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City receives clean FY 2020 audit; gets approval of soil and erosion plans for new police station

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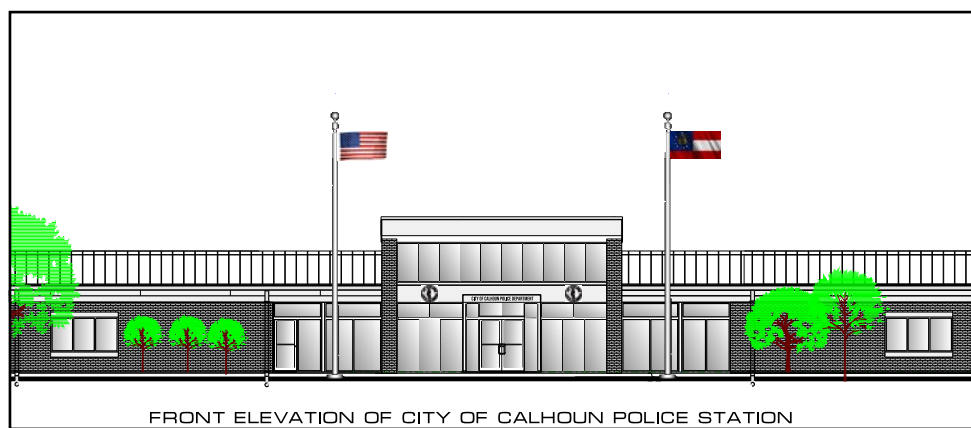
The Calhoun City Council met on Monday, Feb. 8 and received news that the City had a clean Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Audit. The Council approved the submission of the audit, which covered July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

"It was a very successful year for the City of Calhoun," said City Administrator Paul Worley. "It was a very strong year for the General Fund that was due to a combination of above-projected revenues and department heads doing a wonderful job holding the line on expenses. We had about a quarter of this financial year negatively impacted

by COVID, but we had such a strong year leading up to COVID that we were able to surpass that and overall have a very solid financial year. From top to bottom, we're very pleased with the results from this year's audit."

Worley said that the City's debt capacity was

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The City has received approval of the soil and erosion plans for the new Calhoun Police Station and Recreation Maintenance Facility that is being built on McDaniel Station Road.

Gordon County Schools to strictly enforce Federal mask mandate for bus riders beginning Feb. 18

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At Monday night's meeting of the Gordon County Board of Education, Executive Director of Student Services Mike Everti gave an update on the school system's recent response to COVID protocols, including the upcoming Federal mask mandate for anyone using a bus as transportation.

"As you are well aware, in response to the quarantine concerns that we have, we started our Hybrid Model for both of the high schools today and that will continue through the next two weeks. The intended plan is to be back full-time face-to-face instruction February 22," said Everti.

Everti said the move to the hybrid model for the high schools gives

the custodial staff time to do regular cleaning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and perform deep-cleaning measures on Wednesdays.

Everti then told the Board that, due to a Federal mandate recently passed down, all occupants of buses will now be required to wear masks anytime they are on a bus. The mandate takes effect Feb. 18.

"There was a Federal mandate that recently came out requiring masks on buses; there was some debate whether it applied to the school system, but it does," said Everti. "In response to that, and in preparation to put that into effect on February 18, we've ordered additional masks for our drivers and the drivers can hand them out to students (on buses) who don't have a mask. We will also be stocking

and replenishing mask supplies at all of our schools, providing them with enough so students will hopefully put them on to travel on the buses to and from school."

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order on Jan. 29, 2021, requiring the wearing of masks by travelers to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Conveyance operators must require all persons to wear masks when boarding, disembarking and for the duration of travel. Operators of transportation hubs must require all persons to wear a mask when entering or on the premises of a transportation hub. This Order must be followed by all passengers on public conveyances (e.g., airplanes, ships,



According to GCS officials, only about 30 percent of bus occupants have been wearing masks recently. That will change beginning Feb. 18, when the Federal mask mandate on public transportation will be strictly enforced by the school system.

ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, rideshares) traveling into, within, or out of the United States as well as conveyance operators (e.g., crew, drivers, conductors, and other workers involved in the operation of conveyances) and operators of

transportation hubs (e.g., airports, bus or ferry terminals, train or subway stations, seaports, ports of entry) or any other area that provides transportation in the United States. People must wear masks that cover both the mouth and nose when awaiting,

boarding, traveling on, or disembarking public conveyances. People must also wear masks when entering or on the premises of a transportation hub in the

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Annual Smoker/Culberson Golf Classic held to raise money for local charities.

