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Gov. Kemp signs new Executive Order easing more COVID-19 restrictions

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On Thursday, June 11, Georgia Governor Brian P. Kemp signed Executive Order 06.11.20.01 - Empowering a Healthy Georgia, addressing the ongoing emergency response that fights the spread of COVID-19 in the state.

The order details below go into effect at 12 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16 and run through Tuesday, June 30, unless otherwise noted.

Sports: Effective June 16, professional sports teams and organizations must follow the rules and guidelines set by their respective leagues. High school and collegiate teams and organizations must follow the rules and guidelines set by their applicable conferences or associations. Amateur sports teams

and organizations must follow the criteria for non-critical infrastructure entities outlined in the order.

Sheltering in Place: Effective immediately, residents and visitors of Georgia who are sixty-five years of age or older are no longer required to shelter in place unless they meet any of the following categories:

- Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, including inpatient hospice, assisted living communities, personal care homes, intermediate care homes, community living arrangements, and community integration homes
- Those persons who have chronic lung disease



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County BOE discusses school reopening options for 2020-2021 school year at latest meeting

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The big topic of discussion at Monday night's meeting of the Gordon County Board of Education was the update on school operations during the pandemic, and plans for re-opening this fall for the 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Fraker began by giving the Board an update on the system's infectious disease plan.

"(Due to the return of conditioning for fall sports), it reminded us we needed an infectious disease plan," said Fraker, telling the Board that it covers all infectious diseases, even though the main focus at this time is on COVID-19.

Fraker told the Board that they've had a policy in place for several years, but have added additional parts with recommendations from local

Emergency Management and the Georgia High School Association.

"This covers not just athletics, but our schools as well," said Fraker of the plan. "It basically goes into protocols we use for response, what happens if we find out that someone has been in indirect contact or if they've had direct contact."

Fraker said that the plan advises staff and coaches on screening processes, questions they need to ask students and when students can return to school if they have to go home due to illness.

"We've always had these policies in place; this just formalizes them more and gives a quick reference guide so that if something happens after school starts, then we do have a plan in place on how administrators will work with me, then I will contact the Department of Public Health and use their guidelines as to notification of others who have been in contact with someone who might have been

infected," said Fraker. "So we have it all mapped out."

Board member Bobby Hall questioned if the school system was well stocked on items needed for disinfecting the schools.

"We have been talking over the last several weeks, knowing one day we will come back (to school), and we've updated our cleaning protocols and have put our orders in to make sure we have everything (we need) in stock," said Fraker. "We made sure all of the schools have the items they need right now for the athletics camps this summer; that they are fully stocked with the items they need, including the touchless thermometers."

Fraker said that they are taking recommendations

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CPD reports scammers targeting senior citizens

STAFF REPORTS

The Calhoun Police Department reported on Friday that they have received multiple reports of scammers who are targeting senior citizens by requesting gift card numbers.

One method that is being

utilized involves the victim being contacted by phone and informed that Russians are attempting to take money out of their bank account. The caller then informs the victim they can help if the victim purchases gift cards from Target, Best Buy or others. The caller urges the victim to go and make the gift card

purchase while on the phone and give them the code on the gift card. The caller also requests the victim provide a credit card number to receive their help.

Please notify the Calhoun Police Department if you or a loved one has been targeted by this scam by calling 706-629-1234.



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

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Free COVID-19 testing now available in Gordon County at Health Department

STAFF REPORTS

The Gordon County Health Department, 310 N. River Street, Calhoun, announced on Friday that they are now offering free drive-up COVID-19 testing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Anyone wanting to be

tested should go to the health department and remain in their vehicle. A nurse will come to the vehicle, obtain contact information for follow-up, and collect the specimen needed for testing. Test results will be reported as soon as available.

For more information, call the Health Department at 706-624-1444.



Free drive-up COVID-19 testing is now available at the Gordon County Health Department.

Click for details



Harris Arts Center's annual Spring Basket Auction being held online; offering dozens of baskets this year

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The Harris Arts Center Spring Basket Auction is being held online this year, and runs through Tuesday, June 30.

The annual auction is one of the larger fundraisers for the Harris Arts Center, raising funds for HAC programming.

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the fundraiser is being held online, and bids can be made on the dozens of

entries this year by visiting <https://harrisartscenter.com/spring-basket-auction/>

Various baskets entered this year include the Calhoun Little Theatre's 'Always Patsy Cline' basket, which includes a vintage Patsy album, Moon pies, orange and grape bottled sodas, five Patsy Cline CD's, assorted old-fashioned candy, vintage salt & pepper shakers, two books about country music, a large checkers game (rug) and a Crosley

retro CD player/radio/clock; Brian's Auto Sales Polish & Shine basket which includes a 4-gallon bucket with grit screen, car vacuum, two car washing towels, ArmorAll brand interior car spray, cleaning wipes, glass wipes, tire cleaning foam, wash & wax soap, two large sponges, two auto vent refreshers and a car wash brush; Mother Nature's Eden basket Spring Clean For A Spring Fling, which includes a \$25 Ionic foot cleanse, assorted natural



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Second Front

AdventHealth Gordon introduces new inpatient dialysis service line

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AdventHealth Gordon went live with a new inpatient dialysis service line on Monday, June 1. This service line will provide safe and efficient dialysis treatments utilizing the state-of-the-art Tablo dialysis system.

