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PROTESTS COME TO DOWNTOWN CALHOUN

The Gordon Gazette was the only local media downtown during Wednesday and Friday night's peaceful protests to bring attention to police brutality, Black Lives Matter movement



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ABOVE: The scene in front of the courthouse on Friday, June 6, as protesters descended on downtown Calhoun. BELOW: Photos from protests on Wednesday night.

Protests came to downtown Calhoun this week, beginning Wednesday night, June 3, in a peaceful protest organized by local students that began at Calhoun City Hall.

The Gordon Gazette was the only local media on hand, spending two hours watching the protest that was both peaceful, and as many commented on

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Annual 4th of July Star Spangled Celebration cancelled

STAFF REPORTS

For the past 32 years, the community has celebrated the Fourth of July in Northwest Georgia with the Star Spangled Celebration at the fairgrounds in Gordon County. Each year, concerts, food vendors, community groups,

activities for the family and a fantastic firework show fills the evening as crowds are admitted free for the sponsored event. Last year, the first ever professional laser light show was added to the event to cap off the evening with an amazing show choreographed to patriotic music.

Unfortunately, because of

the recent COVID 19 virus and accompanying economic impacts on sponsors, this year's planned event will be cancelled.

"We are deeply saddened to make this decision, but we simply have no choice to assure

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Gordon County Fire & Rescue responds to a couple of fires in Resaca this week.

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GCSO K9 Eros receives protective vest

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On Friday, June 5, the Drugs Don't Work Committee of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce presented Gordon County Sheriff's Office K-9 Eros a bullet-proof K-9 vest.

Earlier this year, the committee decided that in honor of Red Ribbon Week, held each October, they would purchase two K-9 vests; one for GCSO and for the Calhoun Police Department, as a way to make a bigger impact in the community. Committee Chair Debbie Vance of Gordon County E-911 said that while the Chamber will still

recognize Red Ribbon Week, they wanted to be able to do more.

"Previously, during Red Ribbon Week, we purchased items for the children in our local schools to take home, like pencils, stickers and erasers, to remind them that 'Drugs Don't Work,'" said Vance of donations made to local schools. "But we decided this year that we want to make more of an impact and have our work be more beneficial, so we took the money and bought the vests for

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Annual Dixie Highway Yard Sale continues today

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Dozens of merchants were set up for the annual 90-Mile Dixie Highway Yard Sale, held annually up and down Highway 41, on Friday, June 5. The yard sale follows the Old Dixie Highway from Ringgold, Ga. to Acworth with hundreds of individual yard sales and vintage treasures along the way. The annual event has previously been featured in Flea Market Style Magazine; on Great



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American Country's a.m. each morning and ending at 7 p.m. in the evening. Individual yard sales will be set up both Saturday and Sunday, June 6 - 7.

Early voting complete; General Primary to be held Tuesday, June 9

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The early voting period for this year's General Primary has ended, and Chairperson of the Gordon County Elections and Voter Registration Office Shea Hicks said that at the end of the day Friday, June 5, 1282 people had taken the opportunity to vote early in the General Primary Election, and that 4426 people have returned their absentee ballots by mail, out of 6882 ballots that were mailed out.

"Considering the circumstances, we are very pleased with the early voting turnout," said Hicks.

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Second Front

Calhoun City School BOE tours new health clinic

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AdventHealth Medical Group's Tracy Farriba was on hand Friday, June 5 to provide a grand tour to the Board of Education of the recently completed Urgent Care Clinic on the campus at Calhoun High School.

The site of AdventHealth Medical Group Urgent Care Calhoun City Schools

was kindly donated by the Calhoun Rotary Club and construction was funded by a generous gift from state representative John Meadows and his family and the Milton Ratner Foundation.

"Dr. Peter Coombe, high school principal and CEO of our College and Career Academy, has developed a plan to allow our students in the health sciences pathway to get some hands-on experiences working in

the new health clinic," said Dr. Michele Taylor, superintendent of Calhoun City Schools. "This is certainly a great opportunity for our students and one that will provide much needed on-site medical support for all. Thank you AdventHealth, Calhoun Rotary Club, the Ratner Foundation and the John Meadows family!"

"The Calhoun City Schools' Board of Education appreciates

the partnership with AdventHealth and the Calhoun Rotary Club," said Eddie Reeves, chairman of the Board of Education for Calhoun City Schools. "The support of the John Meadows family and the Ratner Foundation has helped make this possible for our students, staff and the community. This impressive facility will provide a great service to our community. We are extremely grateful."



