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Commissioners approve contractor for new health department, pave way for proposed fueling station

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The Gordon County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday night and approved a couple of business items that will have significant impacts for Gordon County.

The Board approved a resolution adopting an exchange of land and an agreement of exchange of real property for Buc-ee's, LLC, on Union Grove Road.

"We have a resolution adopting an exchange of land and an agreement of exchange of real property," said County Administrator Jim Ledbetter. "This is in connection with a potential development on Union Grove Road at Johnson Lake by a major travel center. This is something that's been discussed a couple of different times in the negotiation process. There's a resolution, that covers the land at Union Grove and I-75 basically, that pertains to Johnson Lake Road. Johnson Lake Road currently bisects the property in an "S" turn. This would involve moving Johnson Lake Road to the east so it doesn't bisect the property as badly. It'll still be two tracts; it's basically realignment in

exchange for property. The good thing about this, is if the deals work out and if the property is acquired by the developer, it will result in signalization at the intersection of Johnson Lake Road, Union Grove Road and Belwood Road, which is something the community has been asking for, for a good while. It will be subject to DOT approval."

"This company, if it comes, will dramatically enhance our ad valorem tax base," said Ledbetter. "It's probably about a \$40 million dollar investment or more. It will generate a great deal of sales tax revenue. I've seen hypothetical projects of \$25 million per year in sales tax revenue."

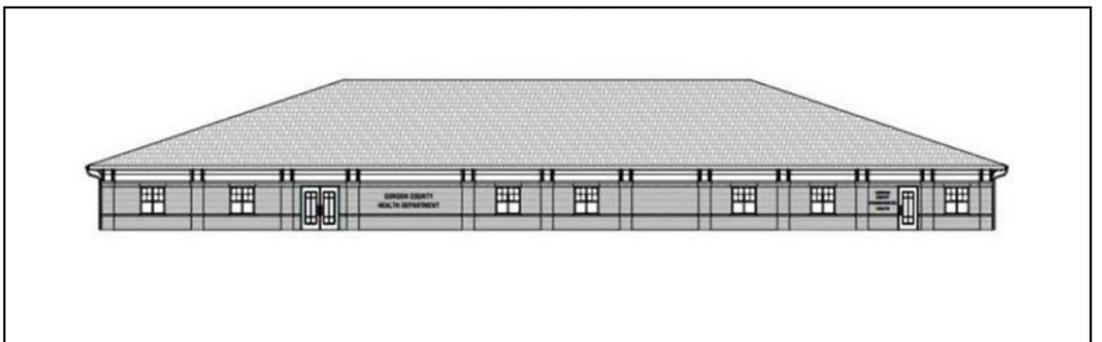
"The exchange is a like-kind, like-value property," said Ledbetter. "The portion that the county is exchanging is worth \$100,000 less, according to the appraisal, so it's a fair exchange; you can say we're coming out \$100,000 to the good on it. I think this is in the public interest. It's being made under OCGA 32-3-3 as an exchange of right-of-way properties."

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ABOVE: The land at Union Grove Road and Johnson Lake Road which was approved in an exchange of land at Tuesday night's Board of Commissioners meeting for a proposed Buc-ee's, a travel center which would include 100 fueling positions. BELOW: The rendering of the new Gordon County Health Department; the Board approved contractor Pro Construction of Georgia, who has 240 days from today to complete the project, including demolition of the old Health Department.



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Early voting begins for Municipal General Election

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According to Shea Hicks, chairperson of the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office, only 96 voters have cast their votes early in this year's Municipal General Election as of Tuesday evening. Early voting began Monday and runs through Friday, Nov. 1.

Of those 96 voters, 92 are specifically for the City of Calhoun, with the Town of Resaca and City of Fairmount each receiving two early votes. No one has showed up early to vote in the City of Plainville election as of press time.

The City of Calhoun, Town of Resaca, City

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Calhoun man facing felony assault charges after firing gun in ground early Monday

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Calhoun police on Tuesday formally charged Brian Raymond Spielman, age 36, of Riverbend Road, Calhoun, with three counts of Aggravated Assault and one count of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon in a shooting incident early Monday morning

on Riverview Drive that left three injured.

According to the incident report, the incident occurred at 168 Riverview Drive, Apt. 8, shortly after 1 a.m. Monday morning, Oct. 14. Officers arrived on scene and initially detained two male subjects. The officers began tending to three

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GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Brian Spielman

NOT YOUR ORDINARY HAUNTED HOUSE

Annual House of Addictions provides real life look into the real dangers of risky behavior and consequences of drug, alcohol and other addictions

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The annual House of Addictions, a haunted house with a message, will be held over two weekends this year: on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 - 26 and Nov. 1 - 2, from 7 - 10 p.m. each night at the Northwest Georgia Regional Fairgrounds, located on Liberty Road off of Highway 53 West/Rome Road in Calhoun.

Cost for the event is \$3 per ticket, which can be purchased in advance by visiting houseofaddictions.org.

According to organizers, House of Addictions provides a real-life look into the very real, very scary consequences of drug, alcohol and other addictions.

"The House of Addictions is a haunted house-like attraction that illustrates the consequences of alcohol and other drugs," said a volunteer. "It offers a look into the world of drug culture and how it can often lead to a number of serious

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Second Front

Gordon County Chamber of Commerce presents October Booster Lunch on Oct. 25

Floyd Primary Care and Floyd Physical Therapy & Rehab to sponsor event

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Floyd Physical Therapy & Rehab and Floyd Primary Care will partner to sponsor the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce Booster Lunch on Friday, October 25 from 11:30am-1:00pm at Georgia Northwestern Technical College in Calhoun. Larken Logan, PT, DPT and Timothy Snodgrass, DO will be the keynote speakers. Their topic subjects will include current trends in physical therapy, the importance of primary care and effective diabetes management.

"The Gordon County Chamber of Commerce looks forward to all the booster events, which are among our legacy programs, and is very happy to have two Floyd entities sponsoring our October event," said Kathy Johnson, President & CEO of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce. "Health care is a critically important topic in the business community, and we are looking forward to the presentations."

Logan obtained her doctorate degree in physical therapy from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga,

with internships at Hamilton Medical Center, Floyd Medical Center and Gordon Hospital. She is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopedic Physical Therapy. In addition to her doctorate degree this highly sought-after certification in orthopedics allows her to provide the most current and technically advanced treatment for conditions including total joint replacement, rotator cuff repair and osteoarthritis. She holds additional certification in treating patients with Parkinson's disease and has performed additional post-graduate work in the treatment of the shoulder and lumbar spine. Her treatments include assisting patients with back and neck pain, fall risk assessment, athletic injuries or sports medicine needs, total joint rehabilitation, shoulder pain, stroke rehabilitation, vestibular disorders, and dry needling.

Dr. Snodgrass received his undergraduate degree from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at A.T. Still University in Kirksville,

Missouri. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1987 to 1990 and did an internship at the Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Fla. He performed his residency in Family Medicine at The Medical Center in Columbus, Ga. Before coming to Rome, he worked in Florida. He is Certified in Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Practice.

During her comments, Logan will discuss several new topics trending in the field of physical therapy, including prehab (physical therapy received prior to surgery), dry needling and kinesio taping. Dry needling is similar to acupuncture; the needle contains no medicine but can provide pain relief by triggering chemical reactions in muscle tissues as well as promoting muscle relaxation. Kinesio taping involves the application of special, flexible tape (as seen on Olympic athletes) that gives pain relief, reduction of swelling and facilitates more normal movement. She also will talk about therapy for patients suffering from Parkinson's Disease, including the Lee Silverman Voice Treatment BIG program that can increase



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Larkin Logan, PT, DPT, left, and Timothy Snodgrass, DO.

motor involvement and amplitude of movement.

Dr. Snodgrass will focus on the importance of primary care and effective management of Type II Diabetes. He believes that communication is crucial to effective health care and essential to understanding patients' challenges and goals. Having grown up in a medical environment, taking care of others came naturally to him and became his career goal from a very early age. Dr. Snodgrass' presentation on Diabetes includes basic

information for management of the diseases and the impact that diet and exercise have on managing the condition.

The October 25 Booster Lunch is free to Chamber members and their guests, but registration is required and may be accomplished online at www.gordoncountychamber.com/events. The mission of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce is to connect members and the community to promote economic growth.

County issues four tickets, one warning for illegal burning during extended burn ban period

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from Oct. 6 - 12.

Last week, Gordon County issued four tickets and one warning to citizens who were illegally burning during the extended burn ban, which began on Tuesday, Oct. 1 and will run indefinitely until drought conditions improve.

Gordon County Fire & Rescue responded to 11 illegal burns that resulted in brush fires

On Oct. 10, Gordon County Fire & Rescue responded to a trash-rubbish fire at Kirk Auto Parts at 1713 Highway 411 NE in Fairmount. According to the incident report, the fire appeared to be out of control close to the small engine repair shop. Upon fire personnel arrival, there was about half an acre burning. The report specifically states it was an illegal burn,

with tires, cans, trash and even the front of one vehicle burning.

Fire personnel quickly got the fire under control, giving additional water to make sure hot spots were completely extinguished.

Firefighters walked to the front of the property and approached a car that was in the front of the property with two subjects in it, who quickly left the

scene, heading north on Highway 411. Fairmount Police then arrived on scene and contacted the property owner, who told authorities she was unaware of the fire or how it got started. Authorities asked the woman who was in the car that sped off; she advised the subjects live in Fairmount.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation and the incident was turned over

to the Gordon County ordinance officer.

Gordon County remains under a burn ban until further notice due to extremely dry conditions. The burn ban includes all types of outdoor fires and a ban on lighting any fireworks in all unincorporated areas of Gordon County, Georgia. The only exception is a small cooking fire that is carefully contained within an outdoor grill.

Violation of this local

burn ban could result in a \$1,000 fine and up to six months in jail. In addition, the violator could be held responsible for any damages resulting from an out of control fire. Gordon County also reminds the public that it is always illegal to burn household trash, furniture, cardboard, rubber, carpet, pallets and other similar materials.

Tallatoona CAP, Inc. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Gordon County begins Nov. 1

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At 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, Tallatoona CAP will begin accepting appointments for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Senior Households 65 & older and Homebound Households. Appointments for the general public will be accepted beginning Monday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m. Appointments are provided on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted.

Gordon County residents who qualify will receive either \$350 or \$400 toward their heating bill (heating source).

To schedule an appointment, visit www.tallatoonacap.org and click BookNow, or call 770-773-7730.

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Hamilton Medical Center to offer Take it to Heart program

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Hamilton Medical Center (HMC) will offer its next Take it to Heart Program on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 at scheduled times. The program includes a free cardiac risk assessment and information to help you prevent future heart problems.

"By knowing your risk, you can take steps to avoid heart disease," said Ji Hyun Lee, MD, cardiologist.

Take it to Heart is a two-part program. The first part consists of an educational seminar in the Brown Auditorium at HMC, presented by Lee. Her presentation includes education on causes, risk and genetic factors, diet, exercise, symptoms, treatments and medications.

The second part, held at Hamilton Diagnostics Center, is a cardiac risk assessment including blood pressure, calcium scoring, lab work (total cholesterol and HDL), height, weight and a series of questions.

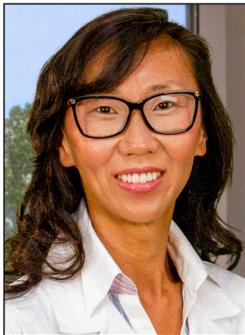
This program is free and open to anyone who has not participated in Take it to Heart in the last five years, is not currently being treated by a cardiologist, has not had stents put in, and has at least two of the following risk factors: Family history of heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, history of smoking and being overweight.

A physician's order for the cardiac scoring is required. Please have your physician send the order

to Hamilton Diagnostics Center on or before Oct. 29 in order to receive a free CT scan. If you do not have a primary care provider, please call 706-272-6114. Fasting for assessment is required.

If you would like to attend this event and need assistance with interpretation services and/or auxiliary aids, please indicate when registering.

To register or for more information, call 706-272-6114. Space is limited.



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Dr. Ji Hyun Lee

Increased risk for heart disease

- Family history of heart disease
- Smoking
- High blood cholesterol
- High blood pressure
- Physical inactivity
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Poor response to stress
- Drinking too much alcohol

Obituaries

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Robert Albritton

Robert Spencer Albritton, age 86, of Calhoun, passed away Saturday, Oct. 12 in Quinton Memorial.