Dialysis is a treatment option for patients who have chronic kidney disease. If a patient's kidneys are no longer able to remove enough wastes and fluid from their blood to keep them healthy, dialysis is needed. During this treatment, a dialysis machine and dialyzer,

also known as an artificial kidney, are used to clean the patient's blood. To get the patient's blood into the dialyzer and then back into their body, a minor procedure is done to create an access point into the patient's blood vessels.

The Tablo dialysis system used at AdventHealth Gordon simplifies dialysis treatment, creating a better experience for patients. Created by Outset Medical, the system was designed to reduce the cost and complexity of dialysis. The Tablo dialysis system features automated self-

cleaning, treatment duration flexibility and water purification and dialysate production on demand.

"We are so proud to start offering this service to our community," said Cheryl Canty, nurse manager of AdventHealth Gordon's intensive care and progressive care units. "Many of our patients need dialysis weekly, and our goal is to help them feel whole."

This service line is inpatient only and patients must have a nephrology consult to perform dialysis.

About AdventHealth Gordon

Founded in 1935, AdventHealth Gordon is proud to be a member of AdventHealth. With a sacred mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, AdventHealth is a connected system of care for every stage of life and health. More than 80,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers in physician practices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care. A shared vision, common values, focus on whole-person health and



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commitment to making communities healthier unify the system's nearly 50 hospital campuses and hundreds of care sites in diverse markets throughout almost a dozen states. For more information about AdventHealth, visit AdventHealth.com or [Facebook.com/AdventHealth](https://www.facebook.com/AdventHealth).

Graves Honors Local Service Academy Appointees

Class of 2024 appointees joined Rep. Graves on a video call

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On Monday evening Rep. Tom Graves (R-GA-14) hosted a virtual video call with the students from the 14th Congressional District who were appointed to attend a U.S. military academy. After being nominated by Rep. Graves, ten local students were appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Military Academy. This is the largest group to receive appointments since Rep. Graves began nominating students in 2011.

Each year, Rep. Graves hosts the academy appointees and their families for a send-off dinner, hosted with members of the appointment board and local academy student alumni. This year due to the ongoing health crisis, Rep. Graves hosted a video call instead, and had the chance to talk with each student before they begin their training.

"This year is pretty unique, not only are we doing virtually, but this is the largest class we have sent from our congressional district...we couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you," said Rep. Graves.

Catherine Farist, nominated

by Rep. Graves to the U.S. Naval Academy in 2018 and is a member of the Class of 2022, joined the video call to share words of encouragement for the students.

As a member of Congress, Rep. Graves is responsible for nominating students to the military academies. The congressman uses an independent board of military advisors to review applications from 14th District students and determine who receives a nomination. Each military academy then chooses which students to appoint out of all the nominations received from across the country. The academies provide a top notch four-year college education in addition to military officer training. The students do not pay for tuition, housing, food, books and other college costs. The students instead commit to active duty military service as an officer for five years following graduation.

The student appointees from the 14th Congressional District can be seen below:

United States Air Force Academy
Margaret DiRuggerio-Floyd County, attended Stony Brook School in NY
Savanah Ledbetter-Paulding



- Aidan Gaines, Floyd County, attended Rome High
- Aaron Loya-Floyd County, attended Rome High
- Autumn Grace Keaton, Haralson County, attended Haralson High
- United States Merchant Marine Academy**
William Connor Pitts, Paulding County, attended East Paulding High
- United States Naval Academy**
Chaisen Buckner, Murray County, attended North Murray High
Tyler Hunt, Gordon County, attended Dalton High
Jackson Wilkins, Dade County, attended Dade County High
- United States Military Academy (West Point)**
Joseph Arce, Paulding County, attended North Paulding High

GNTC announces President's, Dean's Lists for spring semester 2020

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Georgia Northwestern Technical College is proud to announce the students on the President's and Dean's Lists for the 2020 spring semester. To be eligible for the President's List, the student must maintain a GPA of 3.8 or higher during the semester with a course load of at least 12 credit hours. To be eligible for the Dean's List, the student must maintain a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79 during the semester with a course load of at least 12 credit hours.

President's List Students for Gordon County:

Llany Alonso-Velasquez, Ruth Alonso-Velasquez, Morgan Baggett, Anna Boswell, Casandra Chapman, Joseph Coleman, Case Collins, Avery Dawson, Brady Drummond, Amber Duncan, Juliana Forney, Starrla Gann,

Shelby Gentry, Marena Gross, Ashley Harcrow, Seth Harkins, Laura Hasty, Heather Hobgood, Brittany Huff, Danying Jiang, Destiny Johnson, Paris Kirby, Clayton Long, Sarphronica Love, Bree Machtloff, Mackensie Maier, Lara Miller, Marley Miranda, Joshua Monroe, Clifton Morris, Maria Mura, William Neal, Hai Ngo, Tony Parker, Riya Patel, Samantha Patterson, Kelly Powell, Josh Pruitt, Isam Rasheed, Ruth Reagin, Brooklyn Reed, Ricardo Rendon, Halle Rhodes, Joan Rivera Cruz, Matthew Schmit, Breeahn Slaughter, Jacob Steely, Luke Sutherland, Emily Sutton, Dawn Tastet, Cheyenne Vicente, Luke White, Dylan Williams.

