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Early voting ends; records shattered as close to 12,000 cast ballots early in Gordon County

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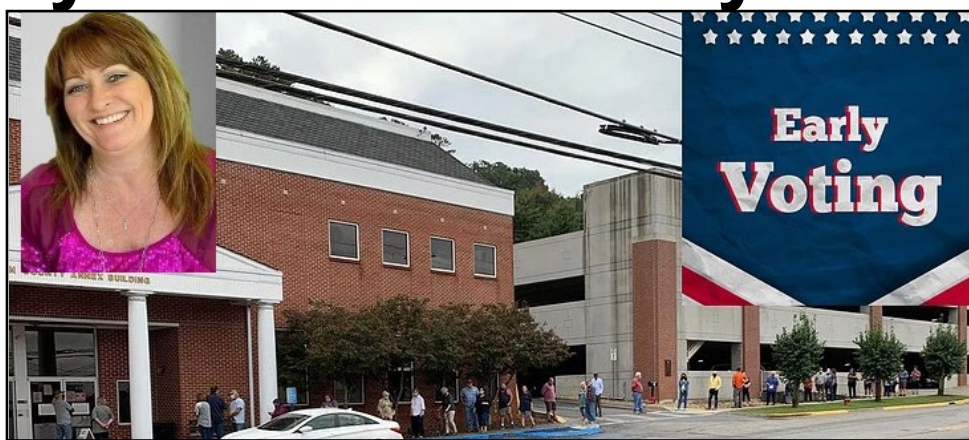
Records have been shattered in Gordon County this early voting period, as 11,896 people made their way to the Annex on Piedmont Street to cast their vote over the past three weeks. According to Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter

Registration Chair Shea Hicks, her office received back 3,825 absentee ballots by mail, with a total of 15,721 early votes recorded from Gordon County's 36,429, 43% of the community's registered ACTIVE voters.

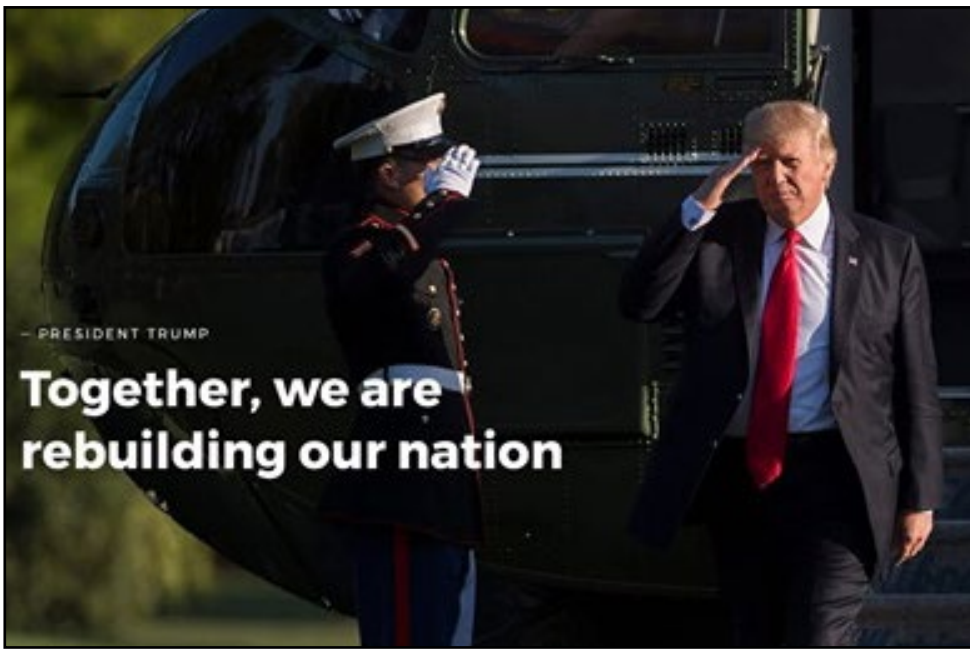
Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger heaped praise on Hicks

on Thursday, Oct. 29, saying that during this election cycle, she has easily navigated new voting machines, a pandemic and record turnout during this early voting period for this year's General Election. "Elections officials

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President Trump to be in Rome on Sunday for Make America Great Again rally



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Many in Gordon County are planning to cross the county line to attend a Make America Great Again rally, where President Donald Trump will deliver remarks, tomorrow, Sunday, Nov. 1, at Richard B. Russell Airport, located at 304 Russell Road in Rome, at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For those

interested in attending, you may only register up to 2 tickets per mobile number per event. All tickets are subject to first come, first serve basis.

Tickets for the event are FREE and can be ordered by visiting [HERE](#)

VIP tickets are available to purchase to be able to meet the president. This includes a pre-rally reception. You can purchase those tickets by visiting [HERE](#)

Pierce named Gordon Central Homecoming Queen Friday night



Congratulations to Gordon Central senior Emily Pierce, who was named the 2020-2021 Gordon Central Homecoming Queen during festivities on Friday night. Gordon Central defeated Coosa 22-7.

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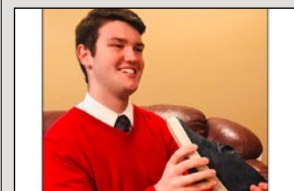
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COVID numbers show some decline this week at local school systems; Gordon County sees increase of 137 cases

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The number of COVID-19 cases in the local school systems has declined slightly this week.

Cases of the virus at Gordon County Schools have dropped to 32 active cases system-wide, down from 37 active cases last week. There are 14 students within the system and 18 staff members that are considered as actively having COVID-19. There are 2 students at Ashworth Middle School, 5 students at Red Bud Middle School, 1 student at Sonorville Elementary, 2 students at Sonorville High School and 4 students at Tolbert Elementary on the list this week. Among staff, there are 2 at Ashworth Middle School, 4 at Belwood Elementary School, 1 at Fairmount Elementary School, 2 at Gordon Central High School, 1 at the Gordon County College



and Career Academy, 1 at Red Bud Elementary School, 2 at Red Bud Middle School, 1 at Sonorville Elementary School, 2 at Sonorville High School, 1 at Tolbert Elementary and 1 at W.L. Swain Elementary.