Robert was born April 23, 1933 in Cleveland, Tenn. son of the late Hibbard Spencer Albritton and Minnie Brown Albritton. He studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Tennessee.

Robert loved planes, boats, motorcycles, cars and was an avid pilot. Bob loved spending time with his friends at the Calhoun Airport.

Survivors include three sons, Dwight Albritton and his wife Regina, David Albritton and Daniel Albritton all of Calhoun; one daughter, Laura Thielen and her husband Mike of Orlando; one sister, Frances Wyatt of Knoxville. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Burial will be conducted on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens located at 1700 Ocoee Street, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311.

Celebration of Life will be conducted at Tom B. David Airport in Calhoun Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Thomas Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements for Robert Albritton.



Larry Bess

Larry Eugene Bess, age 74, of Chatsworth, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019 at Emory University Hospital.

Larry was born on Sept. 7, 1945 in Atmont, Tenn. to the late Herber Earl Bess and Ester Lee Bowlin Bess. Prior to retirement, Larry was employed by Batesville Casket Company for 26 years as a truck driver. He was a member of A Place to Worship.

Larry is survived by: his son, Russell Bess of Christiana, Tenn.; daughter, Missy Lance and her husband Randall of Viola, Tenn.; fiancé, Josephine Cook; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

The family received friends on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 2 - 4 p.m. at A Place to Worship in Chatsworth. Graveside Services were held on Monday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. CST in Mount Zion Cemetery in Viola, Tenn.

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

Thomas Funeral Home oversees the arrangements for Larry Eugene Bess.



Mildred Hand

Mildred Blankenship Hand, 71, of Resaca, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2019 at her home, following a sudden illness.

She was born in Dalton on Jan. 30, 1948, daughter of the late Tom and Jessie Junkins Blankenship. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Blankenship, and a brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Virginia Blankenship.

Mildred was retired from the textile industry after 30 plus years with Astro Dye, and Mohawk. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Lorrie and Max Oliver; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Sara Blankenship, Diane Blankenship, and Ruth Blankenship; her sisters and brother-in-law, Helen and Wally Stabenow, and Pearl Scott; grandchildren, Josh Oliver, Katie Shelby, Drew Oliver, and T.J. Oliver; and great-grandchildren Tristen Hunter, Bailey Blanchard-Oliver, Jaxon Oliver, Amelia Oliver, and Saddle Oliver. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Services to honor her life were held Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home, with Eldridge Silvers officiating. Burial followed in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers serving included Jackie Banks, Donnie Ray, Derek Blankenship, Michael Scott, Mitchell Scott, and Jamie Scott. Honorary pallbearers were Josh Oliver, Drew Oliver, and T.J. Oliver.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Monday, Oct. 14 from 5 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to help with final expenses to the Mildred Hand Memorial Fund, c/o Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1027, Calhoun, GA 30703.

Condolences may be left and donations made to www.maxbrannonandsons.com. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home of Calhoun.



Burl Harper, Jr.

Burl W. Harper Jr., 71, of Calhoun, died Friday, Oct. 11, 2019 at his home following an extended illness. He was born in Charleston, W.V. on Nov. 16, 1947. He was preceded in death by his fur babies, PJ and Poo.

Mr. Harper retired in 2007 from Food Lion in Adairsville, where he was a store manager for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Stephanie Harper; his sons, Burl W. Harper III and his wife Daffodil, Chris Storie, and Kyle Martin and Jess Bolluyt; his daughters, Aimee Harper and Simon Monaghan, and Carrie Harper Lane; his parents, Dewey and Thelma Elmore Harper; his grandchildren, Payne Seiber, Raece Kear, Serena Storie, Ty Storie, A.J. Harper, and Psalmer Hermosa-Harper; a sister, Juanita Harper and her son Tony; his fur babies, Swayze, Harley James, and Baby Cakes; and a special neighbor, Calvin Caldwell.

Honoring his wishes, his body was cremated. Date and time for a Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home of Calhoun.



Jackie Lowery

Jackie Lee Lowery, age 59, of Calhoun, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019 at his residence after a three-month battle with cancer.

Jackie was born on Dec. 15, 1959 in Whitfield County to the late Jack Lowery and Mary Isabelle Allen Lowery. In addition to his parents, Jackie was also preceded in death by a brother, Haney Olszyk; sister, Claudette Lowery Aviles; brother-in-law, John Jefferson. He was a self-employed auto body repairman. Jackie loved horses, trout fishing, and most of all his grandchildren.

Jackie is survived by: his wife, Pam Thomas Lowery of Calhoun; daughter, Meagan Lowery Blalock and her husband Cody; two grandchildren, Jack and Kate Blalock; brother, Abrie Lowery and his wife Elizabeth; two sisters, Susan Lowery Hughes and her husband James, Pauline Lowery Jefferson; nieces and nephews, Jaelyn Dell, Dana Dyer, J.D. Wilson, Tamara Szabo, Zach Walden, Tyler Walden, Jamie Wilson, Eric Thomas, Lynn Hopper, Gail Miller, James Jefferson, and Allen Lowery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Friday, Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. from the Chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Reverend Luke Morgan and Reverend Terry Timms officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Cemetery with Reverend Alan Miller in charge of graveside rites.

Pallbearers serving are: Charles Broome, Shane Brookshire, Warren Pass, Baron Baker, Stephen Hughey, and Brian Davis.

Honorary Pallbearers are: Ty Frady, Dylan Bolt, Greg Weaver, Scott Payne, Brian Long, and Dennis Elmore.

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

Thomas Funeral Home oversees the arrangements for Jackie Lee Lowery.



Ann Tate

Ann Brock Tate, 64, of Calhoun, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019 at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Virginia Brock, and her daughter, Rachel Tate.

Ann was an active member of Echota Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Calvin Tate; her son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Krystal Tate; grandchildren, Austin and Breklyn; siblings, Rev. Barry Brock (Patricia), Vicky Rogers (Dewight), and Young Brock (Cheryl); sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Camilla and Michael Langston, Pam and Ronnie Clark, and Randy and Sandy Tate; and nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. from Echota Baptist Church, with Rev. Barry Brock and Rev. Lucas Butler officiating. Music will be arranged by Patricia Brock.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home of Calhoun.



Muril Whitener

Muril Whitener, age 93, of Calhoun, passed away Friday, Oct. 11 at Redmond Region Medical Center of Rome.

Muril was born Feb. 9, 1926 in Gilmer County, a son of the late Kiser Whitener and Mae Rymer Whitener. He was preceded in death his wife, the former Victoria Evelyn Smith; a son, Nick; and a brother, Woody. Muril was a Godly man who prayed for his family daily and read his Bible daily.

He was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Navy. Muril was a truck driver for more than 35 years retiring from Interstate Transport. He then began a second career working for Gordon County for more than 20 years. He was the oldest member of Sugar Valley Baptist Church and the last living member who had served in World War II, and was a member of the American Legion and a life member of the V.F.W..

Muril is survived by three sons, Scott Whitener and his wife, Jackie, of Sugar Valley, Tim Whitener of Loveland, Ohio, David Whitener and his wife Crickett of Calhoun and the grandson they raised, Brandon Whitener and his wife Kellie of Statesboro; two daughters, Kennie West of Sand Mountain, Ala. and Jessica Loeb and her husband Jim of Anacortes, Wash.; two brothers, Charles Whitener and Bill Whitener, both of Rome; one sister, Jean Huffman of Hermitage, Tenn.; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from the Chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with the Reverends Mitch Phillips and Howard Duvall officiating. Scott Whitener delivered the eulogy. Burial was in the Sugar Valley Baptist Cemetery with the Dalton American Legion in charge of Military Graveside Rites. The Senior Men's Sunday School Class served as Honorary Pallbearers and the family received friends Monday evening from 4 - 7 p.m.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has charge of arrangements for the services of Muril Whitener.



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

-The Alzheimer's Association's Caring Closet was created to help offset the high cost of incontinent products and give the families support they often desperately need. If you would like to visit the nearest Closet, call the chapter office to receive a flier with locations and hours. Morning Pointe in Calhoun has a Caring Closet; call Mary Braden at 706-629-0777.



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Opinions and Editorials

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Ken Herron: Can Dems Impeach The President?



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When I have been asked if the Democrats in the House of Representatives were going to impeach the president I have always answered yes. They have a majority of the members and a majority vote is all that is required to pass a bill of impeachment. With the recent actions by Speaker Pelosi she may not have the votes for an impeachment bill. Just because a Congressman is a Democrat does not guarantee that they will vote for impeachment. There has not been a published poll of how the Democrat members of the house will vote. The Democrats gained 37 seats that had previously been Republican in the 2018 election.

All of these are first-term members of

Congress and they know they are going to have strong opposition in the 2020 election. At least 31 of these were elected in districts that voted for President Trump in 2016.

The present breakdown of the House of Representatives is that the Democrats have 235 votes, the Republicans have 199 votes, and there is one independent that usually votes with the Democrats. There have been several impeachment bills offered but Speaker Pelosi would not allow any of them to go to a vote. There may be several of the senior Democrats that do not want to vote for impeachment. The Democrats control the Congressional delegates in 23 states while the Republicans control the Congressional delegates in 27 states. There may be Democrat in the House of Representatives who are from Republican majority states. They might be hesitant to vote to impeach the president. If Speaker Pelosi was certain that she had the votes the present committee hearings would have started with a vote of the complete House of Representatives.

If the Democrats have

the majority vote they can impeach the president for just about any reason including chewing gum in public. It appears that they hope to turn up new evidence in these committee hearings that will convince all of the Democrats to vote for impeachment.

It has been some time since we have heard any new comments about Russia. After four investigations there was no evidence that President Trump was involved in any way with Russia. The present bone of contention is the whistleblower who claims that President Trump was trying to force the president of Ukraine to dig up dirt on Joe Biden. The possibility is great that this entire event was created by the Democrats to have a reason for the committee inquiry. President Trump's record of the telephone call has been given to the committee and there is nothing in the record that implies pressure on the Ukraine President. The Ukraine President has since stated that he intends to rid the Ukraine of corruption and this was one of the areas he intended to investigate anyway. So far the Democrats have not found a valid

charge that they can use for impeachment. If the House of Representatives passes an impeachment bill there is not a possibility that the Senate will remove President Trump from office. In the Senate it takes a two thirds majority to pass an impeachment bill which is 66 votes. The Democrats have 46 Senators and two independents that usually vote with them for a total of 48 votes. The Republicans have 52 votes in the Senate. It would take 18 Republicans voting to impeach the president for him to be removed from office. This will not happen. In 2020 the Republicans have 9 Senators up for reelection. The Democrats will have 24 Senators up for reelection. The Democrats will have to spend money to defend 24 Senators while the Republicans only have to defend 9 Senators. On the other hand Democrats will only have to attack 9 Republican Senators while the Republicans must attack 24 Democratic Senators.

It is thought by many experts that the witness Adam Schiff is calling the whistleblower is not a whistleblower at all. Many believe that

this person is a paid Democrat witness who is saying the things that Adam Schiff has instructed him to say. If the Republican members of the committee that is headed by Adam Schiff were able to ask this person some serious questions the truth would come out. Adam Schiff has issued subpoenas to many in the State Department and other executive branches staff to testify at the Democrat run impeachment inquiry. Because the House of Representatives did not make this an official inquiry by having the entire body of the House of Representatives to vote, they are not following the standard procedures. Precedent has been set that inquiries connected to impeachment must allow the alternate party to have the power of subpoena and legal representation to challenge the accusations made by the Democrats. This also would guarantee that all of the testimony would be made public. Adam Schiff is giving out small portions of the testimony that favor his position. President Trump has advised Congressman Schiff that no one in the executive department

will be permitted to testify in his inquiry. If the Democrats wish to make this an official inquiry on impeachment, they must have a full House of Representatives vote and allow the Republicans to have equal voice and equal authority in the operation of the committee.

The Republicans are convinced that with the current economic situation there is no way that President Trump will not be reelected. Overconfidence is a dangerous position for either party to use as their anchor. In the 2016 election the Democrats were overconfident and could not believe there was any way that Hillary would not be elected. Republicans must stay confident and never slow down from their grassroots work and their contributions to the candidate.

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Church News

A language that everyone speaks



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Can you believe, according to the U.S. News and World Report, there was an estimated

\$19 billion dollars in retail spending on Valentine's Day this year? Someone a lot smarter than me figured out that there was an average of \$130.97 spent per person on Valentine's Day. Jack Leroy "Jackie" Wilson, Jr. sang, "To be loved, to be loved, oh what a feeling to be loved."