Dean's List Students for Gordon County:

Ying Bao, Monica Burton, James Byrd, Stacie Davis Bell, Brenda De Leon, Brandon Dyer,

Lisa Edwards, Alona Faustova, Jacob Franks, Corrina Goldsberry, Colby Hall, Brandon Hudson, Megan Hudson, Whitney Kohut, Garrison Lackey, Karina Naylor, Bren Nipper, Alan Parker, Brian Parker, Fredrick Prater, Brittni Reams, Anthony Reeves, Hannah Sheriff, Lubvia Velasquez Domingo, Bobbie Whitmarsh, Simon Williams.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) provides quality workforce education to the citizens of Northwest Georgia. Students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree, diploma, or a certificate in business, health, industrial, or public service career paths. This past year, 12,785 people benefited from GNTC's credit and noncredit programs. With an annual credit enrollment of 7,499 students, GNTC is the largest college

in Northwest Georgia. GNTC has an additional enrollment of 5,286 people through adult education, continuing education, business and industry training, and Georgia Quick Start. For more information about GNTC, visit us at www.GNTC.edu. GNTC is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and an Equal Opportunity Institution.



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.

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Obituaries

June 13, 2020

Gary Arthur

Gary R. Arthur, 69, of Calhoun, died Tuesday, June 9, 2020. He was born on Sept. 18, 1950 in Dalton to the late David and Toy Goble Arthur. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robin Dale Arthur.

He is survived by his daughters, Teresa Ann Starr and her husband Andre, and Denise Bennett and her husband Jeff; sisters, Sharon Robertson and Kathy Johnson; two granddaughters and four grandsons; cousin and close friend, Terry White.

He was a member of Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church

To honor his wishes his body was cremated.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of 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 Gary R. Arthur.



'Super' Cooper Brazell

'Super' Cooper Emmett Brazell, 10 years old, of Calhoun, departed this life Wednesday afternoon, June 10, 2020 in the comfort of his own home with his loving parents and family by his side.

Cooper was born on May 25, 2010 in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Marvin T. Grant; an aunt, Buffie Brazell; and great-grandparents, Otis and Florence Brazell, George and Mattie Lou Moore.

Cooper never said a word, but he spoke to thousands through his bravery, smile, eyes, and his loving laugh. He endured more than most should, but his spirit made his troubles seem small and for that he earned the title "Super Cooper." He taught everyone he knew to love unconditionally, have patience, and he made you a better person just for knowing him.

He is survived by his loving parents, Ben and Kimberly Grant Brazell of Calhoun; his brother, Nicholas Grant Brazell; grandparents, Doris J. Grant



of Dalton, Larry and Patsy Brazell of Chatsworth; his special caregiver, Emily Dayton of Chatsworth; aunts and uncles, Pam and Ronnie Powell, Melanie and Chuck Carter all of Dalton, Candace and Greg Edmonds of Ooltewah, Tenn., Susan and Bobby Nunnally of Columbia, S.C.; many special cousins and friends also survive.

Services to celebrate the life of Cooper Brazell will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. from Trinity Baptist Church in Calhoun. Dr. Danny Cochran will officiate. Cooper will be laid to rest at West Hill Cemetery in Dalton. Chuck Carter, Stevie Reddix, Jerry Reddix, Ron Larmon, Greg Edmonds, and Bobby Nunnally will all be honored to serve as pallbearers.

Cooper's family will receive friends on Sunday, from 12:00 Noon until 3 p.m. at Ponders Calhoun Chapel.

Due to the national health crisis, crowd restrictions and social distancing is still encouraged.

Condolences may be expressed to Cooper's family by visiting our website at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by family owned and operated Ponders Calhoun Chapel and Ponders Crematory, 675 Jolly Rd Calhoun GA 30701 706-625-7577



Betty King

Mrs. Betty Sue King, age 69, of Adairsville, passed away peacefully Monday morning, June 8, 2020.

She was born in Rome on July 13, 1950, daughter of the late Hughdon Seab Byars and Nellie Marie McStotts Byars. Mrs. King was a member of Oothcalooga Baptist Church. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. Mrs. King was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Caney Byars, Charles Byars, and Hughdon Byars; and sisters, Shelba Burkhalter, Linda Shaw, and Barbara Spratling.

Survivors include her loving husband of 49 years, Tommy King; children, Michelle and Neal Lancaster, Tony and Jamie King, and Tim and Christy King; grandchildren, Breann and TJ Rich,



Tyler Fletcher, Dusty King, and Peyton Lancaster; great-granddaughter, Raelynn Rich; brother, Dale and Ann Byars; sisters, Gail and Doug Walker, Gracie and Johnny Owens, Liz Johnson, and Juanita and J.W. White; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Barton Funeral Home with Rev. Dale Byars officiating.

Following social distancing guidelines the family received family and friends Thursday from 12:00 Noon until 2 p.m. at Barton Funeral Home.

R. Dudley Barton & Son Funeral Home, Adairsville, will be in charge of funeral arrangements for Mrs. Betty Sue King.

Barton Funeral Home

Tennie Towe

Mrs. Tennie Evelyn Towe, age 87, of Adairsville, passed away peacefully Monday, June 8, 2020, at her residence.