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The Elks continue the observance of Flag Day

Local Elks Lodge Calhoun No. 1883 will celebrate Flag Day on June 14, 2020 along with the more than 1,900 other Elks Lodges in the Nation

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The Calhoun Elks Lodge No. 1883 will celebrate Flag Day on June 14, 2020 along with the more than 1,900 other Elks Lodges in the Nation.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the only fraternal organization to require a formal observance of Flag Day.

In July of 1908, the Elks' Grand Lodge provided for the annual nationwide observance of Flag Day on the 14th of June each year, making it mandatory for each subordinate Lodge in the Order. June 14 was officially established as Flag Day by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. Flag Day was not a national observance until 1949-President Harry Truman, himself an Elks member, was inspired through

his Lodge in Independence Missouri, to sign an act of Congress that dedicated June 14 to the symbol of our country.

Calhoun Lodge No. 1883 and the other Lodges of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have made more than \$14 billion in donations since the Order was founded 152 years ago. Last year alone, the Elks donated approximately \$350 million in cash, gifts, and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America.

With a total national membership nearing 800,000, Elks are dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities.

Calhoun Lodge No. 1883 welcomes like-minded community members. Elks members must be American citizens



who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

To learn more about The Benevolent and Proective Order of Elks visit <http://www.elks.org>

To learn more about Calhoun Lodge No. 1883 visit <https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1883>

Gordon Child Advocacy helpline launches

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The Gordon County Child Advocacy Center is launching a new advocacy helpline for child victims and their caregivers to receive support. It will be available 24/7 for victims to call or chat online. Advocates on the helpline are specially trained in dealing with child sexual abuse and sexual assault.

"We are very excited to bring a new service to community members of any age. Someone can help you talk through what has happened and help you find resources in the community to assist you with next steps toward healing and recovery," says Cindy Gregg, Director.

The helpline will be available in both English and Spanish.

All conversations are confidential unless they have to report something by law. However, a person can receive support anonymously. You can also receive information about the laws and basic information about medical concerns.

The Gordon County Child Advocacy Helpline is funded from a Victim of Crimes Act grant received from Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The Gordon County Child Advocacy Center also provides forensic interviews, advocacy services, and



counseling for victims of child sexual abuse and sexual assault.

You can call Gordon Child Advocacy Helpline at 706-397-3303 or go to our website at www.familyresourcecentergordon.org and click on the 'click to chat' button.

Gordon County Child Advocacy Center partners with Gordon County Sheriff's Department, Calhoun City Police Department, Gordon County Division of Family and Children Services, and Gordon County District Attorney's Office to provide forensic interviews to child victims of abuse. Gordon County CAC also offers advocacy services and free therapy to victims.

Ferst Readers Board of Directors announces new president Davida Morgan Washington

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MADISON, GEORGIA – Ferst Readers Board of Directors today announced that nonprofit veteran Davida Morgan Washington has been named President of the organization effective June 1, 2020. She succeeds Interim President Elyse Klova (Chief Operating Officer for Blaze Leadership) who also led Ferst Readers' executive search.

As the Ferst Readers' new president, Washington will lead the organization through a particularly challenging time for children across the country who have not been in childcare centers or classrooms for months and face uncertainty for the fall.

"During a time when families are together at home and caregivers are hungry for resources and guidance, we have an opportunity for Ferst to make a particularly strong impact," said Board Chair Errika Moore, "For about 20 years, we've been in close partnership with the Georgia early education community and have given children more than six million quality, age-appropriate children's books. We're ready to do more and are excited to see how we continue to evolve under Davida's leadership."

That evolution begins with mobilizing Ferst Readers' multi-state network of community volunteers, staff, and partners and guiding the organization through its next strategic planning process. Ferst Readers strengthens communities by providing quality books and literacy resources for children and their families to use at home during the earliest stages of development. With many early childcare centers and libraries shuttered throughout the State of Georgia and beyond, these resources are more important than ever.

"It's a privilege to be selected to lead this organization strategically and collaboratively," said Washington. "I find it motivating that the work we do each day assures that children enter school on their first day prepared and confident in their ability to learn."

For almost 10 years Washington has helped fundraising operations for some of Georgia's most recognized nonprofits, including the American Heart Association, the national office of the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Communities In Schools of Georgia and, most recently, the YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta where she served as Regional



Director of Development and Planned Giving. She also led HealthSTAT, a health advocacy organization in collaboration with Emory University, Morehouse College School of Medicine, Mercer School of Medicine and the Georgia State Legislature. As Executive Director, she guided HealthSTAT in strategic planning, budget management, advocacy/education and development. She began her career as an administrator and instructor for her alma mater, Shorter University.

