evan Ruge, and Alexander Ruge; his loyal companion, Joann White, and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of whom he considered as his own.

A memorial service for Steven Paul "Steve" Ogletree was conducted Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at 7 p.m. from the chapel of Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home. The family received friends at the funeral home on Monday between the hours of 5 p.m. and the service hour of 7 p.m.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Stephen Paul "Steve" Ogletree.

Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home

Micheal Thacker

Mr. Michael Jerome Thacker, age 65, of Crossville, Tenn., passed away on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020.

He was born in Rome on March 8, 1955 to the late Felix Jackson Thacker, Sr. and Fannie Elizabeth Wilson Thacker. He was retired from Crossville, Inc. (VP of logistics) where he was employed for the last 24 years, after relocating from Florida where he was in customer service at Florida Tile. He was an avid hunter; he loved to fish, camp, boat, and spend time with his family and friends. He was an incredible husband, father and grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack Thacker, Larry Thacker; and sister, Carolyn Thacker.

Survivors include his wife Tammy Thacker of Crossville, Tenn.; daughter Holly (Donnie) Cochran of Dalton; Shaina (Adam) Hopkins of Ponte Vedra, Fla.; Mikaela (Cody) Threet of Crossville, Tenn. Seven grandchildren, Kendra Hall, Hannah Cox, Hayden Freeman, Grayson Hall, Ella Hall, Kendall Hopkins and Declan Threet and several nieces and nephews.

Two celebrations of life will be held in Micheal's honor: the first on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Cumberland Mountain State park terrace at 6 p.m.; the second on Friday, Oct. 16 at North Pointe Church in Adairsville at 6 p.m. The family welcomes friends at either.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Saint Jude foundation at St.jude.org or the alpha one foundation or alpha1.org.

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Help for the Hurting

-The Life Choice Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The support group is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. The office and support group are located at 189 Professional Court, Suite 300, Calhoun. For Information, contact Jennifer at 706-602-9001.

-The Northwest Georgia Parkinson Disease Association, Inc., is offering a monthly support group for persons living with Parkinson Disease, their caregivers, family and friends. The support group will meet at Gordon Hospital; Conference Room A. For any questions about the support group and future meetings, call James Trussell at 706-235-3164 or 706-346-5678.

-Families Anonymous is a 12-step program, for those concerned about drug abuse and behavior problems of a relative or friend. Completely anonymous, non professional, and non religious. No dues, no fees. Not connected with any hospital or agency. Located on Red Bud Road in plaza below Fitness First, next to Calhoun Counseling Center (Dr. Bledsoe's office). Meeting every Thursday 7 - 8 p.m. Call 770-548-7849 for more information.

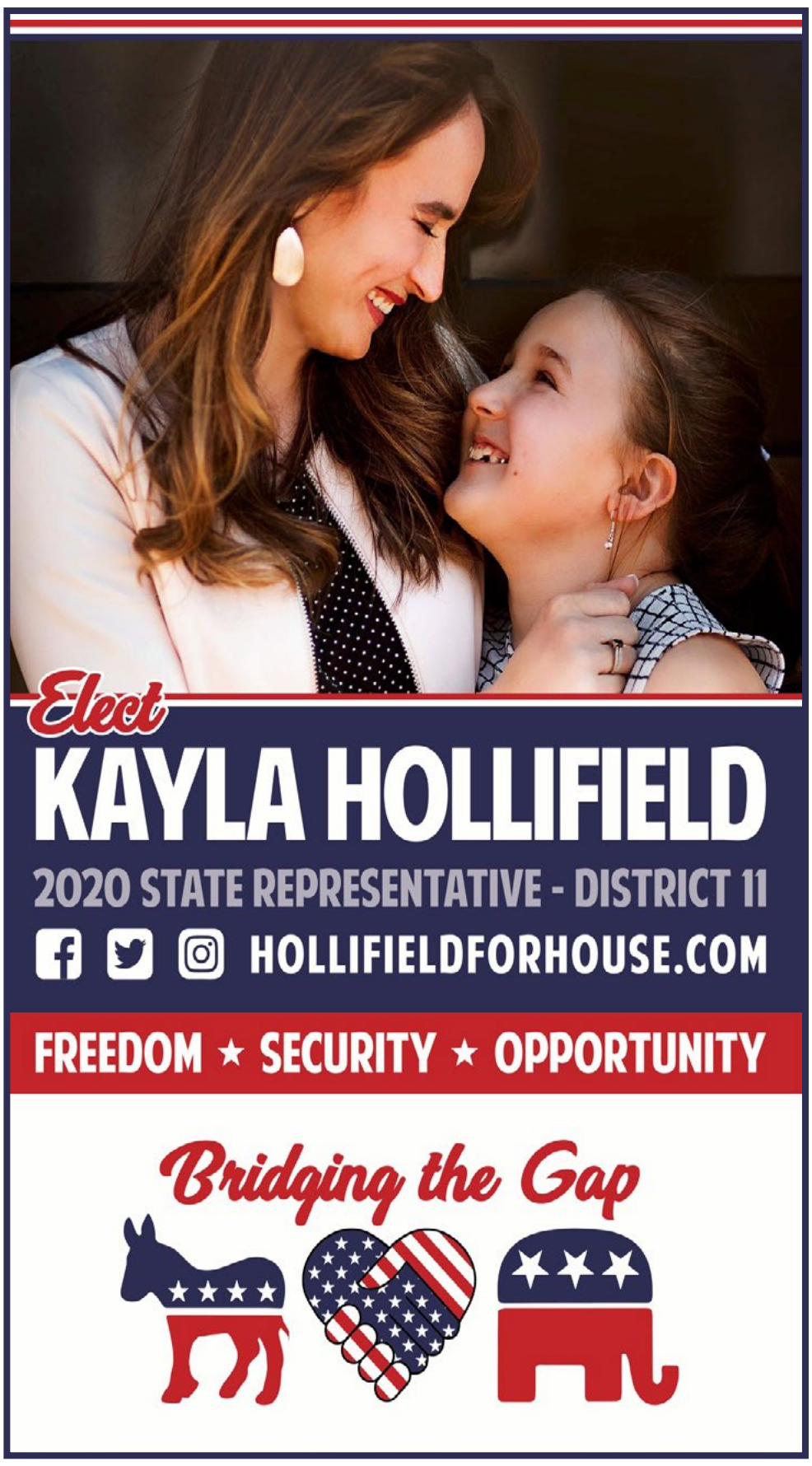
-Bondage Breakers- Breaking the chains of addiction one soul at a time. Every Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Crane Eater Community Church, located at 3168 Red Bud Rd Calhoun, GA 30701.