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Warrant to be taken out on man after Hall Memorial incident results in him shooting his cell phone

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Gordon County Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic incident on Hall Memorial Road Monday night in reference to a call of gun shots and a male subject yelling in the area.

According to the

incident report, around 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8, deputies arrived on scene at 445 Hall Memorial Road and spoke to a female victim. The woman told deputies that her husband, identified as Justin Michael Barton, age 36, of the residence, arrived home from work, went into their bedroom and went to sleep. She

said that shortly after that, she went into their bedroom to ask her husband about some text messages on his cell phone between him and another woman. After confronting Barton about the text messages, he got out of the bed, became irate with his wife and began looking for his shoes. The woman stated

her husband came back into the bedroom, where the two got into a verbal altercation, where Barton punched two holes into the wall of their bedroom with his fist.

The report states that after the altercation, Barton walked out of the residence and discharged a firearm, went back into his home and

grabbed his cellphone, went back outside and shot his cell phone with the firearm. The report said that Barton went back into the residence, grabbed another firearm, went back outside the residence and shot his

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Sheriff Ralston recognizes longest-serving deputy

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On Tuesday, Feb. 9, Sheriff Mitch Ralston recognized the Gordon County Sheriff's Office's longest serving deputy sheriff, Sergeant First Class James L. ('Jimmy') Rogers began his career at the Sheriff's Office in January 1989 under (then) newly elected Sheriff Sid Roberts. After attending the police academy, Rogers served as a patrol deputy and a patrol supervisor.

Over a career spanning 32 years (or

eight terms-of-office), Rogers served not only in the Patrol Division, but in the Jail Division as a supervisor as well. "Rog", as he is affectionately called by his colleagues, served all three of former Sheriff Sid Roberts' administration, both terms of former Sheriff Jerry Davis' administration, and is in the fourth term of Sheriff Ralston's administration. His current assignment is in the Court Services Division, managing deputies in their roles in providing courthouse

security, executing writs and civil process, and transporting prisoners.

Sheriff Ralston presented Sergeant First Class Rogers with the Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award. The citation from Sheriff Ralston accompanying the medal read in part, "in appreciation of devoted and selfless service to the citizens of Gordon County and the Office of Sheriff."

Sergeant First Class Rogers is a native of the Sugar Valley community, is married and has two adult children.



SFC James 'Jimmy' Rogers and Sheriff Mitch Ralston.

Second Front

Mohawk ranks as the flooring industry's top training company for 13th time

Company listed in Top 100 by Training magazine for 15th consecutive year

MOHAWK INDUSTRIES

Calhoun, Ga. February 9, 2021 – Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for Mohawk Industries.

For the thirteenth time, the company was identified as the flooring industry's top learning and development organization in Training magazine's annual Top 100 rankings. Mohawk earned the 50th spot in the rankings, the fifteenth consecutive year the company has been named to the elite list.

"We are honored once again to have been identified as the premier training organization in the flooring industry," said Heather Hess, talent development manager. "During a challenging time, our training professionals have emphasized workplace safety and well-being while reinforcing core skills to deliver quality, value and

service for our customers. With Covid-precautions in place, our learning professionals quickly adapted classwork training to a virtual learning environment and found innovative solutions to continue in-person training that met learners' needs in a safe environment."

Now in its 21st year, Training magazine's annual ranking is the standard of excellence for workplace learning. This year, the magazine limited its list to 100 organizations rather than its traditional 125 as part of an editorial refresh. The rankings are based on factors such as training hours per employee, formal learning programs, investments in professional development and how training initiatives impact the business objectives. Most of the companies in the 2021 Top 100 are in the financial services, health care, business services and construction

sectors. "The pandemic has created a climate of uncertainty, but training helps to overcome that by imparting knowledge, confidence and security," said Hess. "I am so proud of our thousands of formal and informal trainers across the enterprise whose talent and dedication have established Mohawk as a long-term leader in corporate learning and development."

Mohawk's recognition reflects the Company's comprehensive approach to training, including innovative safety, operational, sales and leadership programs. Mohawk also offers an award-winning apprenticeship program, nationally-recognized health coaching platforms, tuition reimbursement opportunities and retailer training resources. Mohawk was the first flooring company to be ranked on Training magazine's annual list as well as becoming the

first manufacturing company to score a spot in the top five.