It has been said that love is the universal language. I beg to differ. I happen to believe that the universal language is pain. There's no one that hasn't experienced pain. Only the parent of

a baby getting its first shots hurts more than the baby. Perhaps one of the hardest things would be standing by as relationships are stolen away by the dreadful disease of Alzheimers. I've heard that the most painful thing a person could experience is losing a child.

Consider those who have been abused by those who are called to love them, to provide from them. Imagine the victims of human trafficking, and the pain of never seeing a way out. We know of

millions who have lost loved ones at war. More than any other cause for these deaths is that of religion.

We could list more and more circumstances that bring about pain. There really is no one immune to pain.

To where, or whom, can we run in times of despair? The only hope of healing is in found in Jesus Christ.

Jesus was no stranger to pain. Isaiah 53: 3-5 reads, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:

and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

In verse 10 we find an astonishing statement. It says; "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him". What?? How could it

please God, to will for His only begotten Son to suffer such things?

His love for us compels Him.

Remember those you know that are in painful situations, and be in prayer for those who you do not know. Most importantly, petition the Lord on behalf of those that don't yet know Jesus. He is love, and everyone needs Him. Be Blessed.

Church Calendar

Ongoing

-The Basement will hold Nights of Worship weekly each Saturday, with fellowship at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. The Basement is located at 903 D South Wall Street in Calhoun, beside Family Dollar Store.

-Oostanaula Baptist Outreach Ministry will be open on the third Saturday of each month, taking donations for food and clothing.

-Oakman Baptist Church will open their monthly OVERFLOW Community Kitchen & Pantry open the 2nd Saturday of each month, from 5 to 6 p.m. They will be providing a meal and community fellowship, as well as food and other essential items to help meet needs of people in the community. All are welcome. Oakman Baptist Church is located at 2706 Highway 411 in Ranger. For more information, visit the Oakman Baptist Church Facebook page or call 706-264-2555.

-Celebrate Recovery - Every Monday night at

NorthPointe Church in Adairsville: Cross Talk Café begins at 6 p.m., Large Group Worship at 7 p.m. and Open Share Groups at 8 p.m. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-Centered recovery program offering healing from life's Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups. NorthPointe is located at 30 Orchard Road, for more information contact Kitty at 404-642-3605 or go to www.northpointechurch.com.

-The Closet of Hope at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Calhoun will be open the third Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 a.m. There will be a free breakfast served until 10:30 a.m. The Closet of Hope is a community-wide, non-profit, faith-based clothing ministry. If you would like to make a donation: Because of limited space right now, we can only take in donations of summer clothing and shoes in new or slightly used condition. For more information you can call 770-315-0556 or 706-676-6518. Check us out on Facebook by searching Pleasant Valley Church Calhoun or email us at pvbcalhoun@gmail.com.

-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 Relevance 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 Reiser 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.

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The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug



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I am really surprised that I have not received any calls recently on this invasive insect pest. At the Bowman home, we have seen a few inside the house plus several in the vehicles. I do remember in 2018 arriving at my daughter's high school softball game and our lawn chairs had collected many of the stink bugs from the trunk of the car or garage. This pest insect can be more of a nuisance issue for homeowners, but they can be an economic problem for growers of certain crops. Today,

I will give some basic background information on this insect pest and on control tips. I will be sharing information from a co-worker, Paul Pugliese from Bartow County, data from a UGA pamphlet on this insect plus information found on the UGA Media Newswire. You may say stink bugs are nothing new. We always have stink bugs in our area. This is true, but this is a new species. I remember as a young boy helping my parents pick blackberries on the family farm in the 1970s. I think I was eating more than were going into the bucket. Finally, I received a big surprise when that one last berry had a stink bug wanting it too. Both the berry and the stink bug went in my mouth. I don't think I consumed anymore blackberries on that trip. Again, these stink bugs are a different species. In Georgia, they are pretty established in north and central Georgia. The first documented report of

the brown marmorated stink bug was in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania in 2001, but claims are they had been observed in the area by homeowners since 1996. These stink bugs are native to Asia, the population we have seems to be more closely related to the stink bugs found in China. The general idea is this species came to the United States in freight containers. At time of our pamphlet printing, the brown marmorated stink bug has been seen in 42 states and 2 Canadian provinces mainly due to their ability to hitchhike in vehicles and commerce. To top it off, there are few natural predators of this stink bug. Keep in mind to not consider every stink bug as the brown marmorated sting bug. The brown marmorated stink bug that can be damaging will have a stripped antennae, smooth shoulders and a small mouthpart. The beneficial predator sting bug can have a solid antennae, spines or indentations

on their shoulders and a stouter mouthpart. The beneficial predator sting bugs will eat harmful insect pests. What can a homeowner do? I will remind you that this stink bug can cause crop damage to small fruits, vegetable crops, flower stems, soybeans, field and sweet corn and cotton to name a few. Today, we will just center on what homeowners can do to reduce issues on the property. If the brown marmorated stink bug is calling your dwelling, storage building or even vehicle home, a vacuum cleaner may be the best way to remove. A shop vacuum is recommended since stink bug odors can absorb into conventional vacuum cleaners. I will add that stink bugs can be easily killed when dumped into a bucket of soapy water. I don't want to scare you, but our information states that in some reports, over 25,000 stink bugs have been found in a single home. I have never heard of that

in our area. Exclusion of this pest from the home in the first place is the best method. I know we have been hot, but as weather cools, stink bugs seem to congregate on the south and west facing sides of homes that receive warm sunlight. Stink bugs will also enter a dwelling at any place they can find an opening. The goal can be to weather-proof your home. By weather-proofing, you not only keep the bugs out, but you can have energy cost savings. Caulk can be your best friend by using the proper silicone or silicone-latex caulk to fix cracks around windows, doors, siding, utility pipes, behind chimneys and underneath wood fascia for example. You need to fix any damaged screens on doors, windows and attic vents. Weather stripping can be beneficial and also use of door sweeps can help. Again, the goal is to keep this stink bug on the outside. If your time is limited in doing this work, you

may want to start on the south or west facing sides of the home or building since this is where they seem to congregate in the fall. Once cold weather arrived, their activity is reduced. Just keep in mind, if you had issues in the fall with home entry, you will see them trying to exit the home when the warm spring weather arrives. I will add one more thing on the weather-proofing of the home. Many if not all of these steps will assist in reducing any issues with lady beetle invasion too. The goal of the insects is to find a nice warm place to spend the winter while your goal is to keep them on the outside. For more information, contact UGA Extension-Gordon County at 706-629-8685 or email gbowman@uga.edu. Also, follow us on Facebook by going to our Gordon County Extension/ Agriculture and Natural Resources page for latest information and tips of the week.

4-H Extracurricular Club Meetings Begin Next Week

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Gordon County 4-H is already in full swing of in-school programming for 4th-8th grade students, and next week Gordon County 4-H will begin its extracurricular club programming for those students not seen during in-school programs, as well as a

monthly countywide meeting open to all K-12th grade students. Extracurricular club programming includes:
• Senior Club - open to all 9th-12th grade students; will be meeting at Taco House at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21
• Homeschool - open to all K-12th grade homeschooled students;

will be meeting at the 4-H office at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22
• Cloverbuds - open to all K-3rd grade students; will be meeting at the 4-H office at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22
• County Council - open to ALL K-12th grade students, regardless of school; will be meeting at 4-H office

at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22; supper will be provided for youth and their families, and free activities will be offered for youth while adults will receive 4-H monthly updates
For information about any of these extracurricular clubs, please contact the Gordon County Extension/4-H Office at 706-629-8685.

Gordon 4-H Rivers Alive Clean-Up



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Rivers Alive group with trash collected at Mauldin walking path.

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Gordon County 4-H held its 10th annual Rivers Alive clean up event on September 21st along with the Sonoraville High School Interact Club, Calhoun ROTA KIDS and Keep Calhoun-Gordon Beautiful members. The morning began with guest speaker Greg Green who spoke on the importance of being aware of the environment and how participants can recycle their own trash as well as being mindful of trash in surrounding areas. Areas cleaned included the Highway 136 Boat Ramp, Mauldin Walking Path, and Highway 156 Boat Ramp, collecting around 2,448 pounds of

trash. Participants were amazed at the amount of trash accumulated and that people were so thoughtless with their unwanted trash and household items. Most common items found include cigarette butts, plastic beverage bottle, and aluminum cans. The most unusual items were a recliner and a love seat set, and a unique natural find was a shed snake skin. The highlight of the day was when youth found a baby turtle. The purpose of the annual Rivers Alive Clean up event is to encourage youth and adult participants to help their community by being mindful of the importance of recycling and picking up litter wherever they are.



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4-H'er Cameron Cochran found a fishing lure.



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Youth using an extended reach grabber to pull trash from thick foliage.

4-H Junior Conference Set for November 16 and 17

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Held annually at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Junior Conference is a two-day recreational and educational opportunity planned for 4-H'ers in the 6th through 8th grades. The weekend includes a mix of workshops and education sessions, along with opportunities for community service and exhibits, planned by and led by the Junior Board of Directors. Recreational programs for 4-H'ers are included to allow 4-H'ers to interact with youth from all over Georgia. Educational workshops, community service, and recreation are led by high school-aged teen leaders.

Highlights of the weekend include: Junior Conference brings together 4-H delegations from across the state of Georgia, giving the chance to meet new friends across county lines; engage in hands-on workshops and educational sessions; participate in recreation and hear a performance from the Georgia 4-H performing arts group, Clovers & Co.; learn more about 4-H opportunities and project work through the exhibit fair; and complete community service projects benefiting communities across Georgia. Participants have the opportunity to showcase an exhibit focusing on his or her DPA project area. Awards will be given to the

top exhibits. Certified teen leaders can complete an online application for workshop instructor, service leader, or recreation leader. Early bird registration of \$40 to attend the event closes October 23 and delegates must be entered in event registration to receive \$5.00 early bird discount. After October 23, registration will be \$45. Applications for both exhibits and certified teen leaders to serve in leadership roles are also due October 23. Contact the Gordon County Extension/4-H Office at 706-629-8685 for more information or to register for 4-H Junior Conference.

Calendar

October 9-20
Tractor Supply Company
Paper Clover Drive

October 21
4-H Youth in Action Awards
Application Deadline

Senior Club (9th-12th Grade) Meeting

October 22
Homeschool Club at 3:30 p.m.

Cloverbuds Club (K-3rd Grade) at 5 p.m.

County Council (K-12th Grade) at 6p.m.

October 23
Junior Conference Early Bird
Registration Deadline

October 24
Pumpkin Growing Contest Deadline

In-School Programs:

- Wednesday, October 16**
Tolbert Elementary – 5th Grade
- Friday, October 18**
Calhoun Elementary – 4th and 5th Grade
- Monday, October 21**
Fairmount Elementary – 5th Grade
- Monday, October 21**
Sonoraville Elementary – 4th Grade
- Tuesday, October 22**
Calhoun Middle
- Tuesday, October 22**
Fairmount Elementary – 4th Grade
- Wednesday, October 23**
Belwood Elementary – 5th Grade
- Thursday, October 24**
Tolbert Elementary – 5th Grade
- Friday, October 25**
Red Bud Elementary – 5th Grade
- W.L. Swain Elementary – 5th Grade

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Sept. 20	at Pepperell	Nov. 1	Rockmart (Home)
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Start the ball rolling



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Does this scenario sound familiar?

Rent is due on the first and late after the fifth. After 5 p.m. on the fifth, you send a letter of demand via email and a text that says the tenant needs to pay or move from the property by the ninth. If not, you'll have to file dispossessory at court.

On the morning of the ninth you get a frantic call

from the tenant. They're giving you every reason under the sun for paying late and promise they will get it fixed ASAP.

They say things like, "Please, please give me until next Friday."

You do, but next Friday never comes... and neither does the payment they owe you. And before you know it, two months have passed, and you still haven't been paid.

Can you relate to this? Most landlords can. That's because we let wanting to help others get in the way of doing what we should've done. I think we're really hoping our tenants will just perform so we won't have to go to court and possibly face doing a sit-out. But, waiting to see if your tenant will do what they promised can easily get you into trouble. So what should you do? Start

the ball rolling as soon as possible.

