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## GSP charges Warner Robbins man after wreck in Plainville involving mail truck

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The Georgia State Patrol responded to a wreck on Highway 53 West/Rome Road in Plainville Friday morning in reference to an incident involving a Ford passenger truck and a mail truck.

The call came in after 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. According to the report from the GSP, which is still incomplete at press time, a white 1992 Ford F-150, driven by 63-year-old James Dennis Mason, of Warner Robins, was traveling eastbound on GA 53 in the right lane, just east of Brownlee Mountain Road. A United State Postal Service delivery vehicle, driven by 53-year-old Sheila Honadale Larson, of Calhoun, was in front of Mason's vehicle and was pulling away from a mailbox after making a delivery. Mason did not move

into the left lane or slow down and struck the postal vehicle in the rear with its front-end.

After impact, the postal vehicle was forced off the right shoulder of the roadway and into a ditch, where it came to a final, uncontrolled rest. The Ford truck came to a final, uncontrolled rest in the eastbound lane of GA 53, east of Brownlee Mountain Road.

According to the GSP, Mason was unable to provide an explanation as to why he failed to see the postal delivery vehicle. Both Mason and were transported to Floyd Medical Center in Rome for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Mason was cited for Failure to Exercise Due Care and issued a courtesy warning for Following Too Closely.

This isn't the first time a mail truck has been hit on High-



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way 53 in Plainville. On Aug. 1, 2014, a mail carrier made a delivery at 3966 Highway 53 and was approaching the next home when a tractor-trailer slammed into the back of the mail truck,

where the mail truck overturned, continued flipping and came to rest on its top in the front yard of 3954 Highway 53, where hundreds of pieces of mail was scattered.

## 'Domestic Violence Thrives On Silence'

Annual 'Walk A Mile In Her Shoes' event held Friday afternoon to bring awareness to domestic violence issue in Calhoun-Gordon County

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The annual Walk A Mile In Her Shoes, a men's march to not only bring awareness of domestic violence in our community, but to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence, was held at BB&T Park in downtown Calhoun on Friday afternoon, drawing more than 100 people who walked a mile in the downtown area to bring awareness of domestic violence in the Calhoun-Gordon County community.

Gordon County Domestic Violence

Outreach Office's Beth Peters, the outreach coordinator, and Debbie Lane, legal advocate, were on hand welcoming the walkers to one of the hottest walks on record, where the temperature was in 90's.

A Best Shoe Contest was held for the men who walked, and the winner was Dorian Johnson of Fit From The Core, who wore a bright red pair of 6-inch heels during the whole walk.

Gordon County Sheriff Mitch

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## Sonoraville students get the opportunity to quiz candidates at Thursday night's Candidates Forum

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The Gordon County Chamber of Commerce & Government Affairs Committee presented a Candidates Forum on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Depot in downtown Calhoun. The forum was held for candidates who qualified and are running for office in the Municipal General Election this year.

Gordon County Chamber President & CEO Kathy Johnson welcomed candidates, attendees and the students from all three local public high schools, who worked with various members of the media to prepare questions before the forum to present the candidates. The Gordon Gazette worked with four students from Sonoraville

High School: Eli Hibberts, Allen Stone, Janie Graves and Ben Stewart.

The moderator for the event was local attorney Bill Thompson.

Only eight of the 20 candidates who qualified to run for office in Calhoun, Resaca, Fairmount and Plainville participated in the forum. Candidates who ran unopposed were offered the opportunity to give a brief statement but did not take questions from the panel of students and media.

Calhoun Mayor Jimmy Palmer and Councilwoman Jackie Palazolo (Post 1), both running unopposed this election, were allowed to give brief introductions to kick the forum off.

"We are able to provide a safe community," said Mayor Palmer,

referencing the recognition of Calhoun being ranked as the 26th safest city out of 569 cities in Georgia.

Palmer also said the City offers a strong utilities department with some of the lowest rates in the state for water, sewer, telecom and electric.

"We continually look at improvements, looking at renovation and replacement as well as expansions," said Palmer.

Palmer said that the City remains in a strong financial position, and the Council is able to provide a balanced budget with one of the lowest millage rates in the state.

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BRANDI OWCZARZ/Staff

Sonoraville students who participated on the panel at the Candidates Forum were: Allen Stone, Janie Graves and Ben Stewart. Not pictured: Eli Hibberts.

## GCF&R continues to respond to brush fires despite burn ban

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Gordon County Fire & Rescues Division Chief Nathan Saylor said that crews responded to several illegal burns on Thursday, Oct. 3, and that people do not seem to be heeding the extended burn ban the Gordon County Board of Commissioners put in place on Tuesday night.

The local burn ban, which became effective Tuesday, Oct. 1, was voted on unanimously by the Board due to extremely dry conditions affecting the area. Gordon County remains under a burn ban until further notice. The

burn ban includes all types of outdoor fires and a ban on lighting any fireworks in all unincorporated areas of Gordon County. The only exception is a small cooking fire that is carefully contained within an outdoor grill.

Violation of the 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.

In addition to several illegal burns throughout the county on Thursday, the firefighters from GCF&R Stations Fairmount, Red Bud, Ranger and Head-

quarters responded to a barn fire at 300 Salocoa Road SE in Fairmount on Friday, Sept. 27. The barn was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived on scene. Suppression efforts were hampered due to accessibility of the structure which was located down a long driveway off the narrow road, where there was no positive water supply and the crew had to utilize tanker shuttle operations, and also due to a person on a skid loader who was blocking access to the driveway upon the crew's arrival. It is noted in the report that law enforcement was requested on the scene due to the hostility



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of the person on the skid loader.

Upon completion of the fire attack, the crew transitioned to salvage and over-

haul.

No cause of the fire has been determined at press time, but an estimated \$30,000 in damages in

both property and contents were noted in the report.

It is requested that any citizen that witnesses illegal burning call 911.