The 2021 Training Top 100 rankings were announced on February 8 during a virtual event as part of Training magazine's commitment to prioritizing the health and safety of this year's honorees.

Well-known organizations in the 2021 Top 100 include Bell and Howell, Cardinal Health, CarMax, CVS Health, Edward Jones, Mastercard, Union Pacific Railroad, Visa and Western Southern Financial Group.

A numerical listing of the 2021 Top 100 organizations is available at

<https://trainingmag.com/training-magazine-ranks-2021-training-top-100-organizations/>

About Mohawk
Mohawk Industries is a leading global flooring manufacturer that creates products to enhance residential and commercial



spaces around the world. Mohawk's vertically integrated manufacturing and distribution processes provide competitive advantages in the production of carpet, rugs, ceramic tile, laminate, wood, stone and vinyl flooring. Our industry-leading innovation has yielded products and technologies that differentiate our brands in the marketplace and satisfy all remodeling and new construction requirements. Our brands are among the most recognized

in the industry and include Mohawk, American Olean, Daltile, Durkan, Feltex, Godfrey Hirst, IVC, Karastan, Marazzi, Pergo, Quick-Step and Unilin. During the past two decades, Mohawk has transformed its business from an American carpet manufacturer into the world's largest flooring company with operations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Europe, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

NGNB celebrates Blackstock's 50th year in banking



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North Georgia National Bank is honored to congratulate Joyce Blackstock on her 50th Year in Banking anniversary...what an accomplishment!

When Joyce started her banking career, she worked in the booking department filing checks. These days

Joyce works in North Georgia National Bank's Operations department assisting their back office team with GL accounts and processing their international and domestic wire transfers.

If you ask Joyce how things have changed over the last 50 years, she will tell you, "Many things have changed, but especially different is the use of technology and all

the tools that we have now. One thing that hasn't changed is my love for helping my teammates and community!"

When Joyce isn't hard at work, she loves spending time with and spoiling her grandkids.

North Georgia National Bank is so fortunate to have Joyce as part of their team and they are honored to celebrate her major milestone!

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Obituaries

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Rev. Howard Duvall

Rev. Howard Duvall, age 88, of the Sugar Valley community, passed away Sunday, Feb. 7 in the Redmond Regional Hospital.



Howard was born Oct. 18, 1932, in Whitfield County, son of the late Rev. Earl Duvall and Mary Ruth Strickland Duvall. He was an active member of the Sugar Valley Baptist Church and a veteran of the United States Air Force. Howard was a well-known minister who pastored many churches in Whitfield and Gordon County. He also was the operator of the Singer Sewing Machine Business for more than 15 years.

Besides his parents, Howard was preceded in death by the love of his life, Peggy Brown Duvall in July of last year; his son, Dwight Duvall; brother, Lamar Duvall; and sisters, Martha Sue Akins, Bonnie Bailey, Arlene Parrish and Shirley Duvall.

He is survived by his son, Philip Duvall and his wife Jennifer of Calhoun; daughter, Lynne Floyd and her husband Felton of Sugar Valley. Eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren also survive.

Graveside service was conducted Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Sugar Valley Baptist Cemetery with Rev. Mitch Phillips officiating. The Deacons of Sugar Valley Baptist Church served as pallbearers. Full military rites were afforded by the Dalton American Legion.

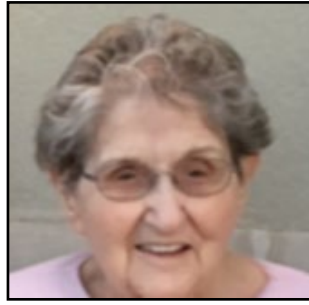
You may send condolence to the family at www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com

Thomas Funeral Home is proud to have been entrusted with the care of Rev. Howard Duvall.



Edna Watts

Edna Watts, age 92, of Fairmount, departed this life Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, at Redmond Hospital. She was born Oct. 15, 1928 in Jasper, a daughter of the late Lee and Amanda Stone Wilson. She was also preceded in death by her husband Willie Calvin Watts; daughter Teresa Howard; sisters, Ann Cochran, Mary Lou Wilson.