The reduction of numbers comes after

the first full week of the county's high schools switching to a hybrid attendance schedule.

This week, students at both Gordon Central and Sonorville High School whose last names began with the letters A-K attended school in person; those students

with the last name that began with the letters L-Z completed instruction online via Schoology. The schedules will flip this week, and this schedule will continue through the end of November.

"Gordon County Schools has found it

necessary to move to hybrid instructional model, as outlined in the district's Back to School guidance in August, for both Gordon Central High School and Sonorville High School

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Second Front

AdventHealth Gordon EMS to host annual Make a Kid Smile toy drive

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

AdventHealth Gordon EMS is hosting its 24th annual Make a Kid Smile toy drive to benefit underprivileged children in Gordon County.

Focusing on achieving the 100-100-100 goal, AdventHealth Gordon EMS hopes to receive donations from at least 100 organizations or individuals of at least \$100 each, which will benefit hundreds of children in Gordon County. New toys and monetary donations of any amount are also accepted and appreciated. Donations are accepted Nov. 2 through Dec. 11.

“Our community has been so supportive of this toy drive each year, and we are thankful for their help,” said Mark Bramblett, AdventHealth Gordon EMS captain.

“Our goal is to always reach as many families as we possibly can.”

All toys collected through the annual drive will be given to the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) to distribute to qualifying families in Gordon County. All toys and monetary donations stay within Gordon County to benefit the children in our community.

If you would like to give in the 100-100-100 campaign, be a collection point for new toys or donate new toys or money, please contact Mark Bramblett at 706-506-0369 or at Mark.Bramblett@AdventHealth.com. All 100-100-100 participants will be recognized.

About AdventHealth Gordon Founded in 1935, AdventHealth Gordon is proud to be a member of AdventHealth. With

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



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VAC’s Operation Happy Christmas program applications to be accepted online only through Nov. 25

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According to Executive Director Stacy Long, due to the need to reduce the amount of traffic in the lobby area of the Voluntary Action Center, applications for the VAC’s annual Operation Happy Christmas program are now being accepted online only.

Applications are still being accepted through Wednesday, Nov. 25. The annual program provides toys and clothing to children from low-income families. In 2019, the VAC provided toys and clothing to 799 children!

Through a longstanding partnership with AdventHealth EMS, the VAC is able to provide not only toys and clothing to children, but each family receives a Christmas meal box and gift certificate to a local grocery store.

To qualify, parents/guardians must be at or below 140% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines and complete one class offered from September-November.

“We will be short staffed with at least one staff member out for one to two more weeks. Because of this and to cut down on the amount of traffic entering our lobby, we will be accepting Christmas applications online only,” said Long. “We hate to change the process but this will allow us to still manage the program with a limited staff. This will also allow us to continue accepting and processing applications in the event we have to close again.”

Long said the VAC will accept the paper applications which have already been distributed in person, but will not be distributing additional paper applications.

“With every school-aged child having access to an electronic device and free WiFi available around town and at certain schools, this should mitigate any problems for parents,” said Long.

The VAC already has almost 100 children ready for Christmas adoption; the adoption process will remain the same as in year’s past but those

interested in sponsoring a child for Christmas are encouraged to call or email the VAC to set up the sponsorship.

Below are links for the application and virtual classes that must be completed for consideration to be accepted into the Christmas program.

Website link for virtual classes and application: <http://www.voluntaryactioncenter.org/what-we-do.html>

Virtual class link: <https://handup631.clickmeeting.com/>

Electronic application link (English): <https://fs30.formsite.com/Handup631/uyve5irekk/index.html>

Electronic application link (Spanish): <https://fs30.formsite.com/Handup631/va9fz84ewp/index.html>

For more information on the Christmas program, call the VAC at 706-629-7283, email Long at stacy.long@voluntaryactioncenter.org or visit their website at <http://www.voluntaryactioncenter.org/>



DON’T FORGET: DFCS accepting sponsors for annual Secret Santa program for foster children

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Help Gordon County Department of Family and Children Services make this Christmas special for the boys and girls in foster care. The local DFCS is looking for individuals, groups, churches and businesses to help provide these children in need with the best Christmas they can have.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, contact Jody Sanderson at the email or number below and request a foster child’s Christmas List.

Email: jody.sanderson@dhs.ga.gov
Phone: 706-802-2995

Last year, 236 children comprised of around 180 of Gordon County’s foster children and more than 50 children identified as “in need” were served during the Gordon County Department of Family and Children Services’ Secret Santa program.

“This community is truly a blessing,” said DFCS Jody Sanderson, who organizes the program each year. “It’s touching to know that there’s this much love and support from the CalhounGordon County community for our foster children; it gives



us hope for the future to know that our community can come together and help those that are most in need.”

Also, as always, there is a great need for foster parents in Gordon County, and anyone who feels a calling to become a foster parent can visit the Foster Georgia website or call the 800 number to learn how to become a foster parent, changing lives of the children of Calhoun-Gordon County most in need.

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General Labor/Machine Operator: Various shifts & pay rates. Extrusion, Rubber, etc

Shipping Clerk: \$12/hr, Need excel/computer skills. Shipping experience preferred.

Maintenance Tech: \$15-\$18/hr. Repairing, troubleshooting, preventive maintenance on shrink wrapping machines and ovens. Maintain cutting tables & machines.

Creelring: Experience needed. 7am-7pm or 7pm-7am. \$14+/hr

Utility Person: \$13-\$16/hr BOE. Need Metal fab & Mig Welding skills.