We changed our lease agreements to say rent is due on the first and late on the second. So, on the second of each month, we notify anyone who did not pay that they must do so or move from the property with a letter of demand. This letter is called a pay-or-quit and looks like this:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tenant,

The purpose of the letter is to let you know that we did not receive your rental payment this month. This means you are in violation of your residential lease contract.

Your account is now delinquent in the amount of \$900 in unpaid rent. (This sum includes your late monthly payment of \$850 plus a \$50 late fee.)

If we have not received your full delinquent payment in certified funds

by 5 p.m. on the fifth, you will need to move from the property. Otherwise, we will have no choice but to begin immediate eviction proceedings.

As soon as you see payment has not been made by the first of the month, you need to get this letter to the tenant. Most people either hand deliver the letter or send it by certified mail. We've started just emailing and texting the letter to our tenants. This gets a faster response, and our communications are now time stamped and dated, which is valuable evidence if you ever go to court.

The letter should let the tenant know how much they need to pay in order to bring their account current. It should also let them know how long they have to do so. There is no law that states how long a tenant has to bring their

account current, but the general practice is three days.

Do the pay or quit even if the tenant has been in contact with you about making a payment. Let them know you have to do it as part of your policy and procedure. They will understand.

David Tilney says, "Be easy on people, but hard on the problem."

So, the whole time you're working on the money problem, make sure you have started the eviction process in case the payment doesn't come. This includes filing for dispossessory at the end of the time given in the letter of demand.

We had to send out a pay-or-quit letter this month that led to filing dispossessory. The tenant responded to us letting us know they would be moving from the property

and that they understood we had to file as part of our policy and procedure.

We let them know we could stop the eviction at any time as long as they vacated when they said they would and left the property clean.

Starting the ball rolling on the pay-or-quit and then actually filing dispossessory was us being hard on the problem of nonpayment and getting the property back. Being proactive also allowed us to be easy on the people. They moved out on time and we paid them some money for moving and for leaving the house so clean.

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Be creative when withdrawing from retirement accounts



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Like many people, you may spend decades putting money into your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But eventually you will want to take this money out – if

you must start withdrawing some of it. How can you make the best use of these funds?

To begin with, here's some background: When you turn 70 ½, you need to start withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 457(b) or 403(b). (A Roth IRA is not subject to these rules; you can essentially keep your account intact for as long as you like.) You can take more than the RMD, but if you don't take at least the minimum (which is based on your account balance and your life expectancy), you'll

generally be taxed at 50% of the amount you should have taken – so don't forget these withdrawals.

Here, then, is the question: What should you do with the RMDs? If you need the entire amount to help support your lifestyle, there's no issue – you take the money and use it. But what if you don't need it all? Keeping in mind that the withdrawals are generally fully taxable at your personal income tax rate, are there some particularly smart ways in which you can use the money to help your family or, possibly, a charitable organization?

Here are a few suggestions:

•Help your grown children with their retirement accounts. Your grown children may not always be able to afford to "max out" on their IRAs. You might want to help them with any excess funds from your own retirement accounts. You can give \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring any gift taxes – an amount far higher than the current annual IRA contribution limit of \$6,000 (or \$7,000 for individuals 50 or older).

•Help your grandchildren pay for college. You might want to contribute to an investment specifically designed to build assets for college. A financial professional can help you choose which

investments might be most appropriate. Of course, if your grandchildren are already in college, you are free to simply write a check to the school to help cover tuition and other expenses.

•Help support a charitable organization. Due to recent changes in tax laws, many individuals now claim a standard deduction, rather than itemizing. As a result, there's less of an incentive, from a tax standpoint, for people to contribute to charitable organizations.

But if you'd still like to support a charitable group and gain potential tax benefits, you might want to consider moving some, or all, of your required distributions from

your IRA to a charity. You can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA in this type of qualified charitable distribution, thus meeting your RMD requirements without adding to your taxable income. Furthermore, this move might keep you in a lower tax bracket. (Before making this transfer, though, you will need to consult with your tax advisor.)

Your RMDs can contribute greatly to your retirement income, but as we've seen, they can do even more than that – so use them wisely.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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LAW & ORDER

Sugar Valley couple facing drug charges after traffic stop early Saturday morning

STAFF REPORTS

It was a busy weekend for Calhoun Police with multiple traffic stops that led to drug arrests.

In this particular incident, just after 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, an officer spotted a yellow Ford Escape traveling on Highway 53 without a working tag light. The officer performed a traffic stop on the vehicle at the intersection of Curtis Parkway. The officer made contact with the driver, identified as 34-year-old Tamecia Watkins, of 263 Mountain Horse Drive, Sugar

Valley, and asked for her license and insurance, as well as requesting the ID from the passenger, Chad Watkins, 39, of the same address. The officer advised the couple of the reason why he stopped the vehicle and asked Tamecia Watkins to step out of the car. The officer asked Tamecia if there was anything illegal in the vehicle and she told him there was not.

A K-9 officer was requested on scene and asked to perform a free air sniff of the vehicle. K-9 Sido gave a positive alert on the vehicle and the officer then searched

the vehicle, retrieving from the driver's purse a glass smoking pipe with residue. Chad Watkins then told the officer he had some methamphetamine in his sock. The methamphetamine was recovered and both Tamecia and Chad Watkins were placed in handcuffs and transported to Gordon County Jail.

Tamecia Watkins has been charged with a count each of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Related Objects. Chad Watkins was charged with a count of Possession of Methamphetamine.



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Tamecia Watkins, left, and Chad Watkins

Calhoun man and companion arrested on various drug charges after being caught trespassing Friday

STAFF REPORTS

Calhoun police arrested a duo on drug charges Friday evening after finding them suspiciously parked on private property off of C.L. Moss Parkway near the soccer fields.

Around 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, an officer was patrolling the area of C.L. Moss Parkway near the intersection of Forest Avenue. The officer checked the private property located directly behind the electric substation near the soccer fields for any unauthorized vehicles. While checking the property, the officer noticed a black Toyota Tacoma parked in the wood line with a male and female standing behind the vehicle. As the officer approached the truck, both subjects began walking quickly towards the passenger-side area of the vehicle and opened the door. The officer noted that for a few seconds and he was unable to see what they were doing. The officer parked his patrol car about 50 feet away from the man and woman, who walked towards the bed of the pickup

truck and began loading "a lot" of totes and boxes that were laying on the ground into the bed of the pickup. The officer asked the man and woman if they were fishing; they answered 'no.' The officer asked the duo what they were doing and the man told them he was trying to fix the load on his truck and the woman stated they were just talking. The officer then advised them they were trespassing on private property and asked for their identification.

The man was identified as Donald Lamar Hayes, 56, of 476 Union Grove Church Road, Calhoun, and the woman was identified as Candace Cromer, 37, of 2721 E. Hermitage Road, Kingston. The officer asked Hayes why he pulled his truck such a long way from the road and drive into a private driveway and park his truck hidden in a wood line if all he was doing was fixing the load in his truck. The officer noted that Hayes began stuttering and said he didn't know why he did it, and couldn't come up with a reason. The officer then asked Cromer if she could tell him why they were back there and

she told the officer they just wanted privacy so they could talk.

The officer then asked the duo if they had any weapons on them or in the vehicle; both stated 'no.' The officer asked if there were any illegal drugs on them or in the vehicle and after a brief pause, Hayes stated 'no' and Cromer began smoking a cigarette. The officer asked Cromer if she had anything illegal in the truck or on her and she told the officer she did not. The officer asked which one was driving the truck and Hayes stated it was his truck and he was the driver. The officer asked Hayes for consent to search the truck and he told the officer 'no.'

The officer then requested a K-9 officer to the scene, while running Hayes and Cromer through 911. While waiting on the search to return, Hayes began grabbing items laying on the ground, a bag and a purse, and tossed them inside the truck between the front seats. The officer asked Hayes to stop tossing items in the truck and for the duo to stay within sight of him while waiting for their returns. Hayes



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Donald Hayes, left, and Candace Cromer

then proceeded to stand in the rear of the truck and once again grabbed a tote and tried to load it in the vehicle and walk toward the passenger door. The officer then told Hayes not to touch any other items and stay within his sight and not to move.

The K-9 officer then arrived on scene and deployed his K-9; after a few moments, the K-9 gave a positive alert on the vehicle. The officers began

searching the vehicle and located a prescription bottle with a plastic baggie of a white, crystal substance inside of it. A glass smoking device was also located lying right next to the prescription bottle. Both items were located in the center of the vehicle next to the gear shift handle. A small plastic baggie with white substance residue was also located inside a black purse located on the passenger seat.

The officers then read Hayes and Cromer their Miranda Rights and asked them who the white substance and pipe belonged to; both denied it belonged to them. Both Hayes and Cromer were placed under arrest and transported to Gordon County Jail without incident.

Both Hayes and Cromer were charged with one count each of Possession of Methamphetamine and Drug Related Objects.

Calhoun police arrest local man Friday on a variety of drug charges after traffic stop

STAFF REPORTS

Calhoun police arrested a local man on Friday on an array of drug charges after a traffic stop on Highway 53 East.

The incident began around 8:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, when an officer traveling south on Peters Street noticed a red Ford Fusion traveling north cross the double yellow line into his lane of traffic, almost striking the officer. The officer turned around to initiate a traffic stop and noticed the Ford turning left onto Richardson Road. The officer followed the vehicle as it stopped at the intersection of Michael Drive and Richardson Road. The officer pulled the vehicle over on Highway 53 at Racetrack. The driver, identified as 27-year-old Cody Wampler of 200 South Line Street, Calhoun, was notified by the officer the reason for the traffic stop. Wampler apologized to the officer and told him the road was in bad shape and that's why he crossed the center line. The officer asked Wampler for his

driver's license and proof of insurance. While gathering the information, the officer noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and as Wampler opened his wallet for his driver's license, the officer saw a hypodermic needle inside the wallet.

The officer then asked Wampler to step outside of the vehicle, and asked him if he had any marijuana on his person or in his vehicle; Wampler told the officer he did not but did smoke marijuana earlier that day. The officer noted in the report he continued to smell the odor of marijuana while standing next to Wampler. The officer then asked Wampler about the hypodermic needle in his wallet; Wampler paused when the officer asked him about it. The officer then asked Wampler when the last time he used methamphetamine and Wampler told him it had been "a few days." Wampler was then placed in handcuffs and read his Miranda Rights.

The officer then began a probable cause search of Wampler's

person based on the smell of marijuana and the hypodermic needle in his wallet. The officer felt what appeared to be a baggie inside Wampler's pants while searching his left pocket. The officer asked Wampler what he had shoved down his pants and Wampler denied having anything down his pants. After speaking with Wampler further, he told the officer he did have marijuana inside his pants. The officer removed one handcuff and allowed Wampler to retrieve what he had stuffed down in his pants. Wampler pulled a black bag from his pants, which contained two clear plastic baggies containing suspected marijuana and a clear plastic baggie containing a clear crystal-like substance of suspected methamphetamine. The officer asked Wampler about the marijuana and methamphetamine and he told the officer he had just purchased the items.

Wampler had a passenger in the vehicle, identified as Brandon Pickett, who was placed in handcuffs while the officer

searched the vehicle. The officer retrieved the hypodermic needle from Wampler's wallet and while searching the vehicle, located a small black bag inside the trunk. Inside that bag was two clear plastic baggies that both had skulls on them. One of the bags had a brown powder-like substance of suspected heroin. The officer asked Wampler about the heroin and he told the officer he sells heroin and forgot it was in the trunk. Wampler was then transported to Gordon County Jail without incident.

The officer then questioned Pickett, who stated that Wampler panicked when he passed the officer. Pickett stated that he asked if the officer was turning around to pull them over after he almost hit the officer's vehicle. Pickett told the officer that he saw Wampler remove the black bag from the center console of the vehicle and place it down his pants.

There were approximately 2 ounces of Marijuana, 8.5 grams of Methamphetamine and 1 gram of Heroin recovered in



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Cody Wampler

the search of the vehicle and Wampler. Wampler has been charged with one count each of Failure to Maintain Lane; Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Heroin and Possession of Drug Related Objects.

Fire & Rescue

Calhoun Fire responds to brush-type fire off of Curtis Parkway behind NAPA Monday morning



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STAFF REPORTS

Calhoun Fire responded to a rubbish/brush burn on Curtis Parkway Monday morning, Oct.

14. The call came in around 10:15 a.m. to 1296 Curtis Parkway in reference to a possible structure fire behind NAPA Auto Parts.