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## Second Front

### Gordon County E-911's annual Meet & Treat set for Thursday, Oct. 31



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Gordon County E-911 is gearing up for another spooktacular Meet & Treat, a special Halloween event open to the public, on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. The event is held each year at Gordon County E-911, located at 100 Nine One One Blvd. in Calhoun. This is a time for Gordon County citizens to bring their children and visit with the staff and tour the E-911 Center. Staff will also be handing out candy for young visitors during that time.

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## Growth continues at North Georgia National Bank

### NGNB welcomes Guthrie as Marketing Manager

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North Georgia National Bank is excited to announce the promotion of Olivia Guthrie into the role of Marketing Manager.

Prior to accepting her position in Marketing, Guthrie joined the team at North Georgia as a Relationship Banker in March of 2018. She is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Marketing at Western Governors University.

"We are excited about the new direction of North Georgia National Bank" says Chris Pierce, President/CEO. "Olivia's role as our Marketing Manager will be vitally important in engaging the community and building our brand. She takes care of our customers with passion and that's the heart of community banking."

Guthrie is the daughter of Eric and Heather



Olivia Guthrie

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Guthrie and the oldest of seven siblings. She is a life-long resident of Gordon County and resides in Fairmount. Guthrie is an active member of Meadowdale Baptist Church where she enjoys getting to

see others come to know Jesus and grow in Him. She believes strongly in community involvement and enjoys being a Mentor in the Lunch Buddy Program with Gordon County Schools.

North Georgia National Bank

### Partnership for a Healthier Community event to be held Oct. 19 at Sonoraville High School

STAFF REPORTS

Partnership for a Healthier Community, an event that's a true community-wide effort in bringing awareness to the issues of alcohol, drugs/vaping and mental health/suicide awareness in our community, will be held at Sonoraville High School on Saturday evening, Oct. 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Calhoun City Schools, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Gordon County Schools, and AdventHealth Gordon will be participating in the event, and several community organizations will be on hand with booths at the carnival-type event. Participants will also be participating in a true community-wide effort.

Organizers say there will be various activities such as inflatables/bounce houses, Kona Ice, face painting, firetruck tours, popcorn, cotton candy, hay rides and petting zoos.



Around 7 p.m., there will be testimonials from those who have overcome drug addiction, and a panel of professionals from law enforcement, healthcare and mental health will be on hand to answer questions.

At 8 p.m., the movie 'Facing The Giants' will be shown.

Organizers say the goal of the event is to bring awareness to the

community on concerns facing our youth. Entrance to the event will be free. Vendors will be on hand selling items to those interested. Any profit made by the event will be used to establish a Foundation Fund to benefit community school-aged children suffering from substance abuse, mental disorders and/or families affected by suicide.

### Smith joins NGNB as VP, Business Development Officer

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Stacey S. Smith has joined North Georgia National Bank as Vice President, Business Development Officer. She will join the Downtown Branch where she will be serving existing customers as well as focusing on building new customer relationships with the bank. A life-long resident of Gordon County, Stacey resides in Sugar Valley with her husband Ricky L Smith and daughter Sydney Smith.

Stacey is a 1981 graduate of Calhoun High School where she participated in the Vocational Office Training Program which led to her first job as a teller at First Federal Savings & Loan. She worked at this same banking location for 27 years. During this time, she was awarded the elite status of Chairman's Club on multiple occasions. Stacey attends Calhoun Community Church where she is an active choir member. Smith also enjoys singing with the Calhoun



Stacey S. Smith

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Community Chorus at the Harris Arts Center. United Way Allocation Committee and service is a priority for Stacey and she currently serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Voluntary Action Center. She is a graduate of the Gordon County Leadership Class of 2009 and has participated in many community committees including being

## Community Events

### Week of Oct. 13

The Jordan Family Band will be singing at New Town Baptist Church, located at 897 New Town Church Road NE in Calhoun, on Sunday morning, Oct. 13, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The special singing is part of New Town Baptist's Homecoming Celebration. All are invited.

-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."

-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, Shriners 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

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## Obituaries

### October 5-6, 2019

#### Bonnie Bailey

Bonnie Lou Duvall Bailey, 82, of Resaca, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019. She was born in Sugar Valley on Dec. 28, 1936, daughter of the late Earl and Ruth Strickland Duvall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Bailey in 2012; her brother and sister-in-law, Lamar and Martha Duvall; sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha Sue and Roy Akins and Arlene and Jim Parrish.

Bonnie lived the greater part of her life in the Resaca community. She was employed with GTE as an operator and retired from the Whitfield Board of Education as a school bus driver.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth Randall Bailey and Jenny; a daughter, Delana Bailey Sloan; grandchildren, Holly Michelle Cochran and Stephanie Michelle Bailey; great grandchildren, Tyler Reese Cochran and Zane Hunter Cochran; a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Peggy Duvall; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 from 5 until 8 p.m. at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home. Rev. Bo Evans and Rev. Jimmy Edge will officiate. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Friends may sign the online guest register at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com).

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



Most High God. Because she was a member of the Gideons Auxiliary, the family suggests that flowers be omitted, and donations made to the important work of the Gideons at [www.gideons.org/donate](http://www.gideons.org/donate)

Rickie is survived by her husband of 35 years, Theodore Eugene Kramer; sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Gabby Thompson, Bryan and Shannon Thompson, Randy and Holly Thompson, and Brad Kramer; daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Dustin Purkey; grandchildren, Abby, Rebecca, Isaac, Justice, Abraham, and Nicholas Thompson, Camille, Mallory, and Anna Purkey, and Tyler and Ashley Kramer; and brothers-and sisters-in-law, James and Linda Pitts, Frank and Linda Pitts, Horace and Nina Pitts, and Ralph and Gail Pitts.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 at Fairview Church of God from 4 - 6 p.m.

Friends may sign the online guest register at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com).

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



#### Wynelle Hensley

Wynelle Bagwell Hensley, 91, of Calhoun, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019 in her home following declining health. She was born in Calhoun on Aug. 12, 1928, daughter of the late Howard Bagwell and Emma Mae Tucker Bagwell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Hensley;

her daughter, Debbie Hensley Cochran; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, JH and Dell Bagwell, Ralph and Freda Bagwell, Raymond and Charlene Bagwell, and Gene and Martha Bagwell.