Machine Operator: \$14+/hr. 7am-5pm or 5pm-3am

Tire Handler: \$11 & UP based on job/shift. 1st, 2nd & 3rd shift (Tire Handler).

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Obituaries

October 31, 2020

Dallie Beason

Dallie Lamar Beason, age 59 of Calhoun, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020 after months of declining health at Northside Hospital Cherokee of Canton.

Dallie was born on Jan. 2, 1961 in Gordon County, son of Kenneth Hall Beason and Carol Cochran Shugart. He was formerly employed by P&R Auto Sales and then for Flipper McDaniel. Dallie was a humble man with a heart of gold.

Dallie is survived by: his mother, Carol Shugart; father, Kenneth H. Beason; brother, Dennis Beason; two sisters, Drena McPhail and her husband Joe, and Debbie Brown and her husband Darrell; nephews, Larry Jason Johnson, and Jody Mitchell Milford; and great-nephew, Slater Autry Milford.

The family received friends on Friday, Oct. 30 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

A Graveside Service for family and friends was held on Friday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. in Fain Cemetery with Reverend Harold Blackstock in charge of graveside rites.

Pallbearers serving were: Flipper McDaniel, Phillip McDaniel, Shane Jordan, Terry Jordan, Randy “Bucky” Hough, and Randy Duncan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Dallie may be made to the AdventHealth Gordon Marsha McDaniel Memorial Fund at 1035 Red Bud Road, NE, Calhoun, GA 30701.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Dallie Lamar Beason.



Rev. Kenneth and Linda Blackstock

Rev. Kenneth Lamar Blackstock, 70, and his wife, Linda Faye Adams Blackstock, 67, of Calhoun, passed away in their daughter’s arms’ at their daughter and son-in-law’s home. Kenneth died on October 21, 2020; Linda died on October 30, 2020.

Kenneth was born on May 5, 1950; he was the son of the late Glynn and Callie Worley Blackstock. Linda was born on October 10, 1953, to the late Roy and Faynelle Causby Adams. In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his sister, Karen Blackstock Hayes. In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Adams. They were preceded in death by their granddaughter, Hannah Nicole Black; great-granddaughter, Lorelei Grace Johns, and niece, Stacy Blackstock.

Kenneth was a member of the 1968 graduating class of Calhoun High School. He was retired from Shaw Industries Plant # 23 in Dalton and Walmart in Calhoun. He announced his call to preach as a Baptist minister in 1974.

Linda was a member of the 1971 graduating class



of Calhoun High School. She was retired from the City of Calhoun, having served as the Municipal Court Clerk for over twenty year. She was of the Baptist faith.

They are survived by their son, Jason Johns of Resaca; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jill (Brian) Brannon of Calhoun and Kelly (Stacy) Kinsey of Summerville; grandchildren, Alex (Brooke) Johns, Savannah (Clay) Hall, Cody (Tori) Johns, and Brett Johns; great-grandchildren, Sophia and Riley Johns, and Chole and Catelyn Hall. Kenneth is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jackie (Charlotte) Blackstock and Michael (Debbie) Blackstock; sister, Kathy Blackstock. Linda is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Sue (Michael) Thomas; several nieces and nephews also survive.

A funeral service for both Kenneth and Linda will be conducted on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, at 3 p.m. from Philadelphia Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Blackstock, Rev. Kevin Thomas, and Rev. Eddie Brannon officiating. Interment will follow in the family lot at Fairview Cemetery at Hall Memorial Church. Active Pallbearers include Chris Blackstock, Jacob Blackstock, Adam Thomas, Zeke Thomas, Matt Silvers, Jason Johns, Cody Johns, Alex Johns, and Brandon Stanley.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, from 2 – 8 p.m. at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home.

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

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Kenneth Lamar Blackstock and his wife Linda Faye Adams Blackstock.



Annie Ruth Garlin

Mrs. Annie Ruth Garlin, age 84, of Calhoun, departed this life Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020 at Gordon Health Care. Annie Ruth was born Feb. 3, 1936 in Pickens County, a daughter of the late Arthur Hugh and Lula Belle Carroll Patterson. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband of sixty-two years, Henley M. “Sonny” Garlin, who died March 14, 2020, her brothers, Reverend Lloyd Patterson, Reverend Luther Patterson, Lee Patterson, Elbert Patterson and Reverend Alfred Patterson, her sisters, Lois Carver, Ella Patterson, Odelle Silvers, Faye Clark and Geraldine Johnson.

She was retired from Horizon and Fafnir Bearing and was a member of Ball Creek Baptist Church in Pickens County.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Stacey and Dawn Garlin of Resaca; daughters and son-in-law, Lydia Waters of Jasper, Charlotte and Keith Holmes of Calhoun; grandchildren, Zachary and Amber Waters, Kyle and Rachel Waters, Jacob and Sarah Holmes, Joshua Garlin, Makayla Holmes, Garrett Hammonds, Sarah Garlin; great-grandchildren, Addie Waters, Lauren Waters, Owen Waters, Hunter Waters, Sophia Waters, Mackenzie Waters, Harper Holmes, Carter Holmes and Graison Hammonds; sister, Gladys Jones of Mars Hill, NC;



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,

sisters-in-law, Cleo Patterson of Calhoun, GA, Olean Patterson of Marietta, GA; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Annie Ruth Garlin will be held Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Ponders Calhoun Chapel with Reverend Wallace Parks officiating. She will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband at Chandler Cemetery with Reverend Jason Phillips officiating. Zachary Waters, Kyle Waters, Jacob Holmes, Josh Garlin, Garrett Hammonds, Jacob Phipps, Keith Holmes and Mitchell Patterson will be honored to serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at Ponders Calhoun Chapel from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday and after 11 a.m. Sunday until the service hour.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by, Ponders Calhoun Chapel 675 Jolly Road Calhoun, GA 30701, 706-625-7577



Paul Luckett

Jefferson Paul Luckett, 54, of Calhoun, passed away on Oct. 10, 2020 at his residence. He was formally from Baton Rouge, La., where he was employed with Gerry Lane GMC.

Memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at the Forest Grove Methodist Protestant Church.

Paul was born in Atlanta to Rev. James and Betty Luckett on Feb. 27, 1966. He was a graduate of Southeast High School. Paul was employed with Gerry Lane GMC while living in Baton Rouge, La. He worked in the carpet mills before moving to Mississippi. Paul enjoyed singing praises to his Lord and Savior, singing at many funerals, homecomings, revivals and regular services. He would never say no to doing a song. His signature song was Sweet Beulah Land, but he said it was I Sing Because. When asked why because I’ve had to sing at sad times, happy times, when my heart was not able but I always sang. He loved going to see Southern Gospel Groups perform. His most treasured memory is when he did a talent show in Florida with the Florida Boys and The Dixie Echoes.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles.

Paul is survived by his wife, Martha Price Luckett, brothers, Jim Luckett (Nancy), Mark Luckett and sister Terri Thompson (J.T.). Host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be given to Forest Grove Methodist Protestant Church. The family would like to extend our appreciation to all the doctors and nurses in Baton Rouge, La and Calhoun, Ga that took good care of him during his sickness.

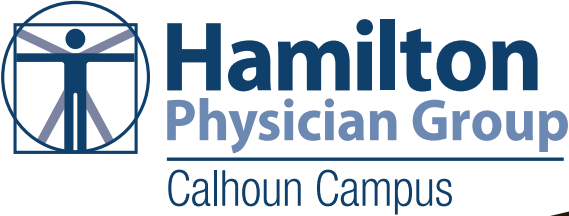
Due to the National health crisis and the Covid-19 virus, masks must be worn properly at all times and social distancing must be observed when visiting the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Though standard medical visits have made a comeback, telehealth is here to stay

ANDY MILLER, CEO
Georgia Health News

The surge in telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic has leveled off, with more patients seeing their doctors in person again.

But experts say virtual medical appointments will continue, and with more frequency than before COVID struck. Some of the change appears permanent.

In Georgia and nationally, the early days of the pandemic saw incredible growth in telehealth, as patients feared contracting COVID-19 if they went to a medical facility.

Telehealth visits have doubled in Georgia since the COVID-19 crisis began, says Rena Brewer, CEO of the Global Partnership for TeleHealth, based in Blackshear.

In April, nearly half (43.5 percent) of Medicare primary care visits nationally were done through telehealth, compared with less than 1 percent (0.1 percent) in February, before the public health emergency.

Dr. Carl McCurdy, a family medicine physician in Jasper, said his practice did not do telehealth at all before COVID-19 became a concern. But it made rapid adjustments after major virus outbreaks hit the United States in March.

“We saw what was happening in New York City and

Washington state,” he said Wednesday. “They were getting inundated by COVID.”

The Piedmont Physicians group brought his North Georgia practice up to speed on virtual connections, and for a time he saw all his patients by video.

A major impetus to the jump in telehealth jump was provided by the feds.

Prior to COVID-19, Medicare reimbursed providers for telemedicine services only when they were in rural areas or in places with health care shortages. On top of that, patients had to travel to an “originating site,” such as a clinic, to make the video connection with the health care provider. They could not use telemedicine from home.

But prompted by the public health emergency, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) decided to reimburse physicians for home telehealth sessions just like for office visits. Seeing a patient who is connecting from home now provides the same level of reimbursement as if the patient were in the office, face to face with the doctor.

Private insurance got on board as well. CMS allowed other types of providers to use e-visits, and allowed payments for phone visits as well, and extended coverage to non-rural areas.

Dr. Karen Kinsell, a physician in rural Clay County, said the phone appointments have helped tremendously.

“While many people, especially older ones, do not have video devices or access to the Internet, almost everyone has a telephone,” she said. “Most medical check-ups and even urgent care can be done by phone. This has been especially valuable when both patients and providers are socially distancing during the pandemic.”

The increase in the use of remote video technology has not been without problems. Sometimes there have been glitches, as with any technology, and many rural areas have no reliable Internet service.

“Sometimes it would turn into phone calls only,” said Dev Watson of the Georgia Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in the state.

A large majority of physicians prefer in-person visits, Watson said. “It would be more of a connection,” Watson said. But he added that he hopes telehealth will remain. “It will bypass transportation issues in rural Georgia.”

Health care appointments that have worked especially well in a virtual format include mental health, dermatology, and chronic disease management.

Brewer said a telehealth session works



better when the physician and patient already know each other than “when a stranger connects with a stranger.”

“All these providers who [previously] would never do telemedicine now see the value of it,” she added. “Patients see the value and convenience and safety factor.”

McCurdy said video appointments aren’t as effective for patients who may have fevers — “or when you need to look into a child’s ear or throat.”

Patients have started again to see doctors in person more, according to physicians organizations in Georgia.

Having the patient in the exam room is still ideal for assessing what’s wrong. “Nothing replaces in-person interactions,” McCurdy said. But he added that when a follow-up appointment is needed, he may tell the patient, “Let’s do a video visit and discuss your progress.”

STAT reported last month that telemedicine visits accounted for just 21 percent of total encounters by the middle of July, down from 69 percent at the early peak of the public health crisis in April.

The recent declines, though, weren’t occurring across all specialties, according to the STAT article. “Traditional providers are also continuing to carry out most mental health visits via phone or video, while specialists that tend to require more hands-on care, like orthopedists, are seeing more of their patients return to their offices,” the article said.

Some private insurers, though, have begun to pare coverage for telehealth by restoring co-pays for consumers, STAT reported.