Crews arrived on scene and found some brush and rubbish burning behind NAPA's storage building. The fire was extinguished and upon further

investigation, crews from radiant heat damage to the structure. The metal siding had warped and insulation had melted. Crews took the

metal off and removed the melted insulation from the structure. The wall of the structure was then soaked with water and the metal siding replaced.

The structure was turned back over to management. It is reported there was about \$4,000 in total damages.

CFC responds to set of fires off Richardson Road on Monday

STAFF REPORTS

Calhoun Fire responded to a set of fires in the woods behind WJTH Radio at 329 Richardson Road, which backs up to Tractor Supply, around 10:15 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, around the same time they were responding to a brush fire on Curtis Parkway.

The crew that arrived on scene took the booster line off the truck and

was going to make entry through the woods, but were not able to because of the distance. According to the report, the smoke looked closer to the crew than it actually was, and once they got to the areas discovered it was actually two fires, approximately 20 - 30 feet apart.

fight the fire. An engine was sent to the back side of Tractor Supply in the parking lot, where the engine was able to get a line in the woods. The engine crew began to apply water to the fire. Crews contained the fire to the two areas where the fires had began.

Crews grabbed fire racks and fire flaps and proceeded to the fire's location and began to



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According to the resolution posted on GordonCounty.org, the business requesting the exchange is Buc-ee's Georgia, LLC, seeking to develop its first tract of land in Georgia right here in Gordon County. Buc-ee's is an American chain of convenience stores and gas stations located in the Central, North, South, and Southeast regions of Texas and Robertsdale, Alabama.

Per the resolution, Buc-ee's proposed development would consist of 16 acres on Union Grove Road at the I-75 Northbound Exit Ramp, offering 100 fueling positions for travelers.

The Board approved the request for the proposed fueling station.

The Board also approved the bid award for construction of the new 11,400 square foot health department to Pro Construction of Georgia out of

Macon, who were the low bidders. Their bid amount was \$2.1 million. The old health department will be demolished. The contract with Pro Construction begins Wednesday, Oct. 16, and the project is contracted to be finished within 240 days.

"We had a healthy group of bidders," said Ledbetter. "We are recommending the low bid, which is Pro Construction of Georgia, out of Macon. Their base bid is \$2,111,488. We do have a project contingency, so that 10 percent contingency is \$211,148, which puts the construction costs \$2,322,636.80. The next closest was a total cost of \$2.59 million."

"They have 240 days to complete the construction, which includes the demolition (of the old health department)," said Ledbetter. He said that for every day past the 240 days the project goes, there is a \$750 per day penalty for the contractor.

Ledbetter said the bid came in lower than the County anticipated.

Ledbetter said that while the contractor has not done business in Gordon County before, the

architects for the project have worked with Pro Construction of Georgia before and found them to be responsive and do good work.

"We had one Gordon County bid, but they weren't close enough," said Ledbetter.

In other news from the meeting:

The Board approved surplus property for the Sheriff's Office for 11 firearms that will be auctioned. The Board declared surplus property for the IT Department for miscellaneous equipment.

The Board declared surplus property for Gordon County Fire & Rescue for miscellaneous equipment.

The Board approved a bid award for Varonis, in the amount of \$53,000, for software to protect against Malware, Ransomware and Internet Threats.

The next meeting of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Gordon County Administration Building, located on North Wall Street in downtown Calhoun.

SHOOTING

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victims, two females and one male, who were being treated by EMS personnel and Calhoun Fire. One victim was taken to Floyd Medical due to the extent of injuries.

Officers then spoke to Spielman, who was one of the two men initially detained, who stated that a couple of guys attacked him and he "shot a round into the ground." Officers recovered the firearm in the man's Dodge pickup truck.

After speaking to Calhoun Police Chief Tony Pyle, it was further explained that when Spielman fired the gun, he did so toward the ground, where it splintered and ricocheted. Fragments struck the three victims who were standing nearby.

Spielman remains in Gordon County Jail as of Wednesday morning. According to public records, Spielman has at least six other arrests in Gordon County since early 2011, with charges ranging from Simple Battery to Public Drunkenness and DUI.

HOUSE

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consequences."

Organized each year by the Council on Alcohol and Drugs, the event is an opportunity to educate the youth of Calhoun-Gordon County and promote healthy and safe choices.

Entering the House of Addictions, attendees

ELECTION

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of Fairmount and City of Plainville all have races to be decided, with each mayor up for election, as well as posts on each council. There are 8,484 registered voters in the City of Calhoun, 421 registered voters in the Town of Resaca, 495 registered voters in the City of Fairmount and 163 registered voters in the City of Plainville.

Registered voters who wish to cast their ballot early will need to visit the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office, located in the Gordon County Government Plaza, at 215 N. Wall Street, Calhoun. The office is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

To view a copy of the sample ballot, visit mvp.sos.ga.gov

Election Day for the Municipal General Elections is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. that day.

Those running for public office in these municipalities include:

City of Calhoun-Mayor: Jimmy Palmer (Incumbent)

City of Calhoun-Council Post 1: Jackie Palazzolo (Incumbent)

City of Calhoun-Council Post 2: Al Edwards (Incumbent), Judy Peterson

Calhoun City School Board-Post 4: Eddie Reeves (Incumbent)

Calhoun City School Board-Post 5: Becky Gilbert George, Don Hood

City of Fairmount-Mayor: Steve Brannon, Harry Pierce

City of Fairmount-Council Post 2: John F. (Junior) Holsomback, Jr. (Incumbent)

City of Fairmount-Council Post 4: Billy Mauldin (Incumbent)

Town of Resaca-Mayor: Mitch Reed, Nathan Wyatt

Town of Resaca-Council Post 1: Todd Rutledge (Incumbent)

Town of Resaca-Council Post 2: Ben Niles, Christopher "Kit" Cunningham

City of Plainville-Mayor: Jim Miller (Incumbent), Taylor Payne

City of Plainville-Council Post 1: Ray Black (Incumbent)

City of Plainville-Council Post 2: Clark Bunch (Incumbent)

will wind and turn through a story line, walking through eerily decorated halls and scenes of real life events, such as friends going to a party where youth are getting drunk and doing drugs, youth vaping, bullying at school, suicide, domestic violence and other scenes of risky behavior.

The event is recommended for children 12 and over; those younger than 12 are recommended to attend with an adult. A FREE, safe child care environment is available while parents and older siblings tour the House of Addictions.

There are still spots available for volunteers; actors, on the event days, set up of scenes prior to the event and parking. Anyone who would like to volunteer can visit houseofaddictions.org and click 'VOLUNTEER' to fill out an online volunteer form.

To purchase tickets or for more information, or to sign up to volunteer, visit houseofaddictions.org, or visit their Facebook page by searching 'House of Addictions.'

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Desimone recognized with AdventHealth Gordon's SonShine Award

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Denny Desimone has been named AdventHealth Gordon's latest SonShine Award recipient. This award was established by AdventHealth Gordon in 2017 to honor the hard work and dedication of its employees. Quarterly awards provide opportunities for employees, patients and visitors to recognize and reward employees and teams for exceptional accomplishments and demonstrated behaviors that are aligned to the mission, vision and values of AdventHealth Gordon.

The name SonShine was developed by AdventHealth Gordon employees. The recipients of the SonShine award "shine" for the "Son" of God through their warm and comforting care they provide to patients and their fellow employees.

Desimone, who works at AdventHealth Gordon as a patient care advocate, received a nomination from a coworker who said the following: "Denny is such a caring person and really does all she can to make sure our patients have what they need to be safe at home. She helps patients daily as she encounters their concerns and difficulties through her discharge calls.

She takes the time to make sure that they have the resources they need such as transportation, supplies, medication and follow-up appointments.

"About a month ago, she willingly took a transferred call from a patient who was not on her assigned list of discharged patients. After talking to this patient, she found that he needed help keeping track of appointments due to a past traumatic brain injury. She has since continued to help this patient about three times a week, if not more, by kindly answering his questions as he calls for assistance with appointment reminders, setting up transportation, changing appointments, clarifying information provided by his physicians, and most importantly, being a patient listener for someone who often feels anxious and misunderstood."

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



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practices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, holistic 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.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store to hold Trunk or Treat on Thursday, Oct. 31



STAFF REPORTS

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Calhoun, located at 100 Cracker Barrel Drive off of Lovers Lane, is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 4 - 6:30 p.m.

The restaurant will have a table set up on the front porch with treat bags for the kids, plus the Cracker Barrel Catering Van will be decorated and there will be a face painting/tattoo station set up for some spooky fun.

Calhoun High School Cheer Team volunteers at Morning Pointe



STAFF REPORTS

The young women of the Calhoun High School competition cheer team stopped by Morning Pointe of Calhoun to attend a devotional service and spend time with the assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care community's residents.

"The residents really enjoyed spending time with the cheer team," says Morning Pointe Lantern program director Mary Braden. "We've invited them to come perform their routine for us, and we can't wait to have them visit again!"

WJTH Radio welcomes McEntire as Media Account Executive

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Sam Thomas, General Manager of WJTH Radio Station, is proud to announce, and welcome, Vickie McEntire to the position of Media Account Executive. McEntire is a Calhoun, Georgia native, and received the 2018 Georgia Author of the Year Award for her second children's book, Little Bird & Myrtle Turtle.

She is responsible for building client relationships with a focus on delivering results and engaging local listeners in the surrounding area. She joined the team on October 8, and is dedicated to communicating messages effectively and ensuring a positive impact for her clients and the community.

"We are excited to have Vickie on board," says Thomas. "She'll bring a fresh perspective and approach on customer relationship quality. She has experience with advertising sales and tracking analytics. She is a valuable addition and will strengthen opportunities for our clients to reach targeted audiences. This is a positive step forward not only for the radio, but for the community as a whole."

McEntire says, "I'm looking forward to being able to contribute to the success of WJTH and the community I grew up in. If you're



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Vickie McEntire

looking for an opportunity to get your message out, give me a call at 706-537-5595."

Established in 1977, Calhoun's favorite radio station, WJTH, has kept the community informed and entertained for 42 years. Programming is today's country music,—with a few of the all time favorites mixed in—local news, sports and community news. If it's important to Calhoun and Gordon County, it's important to

Steward recognized as September 2nd Mile Award recipient Monday night by GCBOE

STAFF REPORTS

Gordon Central High School book keeper Michelle Steward was recognized at Monday night's Gordon County Board of Education meeting as the September 2nd Mile Award winner for Gordon County Schools.

Dr. Amy Parker said that Steward received several nominations from colleagues who said Steward is always very helpful and has a positive attitude with staff and students alike.



Anne Jones Memorial Preschool holding annual Chili Lunch Drive-Thru fundraiser on Oct. 25

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A delicious fundraiser has now become an annual event for the Anne Jones Memorial Preschool of First Baptist Calhoun. The third annual chili drive-thru will take place Friday, Oct. 25, at the church at 411 College Street from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Each meal is \$7 and will include a 16-ounce bowl of delicious chili accompanied by crackers, a homemade dessert, utensils and a napkin.

The preschool will deliver corporate orders of more than 10 meals on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., but corporate orders must be in

before Monday, Oct. 21, according to Preschool Director Kelly Brittain.

This is the half-day school's main fundraiser for the year.

"It keeps our tuition cost low, and it pays for scholarships," explains Brittain. "It's been a huge success."

To place individual or corporate orders, call Brittain at the preschool office at 706-625-1133, or call the church office at (706) 629-7714. Individual orders can also be made at the drive-thru.

Additional information and printable corporate order forms can be found at www.calhounbc.org.



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GNTC to host Industrial Career Day at the Whitfield Murray Campus on Friday, Oct. 18

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High school students from across the northwest Georgia region and members of the community will get a chance to explore various industrial careers and skilled trades when Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) holds its second Industrial Career Day of the year on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Whitfield Murray Campus in Dalton.

Approximately 800 regional high school students and members of the community attended GNTC's first Industrial Career Day of the year on the Floyd County Campus in Rome on Sept. 13. The second Industrial Career Day in Dalton was added due to popular demand.

The activities for the Oct. 18 Industrial Career Day will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at GNTC's new state-of-the-art Whitfield Murray Campus Expansion. The industrial labs are housed side by side in Industrial Row. This provides a centralized location with access to the industrial labs on the Dalton campus. Additional industrial programs from other GNTC campuses and vendors will set up displays and activities in Industrial Row and other sections of the Whitfield Murray Campus Expansion.