She was born in Calhoun on Sept. 18, 1932, daughter of the late Charlie Hazelwood and Mattie Inez Smith Hazelwood. Mrs. Towe was a member of Dry Creek Baptist Church. She had a heart of gold and everyone who met her loved her. Mrs. Towe was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Washington Towe, Jr; sisters, Debra Dabbs, Marie Millsap, Mable Quarles, and Syble Chamlee; brother, C.D. Hazelwood and nephew, Scotty Mathis.

Survivors include her sons, Ronnie Towe and Rickey Towe; sisters, Edna Jeroane Mathis and Helen H. Jones; her sweet dog Mary and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Barton Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Morrow officiating.

Following social distancing guidelines the family received family and friends Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Barton Funeral Home.

R. Dudley Barton & Son Funeral Home, Adairsville, will be in charge of funeral arrangements for Mrs. Tennie Evelyn Towe.

Barton Funeral Home



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 dawnsisson@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.

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.



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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

-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

AAA: National Average Back to \$2 Per Gallon

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For 66 days, the national gas price average held below the \$2/gallon mark, pushing as cheap as \$1.76. In the past week, the average has inched up to \$2.03. Despite the consistent increases at the pump, prices are still significantly cheaper year-over-year. In fact, during the first week of June the past five years, gas prices have typically averaged \$2.81.

“The beginning of June has not seen gas prices this low since 2004,” said Jeanette Casselano, AAA spokesperson. “As crude oil prices trend higher and gasoline demand increases, Americans will see gas prices push more expensive, but this summer will be cheaper than last.”

U.S. gasoline demand continues to show increasing strength. The Energy Information Administration’s (EIA) latest reading shows a 4% weekly increase at 7.5 million b/d. That is the highest demand level since states began issuing stay-at-home orders in mid-March.

Gas prices in the Southeast are two to five cents more expensive across the South and Southeast on the week. Tennessee (+8 cents) saw the largest weekly increase in the region and ranks among the top 10 biggest changes in the

country.

The region continues to lay claim to the cheapest prices in the country – all under \$1.99. Eight states land on the top 10 list: Mississippi (\$1.66), Texas (\$1.69), Louisiana (\$1.70), Arkansas (\$1.71), Alabama (\$1.72), Oklahoma (\$1.73), South Carolina (\$1.73) and Tennessee (\$1.79).

Gasoline stocks saw a significant 2.5 million bbl build to push total stocks to 91.6 million bbl, per the EIA’s latest reports. That is the highest level of stocks seen in the region since social distancing began and is a nearly 9 million bbl year-over-year surplus. Motorists can expect continued price increases, if demand continues to climb, at the pump in the week ahead. Additionally, Tropical Depression Cristobal could impact pump prices in the region, but it depends on the path of the storm and its impact on gasoline production and distribution.

At the end of Friday’s formal trading session, WTI increased by \$2.14 to settle at \$39.55 per barrel. At the end of last week, crude prices increased amid market optimism that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other major crude exporters, including Russia, would extend their 9.7 million b/d production reduction agreement for May and June 2020 into

| 10 LEAST EXPENSIVE AVERAGE GAS PRICES | | | | | 06/08/20 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| 1. Mississippi | 2. Texas | 3. Louisiana | 4. Arkansas | 5. Alabama | |
| \$1.66 | \$1.69 | \$1.70 | \$1.71 | \$1.72 | |
| 6. Oklahoma | 7. South Carolina | 8. Missouri | 9. Kansas | 10. Virginia | |
| \$1.73 | \$1.73 | \$1.76 | \$1.77 | \$1.79 | |

Note: Prices are per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline. Source: AAA (GasPrices.AAA.com)

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July. Over the weekend, the cartel and its partners agreed to extend the deal for July, which is expected to reduce global crude supplies by nearly 10 percent while global crude oil demand remains low due to COVID-19. Crude prices will likely increase this week in reaction to OPEC’s announcement.

Additionally, approximately one third of crude oil and natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico has been halted, as Tropical Depression Cristobal makes landfall in Louisiana. The storm is expected to bring tropical-storm force winds and potential storm surge and flooding to the state’s coastal areas.

There is no estimate for when the facilities will resume operations. Facilities will likely be inspected after the storm has passed to determine if personnel can return safely. Any impact on domestic crude prices will depend on how long production remains shuttered and the extent of damage caused by the storm.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Medicaid enrollment climbs as pandemic brings hardship

ANDY MILLER,
Georgia Health News

The economic downturn triggered by COVID-19 is producing the expected result in Georgia's Medicaid program: A surge in enrollment.

State figures show Georgia's Medicaid enrollment increased by 42,000 in May. That rise followed an enrollment spike of 91,000 in April.

During those two months, the pandemic devastated the economies of the state and nation, leading many people to lose jobs and income.

During such tough times, more individuals and their family members wind up enrolled in Medicaid, the federal/state program for the poor and the disabled.

Nearly 2 million Georgians are currently members of Medicaid and PeachCare – and most of them are children.

States that have expanded their Medicaid programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are expected to have even bigger increases in enrollees amid the pandemic,

because they allow more coverage for low-income adults. Georgia is one of 14 states that have not expanded the program, with the state's Republican political leadership saying the move would be too expensive.

With all the job losses amid the pandemic, Georgia is likely to see a big jump in the number of people who are uninsured, according to Bill Custer, a health insurance expert at Georgia State University. Georgia already has the third-highest rate of people without health insurance, at 13.7 percent.