Still, the future will feature more telehealth appointments, experts agree.

“It will continue post-pandemic, without a doubt,” said Jimmy Lewis, CEO of HomeTown Health, an association of rural hospitals in the state. It will help alleviate the medical provider shortages in many rural areas, he said.

“We’ve seen a sea change in older doctors” adopting it, Lewis said. “That reluctance is gone.”

If the coming winter brings another surge of COVID-19, he added, “there will be an accelerated use of telemedicine.”

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

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FOOTBALL
UPDATE

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Friday night for score updates

DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Dalton State Changes Spring Calendar Due to Pandemic

In an ongoing effort to remain face-to-face for classes during the pandemic, Dalton State is adjusting the academic calendar for spring semester.


The new calendar includes a later start date to allow employees and students who travel over the winter break time to isolate before returning to campus and reduces the length of spring break to minimize travel. The calendar was developed with input from employees and students.

“We believe this change will help us remain on campus for the entirety of spring semester,” said Dr. Jodi Johnson, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. “We know this is an adjustment. We developed this with the goal of providing a quality face-to-face educational experience in a safe environment.”

Spring semester will begin on Monday, Jan. 11 with breaks on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 18 and on Tuesday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 17. The last day of classes will be Wednesday, April 28 with finals Thursday, April 29-Wednesday, May 5.

The safety protocols put into place for the current semester will remain in effect through spring. These include physical distancing guidelines, extra sanitation of shared spaces, wearing masks indoors, utilizing flipped and hybrid classes and encouraging those who are sick to stay home.

For more information on COVID-19 at Dalton State visit www.daltonstate.edu and click on the “COVID-19 Update” button.



GEORGIA DNR

Drivers: Know How To Avoid Deer on Roads

Watch out for deer on and near roads during the fall season.

Why during fall? This time of year is peak deer activity season, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division.

“Motorists should be alert and pay close attention to roadsides as we are nearing the annual peak time of year for deer movement,” said Charlie Killmaster, state deer biologist with DNR’s Wildlife Resources Division. “Keep in mind that deer often travel in groups, so if a deer crosses the road ahead of you there is a good chance that another will follow. In many cases, that second deer is the one hit as the driver assumes the danger has passed and fails to slow down.”

There are two main reasons why drivers may see more deer along roads in the fall:

Mating Season: Deer mating season occurs between October and late December, depending on location. Male deer go into “rut” and begin actively searching for mates. This behavior results in an increase in deer movement, bringing them across roadways.

Time Changes: As we begin to “fall back” for daylight savings time, our days become shorter and nights become longer. Rush hour for most commuters tends to fall during the same hours in which white-tailed deer are most active—dawn and dusk.

Following are some tips and information to help avoid potential collisions:

Deer Are Unpredictable: Always remember deer are wild and, therefore, can be unpredictable. A deer calmly standing on the side of a road may bolt into or across the road rather than away from it when startled by a vehicle.

One Deer Usually Means More: Always take caution and slow down when a deer crosses the road in front of you. Deer usually travel in groups, so it is likely that others will follow.

Time of Day: As deer are most active at dawn and dusk, they are typically seen along roads during the early morning and late evening—the same times most people are commuting to and from work.

Time of Year: While deer-car collisions can occur at any time of year, the fall breeding season is a peak time for such accidents. During the fall breeding season, deer movement increases and this often brings them in contact with roadways that cross their natural habitats. Road shoulders generally provide beneficial food plants both during extremely dry times of the year and following a long, hard winter. Deer are attracted to these plants in late-winter, early spring and late summer. Georgia’s deer rut map (<http://georgiawildlife.com/rut-map>) is an excellent tool for motorists to determine local peaks in deer movement. Drivers should be especially wary of deer during these time periods.

Minimize Damage: If it is too late to avoid a collision, drivers are advised to slow down as much as possible to minimize damage—resist the urge to swerve to avoid the deer, as this may cause further damage, sending drivers off the road or causing a collision with another vehicle.

For more information on deer, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/deer-info>.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

‘Turn and test’ this weekend to prevent home fire tragedies

Georgia’s Red Cross has helped more than 1,000 families after home fires in the past three months

When turning back your clocks this Sunday, the Red Cross urges you to test your smoke alarms to help protect your family from home fires — which continue to be the nation’s most frequent disaster during COVID-19.

In Georgia, alone, Red Cross volunteers have responded to 533 fires affecting 1,091 families from July through September, including residents of nearly a dozen apartment buildings. Along with emotional support, they helped 2,766 neighbors who lost everything with essentials like temporary lodging, food, clothing, personal care items, and recovery planning.

“The need to protect ourselves from home fires hasn’t stopped during COVID-19,” said Danella Hughes, who leads the Red Cross disaster program in Georgia.

“It’s critical to have working smoke alarms, which can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half. This is the perfect weekend to take a few minutes to ‘turn and test’ to help keep you and your loved ones safe,” she added.

HOW TO ‘TURN AND TEST’ Press the button on your smoke alarms, following the manufacturer’s instructions, and replace the batteries if needed — at least once a year, if your model requires it. Also, follow these steps:

Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years or older. That’s because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Check the manufacturer’s date of your smoke alarms and follow the instructions.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas.

Practice your two-minute escape plan. Make sure everyone in your household can get out in less than two minutes — the amount of time you may have to escape a burning home before it’s too late. Include at least two ways to get out of every room and select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as your neighbor’s home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone can meet.

Visit redcross.org/fire for more information, including an escape plan to practice with your family. You can also download the free Red Cross Emergency App (search “American Red Cross” in app stores).

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds, and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.





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ELECTION
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across the state are preparing for a historic turnout election—in the middle of pandemic—with more than a possible 5.5 million total voters here in Georgia. In Gordon County, Shea Hicks is leading the Gordon elections team to make sure every legal vote is counted,” said the Secretary of State’s Office in a statement Thursday night.