The event is free and open to the public. T-shirts will be distributed,

while supplies last, and snacks will be provided.

Industrial program directors will be on-hand to discuss their programs and provide tours of their labs. There will be demonstrations, simulators and hands-on learning activities for the industrial programs offered by GNTC. Local employers also will be present to speak with participants about the benefits of learning a skilled trade.

Featured GNTC industrial programs will include Air Conditioning Technology, Automation Engineering Technology, Automotive Technology, Aviation Maintenance Technology, CNC Technology, Commercial Truck Driving, Construction Management, Diesel Equipment Technology, Electrical Systems Technology, Flooring Production Operator and Technician, Industrial Systems Technology, Instrumentation and Controls, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Precision Machining and Manufacturing and Welding and Joining Technology.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College provides quality workforce education to the citizens of Northwest Georgia. Students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree, diploma, or a certificate in business, health, industrial, or public service career paths. This past year, 12,785 people benefited from GNTC's credit and



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Blade Smith works on one of the HAAS Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines in the Precision Machining and Manufacturing lab on GNTC's Whitfield Murray Campus in Dalton.

noncredit programs. With an annual credit enrollment of 7,499 students, GNTC is the largest college in Northwest Georgia. GNTC has an additional enrollment of 5,286 people through adult education, continuing education, business and industry

training, and Georgia Quick Start. For more information about GNTC, visit us at www.gntc.edu. GNTC is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and an Equal Opportunity Institution.

Morning Pointe Craft Hour Encourages Residents' Creative Expression



STAFF REPORTS

Morning Pointe of Calhoun resident Sue Moyer shows off her latest masterpiece during the assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care community's regular craft hour.

"One of our housekeepers told me about a simple painting technique

that creates a great marbling effect, and I decided to try it out with the residents," explains Morning Pointe life enrichment director Keisha Cox. "The residents loved it and want to do more! Many of them find it quite therapeutic to get in touch with their creative side."

Community Events

Week of Oct. 13

-AdventHealth Gordon Foundation Race Around the Rec 5K on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019, beginning at 6 p.m., with Fun Run beginning at 5 p.m. Race will be held at the Calhoun Recreation Dept. - McDaniel Station Road side. Registration is now open for the AdventHealth Race Around the Rec 5K. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6 pm at the Calhoun City Recreation Department, beginning at the black and gold pavilion and playground behind the George Chambers Resource Center which is located at 1000 Highway 53 Spur SW, Calhoun, GA 30701. In addition to the 5K race for adults and students ages 13 and older, a Children's Fun Run will take place at 5 pm. All proceeds benefit breast cancer services at AdventHealth Gordon. You can register for the race by visiting RaceRoster.com and searching "AdventHealth Race Around the Rec 5K." If you prefer not to register online, you can complete a registration form and mail it to the AdventHealth Gordon Foundation. Registration forms for both races can be found at AdventHealthGordon.com. Please mail the form along with your entry fee to: Wendy Taylor, P.O. Box 304, Calhoun, GA 30703. The cost of the race is: \$15 students ages 6 - 18; \$20 before Sept. 28; \$25 between Sept. 28 - Oct. 16; \$30 on race day; \$10 Fun Run (ages 12 and under). Race day check-in and registration begins at 4 pm at the Calhoun City Recreation Department at the black and gold pavilion and playground behind the George Chambers Resource Center. For more information, please contact Wendy Taylor at 706-602-7800 ext. 2318 or via email at Wendy.Taylor@AdventHealth.com.

-American Legion Riders of Paul Gwin Post #47 in Calhoun is hosting the American Legion Riders Community Day on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the post, located at 401 West Line Street in Calhoun. The event will begin at 10 a.m. There will be tons of fun for kids, outdoor vendors, military equipment on display, Red Cross, Quilts of Valor, Shrine Booth, School Dance Class performances, American Flag Retirement Ceremony, BBQ, Burgers, Hot Dogs and much more. There will also be Poker Run that day, with registration from 10 - 11 a.m. and the ride to start afterward.

-Town of Resaca Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 from 12 - 8 p.m. Will be held at 330 Walker St NW in Resaca. The Town of Resaca invites the community to their annual Resaca Fall Festival, which will be held at their recreation center, on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 12 - 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Week of Oct. 20

-Acoustic Café at the Harris Arts Center on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019, from 7 - 10 p.m. at the HAC, located at 212 South Wall Street, Calhoun. The Harris Arts Center is proud to announce its newest concert series, Acoustic Café. Inspired by The Bluebird Café in Nashville, Acoustic Café will offer patrons the opportunity to hear local talent in a relaxed setting. April's Acoustic Café, featuring Joseph Evans, Stephen Hare, Jackson Lawrence and Cody Landress-Gibson, was so successful that the Music Guild at the Harris Arts Center confirmed that it would be a bi-monthly occurrence featuring various singer/songwriters. Upcoming dates include June 27, August 22 and October 24. Each performance will begin at 7 p.m. and will have a cash bar available. There will be a \$5 "cover charge" at the door - tickets will not be sold in advance. Audience members are encouraged to tip the entertainment if they so desire. For more information, please contact the Harris Arts Center at 706-629-2599.

-The annual House of Addictions, a haunted house-like attraction that illustrates the very real, very scary consequences of alcohol and other drugs, will be held over two weekends this year: Oct. 25 & 26 and Nov. 1-2, from 7-10 p.m. each night at the Northwest Georgia Regional Fairgrounds. The event offers a look into the world of drug culture and how it can often lead to a number of serious consequences. Check out the House of Addictions website at www.houseofaddictions.org for more information or to buy tickets.

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-Phil Vassar in concert at the GEM Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, from 7:30 - 10 p.m.

The GEM Theatre is located at 114 North Wall Street in downtown Calhoun. Phil Vassar's reign of signature songs include 10 No. 1 singles and 26 Top 40 hits, including Carlene, Just Another Day in Paradise, Six-Pack Summer, When I Love You, and many more. Vassar was racking up hits on the radio long before he even began his own recording career that has seen the release of six albums, two ASCAP Songwriter of the Year trophies, ACM's Top New Male Vocalist and sold-out shows across the country. Vassar's songwriting career blossomed in the mid-'90s when he landed a publishing contract with EMI and penned hits for Collin Raye (Little Red Rodeo), Alan Jackson (Right on the Money), Tim McGraw (For a Little While), Jo Dee Messina (Bye Bye, Alright), and Blackhawk (Postmarked Birmingham). He continues to churn out incisive, soulful lyrics and infectious melodies that capture the heart and soul. Tickets \$35 - \$50.

Week of Oct. 27

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-College Street Church of God is holding Pumpkins in the Park on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at the Black and Yellow Playground at the Calhoun Rec on McDaniel Station Road. Everyone is invited to the FREE event, where there will be candy, games and fun for everyone. The event is sponsored by the Cross Connection Outreach of College Street Church of God.

-Gordon County E-911 invites the public to join them for their annual Meet & Treat on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Gordon County E-911 Center, located at 100 Nine One One Blvd. near AdventHealth Gordon Hospital.

-Celebrating our community's heritage, New Echota Heritage Day, a day to learn about the history of the New Echota Cherokee Nation's capital, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friends of New Echota will be hosting the annual event, always held during Native American Indian Heritage Month. The public is invited to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the 19th century way of life of the Cherokee at New Echota State Historic Site, located at 1211 Chatsworth Highway in Calhoun. There will be story telling, demonstrations of Cherokee Phoenix newspaper printing, pottery making, basket weaving, music and many more artisans and presenters. Admission is \$5.50 - \$7, which includes admission to the museum and theatre.

Week of Nov. 3

-FIRST THURSDAY BOOK CLUB will meet on Thursday, Nov. 7, at Shoney's on Red Bud Road at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss The Blue Thread by Anne Tyler. Her 20th novel, wears its domesticity proudly on its sleeve (or make that jacket). Once again, her focus is on the relationships between various members of a Baltimore family - spouses, parents and children, siblings and in-laws - as they evolve over the long haul. ALL ARE WELCOME! Arrive a little earlier to enjoy dinner! For more information contact Roberta Charbonneau at 678-773-5655.

Week of Nov. 10

-Georgette Jones--Country Royalty at the GEM Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, from 8 - 10 p.m. The GEM is located at 114 North Wall Street in downtown Calhoun. Georgette has recorded three CDs with Heart of Texas Records: "A Slightly Used Woman", "Strong Enough to Cry" and a special tribute CD in honor of her Mom, "Till I Can Make it on my Own". She also recorded three CDs with Lennon records: "When Tractors Fly", "This is Christmas" and "I Believe". The only daughter of Country music legends George Jones and Tammy Wynette, Georgette was most recently honored to record a duet with Sammy Kershaw on his new CD in tribute to her dad. They chose "Near You," which is one of Georgette's favorite duets by her parents. Tickets range from \$30 - \$40 and can be purchased online at calhouncemtheatre.org.

Week of Dec. 1

-FIRST THURSDAY BOOK CLUB will meet on Thursday, December 5, at Shoney's on Red Bud Road at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss The Last Romantics by Sara Conklin. "A triumph of storytelling, an ambitious examination of the failures of love and how we, against all odds, find a way to survive.... A complex, resonant work that will reshape your understanding of family," stated Kevin Wilson, author of The Family Fang. ALL ARE WELCOME! Arrive a little earlier to enjoy dinner! For more information contact Roberta Charbonneau at 678-773-5655.

Notices

-TALLATOONA BEGINS LIHEAP HEATING ASSISTANCE. Nov. 1 is the date Tallatoona will begin accepting appointments for the heating assistance program. Schedule an appointment online at www.tallatoonacap.org and click on Book Now, or by calling 770-773-7730. The following documents will be needed for appointments: driver's license or state issued photo ID; original social security cards for everyone living in household; proof of citizenship or immigration status such as driver's license, US military ID, US passport, state issued photo I, US permanent resident card, alien registration card, employment authorization document, certificate of citizenship; most current heating bill within the past 30 days; if your home is heated with natural gas, kerosene, propane or wood you MUST bring both your heating bill and electric bill to the appointment; proof of income for the last 30 days for everyone 18 years or older living in the home including alimony, child support, disability, pension, rental income, retirement, social security, unemployment, wages from work, wages from self employment and workers compensation.

-Members of the local chapter of AARP are volunteering their services to aid the community in ways that best serve the community. There are real possibilities when we serve the people of the community. AARP states it best: "to serve, and not be served." The newly elected president of the local AARP Chapter 3178, Sarah Curtis, has asked all current members to serve on the Membership Committee as a means of increasing the membership. The local AARP Chapter 3178 meets every first Friday of each month at 10:30. For the place of the meeting call Sarah Curtis 706-629-0569 or Wylene Turner 706 -629-8821

-Story times at the Calhoun-Gordon County Library, 100 N. Park Ave. in Calhoun, are 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays

-Fairmount Library is now located inside of City Hall on the second floor. Story time is held every second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. and New Horizon Book Club is held on the second Thursday of the month. For more information call 706-337-5306.

-If your school, church, civic or other organization would like a representative from the Georgia State Patrol to come and speak with your group on law enforcement or public safety matters, call 706-624-1477, extensions 1 or 3. Advance notice would be greatly appreciated so someone can be scheduled.

-MOMS Club of Calhoun is a new local chapter of an international nonprofit group. MOMS Club is a support group designed for the at-home mother of today. Membership is open to all moms who live in Gordon County. Events are scheduled weekdays during the day and children are welcome at all events. Mothers of any age children are welcome. The goals of the group are to provide a support group for mothers who choose to stay at home to raise their children, provide a forum for topics of interest to all mothers, to help children in the community and perform at least one service project yearly helping needy children. For more information call 706-383-3853 or email info@calhounmoms.org for location and more information. Check out the webpage at www.calhounmoms.org.

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-The Calhoun Adult Learning Center has so much to offer. Make the center your window to the world. Free study programs are offered during the day and evening sessions. Enroll in adult education today. Call 706-624-1111. The center is located on the campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College.

-The Gordon County Saddle Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at the Gordon County Agricultural Service Center, 1282 Hwy 53 Spur SW Suite 200, Calhoun, Ga. 30701. Contact 770-548-5956 for more information.

-Gordon County Parks and Recreation would like to invite you to take part in its fitness program. All classes are held at the Sonorville Recreation Complex in the Fitness Center and are held on a continuous, month-to-month basis. Fee Structure: Memberships are \$20 per month to access all aerobic classes. Use of the weight room is \$20 per month. To use weight room and access all aerobic classes the cost is \$30 per month. Paid on a month-to-month basis so no need for a contract.