Wynelle loved her family dearly and enjoyed watching the Hummingbirds and spending time outdoors. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Michael Gilbert, Angie and Steve Wright, Pipa Defoor, and Jether Cochran; her grandchildren, Ginger Dutton, Connie Elmore, Kim Lemons, Amy



#### David White

David Bryan White, age 51 of Graysville, Tenn., died on Oct. 1, 2019.

David was born on Jan. 9, 1968 in Jacksonville, Fla. to Juanita Sauls Chatham and the late Chandler Bruce White. David was a former resident of St. Augustine, Florida where he loved the beach and enjoyed fishing.

David is survived by: his mother, Juanita Sauls Chatham of Calhoun; brother, Christopher White of Toocoo, Ga.; sister, Cherie Marzano of Graysville, Tenn.; nephew, Brian Dawkins of Calhoun; two nieces, Rebecca Dawkins of Chattanooga, Tenn. and Jessica Moore of Florida.

A Private Memorial will be held at a later date. You may leave the family online condolences at [www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com](http://www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com)

Thomas Funeral Home oversees the arrangements for David Bryan White.

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### Health News

## AdventHealth Gordon hosts Living Well class featuring Julia Danforth, MD this Tuesday, Oct. 8

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AdventHealth Gordon is hosting a Living Well class featuring Julia Danforth, MD, on Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at AdventHealth Medical Group Family Medicine at Adairsville Health Park, located at 21 Commerce Parkway (next to the Food Lion shopping center).

The topic for this class is sharing successes. During this class, attendees will share their tips, testimonies and successes of healthy living. Attendees are invited to bring a low-fat whole-food plant-based item to share if desired, but it is not required. Call or text 404-394-3940 or 770-773-9201 for recipes or questions.

Dr. Danforth is a board-certified family physician. She believes that health is more than just the physical body, but mental and spiritual wellness as well. Dr. Danforth earned her medical degree from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California followed by a residency in family practice

at Florida Hospital in Orlando. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. Dr. Danforth was board-certified in Lifestyle Medicine in 2017 and is blessed to be able to formally pursue her lifelong career passion.

This is a free class, and refreshments will be provided. To register, please call 770-773-9201.

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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](http://AdventHealth.com) or [Facebook.com/AdventHealth](https://www.facebook.com/AdventHealth).

## AdventHealth Gordon to host Dinner, Doctors & Discussions event with Joy Nwadike, MD

CONTRIBUTED

AdventHealth Gordon will host Dinner, Doctors & Discussions, an educational event for the community, on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 6 to 8 pm in Conference Room E, which is accessible through the North Entrance. The topic for this event is breast cancer.

OB/GYN surgeon Joy Nwadike, MD, of AdventHealth Medical Group OB/GYN at Curtis Parkway, will discuss facts and information about breast cancer as well as detection and prevention. Dr. Nwadike is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is a graduate of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, and she completed her residency at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. In 2007, she received the prestigious excellence in medicine award from the Medical Association of Georgia's Physician Institute for Excellence in Medicine. Dr. Nwadike is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and

Gynecologists.

Space is limited, and registration is required. To register for this free event, visit [AdventHealthGordon.com](http://AdventHealthGordon.com) or call 706-602-7800 ext. 2318.

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### Health News

## Anna Shaw Children's Institute to host parent support group

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DALTON, Ga. (October 1, 2019) – Anna Shaw Children's Institute, part of Hamilton Health Care System, will host an ongoing parent support group on the second Monday of each month for parents, grandparents, guardians and other family members of children with special needs.

The next meeting is scheduled for

Monday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Southern Magnolia Room on the lower level of the facility at 1201 Burleyson Road. For the October meeting, treats will be available for children in the first floor lobby. Costumes are welcome.

Children are welcome, and childcare is provided. Also, pizza, drinks and an activity are part of the event.

Please RSVP to Lisa Taylor at 706-226-8911.

## ASCI hosts Reading Around the Tree

The Anna Shaw Children's Institute will host Reading around the Tree on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. for all children who would like to attend. Children will gather around the tree in the facility while volunteers read books to them and then lead a craft related to the book. All craft supplies are provided free of charge. The program will take place each Wednesday except for the holiday weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and when Independence Day falls on a Wednesday.

## Hamilton to host Pink Day event

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DALTON, Ga. (October 2, 2019) – Hamilton Medical Center will host a Pink Day event on Friday, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Burr Park, 101 South Hamilton St. The theme is "More than a color, more than a month."

Supporting breast cancer awareness, Dalton

will officially proclaim Oct. 11 as Pink Day in Dalton. The proclamation is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

The event will include a free gift (while supplies last), cookies, pink lemonade, yoga class (immediately following the proclamation) chair massages, acupuncture and nail painting. Health and beauty vendors will

be onsite as well, and Mix 104.5 will broadcast live from the event.

Regular breast self-exams, clinical breast exams and mammograms (based on age and health history) are recommended as the best way to detect breast cancer in the early stages.

"With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's a good time

to be proactive," said Rachel Ogle, marketing outreach manager for Hamilton Health Care System. "Nobody wants to hear a diagnosis of breast cancer, but early detection can make a huge difference."

Some habits that can help reduce risk for breast cancer are maintaining a healthy weight, staying physically active, eating

fruits and vegetables, not smoking and limiting alcohol consumption.

Rachel Ogle, marketing outreach manager for Hamilton Health Care System (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)



## Hamilton Medical Center expands capabilities with EKOS treatment for patients with pulmonary embolisms

CONTRIBUTED

DALTON, Ga. – Hamilton Medical Center, part of Hamilton Health Care System, recently began using a procedure called EKOS to treat pulmonary embolisms (PE), allowing patients to receive the advanced care close to home. Hector Dourron, MD, and Michael Hartley, MD, have performed the procedure.

"We're very proud to be using this advanced technology at Hamilton," said Jeff Hughes, cardiovascular service line administrator. "It elevates our capabilities and allows the patient to stay close to home and close to family."

EKOS, or EkoSonic® Endovascular System, is the only endovascular device cleared

by the FDA for the treatment of pulmonary embolism, a blockage in an artery in the lungs.