The financial hit on states' Medicaid program was cushioned when early in the COVID pandemic, Congress enacted a temporary 6.2-percentage-point boost in the federal Medicaid matching funds rate.

The legislation conditioned the higher federal rate on states maintaining pre-COVID Medicaid eligibility standards. The increase and coverage protections will expire when the emergency declaration is lifted.

Kaiser Family Foundation reported that 43 states have made changes to facilitate access to Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (PeachCare in Georgia) in response to the COVID-19 crisis, beyond those required to obtain enhanced federal funding.

These include changes to expand eligibility or modify eligibility rules, eliminate or waive premiums, and streamline application and enrollment processes.

Georgia's Department of Community Health has suspended the collection of all Medicaid co-pays for services and PeachCare premiums and co-pays. The suspension of payments will continue through the duration of the coronavirus national health emergency, or when the state is approved to reinstate applicable premiums and/or co-pays, whichever comes first.

And Georgia is one of 14 states that are facilitating continuous coverage for CHIP enrollees, mirroring the requirements in Medicaid to receive enhanced funding, the Kaiser Foundation said.



Community Health officials indicated this week that overall use of medical services by Medicaid members has dropped. That's part of a trend across the health care system during the COVID-19 crisis, as many patients have chosen to forgo or delay care due to fear of infection, financial hardship or other reasons.

But pent-up demand for medical services is expected to be unleashed

at some point, and that will combine with the expiration of the extra federal funding to put a financial squeeze on the Georgia Medicaid program, Custer said Friday.

"There are costs that cannot be avoided by state government. It will put pressure on the state budget process," he added.

"Without some additional help from the federal government, this

will be a hard lump to swallow for the state budget."

And the rise in uninsured people will not only leave hospitals with more non-paying patients, but it will also strain the state's programs that help rural hospitals, Custer said.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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- Those persons who have moderate to severe asthma
- Those persons who have severe heart disease
- Those persons who are immunocompromised
- Those persons, of any age, with class III or severe obesity
- Those persons diagnosed with the following underlying medical conditions: diabetes, liver disease, and persons with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis

Gatherings: Effective June 16, gatherings of more than fifty people are banned unless there is at least six feet between each person. This rule does not apply to critical infrastructure entities, incidental or transitory groupings, or cohabitating individuals.

Drinking and Eating (effective June 16): In restaurants and dining rooms, there is no longer a party maximum for the number of people who can sit together. There is no longer a limit on the number of patrons allowed per square foot. Workers at restaurants, dining rooms, banquet facilities, private event facilities, and private reception venues are only required to wear face coverings when they are interacting with patrons. In a bar, now you can have fifty people – up from twenty-five – or thirty-five percent of total listed fire capacity, whichever

is greater. For salad bars and buffets, a worker can use cafeteria-style service to serve patrons or the establishment can provide hand sanitizer, install a sneeze guard, enforce social distancing, and regularly replace shared utensils to allow patron self-service.

Overnight Summer Camps (effective June 16): Campers and workers may not attend an overnight summer camp unless they have received a negative COVID-19 test within twelve days – up from seven days – prior to starting camp.

Conventions: Effective July 1, a “convention” may occur if it meets twenty-one specific requirements in addition to the requirements for non-critical infrastructure entities. “Convention” means “an organized event of more than 100 persons that are required to register or obtain a license to gather for a common purpose at a single indoor facility or grouping of indoor facilities for more than four hours and in some cases for more than one day” and “shall include exhibitions, trade shows, conferences, and business retreats.” The term “convention” does not include any regular operation of a business that occurs on property owned or leased for the exclusive operation of such business, nor does the term encompass regular religious services, business meetings, sports competitions, or events categorized by O.C.G.A. § 16-11-173(b)(1)(A).

Live Performance Venues: Effective July 1, a “live performance venue” may reopen for business

if it complies with specific criteria based on whether it is designated Tier I, II, or III. There are certain exceptions in the order for drive-in performances; private recording sessions, livestream performances, practices, fanless events, and rehearsals; and non-ticketed or free events. “Live Performance Venue” means “any indoor or outdoor location that requires patrons to purchase a license to attend an event featuring live musical, dramatical, automotive, educational, or any other type of entertainment performed before in-person patrons.” The term does not include restaurants and dining rooms, banquet facilities, private event facilities, private reception venues, weddings, drive-in venues, or events held as part of a convention, and the term does not include outdoor recreational fields used for amateur sporting events.

Effective June 16: At indoor movie theaters and cinemas, there is no longer a limit on the number of people who may sit together in a party. Walk-ins are now allowed at body art studios, barber shops, hair salons, their respective schools, massage therapy establishments, and tanning facilities subject to specific requirements.

Mandatory requirements for operating non-critical infrastructure businesses, for-profit corporations, non-profit corporations, and organizations are extended through the end of the month. Specific requirements for previously closed businesses remain in effect.

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from the CDC as to what sanitizing products they use, making sure they are the safest for staff and students and the most cost-effective for the system.

At the end of the 2019-2020 school year, Fraker said that the system sent surveys to parents concerning the end-of-year online learning, what the system could have done better and what they did well during the shelter-in-place online learning, also asking, as things stood at that time, how the parents felt about their child going back to school. In May, 55 percent of the parents surveyed said they felt comfortable sending their child back to school; 29 percent said they preferred a blend of sending their child back to school and online learning; and 16 percent felt that they want their child to remain online learners.