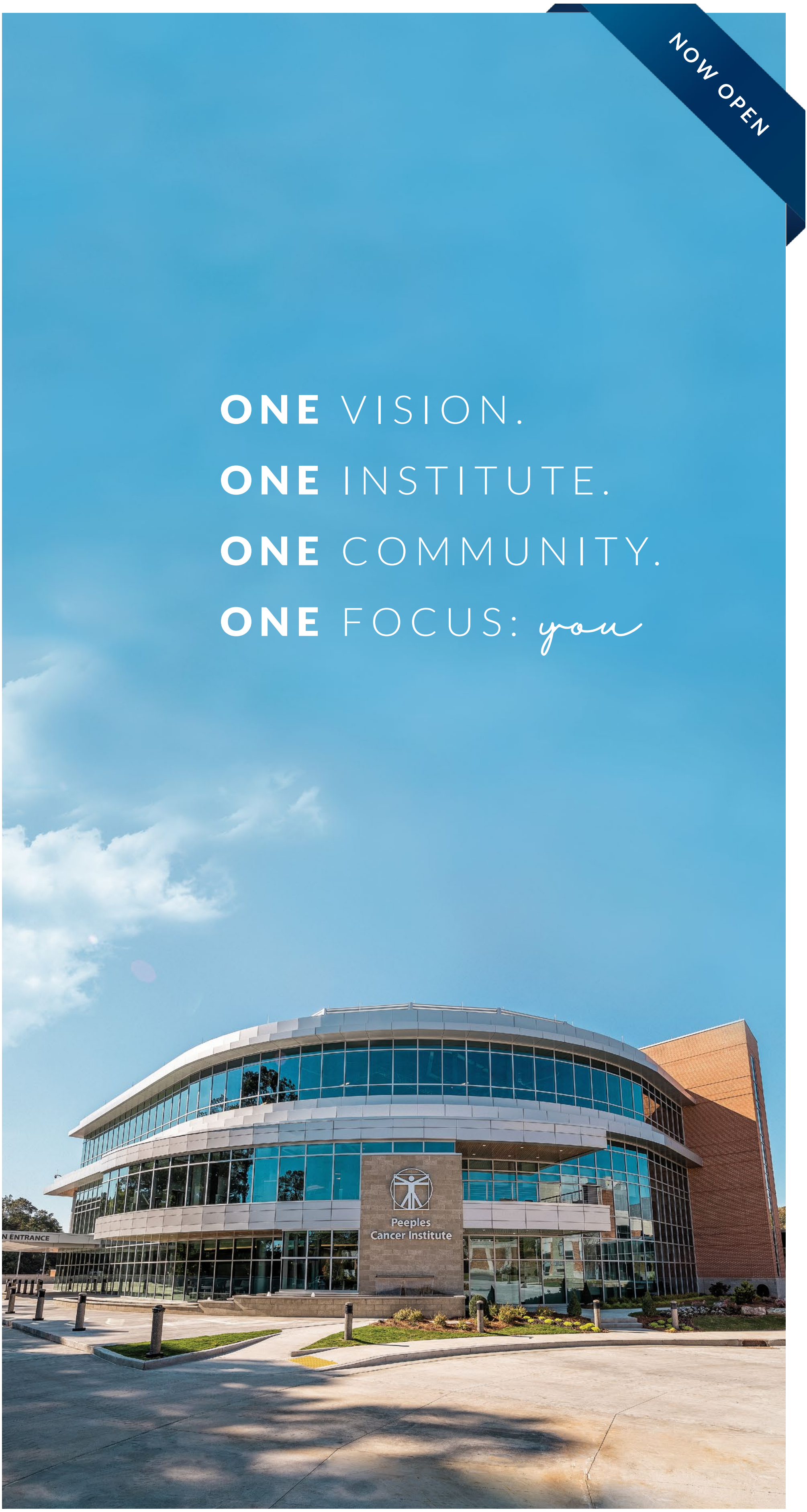
-The Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a monthly support group at Morning Pointe Assisted Living, 660 Jolly Road, on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information or directions, call Mary Braden at 770-548-4683 or Karen Parrott at 706-346-5220.

For more information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease, call 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/georgia.

-Special Care Plus, a free one-on-one consultation program, offers education and information to primary caregivers of persons with dementia. Any primary caregiver who is caring for a loved one with dementia in the home is eligible to receive this program. To learn more about the Special Care Plus program, call 800-272-3900.

-Want to make a difference in the community? Tapestry Hospice is seeking volunteers to provide companionship to our patients, read books, make crafts, garden, light house cleaning, administrative work, etc. If you're interested contact Megan at megan.guthrie@tapestryhospice.com





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RELIGION

The frog and the youth minister

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Ok. So Halloween is coming up in a couple of weeks. Visions come to our minds easily when we hear the word. One vision that comes to mind is a witch boiling something in a pot. There is a saying, a metaphor if you will, about a "Proverbial Frog." It really doesn't have anything to do with the witch's boiling pot, as far as I know.

This story tells us that if you put a frog in a pot of boiling water, he will jump out. However, if you put a pot of cool water on the stove and then add the frog. Not sensing danger the frog will stay. Next, turn the burner on low to slowly heat the water. By the time the frog realizes it's in danger, the water is beginning to boil and it is too late to take action. The frog will die in the boiling water.

I heard a speaker in an assembly one time make a comment once, "the problem with our society is that we have de-sensitized sin." I feel like he was spot on, and one night not long after proved it again personally. I went to a movie with my then 23-year-old son, and another young man who lived with us. Right off the bat, the movie characters began using some very bad language. If we had been at home, I would have immediately made them turn the movie off. I was not happy about the language, but the movie story line was enjoyable to me. I could have walked out of the movie, and it wouldn't have been the first time, but I didn't. I guess I was enjoying the story so much that I compromised my convictions.

Psalm 1:1 reads, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Notice that there is a progression of sin. The blessed man does not do these certain things. There is a way he will not walk, a path he will not stand in, and a seat he will not sit in. While this passage is a promise to the man that doesn't do these things, it's also a warning to the man that does.

Many times we will become increasingly comfortable in sin, like the frog does in the pot of water. Sometimes this leads to us finding ourselves in places where we never thought we'd be. Thankfully, there's forgiveness for Christians who admit when they have sinned.

That promise is found in 1st John 1:9 where is says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Where do we start? We start with agreeing with God that we have sinned. It's not that we're letting him in on a secret of what we have done, but rather agreeing with him that we have. Then we need to receive his forgiveness for it, and turn from 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. 706-624-0198, Find us on Facebook or email pvbccalhoun@gmail.com

-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 Broaehurst 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.

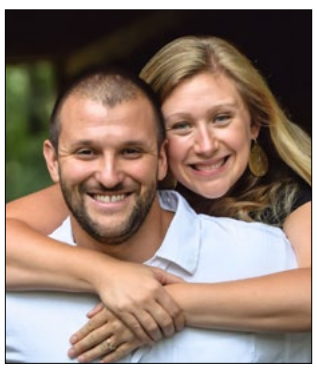
-Big Springs Baptist Church, 3326 Dews Pond Road SE, Calhoun, invites families and individuals from all walks of life to attend their services (casual dress). The worship service includes contemporary music along with traditional hymns and Southern Gospel. Children's Church is provided for ages K- 3rd grade and nursery for babies – pre-k. Service times: Sunday mornings: fellowship breakfast, 9:15-9:30 a.m.; Bible study (all ages) 9:45 a.m., worship 10:45 a.m. Evening worship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. For more information on the church you may contact rev. Tommy Phillips at 678-986-7404.

-Oakman Baptist Church and Pastor Jason Pace invite everyone to attend their weekly services. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and morning worship is at 11. Sunday evening activities, which include worship and children and youth programs, begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 7 p.m., which include Bible study and programs for youth and children.

House of Prayer Baptist Church, 3840 Dews Pond Road, has Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. except the third and fifth Sunday night when there is no service; and Wednesday night service at 7 p.m.

-Nellie Peters United Methodist Church, 1122 S. Wall Street, Across from Advance Auto Parts would like to invite everyone to our services. Sunday School at 9:30, Worship at 11. Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30. We're a small, friendly church and we love our community. Children are welcome in our services and we have a special "grace space" for them to color, draw and listen right in the sanctuary. Our pastor is Marvin Batcher as we welcome you!

Cash Flow with Joe: Dealing in benefits



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I was out door knocking recently, and I came across a seller in a precarious position. You see, she was thousands of dollars behind on her mortgage, she was older and the house was too much for her to take care of. Oh, and she was two and half weeks away from being foreclosed on.

When I first knocked on her door, she admitted she knew she was in foreclosure but that she was waiting on her daughter to get back to town to try and sort things out. As you could expect, she was very worried. She didn't have a place to go nor did she have the thousands she needed to bring the loan current and stop the foreclosure.

I told her my job is not to buy houses but to solve real estate problems. And I told her that my goal was to get her into a better situation by the time I left by either giving her an offer or educating her as to what her options were.

As most of the sellers that I encounter do, she opened up to that statement and showed me around the house. She then brought out her foreclosure documents for us to look at with her. She told me how much she owed in arrears and even what she believed the payoff was on her mortgage.

When I asked her how I could help her, she teared up and said that she didn't want to lose her home. She said what she really needed was time to get into one of those income-based living places for seniors because she couldn't afford the type of rent people are paying these days. (She referenced her sister paying $850 a month)

Now, I want you to notice something. When I asked her how I could help, she didn't say you can pay me X amount of dollars for this house. So, what did she say?

She said that she needed time. She also said she needed a place to go that her income could handle.

This is important for you as an investor to understand. You see, real estate is not a house business. It's a people business. As such, you need to recognize that purchase prices are only a small portion of what is involved with a house sale. There are lots of other factors that people need to satisfy in order to accomplish the sale. And by investigating those factors while you're talking with the seller, you can identify how many of them you can give to the seller in your offer.

We call these factors benefits, and they are valuable in a way that's not necessarily tied to money. As you see above, time is one. But so were her monthly income and housing requirements after the sale. We've bought houses from people where having a sense of finality was the driving force. We bought one once because we told the seller we would bring them back to see the house after it was rehabbed so they could see just how great grandma's house would look.

Emotional benefits to sellers are often more important than sales price. And once you identify what benefits the seller needs and then give them to them, sellers are glad to do the deal.