“Our county election officials are the true superheroes of elections,” said Raffensperger. “These dedicated election officials form the backbone of election administration in Georgia. It is thanks to their hard work and dedication that polls open, votes are counted, and Georgians get to share their voice at the ballot box.

“County elections officials stayed in their offices and worked with cobbled-together staff when most government workers stayed home as COVID-19 hit hard,” said Chris Harvey, Georgia Elections Director. “With record turnout, and managing a new voting machine,

these officials stayed at their posts and stared COVID down -- making sure that record-breaking numbers of Georgians are able to cast ballots.”

Hicks is responsible for making sure the county’s registered voters have access to the ballot. County elections officials process and mail absentee ballots, set up early in-person voting, and make sure polling locations are open, staffed and equipped for Election Day.

County elections officials are also responsible for all the counting of votes. After polls close on Election Day, polling precinct managers will transmit their Election Day totals to county officials who will combine those vote totals with early, in-person votes and absentee by mail votes to produce the final results for the county.

According to Raffensperger’s office, in Georgia, county elections officials scan and count absentee by mail ballots at central scanning centers. Earlier this year, the State Election Board passed a rule allowing counties to begin scanning - but not counting - absentee ballots up to two weeks and a day before Election Day. The state’s new paper-ballot voting system, which divides the scanning of ballots and the tabulating of those ballots into two

separate steps, made that possible. Tabulating the already scanned absentee ballots will be as simple as the push of a button after polls close on Election Day. However, some of Georgia’s counties will still have late arriving ballots to scan and tabulate even after polls close.

Early, in-person vote totals are tabulated by county officials as well. This counting process can also be done with the push of a button when polls close on Election Day, speeding up the time to get results.

On Election Night, county officials will have the best perspective on how long it will take for them to process and transmit all of the results from their county. Each county uploads the vote totals directly into the state’s Election Night Reporting website, which will be available on Election Night at sos.ga.gov. County officials likewise can decide in what order they upload the ballot totals to the state website and whether they wait until all ballots are tabulated to upload results or upload results piecemeal.

Election Day 2020 is this Tuesday, Nov. 3. Precincts in Gordon County will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. that day. To find your precinct, please visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

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beginning Monday, October 19. The tentative return date to full-time, in-person instruction will be Monday, November 30, 2020,” said the system in a statement. “The decision to temporarily move to a hybrid schedule for both Gordon County high schools is a precautionary measure and comes following an increase in active COVID cases, resulting in a higher number of precautionary quarantines.”

According to GCS, extracurricular activities will continue, unless otherwise notified by the school. This closure does not impact any other Gordon County school, and all elementary and middle schools will operate as normal.

Gordon County Schools’ reporting is slightly different

than the City school system. Gordon County Schools’ weekly numbers, reported each Friday afternoon, show the new cases of COVID-19 for the week, plus any previous cases that are still active. You can find those numbers on their website at <https://www.gcbe.org/domain/5112>


Calhoun City Schools’ new cases of COVID-19 this week decreased three cases to 6 total cases system-wide; there are 5 total students (3 students at Calhoun High School, 1 student at Calhoun Middle School and 1 student at Calhoun Primary School) to test positive for COVID this week, and 1 staff members (at Calhoun Primary. Last week, there were 9 total cases at the school system.

Calhoun City Schools post the new case numbers each Friday afternoon, and includes the previous week’s numbers separately on their website at <https://www.calhounschools.org/summer-resources/ccsd-covid-19-case-status-reportnew-page>

Both school systems have adopted strict cleaning procedures and are following the health and safety guidelines set forth by the CDC concerning social distancing.

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 at either school system cannot return to school until they meet the Department of Public Health’s Return to School Guidance After COVID-19 Illness or Exposure.

Numbers of new positive cases jumped in Gordon County this past week. At press time Saturday morning, Oct. 31, Gordon County has had 2,428 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began – that’s up 137 cases since the same time last week. COVID-19 related deaths now stand at 47, up from 43 last week. There have been 136 hospitalizations in Gordon County due to COVID-19 since March, up 6 hospitalizations since last week.



Tallatoona Community Action Partnership

LIHEAP Heating Assistance

Beginning November 2, 2020 at 8:30am, Tallatoona will begin accepting appointments for the LIHEAP Heating Assistance Program for senior households 65 years of age and older.


Beginning December 1, 2020 at 8:30am, the general public may begin scheduling appointments.

Appointments are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. To receive assistance applicants must qualify based on the FY 2021 annual income guidelines. For more information visit www.tallatoonacap.org.

SCHEDULE ONLINE: WWW.TALLATOONACAP.ORG

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, all Tallatoona offices are closed to the public. Appointments will be completed remotely by telephone. All required documents will be accepted via fax, mail, or quick drop off at local county offices. Please DO NOT send documents prior to your appointment.




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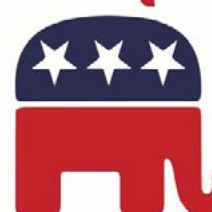


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THE HUNT FOR FILM: Top 10 Halloween Movies



BY: COOPER HUNT
Gordon Gazette Staff

While I am admittedly not the most devoted fan of the Halloween holiday or its cinematic counterparts, there are still several films I enjoy and love to revisit during the spookiest of seasons every year. I should issue a disclaimer, though, that I’m not a very experienced viewer of the horror genre so don’t be surprised when slasher classics like Friday the 13th, A Nightmare on Elm Street, Halloween, and others don’t appear on this list. I specialize in “spooky” rather than “scary”.

You will notice that many of my inclusions will be pieces directed by the great Sir Alfred Hitchcock and fan favorite Tim Burton. I most certainly have my favorites and least favorites from both of these artists, though picking any given film from either of their respective filmographies is usually a safe bet for your viewing pleasure in the month of October.