“We are using the information (obtained in the survey) to improve our online learning plan,” said Fraker, noting that the school received over 4 stars out of 5 stars from parents surveyed for the online learning effort of the school system.”

Board member Eddie Hall said that he would like to see the system do more to make sure all students get full instruction while utilizing online instruction.

“Our teachers did a phenomenal job given with what they were faced with, but I don’t think very many (of the teachers) were happy with the job they were able to do,” said Eddie Hall. “We’ve got to come up with some plan that does an even better job because now we have a group of kids that are three months behind. Even though we have students who did well (with online learning), we have others who took three months off. We’ve got to get these kids instruction one way or another. I don’t know if I’ve talked to a single teacher that didn’t put in more hours (with online instruction) than they would have in a classroom. I just want them to know it’s appreciated.”

Fraker said that, for the teachers, it was an uncomfortable situation because the teachers didn’t sign up to be virtual teachers, but they’re willing to continue as online learning will likely continue in the future.

“We’ve got a plan in place to offer more training, and there are some good resources that we’re identifying,” said Fraker. “It’s still a work in progress, but we are going to see the need in the future to continue offering online (learning). We realize that we will see some families that, while we’re here full time, they may not feel comfortable sending their child back to school yet, and we don’t want to lose them from our school system.”

Moving into the new 2020-2021 school year, Fraker said that in May, there was a planning framework put into place where the leadership team brainstormed everything the system needed to consider before reopening.

“We know we are going to reopen, but we want to be prepared for it,” said Fraker. “Now that we have guidance, a Pathway to Recovery from the State DOE, they’ve given us our options (for reopening) and we have our proposed plans for reopening.”

There are several different options proposed for reopening the schools, based on what the spread level of COVID-19 infection the county is at per the Department of Public Health. Options discussed are a modified Traditional Opening, a Hybrid Opening of partially attending class with online learning at home, and full online learning.

The start date for the new school year, no matter how schools will reopen, is Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020.

“What we did as a Central Office and school principals, we went through the Pathway to Recovery from the state, looked at CDC guidance and talked to the Department of Public Health, and came up with the options we felt were best for our community,” said Fraker.

Fraker explained that the model used for opening will be based on whether Gordon County is under a Low Spread, Minimal to Moderate Spread or Substantial Spread of COVID-19.

“We talked to our regional Department of Public Health people, and when the state sent their information out, they were still unsure of how to direct us as to which category (we are in),” said Fraker. “So I’ve had some conversations with our Department of Education and our regional director, who met with Northwest Georgia superintendents on Friday to let us know where we are. At this time, our systems are at the same rate, where infection is trending downward, that there’s about a 5 percent positive infection rate of those who are tested (not five percent of the number of people in a community) in our area. That puts us in a minimal-moderate level.”

Fraker explained that it’s not until a community is in a substantial spread rate that school closures come into effect.

Fraker said that it’s possible that while staying in the middle range, to have the modified traditional start of school this year, where everyone returns to school but there are modifications made, such as not letting everyone switch classes at the same time, limit movement in classes, try to keep

students at a six-foot distance when possible, screen students and increase use of washing hands and using hand sanitizers.

Hybrid learning would be used to keep the number of positive cases on campus down, according to Fraker.

Fraker said they feel confident that for Pre-K to 5th grade students, they can bring everyone back to class and still honor the health and safety guidelines the school has been given.

“We can still have Pre-K through 5th grade; the class sizes that we have are good. We might need to work on our classrooms and restructure desks.”

Fraker said that if they had to use hybrid learning, they could concentrate on the middle school and high school campuses.

“Those would be on a one week on, one week off rotation; one week at school and one week of online learning, to limit how many students are in a building. Teachers would teach the full time but would have half of their class at any given time. We don’t want to have use that option, but it’s there if we need it.”

Any of these models could be used by the system as a whole, or by individual schools in the event there’s an outbreak on a particular campus, according to Fraker.

“Obviously, our preference is that we come back to school traditionally with enhanced safety protocols in place,” said Fraker.

“I would think we either we come back as a low spread traditional method or we don’t come back,” said Eddie Hall. “Why would we risk endangering anybody if it’s not that serious?”

Fraker explained that the middle level, minimal to moderate, is not serious, that the concern would be the substantial level.

“Our concern is like you mentioned, we have students who have missed three months of school and especially our babies that need to learn to read,” said Fraker. “We need to get them back in the building. Traditional start is listed in the state’s guidance for the minimal to moderate level.”

“I think the important thing is to remember those are guidelines and we need to decide what works best for us,” said Eddie Hall.

“I’m always going to err on the side of safety,” said Fraker. “I think that coming back in the fall, yes we can come back traditional but we have to use caution and use the protocols we know work.”

The Board continued their discussion on a traditional start to school.

“We want to come back traditionally,” said Fraker. “When I say modified traditional, I don’t feel good by saying we’re going to come back the way we left it on May 12, because we’ve got to emphasize cleanliness. And we have to ease back into it; a lot of little children may be not be comfortable with being around people after we didn’t let them be around anybody for a while. We’ve got to get everybody used to being around each other again.”