So, on this deal, we offered to purchase the house for the mortgage balance. But we agreed to rent the house back to the seller for only $325 a month for eight months while we worked with her to identify and apply for an income-based senior living place in the area.

She was overjoyed with that offer.

But there was a catch… to be continued next week.

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.

Avoid Financial Mistakes During Retirement

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When you retire, you've learned a lot about all sorts of things, helping you avoid some of the mistakes you made earlier in life. However, you may still be susceptible to financial missteps specifically related to your retirement years. How can you dodge these errors?

Consider these suggestions:

•Manage your withdrawal rate carefully. You will likely need to tap into your retirement accounts – your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But you should establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation. By withdrawing too much each year, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine the withdrawal amount that's right for you. (Keep in mind, though, that once you turn 72, you will be required to take out at least a certain amount each year – based on your age and account balance – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar plan.)

•Don't underestimate health care costs. Once you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan and will probably also incur other expenses. In fact, A healthy 65-year-old couple who retired in 2019 will need nearly $390,000 over their remaining years just to pay for health care, according to HealthView Services, which produces health-care cost projection software. Other estimates show different amounts, but they all amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. So, when calculating your expenses during your retirement years, reserve a big space for health care.

•Don't take Social Security too early. You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks when you reach age 62, but your payments will generally be significantly larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will probably be between 66 and 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) Of course, if you need the money at 62, you may have to take it, but if you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.)

•Don't invest too conservatively. Once you're retired, you might think that you should take as few chances as possible with your investments – after all, you simply have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it's important to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, which we've experience recently, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.

• Don't be more generous than you can afford. If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do whatever you can to provide assistance. However, the hard truth is they simply have more time than you do to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford – but don't go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family, as well.

Retirement can be a wonderful time of your life – and you may enjoy it more by doing what you can to avoid costly financial mistakes.

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GORDON GROWN

Life Skills Learned in the Show Ring

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By the time this article is posted, the great majority of our Gordon County 4-H'ers will have returned from the Georgia National Fairgrounds. These youth and families would have represented our area at one of the largest livestock shows in the United States. COVID has made the 2020 fair different with the actual fair not happening, but at least the youth were able to show their 4-H livestock. Approximately twenty-five Gordon County 4-H'ers showed over one hundred head of livestock in the cattle, swine, sheep and goat shows. These numbers make Gordon 4-H one of the largest show teams Georgia.

Why do youth show livestock? What can a young person gain by being in the program? How can showing livestock benefit a young person down the road? Those are all valid questions that I hope to cover in my article today.

For starters, showing livestock is like other hobbies or extracurricular activities that youth choose to involve themselves in. Some kids play sports such as basketball, football or baseball while others may excel in performance arts. It just so happens that showing livestock is an extracurricular activity that appeals to many area youth. Granted, we have some of our exhibitors that also play sports or participate in other activities that will make certain life skills such as being responsible very important.

I grew up showing livestock myself as a Gordon County 4-H'er many years ago now. In fact, my siblings and I showed steers, heifers and market lambs. My daughters and nephews have shown livestock also. I am a competitive person by nature. I always have been and always will. No matter if it is a livestock show or a sporting event, I have always wanted to win. Having that "will to win" is not a bad thing if you also have good sportsmanship. We still have many of our awards won over the years, but as years go by, those trophies and plaques will tarnish, but the life skills obtained by participation in the Georgia 4-H and FFA youth livestock exhibitor programs will last a lifetime.

Those additional questions listed earlier centering on what a young person can gain or be benefited by livestock show participation are easy to answer. I will spend the rest of my time covering them. The answers will center on several life skills with some personal experiences added in also. When I was a 5th grade 4-H member from Belwood Elementary, my dad took me to my first livestock show. The goal was to watch a show and to see if I wanted to show a steer. I had also looked at past photos of my father showing a Hereford steer back in his FFA days of the 1960s. That steer was grand champion at one of the big shows in North Georgia at that time. In fact, a neighbor recently commented on how good that Hereford steer was for that era of showing cattle. My first show steer was a Simmental crossed steer that we named Buck. Little did I know that the life skills learned by showing that first steer and future livestock would help me still today in adulthood through the life skills learned by participation.

The first life skill obtained by livestock exhibiting is responsibility. An exhibitor has an animal that is dependent on them for food, water, shelter, heath, exercise and daily training and grooming. You just don't show up at a show ready to go into the show ring. It takes many hours and months to prepare for the local, area, state and even national shows. A youth has to be able to balance school responsibilities plus other activities in order to participate in showing livestock. My two main sports were basketball and tennis in high school. I was good enough to earn a college scholarship for tennis, but basketball took place in the middle of the show season for the most part. There were many hours that my siblings and I would be at the barn in the dark working cattle after a basketball practice.

You also learn time and even money management. There are only twenty-four hours in a day and you have to make the most of them. When a chore has to be done, many times it can't be put off till the next day. You have to balance your time. Showing livestock is not cheap. You can have the purchase price of a show animal, a feed bill, show supplies to buy and show entries have to be paid. A youth learns to balance a budget and even may learn the need to keep those show winnings to pay for the next years project. I mentioned earlier, good sportsmanship. I don't care if you have some of the best livestock in the state, you will not win every show. You have to learn to be humble at times and give congrats to the other person when they earned the blue ribbon that day. Finally, you have to learn the skill of decision making. Some of the best family times took place traveling to pick out the next show animal. You can't buy every animal out there so you have to make decisions on which animal will work the best and which one is in your price range.

Good luck to all of our Gordon 4-H'ers on a successful show season.

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

Gordon County 4-H announces first Master 4-H'er of the year

GORDON COUNTY 4-H

Gordon County 4-H is proud to announce that their first Master 4-H'er of the year is Hunter Petty, a 10th grader at Sonoraville High School.

Petty won market goat showmanship for all of 10th grade, and then went in the ring to compete for master status against all of the top 6th-12th grade 4-H exhibitors.

Petty was selected as the best market goat exhibitor in the state, earning him Master 4-H status and title of Master Showman in Market Goats Exhibition. Congratulations Hunter!

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All of the Gordon County 4-H exhibitors had a phenomenal weekend at the Georgia National Fair Livestock Shows. The club be announcing other results later this week.

See news happening? Email the Gordon Gazette at

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Firearms Deer Hunting Season Opens Oct. 17

GEORGIA DNR

Venison burgers, venison chili, venison jerky…If you have been looking for a way to "beef" up that freezer stockpile, go for the venison instead! The Georgia deer firearms season opens Sat., Oct. 17 and continues through Jan. 10, 2021 statewide.

"If the forecasts hold we are looking at a cool, clear opening day!" said Charlie Killmaster, state deer biologist for the Wildlife Resources Division. "As much as our lives have been disrupted this year thankfully we still have deer season to look forward to. With all the rainfall we had leading into summer and throughout August, I expect optimal antler growth and bodyweights this season. Good luck Georgia hunters, I hope you have a wonderful season!"

During firearms deer season last year, more than 180,000 hunters harvested almost 210,000 deer in the state. The use of regulated deer hunting ensures that Georgia's deer population continues to be healthy and strong.

Over one million acres of public hunting land is available to hunters in Georgia, including more than 100 state-operated wildlife management areas. Many areas offer special hunts throughout the season, including primitive weapons and modern firearms hunts. Dates and locations for hunts are available in the 2020–2021 Georgia Hunting Seasons and Regulations guide found at http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/hunting/.

Quick Basics

The season bag limit is 10 antlerless deer and two antlered deer (one of the antlered deer must have at least four points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers). Special regulations apply to archery-only counties and extended archery season areas.

To pursue deer in Georgia, hunters must have a valid hunting license, a big game license and a current deer harvest record (available in the Outdoors GA app or as a paper copy printable from your license account). Licenses can be purchased online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, by phone at 1-800-366-2661, or at a license agent (list of agents available online).

Once you harvest a deer, you must report it within 24 hours through Georgia Game Check. Deer can be checked on the Outdoors GA app (useable with or without cell service), at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, or by calling 1-800-366-2661.

For more information, visit https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/hunter-resources.

'ACTT': 4 Simple Firearms Safety Rules

With only a small percentage of participants ever involved in a incident, hunting repeatedly shows itself as a safe sport.

Even with this minor chance for issues, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) still encourages hunters to review the 'Four Primary Rules of Firearms Safety' before heading to the woods.

Out of an estimated 642,000 hunters afield, Georgia reported only 36 hunting incidents. Over half of all incidents (20) were tree stand use related.