Davida Morgan Washington received her undergraduate degree in public relations and business administration from Shorter University and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree in nonprofit management from the University of Jacksonville. She is a 2012-2013 Fellow of Georgia Women's Policy Leadership Institute.

"The Search Committee was looking for a president who would build on our established relationships and success and help the organization grow. We are confident Davida's previous professional experience, her ideas on how to take Ferst to the next level, and her positive energy make her the ideal president," said Board Member and Search Committee Chair Lauri Strauss.

Washington's appointment culminates a six-month national search that netted more than 300 potential candidates. The Ferst Readers Board of Directors search committee worked with Blaze, a change management and leadership development firm based in Atlanta.

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Gordon County Board of Education Post 4



I will work for the residents of Gordon County

"My belief in government is that I work for the people of Gordon County. If elected, I want to be informed on what the public wants. For this to happen, there needs to be an open door policy, there needs to be transparency. This is something some of the current members of the Board of Education lack. I want to change that."

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Obituaries

June 6, 2020

Edward (Eddie) Patton

Mr. James Edward (Eddie) Patton, 63, of Calhoun, died Wednesday evening at AdventHealth Gordon of complications from cancer.

Eddie was born in Whitfield County on Feb. 23, 1957, son of Dorothy Jones Patton and the late James Henry Patton. He was employed with Southern Chemical & Textiles of Dalton. He enjoyed his work and spending time on the farm working with his family whom he loved dearly. He was looking forward to seeing his first great-grandchild, Laine Ivey, who is due to be born in October.

Survivors include his wife, Rita Davis Patton, to whom he was married for 40 years; daughter and son-in-law, Holli and Stan Nix; son, Jason Richmond; son and daughter-in-law, Cory and Samantha Patton; one brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Connie Patton; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Calvin Silvers, Sheila and Gerald Jones, Lamar and Patricia Thomas, Darlene and Mike Bearden, Diane and Larry Wheeler; grandchildren, Macaella and Zachary Ivey, Haydn Townsend, Jake Townsend, Aislynn Richmond, Vividise Richmond and Raiden Patton.

A service to remember and celebrate the life of Eddie Patton will be held Sunday, June 7, 2020, at 12 noon from the chapel of Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home. The service may be viewed live on "Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home" Facebook page. The family will receive friends on Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. and the service hour of 12 noon. Mr. Patton chose to be cremated. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be practiced. The family request that flowers be omitted and contributions made to the charity of your choice.

The Brannon Family and staff are honored to serve the family of Eddie Patton of Calhoun.



James (Jim) Scott, Jr.

James Russell "Jim" Scott, Jr., age 85, of Calhoun, passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at AdventHealth Gordon.

Jim was born on Nov. 17, 1934 in Whipple, W.V., son of the late James Russell Scott, Sr. and Alene

Evelyn Smith Scott. In addition to his parents, Jim was also preceded in death by: two sons, Steven D. Scott and Roger K. Scott; and two brothers, David Scott and Rondal Scott. Jim was a veteran of the United States Air Force with 23 years of service.

Jim is survived by: his wife, Nancy Franklin Scott of Calhoun; son, Paul Simpson of Canada; two daughters, Dannett Simpson-Mays of Virginia and Denise McKenna; two brothers, Robert Scott and Wayne Scott; sister, Russella Scott Dobson; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren also survive.

Graveside Services will be conducted on Wednesday, June 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Georgia National Cemetery with military honors.

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

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for James Russell "Jim" Scott, Jr.



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.

-Community volunteers are needed at Countryside Hospice Care, where the mission is to promote comfort and dignity at the end of life. The agency covers 26 Northwest Georgia counties between three offices in LaFayette, Rome, and Newnan. If you would like to participate in this rewarding program, call 706-638-7651 or 1-800-660-7381.

-Discovering Hope, an autism support group for Northwest Georgia, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, Rocky Face. For more information, call Connie Post at 706-673-7765 or www.discoveringhope.us.

-Caring Connection is a telephone support group especially for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's who cannot leave their homes because of care responsibilities. This support group is as close as the phone. Call 706-275-0819 or 1-800-272-3900 and ask to be enrolled in Caring Connection.

-Grief Recovery Group for those who have lost loved ones and friends, receive

support and guidance with the Four Tasks of Grieving. Cost is Free. Second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital. For more information or to RSVP, please call 706.879.5850.

-The Compassionate Friends of Dalton and N.W. Georgia is part of a worldwide effort that has helped many families cope with the loss of a child and to honor our children's memory. The Compassionate Friends meets on the third Thursday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Evangelical Methodist Church (in the "Gathering Place" building), 1035 Abutment Road, Dalton (on the hill behind the old Lowe's off Walnut Avenue). For more information, call Dawn at 706-277-3312 or 706-264-4458 or e-mail dawnstison@msn.com.