She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Calvin and Susan Watts of Fairmount; son-in-law, James Howard of Rome; brother, Edward Wilson of Dalton; sister, Marcile Taylor of Newnan; brother-in-law, Dorsey Cochran of Ellijay; grandchildren, Deirdra Wiley, Robyn Bates, Kimberly Watts, Alana Watts.

A private family service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2021 at 4 p.m. from the Ponders Fairmount Chapel with Pastor Donna Bell officiating. Interment will be in the Johnson Cemetery with Tracy Thompson, Jeff Lacey, Nick Price, Lee Mathis, Alan Price and Greg Trippe serving as pallbearers. The family will have a private family viewing before the service.

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.

Arrangements will be announced by, Ponders Fairmount Chapel 2566 Hwy 411 Fairmount GA 30139 706-337-3784. www.selectedindependentfuneralhomes.org and www.ogr.org



Eddie Wilkey

Eddie Wilkey, 61, of Calhoun, passed away Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021.



The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home. The family is accepting donations through the Max Brannon and Sons website to assist with final expenses.

A full obituary will be published at a later time.



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-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.discoveringshope.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. For more information,

call 706-602-1919. The Calhoun church is located at 2335 Red Bud Road. The meetings here are every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

-Caring for a loved one who is suffering from late-stage cancer is certainly one of life's hardest experiences.

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



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I was told several years ago that the words "fear not" were in the Bible three hundred sixty-five times, once for

every day of the year. I have no intention of counting them for proof of the statement. The truth is, we could find "fear not" written Seven hundred thirty times and it wouldn't be too much. The Lord knew we would need every one of them.

Some of our fears are considered humorous to others. For example, I met someone the other day that was afraid of mustard. Mustard? How can someone really be afraid of mustard??? Sounds silly to me, but at the same time I have some fears that seem a little ridiculous for a forty two year old. I'm

still afraid of needles. I don't even like for anyone else to get a shot, much less to get one myself. I also believe that all snakes come from the pit of Hell, as opposed to Noah's Ark.

Then there are fears that cannot be so easily overcome. For example, when someone has an upcoming surgery. My late pastor Woody Lee said, "There's no such thing as a minor surgery, when it's on you." He was right. What about fears that you could lose your home, or a loved one? Early yesterday morning, I got a call from a lady in Texas, whose

family attended our church for a little while, and her husband had died unexpectedly that morning. Left behind, self-employed with three kids, she is afraid of how she is going to provide for them. Fear is very real, and is something that no one has immunity from.

Why is it that God stresses so much for us to not fear? It's because fear paralyzes faith. If Satan can cause us to fear, then he can usually cause us to try and avoid situations that simply will not disappear. Deuteronomy 31:6 says, "Be strong and of good

courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." These were words spoken by a 120 year old Moses, as he was preparing the Israelites to cross over the Jordan without him. He told them that the LORD would go before them, and prepare the way for them to go forward into victory. What would have happened if Moses hadn't shared this encouragement with his people before they crossed the river? Would they have moved forward in faith when they knew

that there were great and powerful enemies on the other side? There's greater chance that they would not have, then that they would. They would have suffered much loss, because they were afraid. But the LORD kept his promise. They moved ahead in faith that the LORD was with them, and that He wouldn't leave them alone in the battle.

Likewise, we need to move forward into whatever it is that God has ahead of us; knowing not only that He is for us, but that he is also with us. He makes us brave, so that we may be blessed.

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 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.

--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, Find us on Facebook or email pvbcalhoun@gmail.com

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

-Evangelistic Outreach Ministries on 1590 Dews Pond Road. Pastor Mark Kirby invites everyone to Fellowship and Worship with us. Children's Church on

Sunday Services starts at 11:00am Childrens Church starts at 11:30am. Wednesday nights Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm. Come out and see what the Lord is doing!

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

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

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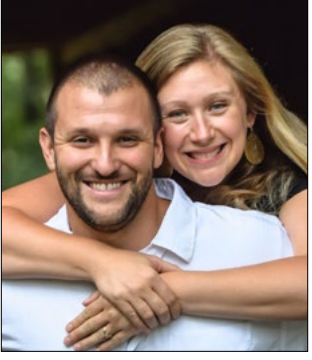
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FINANCE

Sitting at the laundromat with my bank account drained



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So, I learned some very valuable lessons this week at the laundromat. First, laundromat has an “O” in it which is contrary to how I say it — “laundry mat.” Next, the machines there have come a long way since I was kid. They have timers on the washers now, which is awesome, and the dryers are very efficient. I know they’re very efficient because once upon a time you put in the amount of quarters

required to start the machine and then added a few more to make sure the load was properly dried.