The following firearms safety checklist, comprised of only four items, is covered in all hunter education courses and easily can be remembered with the acronym ACTT:

A: Always treat every firearm as if it were loaded.

C: Control the muzzle of the firearm at all times.

T: Be certain of the Target and what is in front of it and beyond it.

T: Keep your finger outside of the Trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

For more information on firearms safety, visit https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/huntereducation or contact the Wildlife Resources Division Hunter Education office at 706-557-3355.

HEALTH NEWS

GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Reaching for fitness among middle school girls

ANDY MILLER, Editor and CEO Georgia Health News

In the fifth grade, 51 percent of girls in Georgia have healthy aerobic ability. By the 12th grade, the number plummets to 31 percent.

What's causing this drop? And what can be done about it?

A group of nonprofits, led by the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation, have decided to focus on the issue — and on middle school girls' fitness.

The foundation has awarded $4.1 million to Norcross-based HealthMPowers to develop a program to improve fitness of these middle-schoolers.

The GEM (Girls Empowering Movement) program – named by girls involved in the effort – is based on identifying obstacles to their fitness and creating solutions. GEM is taking its cues and ideas from girls themselves.

Public Health data show that just 41 percent of eighth-grade girls in Georgia reach the healthy fitness zone on heart health, compared to 57 percent of eighth-grade boys. This gap surfaces in middle school, once physical education classes are no longer mandatory. Of the 80,000 middle school students in Georgia who opted out of P.E. classes, 70 percent were girls.

Georgia ranks toward the bottom of states in offering sports opportunities for girls, says Abby Lutzenkirchen of the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation. "This is an area we really need to fix in Georgia.''

Eventually hundreds of girls will be trained as volunteers to reach middle schools across the state.

Lutzenkirchen says she doesn't know of a comparable program in other states.

A student who leads

Kennedi Ward, a Henry County eighth-grader, has been selected as one of the program leaders.

She plays basketball, enjoys walking and is generally physically active. Her role model is former first lady Michelle Obama, who launched the Let's Move! campaign to reduce child obesity and to urge kids to be more physically active.

"I felt as if this is what I needed to do for girls my age and younger than me,'' says Kennedi, 13.

Under adult supervision, the girl leaders of GEM are training as well as planning for the June 2021 launch of the fitness initiative. "We came up with all the ideas,'' Kennedi says. "This is us.''

The next step, she says, "is to really get girls involved.''

Opportunities and attitudes

GEM began by analyzing barriers to girls becoming physically active.

They include:

** Heat, sweat and general discomfort making physical activity uncomfortable.

** Girls feeling pressure to look pretty, not sweaty.

** Lack of proper exercise gear, and transportation and cost constraints.

**Balancing family responsibility and schoolwork, leaving limited time for exercise.

Christi Kay, the program director, says there are "lots of sports opportunities for boys and a lack of relevant opportunities for girls.''

The goal isn't necessarily targeting organized sports. In a pilot phase, a group of girls decided they wanted to play a ball game called Four Square to promote fitness.

In recreational sports, kids don't need to be stellar athletes, says Dr. Ashley Brouillette, a pediatric sports medicine physician at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. There's not as much opportunity for such activities as in the past, she adds.

Research has shown physical activity can improve cognitive and mental health, enhance self-esteem, and reduce levels of anxiety, stress and depression.

Besides HealthMPowers, other GEM partners include the Georgia Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, and the University of West Georgia.

"We know that the absence of daily physical education and daily recess throughout K-12 is a problem for all kids, curtailing physical fitness, and sometimes leading to annoying behaviors and subsequent disciplinary issues,'' says Polly McKinney of the advocacy group Voices for Georgia's Children.

"So when you look at girls in particular, who, by the way, are underrepresented in college and professional sports, and miss out on the advantages that come with all of that, it is terrific that the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation and HealthMPowers are creating a program like this, and doing so with the direction of youth."

Kennedi Ward looks forward to spreading the fitness message among her peers.

"Not a lot of girls know how important'' it is to stay fit, she says. "They're missing out a lot.'' Exercise not only will make girls healthier, she adds, but also will help them "have a better mental state.''

Andy Miller is the editor and CEO of Georgia Health News.

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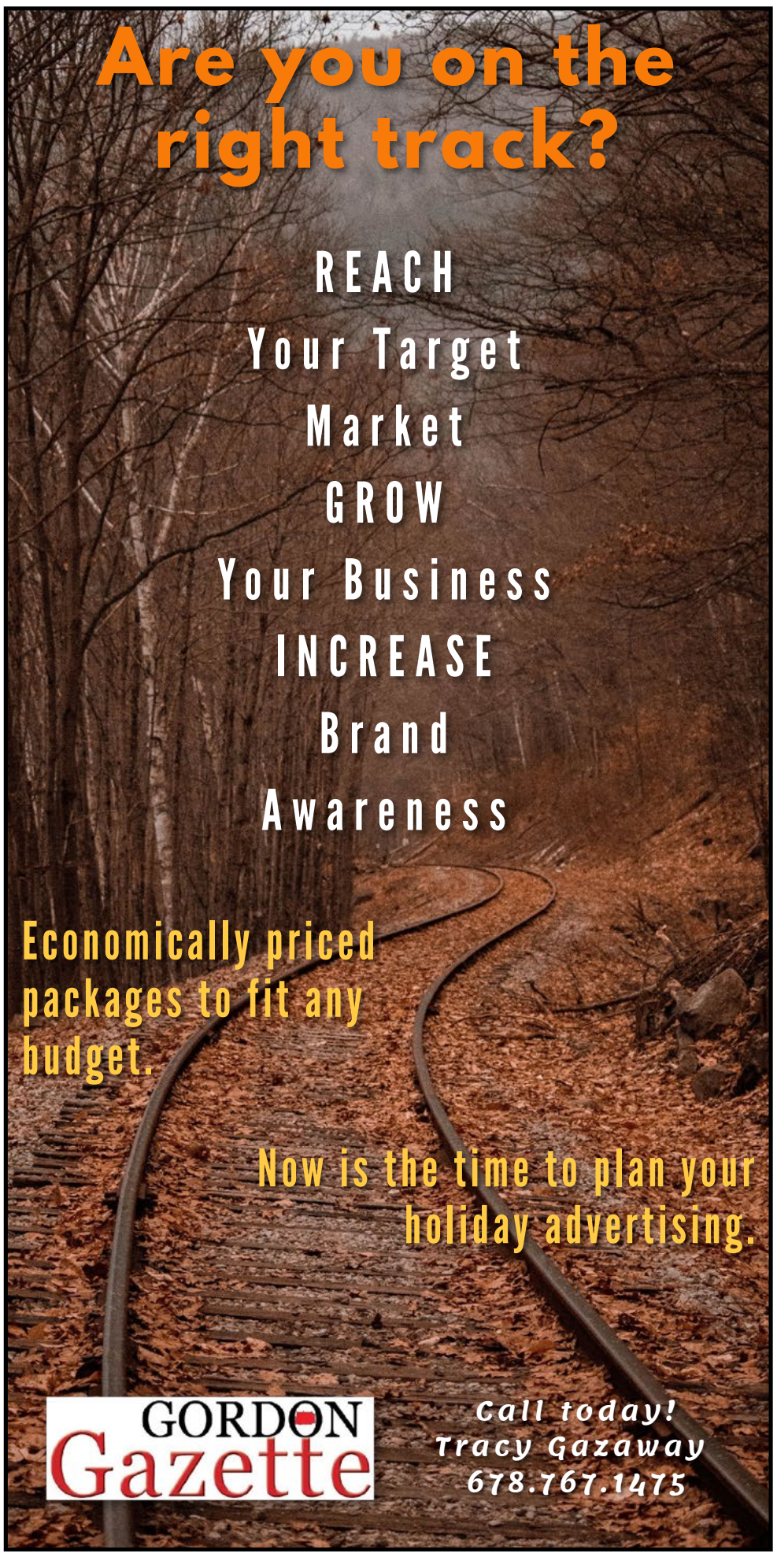