-The Gordon County Nutrition Site would like to invite seniors ages 60 and over to come to the Senior Center, located at 150 Cambridge Court Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a nutritious meal. The meal is free of charge. We are also the center for Meals on Wheels for the homebound. For more information, please contact Jackie Owens, Nutrition Site Manager at 706-629-0392.

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GAZETTE SPORTS

Weekly Prep Football Preview

Armuchee at Gordon Central:

GC hosts Indians with chance to keep playoff hopes alive

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Calhoun and Sonoraville are both on the road in Region 6-AAA with the Jackets visiting Murray County and the Phoenix making the short trip to Adairsville, and Gordon Central hosts 7-AA foe Armuchee at Ratner Stadium.

Coming off an idle week, the Warriors are looking to keep their momentum going after their first win of the year a couple Friday's ago at Dade County as Armuchee comes into Ratner Stadium this week. The Indians are winless on the year so it should be another opportunity for Gordon Central to pick up a win and keep their postseason hopes alive.

Below is all the info you need to know to get you ready for the important matchup:

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Gordon Central 1-5 (1-2 in 7-AA); Armuchee



File Photo by FRANK CROWE

GC quarterback Nelson Gravitt (center) hands off to Jordan Boone during a game earlier this season.

0-6 (0-3 in 7-AA)

Central won 36-7 in 2018

Last Week: Gordon Central was idle; Armuchee was idle

Gordon Central Key Players: Nelson Gravitt (QB/DB, Sr.), Carlos Escobar (OL/DL, Jr.), David Lindsay (DB/RB, Jr.)

All-Time Series: Tied at 3-3-1

Armuchee Key Players: Gauge Burkett (RB/LB, Sr.),

Devin Cromer (LB/OL, Jr.), Brayden Presley (DB/RB, Sr.)

Gordon Central Coach Quote: "We watched a lot of film over the bye week and feel like we are mentally and physically ready to take on Armuchee High. They are going to come into Ratner Stadium ready to go to battle. Coach (Jeremy) Green will have these guys ready, and I'm looking forward to the challenge that they are going to bring us this Friday night. We have to continue to execute on offense and special teams. Defensively we have to tackle well and be ready to make plays when they come our way. Only two more games left at Ratner Stadium for 2019. I hope everyone will come out and pack The Rat. We will need our crowd there early and ready to go." – Gordon Central head coach TJ Hamilton

Analysis: The Warriors went straight into an off week following their huge win over Dade County a couple weeks ago where first-year

head coach TJ Hamilton finally saw what he had been looking for from his team, which was a game where they put all three phases together for a complete effort. Not only was the win good for momentum at the halfway point of the schedule, but it also puts Gordon Central right back square in the middle of the playoff hunt in 7-AA as the No. 4 seed is still very much up for grabs. If the Warriors can win three out of their final four games, they will more than likely clinch a spot in the postseason for the first time since 2012. That final stretch of games starts this Friday when they host a struggling Armuchee squad at Ratner Stadium. The Indians have endured some crucial injuries that along with inconsistent play have led them to a winless 2019 so far. But Armuchee has continued to fight and cannot be taken lightly as an opponent. Gordon Central's defense needs to key on Armuchee's running game, which is led by senior running back Gauge Burkett, who has put up solid numbers despite the team's lack of success

GG Prediction: Gordon Central wins, 44-17

Calhoun at Murray County:

Jackets look to keep momentum going as they visit Murray County

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The Jackets are looking to keep their momentum going following a convincing win over Adairsville last Friday as they head to Chatsworth to try to take another step forward in clinching a top-two spot in the region with a win over the improved Indians.

Below is all the info you need to know to get you ready for the important matchup:

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Calhoun 5-1 (3-1 in 6-AAA); Murray County 4-3 (2-3 in 6-AAA)

Last Week: Calhoun defeated Adairsville 39-14; Murray County defeated Ringgold 17-16

All-Time Series: Calhoun leads 24-9-2

Last Meeting: Calhoun won 56-0 in 2018

Calhoun Key Players: Jake Morrow (QB, Sr.), Grant Gilmer (DB/WR, Sr.), Kendez Griffin (DL/OL, Sr.)

Murray County Key Players: Kaleb Jones (QB/LB, Jr.), Cade Petty (RB/LB, Jr.), Gauge Stanley (LB/TE, Sr.)

Calhoun Coach Quote: "Overall, I was pleased with our performance Friday night. We played a pretty good ball game for most of the game. We got sloppy and undisciplined in the second half. We are going to work hard on cleaning that up this week at practice. Murray County is a well-coached football team. They are much improved from last year, and Coach (Chad) Brewer has them playing hard. We look forward to having a great week of practice and going out Friday night and playing a solid football game." – Calhoun head coach Clay Stephenson

Analysis: Since their loss to North Murray a few weeks ago, the Jackets have been refocused and rolling through opponents with two straight convincing wins over Ringgold and Adairsville. They know that they must win out to keep pace toward the top of 6-AAA in case the Mountaineers slip up somewhere along the line down the stretch. Calhoun will make the trip to Chatsworth on Friday to square off against an improved Murray County team that finds themselves clinging to faint playoff hopes as well and would like nothing more than to get their first win over the Jackets since 1987. The Indians use the triple-option offense with quarterback Kaleb Jones leading the attack. Calhoun must get solid play from their defensive line to disrupt the timing and win at the line of scrimmage. The good thing is that Calhoun's defensive line has been one of the most consistent units on the defense and has a ton of experience. They should be able to cause problems for the Indian's offensive line and maybe force a few turnovers in the process. On the other side of the ball, Calhoun's offense has gotten



Photo by ADAM DORTCH

Calhoun's Dawson Hamby (68) chases Adairsville quarterback Conner Crunkleton (2) during last Friday's game.

more balanced the last few weeks with quarterback Jake Morrow making some nice passes to his playmakers for touchdowns while running back Jerrian Hames is still a huge threat on the ground. The junior has rushed for 100 or more yards in all six games so

far in 2019. Look for that streak to continue on Friday and for Calhoun to jump out to a big first-half lead and coast to another dominant region victory.

GG Prediction: Calhoun wins, 42-14

Sonoraville at Adairsville:

Phoenix head to Adairsville, aim to get back in win column

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The Phoenix are looking to rebound from a tough loss last Friday against Haralson County and need to pick up every region win they can moving forward to keep their playoff hopes alive. That starts this Friday at Adairsville against a Tigers team that also has their backs against the wall and looking for a season-changing win.

Below is all the info you need to know to get you ready for the important



File Photo by LARRY GREESON / Staff

Sonoraville's Colton Richards runs toward the end zone on a touchdown catch in a game earlier this season.

All-Time Series: 3-3 (2-2 in 6-AAA); Adairsville 3-4 (2-3 in 6-AAA)

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Records: Sonoraville

Last Week: Sonoraville

lost to Haralson County 32-20; Adairsville lost to Calhoun 39-14

All-Time Series: Adairsville leads 10-3

Last Meeting: Sonoraville won 14-10 in 2018

Sonoraville Key Players: Blade Bryant (DB/RB/WR, Sr.), Tyler Capps (LB/RB, Sr.), Loren Hiles (DB/RB, Sr.)

Adairsville Key Players: Conner Crunkleton (QB, Jr.), Garrett Ellis (DL/OL, Sr.), Malachi Gardner (LB/WR, Sr.)

Sonoraville Coach Quote: "We knew going into the Haralson County game that possessions were going to very limited, and you have to take advantage of each opportunity you have. Unfortunately we did not do that enough and came

up on the wrong end of the scoreboard. Defensively, Adairsville is a very athletic team that will base in their 4-2 box and play a lot of two-high safeties in the back end. Offensively they will run some option and have shown to throw it around a little more this year than in the past. We must be sound in all three areas of the football game to beat a talented Adairsville team." – Sonoraville head coach Denver Pate

Analysis: The Phoenix put up a fight against a big, physical Haralson County team last week that could cause a lot of problems for the rest of the top contenders in 6-AAA, but all Sonoraville can do now is move forward and focus on the goals in front of them. They still have a shot at earning their first postseason berth in three seasons, but they have little room for error now. They

See PHOENIX, page 3C

For stats from Sonoraville's game against Haralson County as well as a schedule of upcoming prep sports events involving all the local teams, page 3C.

Prep Volleyball

Lady Jackets achieve goal, earn third straight area title

From staff reports

One of Calhoun's goals since the preseason has been to defend their area crown, and they have been a team on a mission all season to do that. That goal came to fruition on Saturday at Haralson County as the Lady Jackets picked up three wins en route to their third straight area title.

Calhoun (43-4) started the day with a two-set win over Adairsville 25-11, 25-8, and then followed that up with a hard-fought battle in the semifinals against rival Sonoraville as the Lady Jackets won the first set 25-9, fell in the second set 25-23 and clinched the win with a 16-14 advantage in a back-and-forth third set. After waiting on the other teams to fight back through the loser's bracket, Calhoun sealed the Area 5-AAA Title with their second victory over Sonoraville on the day thanks to a 25-18, 25-22 two-set win.

"We are extremely excited to win another Area Title," said Calhoun coach Randy Rice. "We start every year with the expectation to compete and win the area, followed by hard work in the State Tournament and our eye is always on competing for the State Title. The girls have made a great run so far and



Contributed Photo

The Calhoun Lady Jackets pose for a photo after winning their third straight area title on Saturday at the Area 5-AAA Tournament at Haralson County High.

have exceeded even my own expectations of finishing 43-4. My girls love to compete and work in the gym. Give credit to the other teams in our area, especially Sonoraville. They gave it all they had and made it extremely rough on us in the area tournament."

The Lady Jackets got

contributions from top to bottom on the roster that helped them earn the three wins and the area title, including Ashlyn Brzozoski with eight aces, five digs, three assists and one kill, Calli Edens with four digs, one ace and one assist, Anna George with 22 kills, 15 blocks, two digs and one ace, Anna Hoblitzell with

56 assists, nine blocks, eight aces, four kills and two digs, Maekenzie Banta with nine kills, three blocks, three digs and one ace, Reilly Fain with 12 kills, eight blocks, seven aces and two digs, Nena Marcus with 16 kills, one block, one ace and one dig, Abi Locklear with 11 kills, nine digs, two blocks and two aces

and Jenna Santori with 12 digs and three aces.

The Lady Jackets will turn their attention to the Class AAA State Tournament as they will host Lumpkin County in the first round on Saturday at 1 p.m. Calhoun has been to the Class AAA Elite Eight each of the last three seasons.

"We will get back in the gym this week and do what we do, hard work to get ready for Saturday," said Rice.

Sonoraville (25-22) started Saturday with a win over Haralson County in the first round to set up the matchup with Calhoun. After dropping that match, the Lady Phoenix once again defeated Haralson County to advance for a rematch with the Lady Jackets.

"We played the best we've played all season," said Sonoraville coach Trace Vaughn. "We took Calhoun to three sets the first time and lost 14-16 in the third set. Then we nearly won the second set in the final match. We just couldn't quite match their firepower."

Sonoraville will now be the No. 2 seed from the area for the Class AAA State Tournament but will be on the road in the first round on Saturday as they take on Cherokee Bluff. The two teams will square off at 10 a.m. at North Hall High School.

Calhoun's George, Rice earn top honors for Area 5-AAA awards



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Prior to the area teams competing for the area title on Saturday at the Area 5-AAA Tournament at Haralson County High, the All-Area awards were handed out and Calhoun senior Anna George and Calhoun head coach Randy Rice led the honors.

George, a senior middle hitter, was named the Area 5-AAA MVP to lead the First-Team selections. It is George's third straight season earning MVP honors. Rice was also awarded Area 5-AAA Coach of the Year honors following his team's 40-4 regular season. The pair is pictured above left with their plaques.

Joining George on the 5-AAA All-Area First Team was Calhoun teammates Ashlyn Brzozoski (libero, junior), Anna Hoblitzell (setter, junior) and Nena Marcus (outside hitter, junior) along with Sonoraville's Abby Chamber (right side hitter, junior), Alley Cole (middle hitter, freshman) and Raleigh Hooper (setter/outside hitter, junior). Filling out the rest of the First Team was Adairsville's Aaliyah Applin (libero, junior), Haralson County's Lauren Bridges (middle hitter, sophomore), Haralson County's Athena Burgess (middle hitter, senior) and Adairsville's Megan Smith (setter, senior). The full 5-AAA All-Area Team is pictured above right.