Pulmonary embolism affects as many as 600,000 people annually and carries a high rate of mortality. It is a condition where one or more clots break off or travel from existing venous clots in the legs or arms and travel in the circulation, getting trapped in the lung, where they block the ability of blood to get oxygen in some areas of the lung.

EKOS is intended to treat sub-massive pulmonary emboli, which make up 45 percent of pulmonary embolism cases. In sub-massive pulmonary emboli, the right side of the heart has a difficult time pumping blood and can quickly become larger than the stronger left side of the heart, which, if not

treated, can cause the right side of the heart to fail. EKOS, used in conjunction with a thrombolytic drug, dissolves clots and restores healthy heart function and blood flow. EKOS also allows the physician to use a much smaller dose of clot busting medication, making treatment much safer by greatly reducing bleeding risk. EKOS can also be used in the treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT).

From left are Hector Dourron, MD, and Michael Hartley, MD. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)



### Common PE symptoms include:

- Shortness of breath
- Progressively worsening chest pain
- Cough
- Clammy or discolored skin
- Excessive sweating
- Rapid or irregular heartbeat
- Lightheadedness or dizziness

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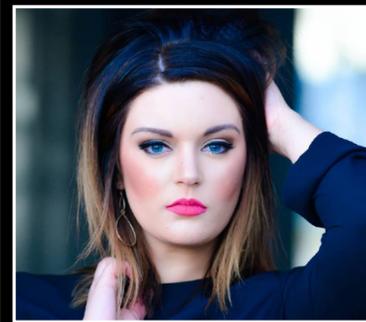
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# FORUM

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"There are 65 cities in the state of Georgia approximately our size," said Palmer. "The average millage rate of those cities is 8.90. The City of Calhoun is a 2.6."

Palmer told the audience he is proud to serve the City, and his door is always open for questions or comments.

Palazzolo said that she has enjoyed her four years on the Council and that she serves because of her love for Calhoun.

"This community has given so much to me, and I want to give back to this community, and I saw a way I could though service," said Palazzolo.

The first contested race presented at the forum is for Calhoun City Council Post 2, a race between incumbent Al Edwards and former Calhoun Recycling volunteer coordinator Judy Peterson. Both candidates briefly gave an introduction before questions began.

Sonoraville junior Graves asked the candidates of Post 2 what they'd do to help relieve the heavy traffic congestion in the City of Calhoun, and to address the lack of parking in the downtown area, asking if they felt the lack of parking downtown impedes business development.

Judy Peterson: "Of course, when school's in session, you have a lot of traffic downtown, and along Curtis Parkway and Dews Pond and all the way into town. And Highway 53 can be a terrible traffic issue. Remember, I'm not on City Council, but I want to be. So I can't honestly say they aren't working on issues. I'm sure the City Council and the Mayor are aware of these issues because they've been there for a while. But we do have some traffic issues and it seems simple enough, by maybe putting that right turn lane on Curtis Parkway so people can go ahead and move out. I would say start asking a lot of good questions. Start making sure you're looking at those heavy traffic areas and you're examining all the possibilities. And if there is a problem, go at it. I'm not saying that's not being done, because I'm not there to see what's happening. But the issues are real. And downtown, I think we need greenspace. I hear that from a lot of people; I hear it from the community and I hear it from our youth. We want more greenspace in Calhoun-Gordon County. If you start asphaltting over places, you taking up greenspace, so I think you have to find a way to compromise there, or find a way to make both work. And I'm sure we can. I've heard people say, 'Why don't we take Park Avenue and put it back to a park like it once way.' And some of you may remember Park Avenue once was a park which is now a parking lot. It would be beautiful to have a greenspace but can we afford to lose the parking space? I don't know that there are simple problems, but I really believe there are solutions out there. That's what I'd like to do; I'd like for us to work together as a unit and find solutions to all these problems. It sounds simple. I think we can solve it."

Al Edwards: "I'd be lying if I said there weren't issues; especially on Thursday and Friday afternoon on Highway 53. A lot of that is due to the interstate, the traffic signals and the proliferation of fast food restaurants. We don't want to lose out on that, and the interstate is one of the greatest things we have going for us as far as the volume of traffic that it

bring to us, increasing tax revenues through the SPLOST. There's not always a fast solution or easy answer. Downtown parking- we have business owners that are upset their customers don't have adequate parking along the streets, and other folks working in offices and downtown businesses and they don't want to park in the parking lot on Park Avenue and have to walk to work. One of the things that could be done for parking, is the parking lot on Park Avenue could be double or triple-decked, like the courthouse parking on Piedmont Street, but that will cost money."

The next contested race that took questions from the panel was Calhoun City School Post 5, between Becky Gilbert George and Don Hood. George did not participate in the forum, but Hood was on hand to answer questions.

Sonoraville High's Hibberts asked Hood about the Georgia High School Association's (GHSAA) recent vote to apply a 2.0 multiplier to out of district students when determining school classification and what his plans were for the policy concerning out of district students.

Don Hood: "I hope our policy wouldn't change at all for out of district students. I think right now, we have 23 percent out of district students for our student body. Those out of district students bring a lot of strengths to Calhoun City Schools. They are something we do not want to lose; they're part of our community and are very proud Yellow Jackets. I hope we would not have any change in that policy. I don't know what the community thinks about that. I think with the growth, Calhoun City Schools will go to a 4A classification, and with the doubling up of out-of-district students, may very well go to a 5A classification, which will be quite challenging. It will bring problems and we will have to work through those. And I think Sonoraville may very well see themselves going up as well, because our student body basic population is very similar in size."

The next contested race for questioning was Town of Resaca, Council Post 2, where Christopher "Kit" Cunningham was present.

Sonoraville High School student Allen Stone asked Cunningham what the best way to bring economic growth to the Town of Resaca?