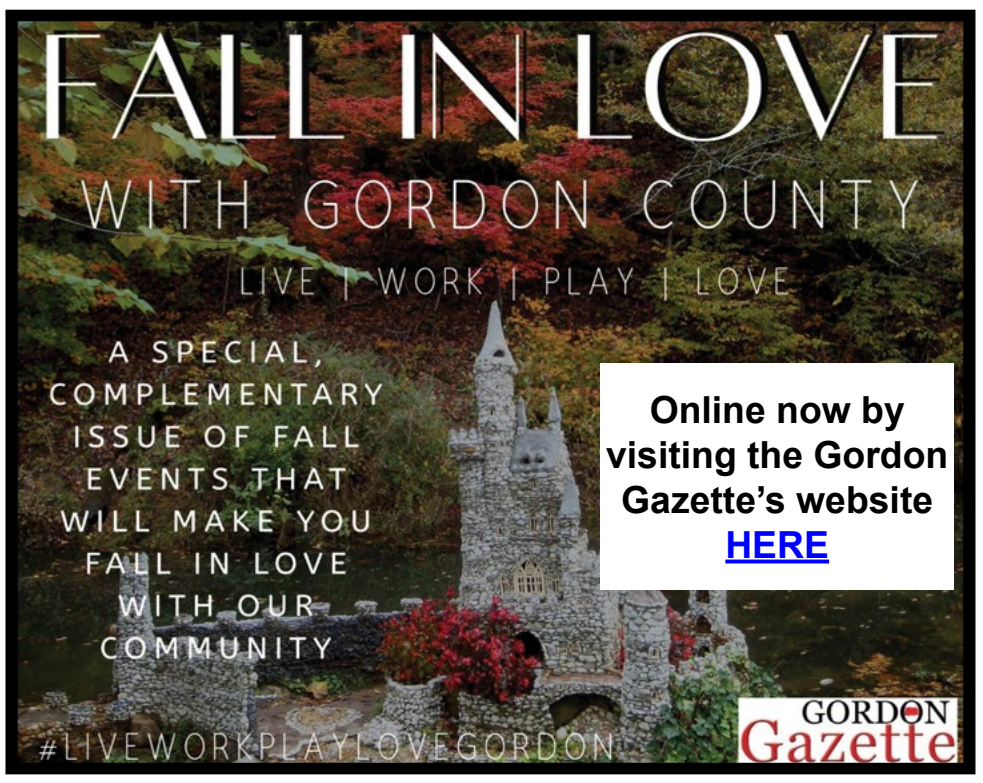

ELECTION
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is being consulted for further advice. All employees of the elections department have been wearing masks, social distancing, and regularly wiping down equipment. Early voting, which began on Monday, will continue in its current location. Gordon County is doing everything it can to protect its voters and staff. If anyone does not feel safe voting in person, we do offer alternatives such as a secure drop box outside the elections office."

As a reminder, early voting runs through Friday, Oct. 30; Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Election's Office, which is located in the Annex Office on Piedmont Street behind the Courthouse. There will also be a Saturday offering for early voting: Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Election's Office.

Shea Hicks, chairperson for the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office, also reminds those that requested a ballot by mail to turn their ballots in by Tuesday, Nov. 3.

"If you requested a ballot by mail, we would like to remind voters to get them turned back into our office by November 3," said Hicks. "We do have a drop box located at our office 101 S Piedmont Street; it comes through the window of the building."

Election day for this year's General Primary will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Precincts will be open that day from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Ballots for the election can be found on pages 11A -12A.

COUNTY
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our police department," said Worley. "We'll be able to have more of our divisions under the same roof; currently we have patrol in one building and detectives in another building. We want something that is advantageous to having more of our department under one roof."

The vehicle service building on the campus will be a 5,000 s.f. building that will have a maintenance shop, wash bay and indoor and outdoor kennel space for the K-9 Unit.

"That's a luxury we've never had before and it will be a nice addition," said Worley.

Included in the project is the Recreational Maintenance Facility, which is a 4,000 s.f. building.

"We're going to relocate the (rec) maintenance facility to this same parcel, and the current maintenance facility will be demoed to make room for an additional basketball court, which is definitely needed for our Recreation Department," said Worley.

The City has spent several years in the planning of the new police station. The discussions about the project began in 2016, when it was discovered that the current building that houses the police station downtown, which was built in 1928, has asbestos, lead paint and mold.

In other news from the meeting:

The Council approved an annexation and zoning request of PRD for 2.43 acres, at a location on Henderson Bend Road by William D. Edwards Revocable Living Trust.

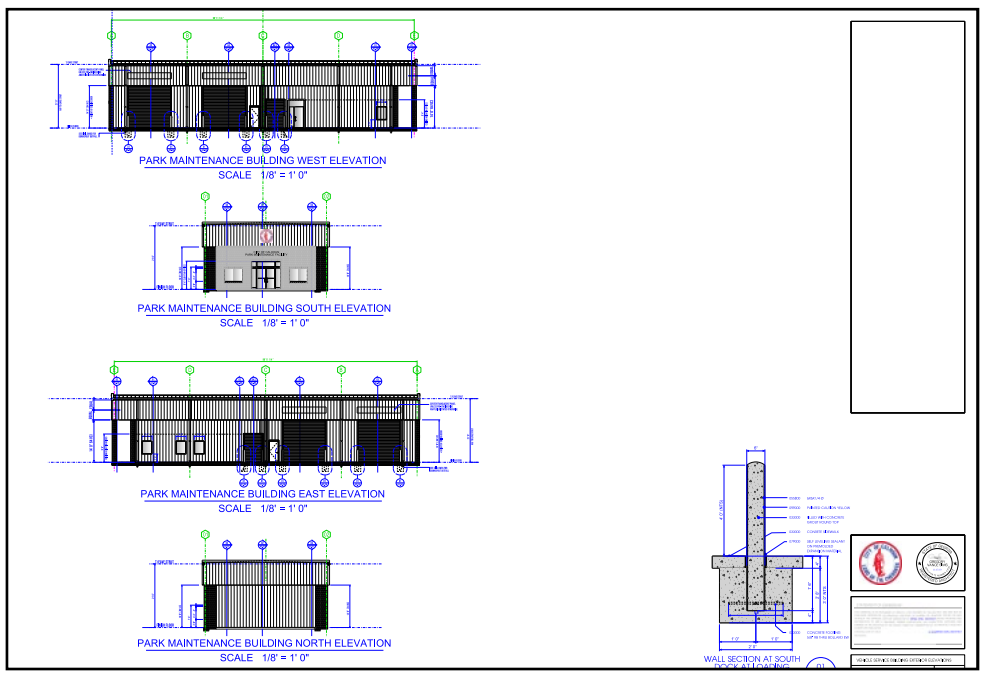
The Council approved an annexation and zoning request of R1-B for 0.37 acre, at a location of 108 Cherry Street, SW by Julia Moore.

The Council approved an annexation and zoning request of C-2 for a combined total of .70 acre, at a location of 125 and 127 Thomas Street by Johnathan Stone.

The Council approved a beer, wine and distilled spirits pouring application at a location of 235 W Line Street, by Guadalupe V Bejarano DBA: Lupitas Mexican Restaurant. The proposed store manager is Hector Holguin.

There was a first reading of a beer, wine, and distilled spirits package license at a location of 960 North Wall Street, by Dilip Patel (Calhoun Liquor). Patel will also serve as the store manager. A public hearing will be held on Nov. 9.

There was a first reading of a beer, wine, and distilled spirits package license at a location of 241 Highway 53 East, by Kamlesh Patel (ABC Liquor & Tobacco Outlet). Patel will also serve as the store manager. A public hearing will be held on Nov. 9.



A rendering of the Calhoun Recreation Parks Maintenance Building.

A first reading was held for a beer, wine, and distilled spirits pouring license at a location of 165 Outlet Center Drive, Suite 5, by Craig Johnson (Guacamoles). Johnson will also serve as the store manager. A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 9.

It was also announced that the City of Calhoun has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The individual award of Financial Reporting Achievement was awarded to City of Calhoun Director of Finance Andrea Bramlett.

The next meeting of the City Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 26, at the Depot in downtown Calhoun.

ADVENTHEALTH
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If you have experienced any of these symptoms, contact your physician immediately.

"Localized breast cancer is 98 percent curable when caught early," said Lanell Jacobs, director of oncology services at AdventHealth Gordon. "That is why it is so important for women to get their mammograms at the appropriate age. It is recommended that women begin getting mammograms at age 40 unless there is a family history of breast cancer."

Early detection can make a big difference in the approach and success of breast cancer treatment. Regularly scheduled mammograms can even save lives. The Edna Owens Breast Center at AdventHealth Gordon offers the latest 3D SmartCurve mammogram technology backed by a team of breast care experts who are compassionate and caring. The center serves the community as a one-stop, patient-focused center for the rapid diagnosis and comprehensive treatment of breast diseases.