#10

A Quiet Place (2018)

One of the unexpected critical and financial hits of 2018, John Krasinski’s A Quiet Place silently snuck its way onto my radar and was definitely a pleasant surprise. Krasinski and his wife Emily Blunt are two of my favorite performers in Hollywood right now, and they’re off-screen chemistry finds its way on-screen as their characters, the Abbotts, set a high standard for good parenting in movies. Though the details of the plot require some suspension of disbelief, the masterfully uncomfortable tension of Krasinski’s direction, the simplistic but gorgeous musical work of Marco Beltrami, and the overwhelming emotion exhibited from the lead actors elevate A Quiet Place above its few flaws.

#9

Dial M for Murder (1954)

The brilliance of Alfred Hitchcock’s Dial M for Murder doesn’t lie in shock or terror, but quite the opposite: the film allows the audience to observe a murder from the murderer’s perspective, watching with the objective truth in mind while the plot unfolds and the detective seeks to prove what the viewer already knows. It isn’t the scariest or spookiest film on this list, but it possesses a haunting quality by providing the audience with the same information as the villain and thus making him appear as a traditional protagonist. The audience member is guilty by association with the murder, so the intensity and thrills derive not from trying to avoid the murderer’s deadly grip but instead trying to cover up any signs of the killer’s guilt. By subverting the traditions of the murder mystery genre, Hitchcock provides us with an orthodox and all the more interesting thriller in Dial M for Murder.

#8

Batman (1989)

Anything that comes from the darkly imaginative mind of Tim Burton is well-suited for the spooky season, and the early superhero blockbuster Batman is no exception. Focusing on two central characters, Batman and

the Joker, who use theatricality to intimidate their opponents leads to a story that lends well to a Halloween setting. Burton’s gothic and grim Gotham City paired with the ominous and eerie harmonies of Danny Elfman make for a very original and unique take on the classic Batman lore that inspired countless works of media that followed. Jack Nicholson’s Joker defined the Clown Prince of Crime for a generation until the meteoric arrival of Heath Ledger, while Michael Keaton’s Batman serves as a relatively understated force of justice that is very fitting for the tone of the film if not necessarily overrunning with characterization and depth. If your family is looking for a spooky superhero flick this Halloween, look no further than Batman.

#7

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

It took me far too long to watch The Nightmare Before Christmas and having finally seen it, I recognize how much fun I’ve been missing out on all these years. Though not directed by Tim Burton, the film remains his brain child. This is clearly evident in every artistic choice of the character designs, sets, irreverent and grotesque (but family friendly) sense of humor, and, of course, the orchestral compositions and vocal performance of longtime Burton collaborator Danny Elfman as Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King. Though I have my nitpicks, namely the extremely sudden romantic union of Jack and Sally or the nonexistent motive/development for Oogie Boogie, the perfected stop motion animation and breezy runtime make The Nightmare Before Christmas an irresistibly charming work of unbridled creative artistry and monstrosity.

#6

Young Frankenstein (1974)

By far the best of Mel Brooks’ works, in my opinion, Young Frankenstein is simply hysterical in its Oscar-nominated writing and the wide variety of uniquely humorous performances. Gene Wilder and Marty Feldman naturally steal the show as Dr. Fronkensteen and Eye-gore, but one cannot overlook the comedic genius of Cloris Leachman as Frau Blucher (cue the horse whinnies), Peter Boyle as the Creature, and Kenneth Mars as the ever-underrated Inspector Kemp. Brooks’ decision to shoot this film in black and white is a rewarding creative decision that strengthens the film’s aesthetic appeal and 1930’s period accuracy, providing a much more eerie and cinematic quality to the dark comedy. Though the pacing might loose a little steam towards the ending, Young Frankenstein remains a high quality comedic classic that I will continue to recommend and rewatch for years to come.

#5

Ghostbusters (1984)

One of my personal favorite comedies, the trio of Bel Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis is what really makes Ghostbusters so irresistibly funny and lovable while Ernie Hudson, Rick Moranis, and Sigourney Weaver all help provide ensemble support. The cast works to ground the film in a semblance of dry humor and relatability so that its supernatural plot doesn’t prevent the audience from enjoying the movie’s wacky hijinks. Complete with stellar quotable dialogue, a fantastic theme song, and some cheesy, outdated special effects, Ghostbusters checks all the boxes as an iconic piece of 80’s

pop culture in addition to being the funniest spooky flick around.

#4

Rear Window (1954)

The second film by Hitchcock to appear on this list, Rear Window is considered by many critics (myself included) to be one of the best movies ever made, particularly considering its intriguing premise. Jimmy Stewart plays a photographer with a broken leg who believes he’s witnessed a murder through a nearby apartment window and seeks to expose his neighbor’s guilt, and the exciting urban environment of the apartment complex complicates the plot in excitingly unpredictable ways. At the top of his directing game, Hitchcock takes his time in long establishing shots in the beginning and dreadful sequences of suspense near the end that make Rear Window a nail-biting thriller worth checking out this Halloween.