Kit Cunningham: "Well of course, everyone knows Taco Bell is coming in (the fast food restaurant that will be located on Highway 41 North beside Hardees). It's to encourage trying to get more businesses in there. We see it here in Calhoun; most of your businesses are in one area. You go down Highway 53 and that's where all your fast food and other businesses are. There's nothing on Red Bud Road. And (businesses) with brand power help, but the usual issue is the expense. I don't believe that's the issue in Resaca. The issue in Resaca is land availability and getting people to let go of the land. We have to encourage (growth) and let people know to be able to grow, we're going to have to be able to bring in some of those brand powers. You have to be able to entice these types of businesses; maybe not all fast food but that is something you have to encourage. If I own some land, I might consider selling it at a good, fair price to get (a business) to come in and that revenue will help."

The final contested race of the evening was the mayor race in the City of Plainville, where incumbent Jim Miller took questions

from the panel. Sonoraville student Ben Steward asked Miller if re-elected, what he would do to assure financial stability within the municipality and how he would encourage growth.

Jim Miller: "For starters, we have been reviewing our monthly expenses in the town. Since January, we have switched our communication provider from AT&T to Comcast. That has saved us approximate \$125 month on our internet bill. We are in the process of converting our interior lighting in city buildings to LED, and are taking advantage of a program which Georgia Power pays 75 percent of that cost. We expect that to save the city approximately \$100 per month on our power bill. We've changed the water meter at the Plainville gym and that has taken the water bill at the gym from \$205 a month, down to approximately \$20 per month. Since January, by the end of December, we expect to be saving approximately \$430 per month simply on utilities. As far as generating additional revenue, the City of Plainville is examining the possibility of purchasing some buildings with the idea of maybe leasing them for someone who might want to run a sandwich shop, or a consignment shop. That is not set in stone, but it is an idea we have talked about. Basically, I'm working with the Council to examine what we have to save money where we can, then push toward expanding and growth."

The last participant of the night was Clark Bunch, who is the incumbent for Plainville City Council Post 2, running unopposed, who briefly addressed the attendees. "Those of us in Plainville who swerve on the City Council are doing it because we care about the community we live in and we want to see it managed well," said Bunch. The Sonoraville students who participated on the panel all said they enjoyed their experience. Hibberts had to duck out early for a previously scheduled engagement, but Graves, Stone and Stewart all gave final thoughts to the experience.

"I think it was a good experience," said Stone. "I've never really been to a meeting like this, and it was nice that you can sit there, firsthand, and hear the candidate's unfiltered answers. Here, they had to answer on the fly how they truly felt about the issues. They couldn't really hide their thoughts and if they tried, you could still tell who really cared, and who was here to talk about what they wanted to do for themselves other than what they wanted to do for their community."

"It was interesting to see how they seemed to care about their community," said Graves. "My mom is active on the County School Board (Dana Stewart, Gordon County Schools BOE), so getting to sit in and have this experience and getting to ask our questions, and seeing what good answers and bad answers are, was great," said Stewart. "Getting to participate and be a part of this forum, instead of being out in the audience, we got to be involved and got a better experience. I know we can't vote right now, but we can definitely spread the word."

Running for office in this year's Municipal General Election are:

- 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)

The last day to register to vote for this year's election is this Monday, Oct. 7. Early voting will begin and absentee ballots will be available at the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office on Monday, Oct. 14, 2019. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The last day to cast your ballot early or to request an absentee ballot is Friday, Nov. 1, 2019. The Gordon County Board of Elections Office is located in the Gordon County Government Plaza, 215 N. Wall Street, Calhoun, Georgia. The Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

# WALK

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Ralston, Calhoun Police Chief Tony Pyle, and Gordon County Assistant DA Elizabeth York were all on hand to address the walkers prior to taking the streets of downtown Calhoun.

"Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world," said Gordon County Mitch Ralston. "But no one should be a victim of domestic violence. It's important for the victims to know there is support out here for them, and events like this draw attention to that."

Ralston said that in addition to the importance of drawing attention to domestic violence and the victims, it was even more important to make sure the violators get the maximum sentence or penalty.

"That's why it's important to monitor what is going on in our courts and make sure these violators are getting the maximum penalty," said Sheriff Ralston. "We just had a homicide take place a couple of weeks ago, and it involved domestic violence," continued Sheriff Ralston. "We never want to see that. You as a family member, or if there's someone you know that's being victimized in domestic violence, please report that...report that to law enforcement. We'll make sure these people are held accountable for their actions."

Sheriff Ralston also thanked the local Domestic Violence Outreach Office and Peters for serving the community, and bringing awareness of the domestic violence situation by putting on events like Walk A Mile.

"I know Beth's just one phone call away," said Sheriff Ralston. "She always answers her phone, any time of the day or night; she's going to be there for the victim."

"I read something several years back that kind of surprised me when I read it, the number one cause of injuries for women in the United States of America is domestic violence; more than car accidents or any other crimes perpetrated against them by strangers is domestic violence," said Chief Pyle. "And that kind of shocked me, because I've been doing this for 30 years. I know men can be victims of domestic violence, but it is predominantly women that are affected."

Chief Pyle said most people in the community are surprised there is a problem with domestic violence in our area.

"Oftentimes, I have people ask me, 'Is there a drug problem in Calhoun? Are there gang members in Calhoun?' Do we really have a domestic violence issue in Calhoun?" When I say 'Yes to all of the above,' a lot of times it surprises people, and what really surprises them is that there is a domestic violence problem in our community."

Chief Pyle said he has one detective dedicated solely to domestic violence cases.

"It's unfortunate that we have the need to have one detective specifically for domestic violence.

And we have other guys (at the station) who support him as well," said Chief Pyle.

Chief Pyle stressed the importance of speaking up if you know someone who is being abused, and that there is help in our community for victims.

"It takes events like this, and getting the word out...that we have a police department, a Sheriff's Office, a domestic violence center, victims' advocates...if you know someone who is a victim of domestic violence, please share that information with them. There is help," said Chief Pyle. "We're here to help - that's our job. Sometimes people tell me, 'We don't want to bother you.' You're not bothering me; that's my job and that's what I'm paid for."

"Domestic violence thrives on silence," continued Chief Pyle. "As we know, like with any other crime, there's a stigma attached to it, and I think these types of events help relieve the stigma attached to the issue of domestic violence."