The Edna Owens Breast Center also offers genetic testing to assess breast cancer risk in patients and help determine appropriate care for those already diagnosed with breast cancer. Genetic testing is the only way to determine if someone has a mutation, such as the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, that can increase the risk of developing breast cancer and other cancers. This allows the patient and their physician to take steps to manage those risks. To see if genetic testing is right for you, discuss your risk factors with your physician.

To schedule an appointment at the Edna Owens Breast Center, visit AdventHealthGordon.com/mammo or call 706-879-4741.

About AdventHealth Gordon

Founded in 1935, AdventHealth Gordon is proud to be a member of AdventHealth. With a sacred mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, AdventHealth is a connected system of care for every stage of life and health. More than 80,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers in physician practices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care. A shared vision, common values, focus on whole-person health and commitment to making communities healthier unify the system's nearly 50 hospital campuses and hundreds of care sites in diverse markets throughout almost a dozen states. For more information about AdventHealth, visit AdventHealth.com or Facebook.com/AdventHealth.

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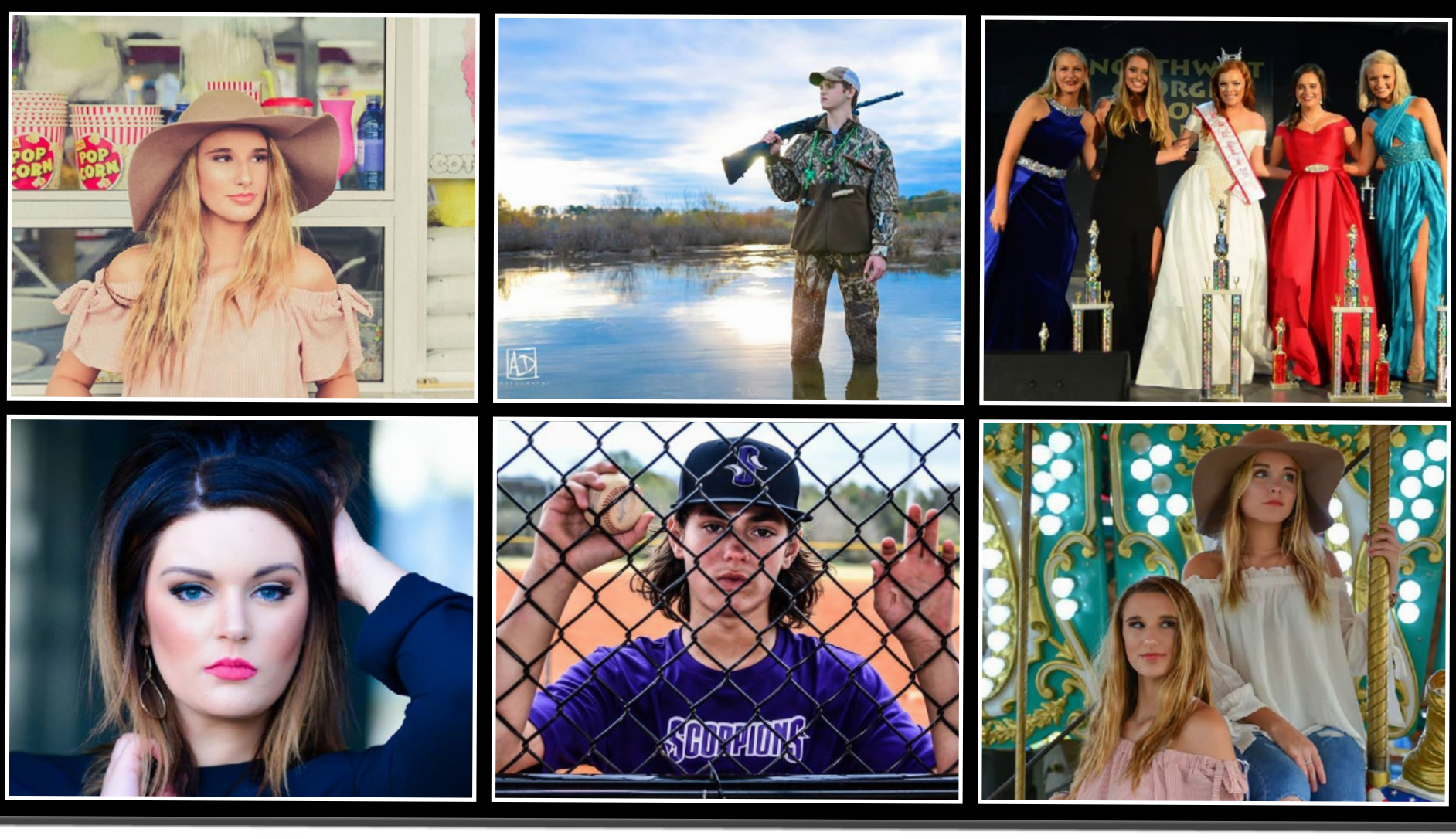

STATE NEWS

Georgia's First Lady, CJCC Launch Statewide Human Trafficking Hotline

OFFICE OF GEORGIA GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP

First Lady Marty Kemp recently joined the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's (CJCC) Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking to announce the creation of a statewide anti-trafficking hotline at 1-866-ENDHTGA.

"The launch of this hotline is great news for our state," said First Lady Marty Kemp. "It's going to allow all Georgians to play a critical role in advocating for those who are at risk and those who have been sexually exploited, increasing our capacity to address human trafficking in every community across the state."

This statewide hotline is a one-stop-shop to answer questions, receive timely assistance, and provide information to law enforcement, if there is suspicion of sexual or labor exploitation of minors or adults. Its launch coincides with the launch of a website for the Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking to provide useful tools and information on Georgia's response, improving collaboration across the state.

Any Georgian with information or suspicions of human trafficking should call the statewide hotline at 1-866-ENDHTGA. Trained law enforcement agents, advocates, and first responders are available 24/7 to answer calls.

"Georgia continues to lead in the fight against human trafficking," said Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Executive Director Jay Neal. "We must help Georgia's most vulnerable – and this hotline provides every Georgian the ability to participate, ensuring access to needed services for any victim of trafficking. Coupled with the work of the Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking, this initiative will save lives."

CJCC is able to fund this effort through awards received from the Bureau of Justice Associate (BJA) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). BJA awarded CJCC $800,000 for the Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking to provide leadership, direction, and best practices in the response to all forms of human trafficking in Georgia. OVC awarded CJCC $900,000 to support direct services to all human trafficking victims. In collaboration with the coalition, through this OVC award, Tapestri serves foreign national victims of human trafficking, Wellspring Living provides services to adult victims, and the Child Advocacy Centers of Georgia provide services to minor victims.

"This hotline will be a direct link for anyone seeking help or to make a report to be connected to the correct resource," said Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vic Reynolds. "The coalition is taking a holistic approach to combatting the plague of human trafficking, and the GBI is proud to be a partner in that fight."

About the Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking

The Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking, the state's first grant-funded, law enforcement-based task force comprised of federal, state, and local partners, is dedicated to addressing all forms of human trafficking: domestic minor sex trafficking, adult sex trafficking, and labor trafficking.

About the GRACE Commission

The Georgians for Refuge, Action, Compassion, and Education Commission (GRACE) was created to combat the threat of human trafficking in the State of Georgia. The GRACE Commission is comprised of public officials, law enforcement, for-profit and non-profit organizations, faith-based institutions, and subject matter experts to tackle human trafficking, seek justice for victims, and hold bad actors accountable.

CONSUMER ALERT: Carr Warns Consumers to Beware of Loan Scams

OFFICE OF GEORGIA ATTORNEY GENERAL CHRIS CAR

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received a number of complaints recently from consumers who have received a scam call informing them that they have been pre-approved for a loan – in some cases, for as much as $30,000. The scammer then says that in order to receive the loan, the consumer will first need to send approximately $500 to the business for "loan fees," typically via cashier's check, wire transfer or GreenDot MoneyPak. After sending the money, consumers may be told they need to pay an additional loan fee of approximately $900 before receiving the money. The consumers never receive the loan money and are unable to get refunded for the fees they paid.

"Many people are struggling financially right now, and scammers are all too happy to use this as an opportunity to exploit vulnerable consumers," cautioned Attorney General Carr. "The best protection for consumers is to learn how to spot a scam, and we're here to help."