-SING (Surviving Infidelity Necessary to your Growth) has formed here. If you are experiencing difficulty in marriage and are looking for ways to survive, then you should come and be part of these meetings designed to help, encourage, and solve issues in a marriage that can lead to a promising future ahead for the entire family. For more information, call Iroka Moore at 706-629-2880.

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

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

and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

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

-Dealing with a cancer diagnosis is difficult for everyone involved - the patient and their loved ones. But you are not alone. The Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital, 1035 Red Bud Road, hosts a Support Group for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers on the third Wednesday of each month from noon until 1 p.m. Lunch is served. For more information and to RSVP, please

call 706-879-5853. We offer a hand to hold and an ear to listen as you go through this difficult time.

-The Alzheimer's Auxiliary of North Georgia is seeking new members. Members of this auxiliary are a vital part in the work of the Alzheimer's Association. Currently, two auxiliaries, one in North Georgia and one in Atlanta, provide support and financial assistance to people affected by Alzheimer's disease. There are many volunteer opportunities to work with the regional offices in supporting those living with the disease, as well as caregivers. Some events auxiliary members participate in are an annual bake sale, the annual gala, Memory Walk, and health fairs. For annual membership, yearly dues of \$35 per person are requested. For more information about joining the Alzheimer's Auxiliary, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 706-275-0819.

-Families Anonymous, a 12-step, self-help recovery program is for parents, relatives, and friends

concerned about their loved ones current, suspected or past abuse of drugs or alcohol. Working together, members find ways of overcoming feelings of helplessness and despair. The weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 654A Red Bud Road N.E. (beside Calhoun Counseling Center). There is no cost for membership.

-The Georgia Tobacco Quit Line 1-877-270-stop (7867) provides free counseling, support and referral services for Georgia residents 18 years of age or older who want to stop using tobacco, as well as concerned parents of adolescents using tobacco. Call today to become tobacco-free!

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



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My goal is to bring the Coroner's Office into the 21st Century. The County has plans to build a new morgue and coroner's office, and I want to elevate the office to better serve Gordon County.

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"I have served this community in public education for 31 years total and 22 years for the citizens of Gordon County. I have an insight to all of our service providers and have a proven leadership record that brings a philosophy of teamwork, ideas and collegial thought to problems that we currently face and will face in the future.

"My passion for service and wanting the best for Gordon County are what drives me to seek to serve as a Commissioner for the people of Gordon County. Solid common sense leadership principles are what has led my previous work and will be who I am in this role.

"I have lived in Gordon County for 56 years and it is the place where my family established its roots three generations ago. Calhoun and Gordon County is home to my family and will be home until my last days of life. Since retirement from the principalship at Sonorville High School, I have prayed to be placed in a role of service to others. Being a Commissioner is a role that appeals to me and my mission to be of service to others. I appreciate your vote on June 9th, 2020."

Commissioner Focus:

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Public Safety, Emergency Management, Ambulatory/Life Flight with ideas that make our agencies stronger. I plan to connect leaders in the region, state, and nation to the best of Gordon County.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation design-redesign, Improve alternate means of Travel, Varied services provided for our community, Increase our Band Width with Internet for all of Gordon County, Growth Planning and Implementation make-up the infrastructure needs. Service Delivery Strategy review.

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Recruit a diverse Industry base and develop business partnerships that offer the necessary training to retain the needed workforce. Workforce will shape the future of Gordon County.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR GORDON CO.

Designed to improve Gordon County for those who call this our home. Home ownership, Pro-Family, Senior Care, Recreation is a part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Important Dates To Remember

- Voter registration deadline is May 11, 2020
- Early voting begins May 18, 2020
- Primary Election Day Tuesday, June 9, 2020

GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Health centers serving poor feel virus impact, voice concern about effect on patients

ANDY MILLER,
Georgia Health News

Patient visits are way down. Many children aren't coming in for vaccinations. Some longtime adult patients are now "train wrecks," with their diabetes and hypertension out of control.

"I'm pretty tired," says Todd Shifflet, CEO of Georgia Highlands Medical Services, which runs five medical clinics in Cumming and nearby cities, facilities that have seen a range of negative effects from the COVID-19 pandemic. "It has been very, very difficult. The future looks pretty uncertain."

The state's federally funded health centers, including Georgia Highlands, have seen patient visits drop by an average of 40 percent. A recent survey found that 39 of these safety-net medical sites have closed, many of them in rural areas of the state, leaving about 180 still open, according to the Georgia Primary Care Association.