Chief Pyle also gave high praise to the local Domestic Violence Outreach Office, saying that Peters and Lane are experts in domestic violence and are awesome representatives of victims of domestic violence.

York is assigned specifically to domestic violence cases. She has been with the Gordon County DA's Office for 13 years and works to get maximum sentences for violators.

"We have such a need in our community (concerning domestic violence) that I work specifically domestic violence cases," said York. "One of the questions I get a lot is, 'Why did a survivor of domestic violence make the choices that they made? Why did they stay?' I get that all the time. At that time, we talk about what domestic violence really is. Most victims of domestic violence, it starts with the emotional abuse, it starts with the mental abuse, it starts with that control that an individual has over a victim. It's hard to understand why (the victim) makes these choices they do unless you're the one with three kids who is isolated from your family because of things that have happened, who has no job and nowhere to go and doesn't believe they're worth the effort that someone would put in to help them. That is what is so important about what we're doing here today. We're talking about domestic violence and we're talking about walking in her shoes."

"It's not just about what your choice would be; it's about understanding where she (a domestic violence victim), or he, is in her life and understanding that it's the hardest walk they will ever make when they walk away," continued York. "And what we need to do as a community is be there to support them in the choices they make even when we don't understand, so that they have that support, they have someone to be there for them, so that we can break this cycle that goes on in families."

If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence in the Calhoun-Gordon County area, the local 24-hour domestic violence hotline at 706-278-5586; TTY: 706-529-9336.



Contestants that participated in the Best Shoes



Gordon County Domestic Violence Outreach Office legal advocate Debbie Lane and Calhoun Police Chief Tony Pyle conduct a Facebook Live before the event.





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| Sept. 20               | at Pepperell          | Nov. 1         |
| Sept. 27               | Chattooga (Home)      | Nov. 8         |

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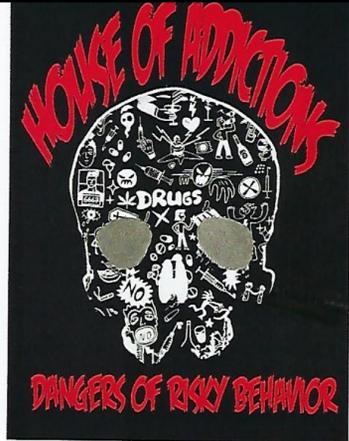
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## CALENDAR

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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](http://www.houseofaddictions.org) for more information or to buy tickets.

**-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 [calhoungemtheatre.org](http://calhoungemtheatre.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](http://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.**

# GAZETTE SPORTS

## Prep Football Friday

### Sonoraville 41, Ringgold 0

## Phoenix offense gets rolling, defense pitches shutout in win

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RINGGOLD – The Sonoraville offense took a few series to get going on Friday, but once they did, they weren't going to be stopped. Throw in a dominant effort by their defense to pitch a shutout, and it added up to a 41-0 region victory on the road at Ringgold.

Sonoraville (3-2, 2-1 in 6-AAA) put out a balanced offensive performance, making big plays in the running and passing game to build a big lead and never look back. The Phoenix defense did their part and more as well holding host Ringgold (0-6, 0-4 in

6-AAA) to 163 total yards with many of those coming in the second half once the game was already in hand. Sonoraville coach Denver Pate said it was a good night overall for both sides of the ball and also a positive to get a lot of guys playing time with a big lead in the second half.

"It's always good to get a lot of the roster in after you put the game away early in the second half," said Pate. "I thought we started a little slow offensively the first couple drives. They weren't up to our standard, but once we got rolling and executing, it was a really good night with a lot of guys contributing to big plays and scores. And the



Photo by FRANK CROWE

Sonoraville defenders Brandon Bristol (78), Case Collins (12) and Austin Arnold (40) surround Ringgold QB Ty Gilbert as he scrambles in the first half on Friday.

to score on a 27-yard run, and Colton Richards caught an eight-yard touchdown pass from Lackey to put the Phoenix up 28-0 going into the locker room.

The Sonoraville defense came up with their second forced turnover on the night early in the third quarter with Austin Arnold recovering a Ringgold fumble at the Tiger 37, and the Phoenix offense turned it into quick points on a pair of nice passes by Lackey and a one-yard touchdown plunge by Richards.

The final score came late in the third quarter when Lackey found room to throw under pressure and hit Brant Bryant in stride as Bryant did the rest using his speed and making some nice moves for a 50-yard

touchdown catch.

Lackey finished with 180 yards on 9-of-15 passing with two touchdowns and ran for 73 yards and a touchdown on seven carries. Blade Bryant finished with more than 100 offensive yards with four catches for 87 yards and 11 carries for 35 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. Brant Bryant and Ben Burns each had two catches for 55 yards and 30 yards respectively.

The majority of Ringgold's limited offense came on 66 yard rushing on 28 carries by Price Pennington and 68 yards passing on 7-of-18 throws by Ty Gilbert.

Sonoraville has a big region matchup at home next Friday as they host

Haralson County at The Furnace at 7:30 p.m. Pate said it should be another good test for his team and one they need to win to stay in contention for one of the top spots in 6-AAA.

"It's a huge one," said Pate. "Every region game from here on out is, but this one especially with them coming in undefeated in the region and us with one loss. It sets up for a huge game with what's at stake. We know they are going to play a physical, grinding style with their running game and try to limit our possessions so we have to match their intensity and have a good gameplan defensively to get them off the field. And with the way their offense is, we've got to make the most of the possessions we get."

### Gordon Central 48, Dade County 7

## Warriors have big night, earn first win of 2019 and first for Hamilton

From staff reports

The Gordon Central Warriors have been showing steady improvement over the past few weeks, and on Friday night they broke through that wall that was in front of them for their first win of the season and the milestone first career win as a head coach for TJ Hamilton.

Gordon Central took the trip to Dade County and came home in a celebratory mood thanks to a huge performance that led them to a 48-7 victory in Region 7-AA play.

The Warriors (1-5, 1-2 in 7-AA) built a 14-0 lead after the first quarter and then added to it to make it 28-7 at the half.