Scam artists also try to lure victims through online ads that urge consumers with poor credit to call a toll-free number or go to a website that may look legitimate. Scammers may even provide consumers with a phony loan application and fake loan approval documents to add credibility to the scheme. Despite these tactics, consumers can easily avoid these scams by remembering that reputable lenders will not charge you an up-front fee for a loan. Legitimate lenders make their money via the interest you pay on the loan, not through fees. Even if a loan does come with a processing fee, the lender should deduct that fee from the loan amount or roll it into the total amount you will need to repay via monthly installments, rather than making you pay up-front.

The Consumer Protection Division offers the following tips to help you recognize and avoid a loan scam:

Never pay money up-front for a loan. This is a major red flag! Legitimate offers of credit do not require an up-front fee. Any fees are generally taken from the amount borrowed after the loan is approved.

Never wire money or pay with a prepaid card. Not only is this an indicator of a scam, but if you pay via one of these methods, it is nearly impossible to get your money back if the lender turns out to be a fraudster.

Don't fall for promises that you'll get a loan regardless of your credit record. Legitimate lenders do not guarantee you will receive a loan until they have first checked your credit history, especially if you have poor credit or haven't established a credit record yet.

Research the company carefully. Make sure the company has a legitimate street address and phone number by verifying it with directory assistance. Avoid companies who use a post office box as their corporate address or who can only be reached by leaving a message on an answering machine or with a call-center operator. Check out the company with the Better Business Bureau to see its rating and whether there have been complaints lodged against it.

Don't make payment to an individual instead of a company. A legitimate lender should never ask you to do this.

Consumers can report suspected loan scams to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov or 1-877-382-4357 or to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at consumer.ga.gov or 404-651-8600. If you were responding to an advertisement for a loan, you should also report it to the publication or media outlet where you saw the ad so that they can remove it.

2020 General Election Sample Ballot - Page 1

GORDON COUNTY
110-Sugar Valley

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT

OFFICIAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS:

To Vote	Warning
1. Use black or blue ink to mark the ballot **2.** Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote **3.** If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided	Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot

If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:

A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "**Spoiled**" across **the ballot and across the return envelope**
B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you

If you decide to vote in-person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

For President of the United States
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **Donald J. Trump** - President, **Michael R. Pence** - Vice President, **(Incumbent)** Republican
- ◯ **Joseph R. Biden** - President, **Kamala D. Harris** - Vice President, Democrat
- ◯ **Jo Jorgensen** - President, **Jeremy "Spike" Cohen** - Vice President, Libertarian
- ◯ Write-in

For United States Senate
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **David A. Perdue** **(Incumbent)** Republican
- ◯ **Jon Ossoff** Democrat
- ◯ **Shane Hazel** Libertarian
- ◯ Write-in

SPECIAL ELECTION

For United States Senate
(To Fill the Unexpired Term of Johnny Isakson, Resigned)
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **Al Bartell** Independent
- ◯ **Allen Buckley** Independent
- ◯ **Doug Collins** Republican
- ◯ **John Fortuin** Green
- ◯ **Derrick E. Grayson** Republican
- ◯ **Michael Todd Greene** Independent
- ◯ **Annette Davis Jackson** Republican
- ◯ **Deborah Jackson** Democrat
- ◯ **Jamesia James** Democrat
- ◯ **A. Wayne Johnson** Republican
- ◯ **Tamara Johnson-Shealey** Democrat
- ◯ **Matt Lieberman** Democrat
- ◯ **Kelly Loeffler** **(Incumbent)** Republican
- ◯ **Joy Felicia Slade** Democrat
- ◯ **Brian Slowinski** Libertarian
- ◯ **Valencia Stovall** Independent
- ◯ **Ed Tarver** Democrat
- ◯ **Kandiss Taylor** Republican
- ◯ **Raphael Warnock** Democrat
- ◯ **Richard Dien Winfield** Democrat
- ◯ Write-in

For Public Service Commissioner
(To Succeed Jason Shaw)
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **Jason Shaw** **(Incumbent)** Republican
- ◯ **Robert G. Bryant** Democrat
- ◯ **Elizabeth Melton** Libertarian
- ◯ Write-in

For Public Service Commissioner
(To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.)
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.** **(Incumbent)** Republican
- ◯ **Daniel Blackman** Democrat
- ◯ **Nathan Wilson** Libertarian
- ◯ Write-in

For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 14th Congressional District of Georgia
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **Marjorie Taylor Greene** Republican
- ◯ **Kevin Van Ausdal** Democrat
- ◯ Write-in

For State Senator From 52nd District
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **Chuck Hufstetler** **(Incumbent)** Republican
- ◯ **Charles DeYoung** Democrat
- ◯ Write-in

For State Representative In the General Assembly From 5th District
(Vote for One)

- ◯ **Matt Barton** **(Incumbent)** Republican
- ◯ Write-in

Support Groups

-United Hospice is seeking volunteers who can help others through companionship, reading, sharing, and other small tasks. Give the gift of caring and enjoy the privilege of sharing in your local area. Call Dan Hogan at 706-602-9546 or 800-867-7976.

-Looking for a 12-step meeting for men and women? At "Road to Recovery," recognizing Jesus Christ as our higher power, they take the 12 steps and compare how they are taken from scripture and how to apply them to our lives to experience true freedom from the bondages of addiction. The meetings are free and open to the public at World Harvest Church locations in Cherokee and Gordon counties. For more information, call 706-602-1919. The Calhoun church is located at 2335 Red Bud Road. The meetings here are every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

-A 12-step-meeting for Overeaters Anonymous is held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 901 W. Emory St, Dalton on Thursdays at 6 p.m. Call Nan at 706-695-9008 or Stephanie at 706-847-8125 for more information.

-Caring for a loved one who is suffering from late-stage cancer is certainly one of life's hardest experiences. But you do not have to go through this alone. The Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital provides a place for you to meet each month with others who understand what you are going through during this difficult time. Strength for Caring, a support group for caregivers of patients with advanced stages of cancer meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at the Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital, 1035 Red Bud Road. For more information, please call 706-879-5853.

-Dealing with a cancer diagnosis is difficult for everyone involved – the patient and their loved ones. But you are not alone. The Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital, 1035 Red Bud Road, hosts a Support Group for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers on the third Wednesday of each month from noon until 1 p.m. Lunch is served. For more information and to RSVP, please call 706-879-5853. We offer a hand to hold and an ear to listen as you go through this difficult time.

2020 General Election Sample Ballot - Page 2

For District Attorney of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit
(Vote for One)

- Rosemary M. Greene (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For Clerk of Superior Court
(Vote for One)

- Grant Walraven (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For Sheriff
(Vote for One)

- Mitch Ralston (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For Tax Commissioner
(Vote for One)

- Scott Clements (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For Coroner
(Vote for One)

- James Carver (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For Chief Magistrate
(Vote for One)

- Pat Rasbury (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For County Commissioner District 1
(Vote for One)

- M. L. Bud Owens (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For County Commissioner District 3
(Vote for One)

- R. Bruce Potts, Jr. Republican
- Write-in

For County Commissioner District 5
(Vote for One)

- Kevin L. Cunningham (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For County Board of Education Post 2
(Vote for One)

- Jason Hendrix (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For County Board of Education Post 4
(Vote for One)

- Bobby E. Hall (Incumbent) Republican
- Write-in

For County Board of Education Post 6
(Vote for One)

- Christie Owens Fox Republican
- Write-in

For Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor
(Vote for One)

- Write-in

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- 1 -

Authorizes dedication of fees and taxes to their intended purposes by general state law.

House Resolution 164
Act No. 597

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were intended?"

- YES
- NO

- 2 -

Waives state and local sovereign immunity for violation of state laws, state and federal constitutions.

House Resolution 1023
Act No. 596

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to waive sovereign immunity and allow the people of Georgia to petition the superior court for relief from governmental acts done outside the scope of lawful authority or which violate the laws of this state, the Constitution of Georgia, or the Constitution of the United States?"

- YES
- NO

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM

- A -

Establishes a tax exemption for certain real property owned by charities.

House Bill 344
Act No. 149

"Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes for all real property owned by a purely public charity, if such charity is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and such real property is held exclusively for the purpose of building or repairing single-family homes to be financed by such charity to individuals using loans that shall not bear interest?"

- YES
- NO

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Law & Order

CPD arrests brothers on Terroristic Threats, other charges after they threatened officers lives

STAFF REPORTS

Officers with the Calhoun Police Department faced threats on their lives and the lives of their families from two intoxicated brothers who insisted they were part of the Mexican Cartel that the officers arrested Friday afternoon.