Meanwhile, all the health centers that remain open in Georgia are testing residents for the coronavirus while performing their regular primary care services.

Doctors' offices and hospitals have also seen big drops in patient traffic

during the pandemic. Some people may stay away because they fear catching COVID-19 in a medical setting, and many are facing financial hardships, such as losing their jobs.

Nationally, the federally funded health centers have run into their own financial upheaval, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation analysis published in May. Patients at these health centers are disproportionately low-income and people of color, groups especially hard hit by the pandemic. These community health centers nationally reported a 43 percent drop in the number of patient visits compared to before the pandemic, while hundreds of clinic sites have closed.

Shifflet says the normal percentage of uninsured patients at his clinics is close to 50 percent. Since the pandemic started, that percentage has crept higher.

Many patients are Hispanic/Latino and have low incomes.

The drop in pediatric visits is alarming, he says. "The kids who need vaccines aren't coming in. We think it's bad."

The CDC reported last month that during the pandemic, the rates of childhood vaccinations had dropped significantly because many parents were reluctant to schedule

well-child visits at their doctors' offices, for fear of contracting the coronavirus.

As a result, children have fallen behind on vaccinations for diseases such as measles and pertussis, better known as whooping cough.

For organizations like Georgia Highlands, federal funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has been invaluable as they grapple with COVID-19. Georgia Highlands received about \$1.4 million. "Without it, we'd be shutting down sites," Shifflet says.

A coastal Georgia community health center, despite receiving \$800,000 in federal grants, has had to close one of its three sites.

"We had a lot of people who told us they were staying home" instead of getting the primary care they needed, says Barbara Meyers, CEO of the Brunswick-based Coastal Community Health Services. Call volume and patient visits are down as much as 50 percent, she adds.

As at other health centers, telemedicine has helped connect medical providers with patients. "If we didn't have the HRSA funding, we'd be in really bad shape," Meyers says. Administratively, she says, "We've tried to be as nimble as possible.

Everyone gets to wear multiple hats."

She fears that many people's medical conditions will worsen during the COVID crisis. "Healthwise, I can see a whole lot of 'step-back.' People whose health conditions were on the right path are going to slide back."

Obtaining personal protective equipment (PPE) – gloves, respirator masks, goggles, gowns – for health care workers was a huge challenge early in the pandemic for these health centers.

Southside Medical Center, a community health center with 10 metro Atlanta clinics, told GHN in April that it was running low on PPE, which is required for personnel administering virus tests as well as those who deal with infected patients.

Due to the shortage of basic resources, some Southside staff members were enlisted as shoppers, sent to search the shelves of local stores for scarce items such as toilet paper and cleaning solution.

"It's so hard to get supplies," Southside CEO Dr. David Williams said then. "By the time they come in, you've used them all up."

Several basic items are now back on the market. But getting PPE is still a struggle, says Angie McVey, CEO of Primary



Care of Southwest Georgia, which has six medical sites, including a school-based clinic in Thomasville that has just reopened.

In the beginning, PPE supply "was pretty horrible," McVey says. And even now, "we have one site with only 20 gowns left."

A health center based in Albany – a hot spot for infections in Georgia – has focused on keeping patients out of the emergency room and keeping staff at the same level as before the pandemic, the Albany Herald reported.

With many residents fearful of visiting an actual medical office,

Albany Area Primary Health Care, which operates 26 clinics in 14 counties, developed an at-home patient program during the pandemic.

Nurses take medical devices to people's homes so the patients can monitor their own condition, the Herald reported this week. These "home kits" include thermometers, blood pressure cups and other such equipment. The nurses teach the patients how to use these devices, and then ensure that the residents have the proper set-up for telehealth appointments.

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

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PROTESTS

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social media, inspiring. Dozens showed up to City Hall Wednesday around 5 p.m., with the crowd doubling by 7 p.m., when the protestors marched to the Gordon County Courthouse, chanting "I can't breathe," "Black Lives Matter," and "George Floyd." After spending time in front of the courthouse, the group marched north towards the police station, made their way to North Park Avenue, and marched south on Park Avenue.

On Friday night, June 5, the protestors grew in number but remained peaceful while bringing attention to police brutality, pleading for change and shedding light on the Black Lives Matter movement. Signs with Floyd's name, along with the names Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, were waved by protestors. They again marched around the block downtown before disassembling peacefully for the night.

"(This is) a group of like-minded people coming together for a worthy cause," said Calhoun Police Chief Tony Pyle on social media. "No rocks were thrown, no threats were made and there was no form of violence, period. The

people of Calhoun and Gordon County are showing the rest of the country how it's done."