They didn't take the foot off the gas pedal following the break, however, as they racked up three more scores in the third quarter to pull away and force a running clock via mercy rule in the fourth.

Nelson Gravitt led the offensive charge for Gordon Central as he had a hand in five touchdowns, running for three, including a 15-yarder, four-yarder and 39-yarder and tossing two more as he connected with Peyton Parker on both passing touchdowns of 23 and 53 yards. The senior quarterback totaled 66 yards on the ground in all on nine carries and threw for 102 yards on 4-of-6 passes.

Parker finished with two

catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns, and John Victor Rainwater added a rushing touchdown and caught a 23-yard pass as well. Jordan Boone had nice night on the ground also with 56 yards on seven carries.

Gravitt and Boone contributed defensively in the victory as well as each pulled down an interception.

The only score for the night for Dade County (0-6, 0-3 in 7-AA) came in the second quarter on a nine-yard touchdown run by Carson Sied.

The Warriors will be off next Friday before returning to Ratner Stadium on Oct. 18 when they host 7-AA foe Armuchee at 7:30 p.m.

## Prep Volleyball

## Calhoun, Sonoraville both playing well coming down stretch

From staff reports

Both Calhoun and Sonoraville were on the road on Thursday, and the pair of local teams had mixed success in their non-area matches but each continued their strong play of late.

Calhoun visited Darlington for a tri-match and came away with two victories, defeating Coahulla Creek 25-6, 25-9 and host Darlington 25-17, 25-12.

The Lady Jackets (40-4) were led by Anna George with 18 kills, four blocks, three aces and two digs and Anna Hoblitzell with 42 assists, six aces, three blocks, one kill and one dig.

Also contributing to the victories were Ashlyn Brzozoski with six digs, five aces and four assists, Calli Edens with eight digs,



File photo by ALEX FARRER / staff

Calhoun head coach Randy Rice talks to his team during a timeout in a previous match this season.

Mackenzie Banta with seven kills, three aces and one block, Reilly Fain with six blocks, three kills and one dig, Nena Marcus with 13 kills, two aces and one

dig, Abi Locklear with four kills, three digs and two blocks and Jenna Santori with five digs and three aces.

Sonoraville dropped a

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The Lady Phoenix will finish off their regular season on Tuesday as they host Armuchee and Heritage for Senior Night starting at 5 p.m. at the Sonoraville Rec.

Calhoun and Sonoraville will both play in the Area 5-AAA Tournament next Saturday at Haralson County as they area teams compete to determine seeding for the Class AAA

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State Tournament. The Lady Jackets are aiming to win their third straight area crown.

In other recent prep volleyball news:

### Sonoraville sweeps 'Pink Out' night at Adairsville

The Lady Phoenix swept both Adairsville (25-18, 25-11) and North Murray (25-21, 25-19) at a "Pink Out" volleyball tri-match at Adairsville on Tuesday.

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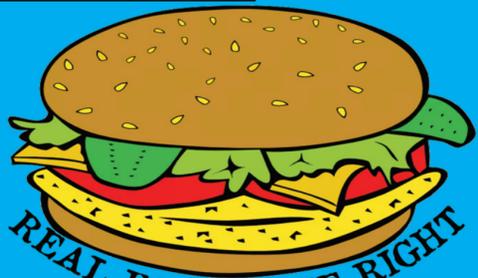
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Sports Editor's Column

New California law regarding college sports; Braves; Football picks

I've got several topics I want to touch on and limited space so I'm going to jump right in.

Let's start with the new California law that was approved and signed by the state's governor this past week. The law allows college athletes starting in 2023 to make money off their name and likeness which is in direct opposition to NCAA rules.

Let me first start by saying I have my own issues and complaints with the NCAA. It is far from a perfect organization, and there are a lot of things that need to be changed as to how they operate. But I am going to say this for what seems like the 1,000th time, paying college athletes will not work, it shouldn't work and it will kill college athletics as we know it.

The narrative that these big-time college athletes are starving and have no money to do anything is absolute nonsense. They get college tuition, tutors,



ALEX FARRER Sports Editor

travel, medical care, training, apparel and equipment and so much more. I will even agree that they should get more of a stipend to have a little money to live on, but outright paying college athletes or allowing them to go out and seek sponsorship, advertising contracts, etc. is ridiculous and will create an uneven playing field even more than there is currently.

If you do not want to abide by NCAA rules and take a scholarship, don't do it. There is nobody forcing you too. If you think you are a great enough athlete to go pro in sports that make you wait before you are eligible after high school, then sit out and wait. There are plenty of other athletes that covet the opportunity you get with your scholarship.

On to the next topic, let's talk a little about the Braves. As I write this, the Braves are down 0-1 in the NLDS to the Cardinals after blowing a late lead on Thursday night. What else is new? This is the 10th consecutive Game 1 in the playoffs the Braves have lost. Yes, you read that right...10 straight Game 1 losses for the franchise. It would almost be unbelievable if you didn't grow up with these playoff collapses being beaten into you.

And as bad as the loss was, as bad as manager Brian Snitker

botched strategic decisions and the bullpen, as bad as the bullpen was in the late innings, all anyone wanted to talk about after the game was Ronald Acuna, Jr. not hustling on a ball off the wall that he thought was a homer in the late innings. He ended up with a single when many on his team thought he should be at second. I'm not excusing what Acuna did. You should always hustle on plays like that. But for his teammates and manager to come out after the game and say what they did about him to the media is absolutely ridiculous.

Hold the same standard to everyone on the team. There are so many examples of guys not busting it out of the box or doing things nonchalantly in the field. But it's always Acuna that gets singled out. What is going to happen eventually is Acuna is going to get alienated and want out of Atlanta, and that would be so fitting for this franchise to lose

a generational talent because of stubbornness and pride. The guy is 21 years old. He is going to learn his lessons.

The point is there are so many other things that could've been the focus after the loss, but everything falls on Acuna's shoulders. It's ridiculous and frustrating to me.

We'll let the rest of this series play out before I give my full thoughts on Snitker's managerial capabilities.