According to the incident report, around 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, an officer was dispatched to Mauldin Road at Northview Drive for a call about an intoxicated Hispanic male, jumping in front of vehicles. When the officer arrived, she noticed a Hispanic male, identified as Rolando Guzman-Cruz, 30, of 689 Mauldin Road in Calhoun, standing in the roadway and a vehicle had to stop in the road to keep from hitting him. When the officer pulled up to Rolando, he grabbed a beer can from the road and walked away from the officer. The officer noted in the report that Rolando was unsteady on his feet and was swaying back and forth. The officer asked him to stop, and he refused, continuing to walk towards a house. The officer continued to tell him to stop and he told her to get off his property. The officer notes that Rolando also had slurred speech. As the officer began following Rolando, she noticed another man, identified as Miguel Guzman-Cruz, 27, of the same address, laying on the ramp that led to the front porch of the house; Miguel was unresponsive and the officer could not tell if he was breathing. The officer then requested back-up to the location, and she continued telling Rolando to "stop" or she would taze him. Rolando continued to the front door and the officer turned on her tazer and pulled the trigger, but the cartridge malfunctioned and did not discharge. Rolando got just inside the house and attempted to shut the door on the officer, but she pushed her way inside and grabbed the man by the arm. While she was trying to gain control of Rolando, he fell to the ground, and she was able to cuff him. The officer notes that she could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from Rolando's person; his speech was slurred and he had blood-shot eyes.

Another officer arrived on scene and began yelling at Miguel (still outside) to put his hands behind his back. When the first officer went back to the front porch to help, she could see the officer had one of Miguel's arms but Miguel was holding onto the porch rail and refused to let go. The officer was able to use his body weight to pull Miguel's hand from the rail and they both fell to the ground. The first officer grabbed Miguel's head and shoulders while the second officer placed him in handcuffs. The first officer noted she could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from Miguel, who also had slurred speech and blood-shot eyes.

Rolando and Miguel Guzman-Cruz were both placed under arrest and transported to Gordon County Jail in separate patrol cars. While in route to the jail, Rolando began making threats to the officer about killing her and her family. He told the officer the "Cartel is coming after you, after what you did to me and my brother. So Enjoy it. Ok, because they are coming to you and your f****** (expletive) family and they will kill all of you. Don't f***(expletive) with the f****** (expletive) Mexican Cartel. Ok, b**** (expletive). Smile all you want, ok. At the end of the day, we will be smiling. Trust me. You will be smiling. That's all I got to f****** (expletive) say. I hope you're happy, the lie you give to your f****** (expletive) family, being a f****** (expletive) cop. But your f****** (expletive) story is going to end up sorry. So much. When your mom wakes up and your f****** (expletive) head is going to be on the f****** (expletive) front porch. Like I said, don't f*** (expletive) with the f****** Mexican Cartel."

The officer noted that he continued, "You are a dead son of a b**** (expletive). You are a f****** (expletive) dead b**** (expletive). When I get there, I'm going to make my call and your and tomorrow and the next day, your and your f****** (expletive) family and your kids and your wife and your husband, you are f****** (expletive) dead. Don't f*** (expletive) with the Mexican Cartel. Look at me, b**** (expletive). You are f****** (expletive) dead. You will

From left: Rolando Guzman-Cruz and his brother, Miguel Guzman-Cruz. (GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

be f****** (expletive) dead tomorrow and your f****** (expletive) kids. I just have to make a f****** (expletive) call, that's it."

The officer notes that Rolando continued to spit on the cage as she was taking him to the jail. She advised the jail of his conduct prior to their arrival.

The officer was advised by the second officer that while transporting Miguel to jail, he also made threats to his family's lives, with Miguel telling the officer he was part of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion). Miguel told the officer "Somebody better call your f****** (expletive) mother right now, because you already know don't you?" Miguel referred to the officer as a "puto" several times, then told the officer, "Wait until we run into each other sooner or later, you'll see."

All of Rolando's threats are on camera, both audio and video, in the patrol car.

Rolando Guzman-Cruz is charged with Obstruction or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Pedestrian Under the Influence, Probation Violation – O/C Habitual Violator DUI;l Terroristic Threats and Acts. Miguel Guzman-Cruz is charged with Obstruction or Hindering Law Enforcement Officesr and Terroristic Threats and Acts.

CPD arrest man on counts of Assault on LEO, Criminal Damage to property after altercation at hotel

STAFF REPORTS

Calhoun Police responded to a complaint of a physical altercation in the parking lot of a local hotel on Saturday, which resulted in a man being arrested not only for the fight, but for assaulting police officers as well.

According to the incident report, around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, officers with the Calhoun Police Department responded to Room 108 of the Royal Inn, located at 510 Hwy. 53 E, in response to a physical fight in the parking lot. Upon arrival, one of the officers noticed a broken window and glass on the ground in front of Room 108. A subject was inside the room, screaming, and there were several subjects outside the room. An officer questioned those outside and asked them where the suspect was, and they stated it was the person inside the room.

The officer opened the door to Room 108 and the suspect, identified as Tyler Crowder, 19, of 1033 Lear Drive, of Locust Grove, Ga., picked up a bag and threw it at the officer. Crowder then picked up the bag and threw it at another officer, hitting him in the foot. The report says that Crowder then closed the door, re-opened the door and threw a large piece of glass at the officers and closed the door again. An officer deployed his Phazzer but it failed to make a good connection; the suspect hit the window with his hand which threw large pieces of broken glass at the officer. The officer returned to his patrol car to get another Phazzer cartridge, but the suspect closed and locked the door to the hotel room.

The officer returned and attempted to open the hotel room door by kicking it in; Crowder went toward the door and the officer redeployed his Phazzer, making a good connection. When the officer attempted to open the door again, Crowder removed one of the Phazzer probes and attempted to throw it at the officer, so the officer deployed the Phazzer again. Crowder stopped resisting the officer, instead fleeing to the back corner of the room. The officer reached through the broken window and unlocked the door, making entry with other officers and placing Crowder in handcuffs.

The officer then attempted to calm Crowder down, telling him that nobody wanted to hurt him. As Crowder calmed down, EMS was called due to suspected injuries and Crowder seeming to be in a mental health crisis.

The officer then spoke with the complainant on scene, who said she was trying to calm Crowder down when he hit her in the face three times, threw a book bag at her, kicked her in the stomach then threw her on the bed. She said that Crowder then hit her stepdaughter in the head with his fist. She advised the officer that they all went outside the room, and that was when Crowder broke the window. The complainant's husband said that Crowder hit him in the stomach as well.

Crowder was transported to AdventHealth Gordon, where he was placed on a hold by the doctor.

The manager of the Royal Inn estimated the damage to be $1,000.

Crowder has been arrested and charged with two counts felony

Tyler Crowder (GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, three counts of simple battery FVA and a felony count of Criminal Damage to Property. He remains in Gordon County Jail at press time.

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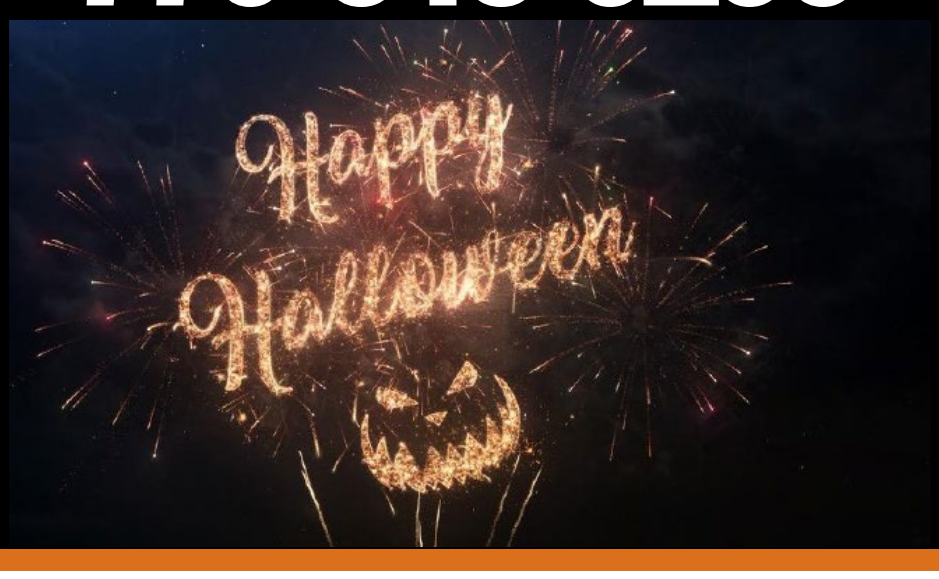

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