The local protests come after a week of protests that turned into violent riots across the country in response to the deaths of several African Americans recently after run-ins with law enforcement.

George Floyd, 46, died in Minneapolis, Minnesota after Derek Chauvin, a white officer with the Minneapolis Police Department, pressed his knee to Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes while Floyd was handcuffed face down on the ground. Breonna Taylor, 26, was shot and killed in her Louisville, Kentucky, home on March 13 by police executing a "botched" search warrant who forced their way in, surprising the woman and her boyfriend who thought the officers were burglars. Ahmaud Arbery, 25, was shot dead in the suburban neighborhood Satilla Shores in South Georgia after being confronted by two white men who thought he was someone wanted for previous burglaries in the area.

Across the United States for almost two weeks, violent riots have claimed several lives and caused millions in damage after protests turned to burning buildings and vehicles, vandalizing properties and looting businesses in most major cities throughout the country.



CANCELLED

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the health and safety of our community, as the event typically draws crowds of thousands," said event founder Bud Owens. "We plan to bring the event back in 2021 with even

larger concerts, fireworks and attractions. Our key sponsor, Mohawk, has committed to support a major celebration next year to salute America and celebrate Northwest Georgia. We appreciate Mohawk and our other loyal sponsors, some whom have sponsored this event for the full 32 years. We also appreciate everyone's understanding and we look forward to next year."

The annual Northwest Georgia Regional Fair is scheduled

for September 11th-19th and at this time, the local fair planners are hoping the governor will soon release guidelines to enable community, regional and state fairs to operate across Georgia. They expect the landscape and processes of fairs will be different this year with the health and safety restrictions in place but are still optimistic the fairs will be held.

Fair organizers will keep everyone informed as decisions are made for the September event.

VEST

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the drug dogs for both City and County. We definitely want the local students to understand what we did and why we did it, and feel it will make a greater impact."

"In the climate we live in, with the COVID and uncertainty,

this is much appreciated. These guys have been on the front lines all year; the job hasn't changed. We thank (the committee) for this donation," said GCSO Major Richie Harris.

K-9 Eros' handler, Deputy Dale Pullen, said he felt blessed that he gets to serve the community with his K-9 partner.

"In law enforcement, we do deal with negative," said Pullen. "But with (Eros), I get so much positive feedback. I get to go (talk to) the Boys & Girls Club, I get to go (talk to) the local schools. I love what I get to do each day, and I'm thankful

that (the committee) donated this vest."

In late January, the committee presented CPD's K-9 Logan with a protective vest.

The Chamber's Drugs Don't Work Committee works throughout the year on events for Red Ribbon Week, an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign held each October. The committee holds many special events during the week, which includes reaching out to local students with the message that Drugs Don't Work.

ELECTION

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The General Primary will be held this Tuesday, June 9, where precincts throughout the county will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. for registered voters to cast their ballots for offices up for election.

Those who are unsure which voting precinct to use need to visit <http://www.sos.ga.gov/mvp> to find their precinct location. All 12 voting precincts will be open on Tuesday and include:

- 849-A County**
Belmont Baptist Church Family Life Center
126 West Belmont Drive Calhoun, GA 30701
- 849-B Calhoun City**
Calhoun Recreation Department
River Street Calhoun, GA 30701
- 856 Lily Pond**
Tom B. David Airport
1957 US Highway 41 SW Calhoun, GA 30701
- 874 Fairmount**
Fairmount Community Center
11921 Fairmount Highway Fairmount, GA 30139
- 1235 Oakman**
Fairview Church of God Fellowship Hall
3050 Taylor Town Road NE, Ranger GA 30734
- 1063 Pine Chapel**
Coosawattee Masonic Lodge #306 F & AM
633 West Pine Chapel Road NE, Calhoun, GA 30701
- 980 Resaca**
Resaca Community and Recreation Center
330 Walker Street Resaca, GA 30735
- 1054 Sugar Valley**
Sugar Valley Baptist Church
3742 Sugar Valley Road NW Sugar Valley, GA 30746
- 1064 Oostanaula**
Oostanaula Baptist Church
157 Old Rome Dalton Rd NW Calhoun, GA 30701
- 1055 Plainville**
Plainville Recreation Department
610 School Street Plainville, GA 30733
- 1056 Sonoraville**
Sonoraville Recreation Department
7494 Fairmount Hwy SE Calhoun, GA 30701
- 973 Red Bud**
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
3882 Red Bud Road NE Calhoun, GA 30701

In addition to voting for your preferred party's candidate for United State president and federal and state office candidates, there are several local offices up for election as well, and with no Democratic qualifying for local office this year, many of these offices will be decided on Tuesday.