The school system said they will continue to monitor the community spread levels and plan to release their protocols for the new school year in July. The system is also having a meeting with local emergency and public safety officials, along with representatives from Calhoun City School later this month to review plans for starting school.

In other news from the meeting:

The Board approved a spending resolution for July 2020.

“I propose we will not have an approved budget by the end of June that allows the system to continue to operate and to continue to spend money in July, so this is a spending resolution; it’s something our system has done in the past and something that all systems are faced with at this time. It extends funds for July of 2020; it’s basically 1/12 of what our budget was this year,” said Fraker, noting that because the State has not finalized their budget, and the majority of the school system’s budget comes from the state, the system will have to have a way to operate until the state budget is approved.

“Once we get the budget from the state, we will still have our public hearings on our upcoming fiscal year budget,” said Fraker.

The Board approved ESS contracts for a teacher of visually impaired/orientation and mobility specialist and Karis Rehabilitation Services Inc. for speech language therapy services.

The Board approved a Memorandums of Understanding for North Georgia Community Actions, Inc., Highland Rivers Community Service Board and Gordon County Board of Health.

After an executive session for hiring purposes, the Board approved an amendment to Superintendent Fraker’s contract concerning removing a clause in the contract that required her to formally move to Gordon County within one year of the contract.

Fraker lives in Rydal, an unincorporated area that sits in both Gordon and Bartow counties. Fraker lives just over the Gordon County line in Bartow.

The Board voted in favor 5 to 1 to remove the clause from the contract.

Fraker said after the meeting that she was appreciative the Board understood her request; that as soon as she realized she would not be able to meet the requirement within the deadline given, she met with the Board, explained the situation and wanted to be open concerning the request. She said her main concern is that everyone realizes her commitment to not only Gordon County Schools but to the Gordon County community as well.

“(The clause in the contract basically stated) that the superintendent shall make any and all reasonable efforts to become a resident before July 2020 unless approved by the Board,” said Fraker. “A couple of months ago, around the time the pandemic issue hit us, I realized this was not going to be something I was going to be able to do by July, so I went to Charlie as the Board Chair, then talked to the whole Board, and discussed the efforts I had made to do that and what was standing in the way to make it happen. Knowing that we live just minutes outside of the county line, near Fairmount, the Board decided that they would remove that clause. And by them doing that, it doesn’t change any of the other terms and conditions of my contract or the way I’m expected to serve the school system. I want people to understand that when I first came, one of the main goals of the Board of Education was that whoever they hired as superintendent was going to be visible and involved, and an advocate for the school system. I love that, because I wouldn’t have it any other way; that’s the way I have always been as an education, you’re in your community and you do everything in that community. Thankfully, everyone here has been so welcoming.”

Fraker has already made great strides in serving the community; she sits on the Hospital Foundation Board, the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the VAC Board of Directors and is active in Calhoun Rotary Club.

“We attend events here and this is where we shop,” said Fraker. “Where we live, we don’t have a town; this is our town.”

Chris Johnson was the only Board member not available to vote. Charlie Walraven, Bobby Hall, Jason Hendrix, Dana Stewart and Kacee Smith all voted for removing the clause. Eddie Hall was the lone vote against removing the clause.

(I don’t speak for the BOE),but I voted to support removing the provision in Dr. Fraker’s contract which stated that she had to move to Gordon County within a year of being hired,” said Board member Kacee Smith. “Dr. Fraker informed the board of some challenges she was having with this timeline. After much thought and consideration, I went with the consensuses of the Board to remove that provision. Our main goal in adding this verbiage was to ensure we had a superintendent that was immersed in Gordon County. Over the past year, Dr. Fraker has been a strong presence in our community, the Chamber of Commerce, non-profits, events, etc. The involvement of the superintendent in our community was a major focus of mine during the hiring process, and I feel she has done a tremendous job. We are facing some challenging times with budget cuts, a possible ‘phase two’ of COVID19, and I want her laser focused on the quality of education our students are receiving, maximizing our funds to combat against any cuts, and taking care of our teachers and support staff. I believe at this time these things are more important than what side of the county line she lives on. I know she will continue to be a great ambassador and positive representative of our school system within Gordon County.”

“I voted no for a couple of reasons,” said Hall. “First and foremost when campaigning and the subject came up, and then again when searching for a superintendent, living in our county was a big concern for many citizens. They asked if I would commit to the new superintendent being required to live in Gordon County. I felt this was a fair request and agreed. I could not in good faith vote for (removing) the amendment under those circumstances. I will say, I understand her reasons, and my colleague’s motive for allowing the change. I feel we have a good superintendent and I would like to keep her. I understand the feeling in the community after our last experience. I would hope in the future we take more time to explore the stipulations and options when hiring employees. Dr. Fraker spends a tremendous amount of time in our community. She attends many events both school related and civic related. She attends church in our town. I think her parents have moved here. I do feel she is vested in our community, but after promising to make that a requirement, I had no choice (but to vote against). I ran on a policy of honesty, transparency and openness in government. I feel our community seeks that above all, and I could in no way violate that trust. These schools belong to our community and as such I think it is a fair request that our top administrator live in our county.”

The next meeting of the Gordon County BOE is scheduled at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 20, at the Gordon County College & Career Academy on Beamer Road.