And last, but not least, let's give a few football picks. For this weekend, I have North Carolina defeating Georgia Tech 27-17, Georgia coasting past Tennessee in Knoxville 38-14, Auburn getting a big road win in a top-10 matchup at Florida 23-17 and the Atlanta Falcons further pushing Dan Quinn toward unemployment with a 34-27 loss at Houston.

That's all the rambling I'm going to do today. Everyone have a great weekend!

College Football

Tech's Cooper out for year; Berry's Murphy up for Campbell Trophy

From AJC, Southern Athletic Association reports

Georgia Tech center and former Sonoraville High standout Kenny Cooper is out for the season after a season-ending injury suffered in the Yellow Jackets' loss at Temple on Saturday in Philadelphia.

Cooper is the second veteran offensive lineman to be lost for the season in as many games, following offensive tackle Jahaziel Lee, who broke his fibula in the loss to The Citadel September 14. Coach Geoff Collins made the announcement about Cooper on his radio show Monday evening. Collins did not disclose the injury, but said that surgery is necessary for him.

As Cooper has yet to

use his redshirt year, he can make this season his redshirt year, taking advantage of the NCAA rule that permits players to play up to four games in a season and still redshirt. Collins said that he will return for his redshirt senior season, as will Lee.

Tech is down to 10 scholarship offensive linemen, one of whom is out with an apparent arm injury (Charlie Clark) and two of whom (Austin Smith and Harrison Jump) are redshirt freshmen who have yet to play this season. In other recent college football news:

GC's Murphy nominated for Campbell Trophy IRVING, Tex. — Four Southern Athletic



KENNY COOPER Sr., Georgia Tech

Association (SAA) student-athletes have been named semifinalists for the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) William V. Campbell Trophy. Cal Lewellyn of Centre, Gordon Central High alum Hayden

Murphy of Berry, Austin Lewter of Birmingham-Southern, and Monroe McKay of Rhodes were all selected from the SAA.

Celebrating its 30th year in 2019, the award recognizes an individual as the "absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance, and exemplary leadership."

The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 30, and each of them will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2019 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class presented by Fidelity Investments. The finalists will travel to New York City for the 62nd NFF Annual Awards

Dinner on Dec. 10, where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports. Live during the event, one member of the class will be declared as the winner of the 30th Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to \$25,000.

Nominated by their schools, which are limited to one nominee each, candidates for the awards must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of playing eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first-team player or significant contributor and have demonstrated strong



HAYDEN MURPHY Sr., Berry

leadership and citizenship. The class is selected each year by the NFF Awards Committee, which is comprised of a nationally recognized group of media, College Football Hall of Famers and athletics administrators.

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"I'd like to thank both communities for their tremendous support of our family this year," said Trace Vaughn. "It has been amazing to see the outpouring of love that has surrounded us. It was good to get the wins, but having so many people show

they care means the world to us."

Stat leaders for the Lady Phoenix include Jaye Moore with four kills, Megan Grantham with four assists and three digs, Camden Steely with 11 assists and three kills, Raleigh Hooper with 12 kills, 11 assists, five digs, three blocks and three aces, Abby Chambers with eight kills and two digs, Kayleigh Ownbey with four kills, Alley Cole with

six kills and eight blocks, Alexis Lincoln with two kills, Amber Sparkman with three kills, Caitlyn Glosson with four aces and Gracyn Thompson with nine digs.

The victories run the Sonoraville's record to 23-18, assuring the team will finish out the regular season with a winning record with only three matches remaining.

Calhoun dominates LFO

The Lady Jackets continued their strong season with a convincing two-set win at LFO on Tuesday, defeating the Lady Warriors 25-9, 25-9.

Contributing stats in the win were Ashlyn Brzozoski with three digs and two aces, Calli Edens with two digs and one ace, Anna George eight kills and two blocks, Anna Hoblitzell with 19

assists, three kills and two aces, Mackenzie Banta with two kills, Reilly Fain with four kills, three aces and one block, Nena Marcus with seven aces, four kills and one dig, Abi Locklear with two aces and two kills and Jenna Santori with three aces and two digs.

The victory pushed Calhoun's record to 38-4 for the season as the postseason approaches.

Upcoming Prep Schedule

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

VOLLEYBALL TBA — Gordon Central at Area 7-A/AA Public Tournament (Site TBA) CROSS COUNTRY TBA — Calhoun, Sonoraville, Gordon Central at Rome All-Area Meet (Georgia Highlands College, Rome)

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

VOLLEYBALL 5 p.m. — Armuchee, Heritage at Sonoraville

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

SOFTBALL 5 p.m. — Jackson County at Calhoun (Class AAA State Tournament First Round, Doubleheader) 5 p.m. — Sonoraville at Jefferson (Class AAA State Tournament First Round, Doubleheader)

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

SOFTBALL 5 p.m. — Jackson County at Calhoun (Class AAA State Tournament First Round, if necessary) 5 p.m. — Sonoraville at Jefferson (Class AAA State Tournament First Round, if necessary)

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

FOOTBALL 7:30 p.m. — Adairsville at Calhoun 7:30 p.m. — Haralson County at Sonoraville

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

VOLLEYBALL TBA — Calhoun, Sonoraville at Area 5-AAA Tournament (Haralson County High School)

Sports Happenings

CLUB Y CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT — Club Y will host a charity golf tournament on Oct. 9 at Fields Ferry. The format is an 18-hole four-man scramble with registration starting at 12 p.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cash prizes will go to first and second-place finishers and a gift certificate will be awarded to third place. There will also be a Closest to the Pin on Par 3 Contest and a Long Drive Contest with \$100 going to each of those winners. The cost for the tournament is \$400 per team, which includes range balls, golf and lunch. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 and mulligans are available for \$10 each and limited to two per person. Checks should be made payable to Club Y. Contact Club Y for more information or to register or you can register the day of the tournament starting at 12 p.m.

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.

SONORAVILLE XC BIKE RIDE — The Sonoraville Cross Country Team will host its first-ever Bike Ride on Saturday, Oct. 26 starting at 11 a.m. at Sonoraville 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/.



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