Those qualifying for local office this election cycle includes:

- County Commissioner, District 1:**
M.L. "Bud" Owens (Incumbent - Republican)
- County Commissioner, District 3:**
Norris Sexton (Incumbent - Republican)
Robert "Rob" Ballard (Republican)
Bruce Potts, Jr. (Republican)
- County Commissioner, District 5:**
Kevin Cunningham (Incumbent - Republican)
- Clerk of Superior Court:**
Grant Walraven (Incumbent - Republican)

- Coroner:**
James Carver (Incumbent - Republican)
Ken Padgett (Republican)
- Judge of Probate Court:**
John "Richie" Parker (Incumbent - non-partisan office)
- Sheriff:**
Sheriff Mitch Ralston (Incumbent - Republican)
- Tax Commissioner:**
Scott Clements (Incumbent - Republican)
- County Board of Education, Post 2:**
Jason Hendrix (Incumbent - Republican)
- County Board of Education, Post 4:**
Bobby Hall (Incumbent - Republican)

- Rod Brehm (Republican)
 - County Board of Education, Post 6:**
Christie Owens Fox (Republican)
Samuel T. Jewell (Republican)
Bryon Reeves (Republican)
 - Magistrate Judge:**
Pat Rasbury (Incumbent - Republican)
- Full ballots for all local, state and federal offices up for election, and additional election can be found on page 9A or by visiting the Gordon Gazette's free Election Information page at <https://www.gordongazettega.com/2020-election-local-candidate-info>

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Gordon Gazette Fire Report

GCF&R responds to two fires in Resaca this week

STAFF REPORTS

Gordon County Fire & Rescue responded to a couple of fires in Resaca this week.

On Wednesday, June 3, firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire in a house, where the caller said flames were visible. Everyone was out of the home when fire personnel arrived at 264 Rooker Road NW in Resaca, who reported that smoke

was showing from the roof. Fire crews worked to breach the walls and ceiling to fire hot spots. Overhaul began on the home, where the fire had been mostly contained to a front-side bedroom. Heat and smoke damage were noted throughout the home. Around \$30,000 in damage was reported. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

On Thursday, June 4, fire firefighters were dispatched to

266 Walker Street in Resaca in response to a building fire. Upon arrival, fire personnel discovered a single-story metal outbuilding 100 percent involved in fire; the building was approximately six feet away from a residence. Fire personnel began to extinguish the blaze, then began overhaul operations. The building was a total loss. After investigation, the cause of the fire was undetermined.

RILEY OWCZARZ/Staff

An estimated cost of \$30,000 in damages occurred at a fire at 264 Rooker Road NW in Resaca on Wednesday.



Community Events

To schedule an appointment, visit the Tallatoona website at www.tallatoonacap.org and click 'BookNow,' or call 770-817-4666, extension 2.

It's important to note that due to health and safety concerns related to COVID 19, appointments for assistance will be completed remotely by phone. Tallatoona officers are currently closed until further notice.

-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.

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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.

-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.

To add your community event to Gordon Gazette's Community Events Calendar, email Staff@GordonGazetteGa.com

June 2020

-Copper Creek Farm Sunflower Festival: Friday, June 12 - July 11. Copper Creek Farm is located at 1514 Reeves Station Road SW in Calhoun. For more information, visit www.coppercreekfarm.com

Notices

-TALLATOONA BEGINS LIHEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE. Low Income Energy Assistance Program Cooling Assistance available; appointments have begun for seniors: Tallatoona Community Action Partnership, Inc. has begun the annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Cooling Assistance for Gordon County.

On April 1 at 8:30 a.m., Tallatoona began accepting appointments for the LIHEAP cooling program for senior households age 65 and older, along with homebound households. Appointments for the general public will be accepted beginning May 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Gordon County residents who qualify will receive either \$350 or \$400 toward their electric bill.