I did just that this time, putting in \$1 to start the machine. That put 38 minutes on the clock. Even though the machine was set to high heat, I didn’t think that was enough time, so I added two extra quarters to get a full hour like my dryer at home would need.

Ya’ll, that was a mistake. Having the high heat on for that long shrank almost everything in that load — some things more than others. I have a pair of crew cut socks that are now the right size for my eight-year-old son to be wearing. We can wet most things and hang dry them again, but you can tell from the texture of the clothes that it got a little crispy in there.

Now, you may be asking yourself why I’m at the laundromat since I

just referenced my dryer at home. That’s because my dryer had the audacity to stop working on us last week. And since I’m pretty handy with most things, I decided I’d take the dryer apart and see if I could figure out what was wrong because the machine was coming on and turning but we had no heat.

I have to say I was pretty proud of myself. I took the whole thing apart with no help from Google or Youtube. I got the case off and pulled the drum out to reveal the issue almost instantly. The heating coil was broken. If you’ve never seen one, a dryer’s coil is a long spring that makes a circle around the back side of the dryer. When electricity is connected to the coil, it heats up and dries the clothes. It’s the same principle as a hair dryer’s mode of operation, just a lot bigger.

I called Jimmy Payne’s Coast to Coast

store in Calhoun, and they had a replacement coil in stock. It got there a little after closing time, but they stayed after for me. And I was grateful for that!

I installed the coil and tested it to make sure we got heat before I put the dryer back together. We did, and things were looking great. I put the machine back together and turned it on again.

My Dad has worked for Georgia Power my whole life. He has told me that all electrical things work on magic smoke. And if you let the magic smoke out, electrical things stop working.

Well, about 10 seconds after I started the fully assembled dryer, I heard something go “pop” and then smelled magic smoke leaving the dryer ... and my heart sank. I was so frustrated I decided I would take it to an appliance repair man. It was going to be nearly a week before they could

get to it, so we decided to look for another dryer.

Ashley and I don’t tend to buy new stuff for personal consumption if we can get around it. To us, there is just something fundamentally and fiscally wrong with spending your money on something that drops in value as soon as it’s purchased. As such, we tend to buy used appliances, and we found a dryer the next day.

I recently saw a thought-provoking quote. It said that it only takes \$27.40 of miscellaneous spending a day to blow \$10,000 in year.

As that sinks in, let me ask you something: what do you spend your money on regularly? Is it on capital assets — things that make you money? Or is it liabilities — things that take money away from you?

What if instead of spending \$27.40 on lunch and coffee out each day, you put that money towards buying assets that

would start making you money and one day allow you to be financially free? That’s the reason Ashley and I believe in putting every extra dollar we have towards buying capital assets like rental property, which gain value and produce income over time.

I left the laundromat that day to get a cashier’s check from the bank that almost completely drained our business account. And it wasn’t to buy a brand-new dryer, which can drain your bank account these days. Instead, it was to buy another rental property that will give us positive monthly cashflow, grow in value over time and provide us with financial freedom.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS: Financial Gifts for Your Valentine



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For many of us, the COVID-19 pandemic may be putting a hold on dinner at the charming local bistro, but the spirit of Valentine’s Day cannot be extinguished.

This year, perhaps more so than in the past, you may want to make your Valentine’s Day gifts even more meaningful. So, for example, what can you give your loved ones to help them along on the road to financial security?

Here are a few possibilities:

- **Contribute** (indirectly) to an IRA. Virtually anyone with earned income can contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. Yet, most people never contribute the maximum amount allowable each year, which, in 2021, is \$6,000,

or \$7,000 for those 50 and older. You can’t contribute to another person’s IRA, but you can give that person the money for that purpose. However, an individual can’t contribute more to an IRA than he or she earned during that year. So, if you were to give someone \$1,000 to be placed in an IRA, that individual must have at least \$1,000 in earnings. Be aware, though, that the recipient can use the money for any purpose.