Georgia's Red Cross offers hurricane preparedness tips

Your Plans may need adjusting due to COVID-19

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As we all deal with challenging demands of the coronavirus, the June 1 start of hurricane season is here and it's important to be prepared. Because of COVID-19, getting prepared will look a little different than in other years. With that thinking in mind, the American Red Cross of Georgia has tips to help you.

"Disasters won't stop, even during a pandemic," says Danella Hughes, Georgia Region Disaster Officer. "Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 and early reports predict a busy year with as many as four storms reaching major hurricane strength. Make your preparations now, thinking about the coronavirus situation as you do."

MAKE A PLAN In light of the coronavirus, you may have to adjust any previous plans you made.

If authorities advise you to evacuate, be prepared to leave immediately with your evacuation kit (see below).

Plan now if you will need help leaving or if you need to share transportation.

Ask friends or relatives outside your area if you are able to stay with them. Check and see if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have people in their homes at higher risk for serious illness. If they have symptoms or people at higher risk in their home, make other arrangements.

Check with hotels, motels, and campgrounds to see if they are open. Find out if your local emergency management agency has adapted its sheltering plans.

Check with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and update emergency plans due to Coronavirus.

Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation routes. Remember, if it's not safe for you to stay home, it's not safe for your pets either.

BUILD A KIT Assemble two kits of emergency supplies and a one-month supply of prescription medication. Some supplies may be hard to get, and availability will worsen in a disaster, so start gathering supplies now. Start with this basic supply list:

Stay-at-home kit: Include everything you need to stay at home for at least two weeks with items such as food, water, household cleaning, and disinfectant supplies, soap, paper products, and personal hygiene items.

Evacuation kit: Your second kit should be a lightweight, a smaller version that you can take with you if you must leave your home quickly. Include everything you need to be on your own for three days:

- Food and water
- Personal hygiene items

BEFORE A HURRICANE



Listen to local area radio, NOAA radio or TV stations for information.



Be prepared to evacuate and know your routes and destinations.



Check your emergency kit and replenish as needed.



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Cleaning and disinfectant supplies that you can use on the go (tissues, hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol and disinfecting wipes)

Cloth face coverings for everyone in your household who can wear one safely. Cloth face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing. Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others in public. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unable to remove it without help.

Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, and diaper rash cream

Pet food and extra water for your pet

Cash or traveler's checks

Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container.

1-month supply of prescription medication, as well as over-the-counter medications like cough suppressants and fever-reducing drugs and medical supplies or equipment. Keep these items together in a separate container so you can take them with you if you have to evacuate.

BE INFORMED Have access to weather alerts and community notifications. Be sure that you can receive official notifications even during a power outage. Always follow the directions of your state and local authorities.

Use the Red Cross interactive map to identify likely disasters in your area.

Learn about your community's response plan for

each disaster and determine if these plans have been adopted because of COVID-19.

Find contact information for state, local and tribal governments and agencies, and for state emergency management agencies.

Because of COVID-19, stay current on advice and restrictions from your state and local public health authorities as it may affect your actions and available resources and facilities.

Take a First Aid and CPR/Course online to learn what to do in case emergency help is delayed. Download the Red Cross Emergency App for instant access to weather alerts for your area and where loved ones live. Expert medical guidance and a hospital locator are included in the First Aid App in case travelers encounter any mishaps. These apps are available to download for free in-app stores or at redcross.org/apps.

Visit redcross.org/hurricane for full information about what to do before, during, and after a hurricane.

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Church Calendar

ONGOING

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

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

-Celebrate Recovery, a faith based 12-step program, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Relevate Church in Ranger off 411. Call Nicole for information: 706-979-4713/706-290-8028.

-East Calhoun Church of God, at 401 Peters Street, gives out groceries and clothing through the "Feed the Needy" ministry each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The church hosts a miracle healing service every first Friday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact "Feed the Needy" ministry director Florence Jones at 706-409-1981. Senior pastor is Keith Reid.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

-Fairmount 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 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 pvbccalhoun@gmail.com

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

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

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

-Victory Fellowship Center, 925 Oothcalooga St., invites you to weekly worship services held at 11 a.m. every Sunday morning. Pastor Joe Stewart and the VFC family also invite everyone to join each Wednesday at noon and 7:30 p.m. for anointed and enlightening Bible studies. If you are looking to grow in your understanding of God's plan for your life and gain greater insight of the life changing power of His word, come and join us as we study the word.

-Boone Ford Baptist Church invites you to attend its services for Sunday

School starting at 10 a.m. and Worship services at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday night services are at 6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday night of each month. Wednesday night services start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Gary Quarles, pastor.

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

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

-Greater Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, 259 Herring Road, NW, Armuchee, invites you to come worship and fellowship with us on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Pastor Reginald McDaniel and Church Family also welcome you to attend Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. and Sunday School at 10 a.m.. We are a church on the move for Christ, come share with us as we grow in the Word of God.

-Resaca First Baptist Church and Pastor Rev. Harold Blackstock would like to invite you to attend our Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Sunday night service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday night service at 6 p.m. for children and youth.

-Liberty Baptist Church Pastor Gene Ratcliff invites everyone to church services in Ranger; service times are 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Sunday worship and 7 p.m. Wednesday worship.

-Brother Joe Hall and the congregation of Ranger Baptist invite everyone to its regular services on Sunday morning. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. Worship is Wednesday night with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m. For more information, call 706-629-3425.

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