Church Calendar

ONGOING

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

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

-Celebrate Recovery, a faith based 12-step program, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Relevelate 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 Church of Christ, located at 265 South Avenue in Fairmount, Ga. Minister Bobby Gayton. Everyone is invited to visit and worship with us. Sunday morning Services at 11 a.m.; Bible study at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

-Pine Chapel United Methodist Church, located at 2232 Pine Chapel

Road in Resaca, "A place to begin, belong and become." Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Louise W. Elmore.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Pleasant Valley Baptist Church is a Bible believing & teaching church located in the Red Bud Community. Pastor Keith Gibson and the congregation invite you to come and worship with us at 3882 Red Bud Rd., Calhoun. Opportunities for worship: Bible Study for all ages 10 a.m., Children's Church up to 5th grade 11a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday night service times Prayer Bible Study and Student Ministries 7 p.m. 706-624-0198, Fine us on Facebook or email pvbcalhoun@gmail.com

-Maranatha Baptist Church on

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

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

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

-Victory Fellowship Center, 925 Oothcalooga St., invites you to weekly worship services held at 11 a.m. every Sunday morning. Pastor Joe Stewart and the VFC family also invite everyone to join each Wednesday at noon and 7:30 p.m. for anointed and enlightening Bible

studies. If you are looking to grow in your understanding of God's plan for your life and gain greater insight of the life changing power of His word, come and join us as we study the word.

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

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

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



DOWNTOWN CALHOUN

Farmers Market

Mondays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Beginning June 1

Every Monday at 10 a.m. throughout the summer, the Downtown Calhoun Farmers Market will be set up in the parking lot of the Depot at the corner of Court Street and South King Street.

REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT

GORDON COUNTY
110-Sugar Valley

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<p>For President of the United States (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For State Representative In the General Assembly From 5th District (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Matt Barton (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For County Commissioner District 5 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kevin L. Cunningham (Incumbent)</p>
<p>For United States Senate (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David A. Perdue (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For District Attorney of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rosemary M. Greene (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For County Board of Education Post 2 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jason Hendrix (Incumbent)</p>
<p>For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jason Shaw (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For Clerk of Superior Court (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Grant Walraven (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For County Board of Education Post 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rod Brehm</p>
<p>For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr. (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For Sheriff (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mitch Raiston (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For County Board of Education Post 6 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bobby E. Hall (Incumbent)</p>
<p>For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 14th Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John D. Barge</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ben Bullock</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kevin Cooke</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John Cowan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Clayton Fuller</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Marjorie Taylor Greene</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andy Gunther</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bill Hembree</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Matt Laughridge</p>	<p>For Tax Commissioner (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scott Clements (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For County Board of Education Post 6 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Christie Owens Fox</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Samuel T. Jewell</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bryon Reeves</p>
<p>For State Senator From 52nd District (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chuck Hufstetler (Incumbent)</p>	<p>For Coroner (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Carver (Incumbent)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ken Padgett</p>	<p>REPUBLICAN PARTY QUESTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 1 -</p> <p>Should Georgia lawmakers expand educational options by allowing a student's state education dollars to follow to the school that best fits their needs, whether that is public, private, magnet, charter, virtual or homeschool?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 2 -</p> <p>Should voting in the Republican Primary be limited to voters who have registered as Republicans?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 3 -</p> <p>Should candidates for board of education be required to declare their political party?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>

- 4 -

Do you approve of Gordon County being a Second Amendment Sanctuary County?

YES

NO

- 5 -

Are you in favor of casino gambling in the state of Georgia?

YES

NO

- 6 -

Do you approve of sports gambling online in the state of Georgia?

YES

NO

NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(To Succeed Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil)
(Vote for One)

Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(To Succeed David Todd Markle)
(Vote for One)

David Todd Markle
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(To Succeed Carla McMillian)
(Vote for One)

Carla McMillian
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
(To Succeed Charlie Bethel)
(Vote for One)

Elizabeth "Beth" Beskin

Charlie Bethel
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
(To Succeed Sarah Hawkins Warren)
(Vote for One)

Hal Moroz

Sarah Hawkins Warren
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge, Superior Court of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit
(To Succeed Suzanne H. Smith)
(Vote for One)

Suzanne H. Smith
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge, Superior Court of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit
(To Succeed Jeffrey A. Watkins)
(Vote for One)

Jeffrey A. Watkins
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge of the Probate Court
(Vote for One)

John R. "Richie" Parker
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(To Succeed Trenton "Trent" Brown, III)
(Vote for One)

Trenton "Trent" Brown, III
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(To Succeed Christian Coomer)
(Vote for One)

Christian Coomer
(Incumbent)

Write-in

For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia
(To Succeed Sara Doyle)
(Vote for One)

Sara Doyle
(Incumbent)

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<p>For United States Senate (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sarah Riggs Amico</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Marcketh DeJesus</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Knox</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tricia Carpenter McCracken</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jon Ossoff</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Maya Dillard Smith</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Teresa Pike Tomlinson</p>	<p>For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robert G. Bryant</p>	

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(Vote for One)

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(Incumbent)

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NONPARTISAN SAMPLE BALLOT

GORDON COUNTY
110-Sugar Valley, 9110-Sugar Valley

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT

**OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
MAY 19, 2020**

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