Each local team had one player named to All-Area 5-AAA Honorable Mention as well with Calhoun's Reilly Fain (middle hitter, junior) and Sonoraville's Amber Sparkman (middle hitter, junior) earning a spot on the list. Adairsville's Autumn Henderson (middle hitter, sophomore) and Haralson County's Morgan Pope (outside hitter, senior) were also named Honorable Mention.

Prep Softball

Lady Jackets head on road for 2nd-round showdown vs. Rutland

Class AAA State Second-Round Capsule
Calhoun (18-13) at Rutland (16-14)

Smith

SERIES INFO: The series will begin with a doubleheader on Wednesday starting at 4 p.m. If a Game 3 is necessary, it will be played on Thursday at 6 p.m.

SEEDS: Calhoun is the No. 2 seed from Region 6-AAA; Rutland is the No. 1 seed from Region 4-AAA.

STATE RANKINGS: Calhoun – No. 6 in the MaxPreps Class AAA Rankings; Rutland – No. 18.

CALHOUN COACH QUOTE: "We are very excited to be playing in the second round of the State Playoffs. Jackson County was a very good team, and we were fortunate to have come out on top. Region 6-AAA and Region 8-AAA have the strongest teams in Class AAA, and it's not fair that we had to face each other the first round. In playing against Jackson County, I feel like our girls have finally come together as a team. We have close to the same record as Rutland, but Region 6-AAA is definitely a stronger region than Region 4-AAA. Our region is the best in the state, and we play tougher competition than Rutland. I feel really good about our games on Wednesday, but we don't take anyone lightly. I feel we will whip them two games and come home." – Calhoun head coach Diane

CALHOUN INFO: The Lady Jackets are in the second round for the eighth straight season and looking to advance to the Elite Eight for the seventh straight season with a series win. ...Calhoun has relied heavily on the middle of their lineup for power and run production this season with Lyndi Rae Davis and Molly Banks combining for 16 home runs and 58 RBIs. ...The offense has done a good job of getting off to a fast start recently as they have scored a run in the first inning in three straight games and four of the last six.

RUTLAND INFO: The Lady Hurricanes come into the second round hot as they have won six straight games after struggling to a 10-14 record in late September. ...Rutland's offense has shown the ability to put up crooked numbers several times this season as they have scored seven or more runs 14 times and have outscored their opponents overall 200-125. ...They are in the second round for the third straight season and fourth time in the last six years and are looking to return to Columbus for the second time with the other coming in 2017.

GG PICK: Calhoun wins the series in two games.

NEXT FOR WINNER: Will advance to the Class AAA Elite Eight in Columbus which starts next Thursday, Oct. 24.



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(ABOVE) Calhoun's Carlie Henderson slides into second base on a play in the first round. (BELOW) Calhoun's Maggie McBrayer delivers a pitch against Jackson County last Thursday.



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College Football

Randall's punt block among several big performances by locals

From staff reports

Several former players from Calhoun, Gordon Central and Sonorville have moved on to the next level and are making an impact on the college gridiron for their teams.

Here are the players from the area that appeared in the box score last week during their respective teams' games:



RYAN RANDALL, Jr., Carson-Newman



BAYLON SPECTOR, R-Soph., Clemson



THOMAS LESTER, Sr., West Georgia

RYAN RANDALL, Calhoun, Carson-Newman
Randall, a junior wide receiver, made a huge play on special teams for the Eagles on Saturday, blocking a punt that was recovered in the end zone by a teammate for a touchdown in their 59-14 home win over Catawba on Saturday. It was one of three special teams touchdowns on the day. He also had one assisted tackle.

BAYLON SPECTOR, Calhoun, Clemson
The redshirt-sophomore linebacker Spector had two solo tackles in the Tigers' 45-14 victory at home over Florida State in ACC play on Saturday.

THOMAS LESTER, Calhoun, West Georgia
Lester, a senior, started at wide receiver and had three catches for 26 yards

and a touchdown in the Wolves' 42-21 win at North Greenville on Saturday.

GAVIN GRAY, Calhoun, Berry
Gray, a freshman quarterback, completed 7-of-8 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns in the Vikings' 27-9 home win over Hendrix on Saturday to stay undefeated. He also ran the ball five times for

four yards in the contest.

JACK DeFOOR, Calhoun, Georgia Tech
DeFoor, a redshirt-junior offensive lineman, started for the Jackets at left guard in their 41-23 conference loss at Duke on Saturday.

DREW McENTYRE, Calhoun, The Citadel
McEntyre, a senior

offensive lineman, started at right guard in the Bulldogs' 35-17 home win over Western Carolina on Saturday.

LANDON RICE, Calhoun, Jacksonville State
Rice, a redshirt-junior, started at tight end in the Gamecocks' 28-20 win at Eastern Illinois on Saturday.

BRENT SILVAR, Calhoun, Shorter
Silvar, a sophomore, started at linebacker and had two total tackles (one solo, one assist) in the Hawks' 41-0 loss at West Alabama on Saturday in conference play.

ZACK FULLER, Calhoun, Berry
Fuller, a freshman running back, had one carry for two yards in Berry's 27-9 home win

over Hendrix in conference play to push the Vikings to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

DAVIS ALLEN, Calhoun, Clemson
Allen, a freshman tight end, participated but didn't record any stats in the Tigers' 45-14 home win over Florida State on Saturday.

ZEKE NANCE, Calhoun, Lenoir-Rhyne
Nance, a redshirt-freshman defensive lineman, participated but didn't record any stats in the Bears' 38-14 win at Tusculum on Saturday.

NOTE: *If there is a former local football player making an impact on the college level and they weren't in our roundup, let us know by email gordongazettesports@gmail.com.*

Prep Football Stat Recap

Haralson County 32, Sonorville 20

Team Stats

Sonorville Fumbles – 1 fumble, 0 lost
Sonorville Penalties – 2 penalties, 24 yards
Sonorville Punts – 1 punts for 27 yards
Sonorville Total Offensive Yards – 242 total (120 rushing, 122 passing)
Sonorville Yards Allowed Defensively – 329 total (329 rushing, 0 passing)

Individual Offensive Stats

Passing
Brady Lackey – 9-of-14, 122 yards, 1 TD

Rushing
Blade Bryant – 10 carries, 71 yards, 1 TD
Brady Lackey – 8 carries, 10 yards, 1 TD

Colton Richards – 5 carries, 31 yards
Loren Hiles – 1 carry, 8 yards

Receiving

Brant Bryant – 5 catches, 55 yards
Colton Richards – 3 catches, 47 yards, 1 TD
Davis Kilpatrick – 1 catch, 20 yards

Punting

Tripp Morrison – 1 punts for 27 yards

Turnovers

Sonorville (none), Haralson County 1 (1 fumble)



Photo by LARRY GREESON / Staff

Sonorville's Davis Kilpatrick (16) runs upfield past Haralson County defenders after making a catch in last Friday's game.

NOTE: Full stats from Calhoun's 39-14 win over Adairsville were not available at deadline.

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But the Phoenix got a crash course in defending the run game last week against

Haralson County so they should be keyed in on what the Tigers bring to the party on the ground. If Sonorville can make Adairsville one-dimensional, it could be a great night for the

visiting team. Sonorville's offense probably has some frustration built up as well after only seeing the ball for five total possessions last week based on Haralson County's clock-control,

pounding running game. They are ready to put together another big performance like they had the previous two weeks against Ringgold and Murray County where quarterback Brady

Lackey looked extremely comfortably distributing the ball to his playmakers, and Colton Richards and Blade Bryant took on the lead role in the running game. This will not be an easy

victory on the road, but the Phoenix have enough talent and depth to pull away in the fourth quarter.

GG Prediction: Sonorville wins, 33-22

Upcoming Prep Schedule

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

SOFTBALL
4 p.m. — Calhoun at Rutland (Class AAA State Tournament Second Round, doubleheader)

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

SOFTBALL
4 p.m. — Calhoun at Rutland (Class AAA State Tournament Second Round, Game 3 if necessary)

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m. — Calhoun at Murray County
7:30 p.m. — Sonorville at Adairsville
7:30 p.m. — Armuchee at Gordon Central

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

VOLLEYBALL
10 a.m. — Sonorville vs. Cherokee Bluff (at North Hall High, Class AAA State Tournament First Round)
12 p.m. — Gordon Central at Elite Scholars Academy (Class AA/A Public State Tournament

First Round)
1 p.m. — Lumpkin County at Calhoun (Class AAA State Tournament First Round)

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

CROSS COUNTRY
3:30 p.m. — Calhoun, Sonorville at Region 6-AAA Championship Meet (Resaca Battlefield)
4:30 p.m. — Gordon Central at Region 7-AA Championship Meet (Georgia Highlands College, Rome)

Sports Happenings

CALHOUN ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT — The 2019 Calhoun Rotary Golf Tournament, sponsored by Hamilton Medical Center and the Calhoun Rotary Club, is set for Wednesday, October 16 at Fields Ferry Golf Course. Registration starts at 11 a.m., Shotgun start at 1 p.m. A box lunch will be provided. Proceeds to be used in support of Calhoun Rotary's efforts with the youth of Calhoun and Gordon County. For more information and entry forms, contact Jim Rosencrance at proshop@fieldsferrygolf.com or 706-263-6631.

ADVENTHEALTH RACE AROUND THE REC 5K — Registration is now open for the AdventHealth Race Around the Rec 5K. The event will be held on Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Calhoun City Recreation Department, beginning at the black and gold pavilion and playground behind the George Chambers Resource Center, which is located at 1000 Highway 53 Spur SW, Calhoun. In addition to the 5K race for adults and students ages 13 and older, a Children's Fun Run will take place at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit breast cancer services at AdventHealth Gordon. Race day check-in and registration begins at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Wendy Taylor at Call 706-602-7800 x2318 or via email at Wendy.Taylor@AdventHealth.com.

ELKS SOCCER SHOOT 2019 — The Elks Soccer Shoot 2019 will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20 starting at 2 p.m. at the River Park Soccer Complex. There is no charge to compete. Just sign up the day of competition.

Medals will be given to the top three scorers in each age group. Age groups are U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14 and U-16, and they are divided based on birthday as of Jan. 1, 2019 with both boys and girls divisions. U-10, U-12, U-14 and U-16 contestants will take shots from the penalty mark onto a regulation goal that is divided into a grid with each spot on the grid being worth a set amount of points. Most points win. U-8 contestants take shots onto 5 PVC goals of various sizes. Winners of each group advance to the Northwest District competition on Nov. 3 with the location to be determined. For any questions, contact Chuck Ruth at 770-548-5620.

SONORVILLE XC BIKE RIDE — The Sonorville Cross Country Team will host its first-ever Bike Ride on Saturday, Oct. 26 starting at 11 a.m. at Sonorville High. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and kick stands up at 11 a.m. Cost for bike and passenger is \$20. The ride will travel throughout Gordon County and will head southbound on Hwy 41 to finish at Southern Devil Harley Davidson in Cartersville. Each registration comes with raffle ticket for a drawing at the end of the ride. For additional details, contact butchburch@gcbe.org. FFA BBQ plates will be available for \$8 along with the raffle and live music.

CALHOUN COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM BASKETBALL CLINIC — The Calhoun Community Education Program will host a Basketball Clinic for girls and boys ages 5-15 on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Calhoun High gym. Instructors for

the clinic will be Calhoun High boys head coach Vince Layson, Calhoun High girls head coach Jaime Echols and Calhoun High players. Cost for the clinic is \$25 through Oct. 31 and then after that, it will go up to \$40. Registration is available online at <https://securepayment.link/calhounschoools/summer-camps/>.

JOHN D. MEADOWS III MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING — The John D. Meadows III Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Monday, Nov. 18 at Fields Ferry Golf Club. Registration and lunch will begin at 12 p.m. followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost for an individual player, which includes one reservation for the golf tournament, lunch and dinner, is \$125. There are also sponsorship opportunities available, including the top level \$1,000 for Patron Sponsor, which includes four reservations for the golf tournament and one hole sponsor sign. There is also a \$500 Tournament Sponsor option, which includes four reservations for the golf tournament, lunch and dinner, and a \$500 Hole Sponsor option, which includes one hole sponsor sign. Funds raised at the event will go to local scholarships created for the community. For further information or to RSVP, contact Ariail Gorman at 770-312-5288 or at Ariail@shb-consult.com.



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