#3

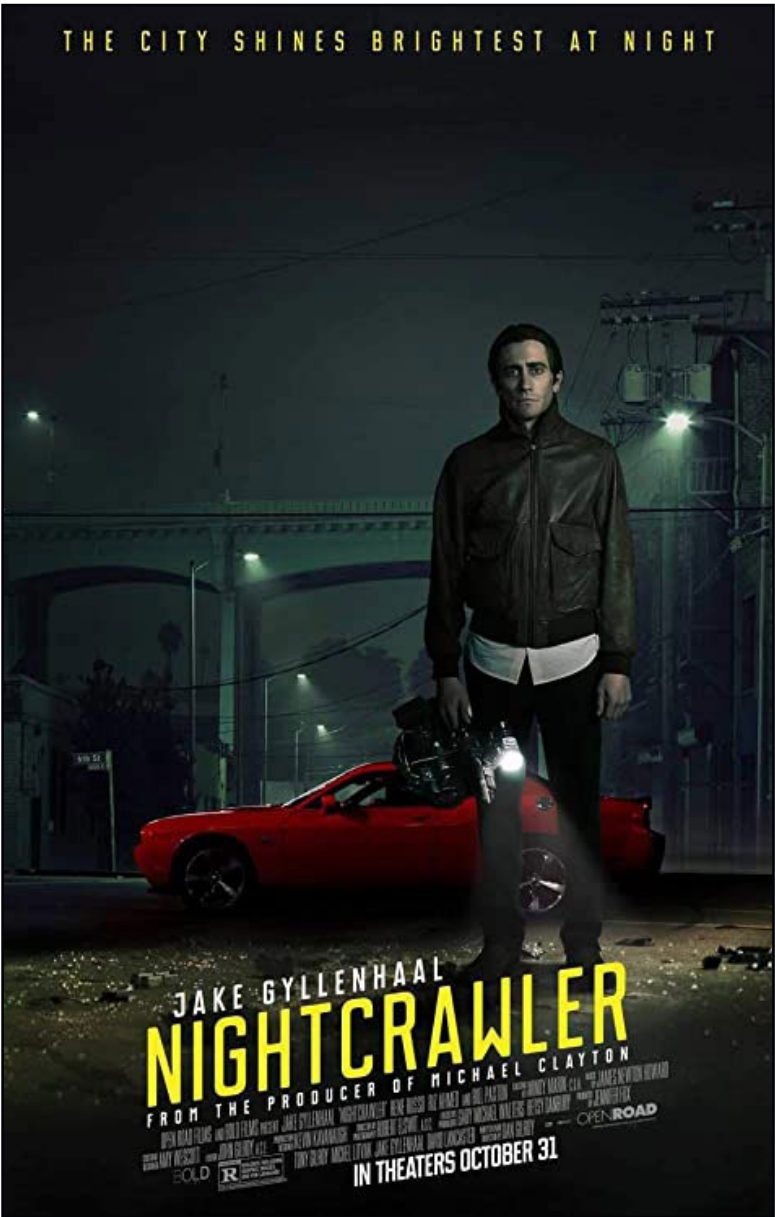
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004)

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban is the best of the lot when it comes to the beloved wizard franchise, and that’s high praise from me. What sets this threequel as a cut above the rest is the uniquely memorable and fascinating direction of Alfonso Cuarón, who brings his famous long-take cinematography and visually confounding camera movements into the world of Hogwarts. The main reason I include this as a Halloween film is its central character arc for Harry as he fights to overcome his personal fears and also the physical embodiment of fear itself, the dreaded Dementors. It also features a brief verse of the song “Double Trouble” that includes lyrics from William Shakespeare’s infamous Scottish play as a foreboding warning that darkness and evil are coming for Harry and the others at Hogwarts. Toss in an eerily marvelous John Williams score, a brilliant conspiracy/mystery, a werewolf, and just a dash of time travel, and Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban shapes up to be an incredibly magical spooky season movie for the family.

#2

Psycho (1960)

Easily my favorite piece by Sir Alfred Hitchcock, Psycho is precisely my cup of tea (or whatever it is your supposed to drink for Halloween). Always going for maximum tension and suspense, never stooping low for cheap jump scares, Hitchcock crafts an uncomfortable yet irresistible thriller with shocking twists and turns that have now



become iconic scenes of the horror genre. The character of Mrs. Bates is one of the most mysterious and terrifying villains to terrorize the silver screen, and Anthony Perkins puts on an awards-worthy performance as her son Norman. Beyond the excellent performances, direction, and writing, another aspect where the film shines is in the brilliantly terrifying score by Bernard Hermann that amps up the intensity and never lets the viewer off the edge of their seat. If you’re in the mood for a classic throwback, an introduction to the frightening filmography of Hitchcock, or simply a perfect Halloween movie, I believe it is “Psycho time.”

#1

Nightcrawler (2014)

One of the most underrated and overlooked films of the 2010’s, Nightcrawler is as creepy as they come. Driven by Jake Gyllenhaal’s riveting, Oscar-worthy performance as high-functioning psychopath Lou Bloom, this film is a rollercoaster ride from start to finish in the most uncomfortable yet enjoyable of ways. Through stressful situations and intense plot developments, the audience is pulled along to watch Lou’s descent from a relatively harmless man in the crowd to a successful and ambitious entrepreneur who seeks the spotlight no matter what he has to do in the process. Motivated only by money, sex, and power, Lou Bloom has absolutely no regard for human life or any reasonable set of moral standards

as he takes the world of late-night crime scene videography (or “nightcrawling”) by storm. Gyllenhaal puts on an awe-inspiring tour de force of range, subtlety to ferocity, and at all times managing to convey just the right amount of awkwardly alien behavior to remind the audience that behind that friendly smile and handsome face is the mind of a madman who will happily allow you to be gunned down if it means he can get a better piece of footage.

Nightcrawler is a bone-chilling and horrifying look at the rise to prominence and glory of an unethical, cutthroat businessman whose triumphant endeavors are accompanied by swelling musical scores and substantial reward, making it all the more terrifying as we watch the villain win.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (1966)
- Sleepy Hollow (1999)
- Coraline (2009)
- Alien (1976)
- Frankenweenie (2012)
- Little Shop of Horrors (1986)
- The Birds (1963)
- Dracula (1931)
- Beetlejuice (1988)
- It (1990)

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- 1 -

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

House Resolution 164
Act No. 597

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

☐ YES

☐ NO

- 2 -

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

House Resolution 1023
Act No. 596

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

☐ YES

☐ NO

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM

- A -

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

House Bill 344
Act No. 149

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

☐ YES

☐ NO