- **Give shares** of stock. You probably are already familiar with the products your loved ones use — so why not give them shares of stock in the companies that make

those goods or services? Most people enjoy being “owners” of businesses whose products they use. Furthermore, owning stocks for the long term can be a valuable component of anyone’s financial strategy. If you are unsure of how to give stocks, you may want to consult with a financial professional.

- **Stay protected.** If your valentine also happens to be your spouse, you can give a gift of tremendous value by simply working to protect what you have. For example, if something happened to you, would your spouse be able to maintain the household, educate children, pay the

mortgage and so on? A financial professional can help you find the protection you need, as well as suggest ways to defend yourself against the devastating costs of long-term care. A private room in a nursing home can cost \$100,000 or more each year, according to the insurance company Genworth, and Medicare typically pays few of these expenses, so you’ll want to be prepared.

- **Create (or revise)** your estate plans. It doesn’t sound very romantic but making sure your estate plans are in order is one of the best gifts you can give to all your loved ones. If you haven’t created your plan

yet, contact an attorney who specializes in estate planning. You may also want to involve your tax and financial advisors. And if it’s been a while since you looked at your existing plan, take the time to review it — this is especially important if you’ve had changes in your family situation.

On Valentine’s Day the chocolate hearts and flowers are certainly always appreciated. But financial gifts can help you make a truly lasting impact on your loved ones’ lives.

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CONSUMER ED: How can you tell if a work-from-home job is a scam?

CONTRIBUTED

Dear Consumer Ed:

My regular work hours have been cut back, so I’ve been looking for a work-from-home job to supplement my income. I see work-from-home jobs advertised online, but my friend says most of them are scams. How can I tell if a job posting is legitimate or not?

Consumer Ed says:

It can be difficult to distinguish legitimate online job offers from those placed by people who are just out to get your money, especially when it comes to work-from-home jobs. Scammers advertise jobs where real employers and job placement firms do, such as online job boards and newspapers. For every legitimate job posting out there, there are plenty designed to con you out of your money. If you fall for one of these scams you could end up paying for useless materials or certifications, discovering that your credit card was charged without your permission or getting caught up in a fake check scam.

You should always research a potential employer carefully and look out for these red flags of a scam:

Requests for payment. The number one sign of a work-from-home scam is that you are asked to pay money up-front — whether for certification, training materials, background and credit checks or a job recruiter fee.

High salary for simple tasks or minimal experience. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Requests that you deposit payments to your account and then wire money on behalf of the company. This scenario is often used as a means of laundering stolen money. By carrying out this request you could be committing theft and wire fraud.

Vague job description. Be suspicious of job listings that are vague or overly generic,



never stating exactly who the company is, what they do and what the position entails.

Additionally, you can avoid being a victim of an online scam by doing your homework up-front:

Research the company. Check with the Better Business Bureau or the FTC to find out if any complaints have been filed about a company. Keep in mind that a lack of complaints doesn’t mean the business is legitimate. Do an Internet search with the name of the company and words like “review”, “scam” or “complaint.”

Know the common scams. Envelope stuffing, rebate processing, at-home assembly work, medical billing or claims processing and refund recovery are commonly used by scammers.

Learn about the FTC’s Business Opportunity Rule. Under this rule, companies are required to disclose key information about business opportunities they are selling, to provide references and to back up claims about how much you can earn.

Finally, as a rule of thumb, avoid offers that seem too good to be true. If you think you’ve been targeted by a job scam, you can submit a complaint to the Georgia Department of Law’s Consumer Protection Division by visiting consumer.ga.gov or calling 404-651-8600.

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GORDON GROWN

Growing Home Garden Peppers



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For starters, there are two major pepper types, those being the sweet and hot peppers. Peppers are measured on the Scoville Heat Index which is a scale of the pungency of that pepper variety. The pungency is actually found in the seed of the pepper.

Your mild peppers are found at the bottom of the Index. Examples of mild peppers would be your cherry and banana peppers.

Examples of peppers in the middle portion of the Index would be your serrano, red cayenne and yellow hot wax.

The top of the Index is where you would find the chili and habanero peppers.

Choosing a pepper variety is tied to personal preference and also the goal for the peppers you are growing.

Keep in mind that peppers are a warm weather plant that belong to the vegetable family Solanaceae. Peppers share this family with eggplant, tomatoes and potatoes.

Peppers are self-pollinating and prefer full sun environments for growth. Peppers do not like frost or cool weather along with wet soils.

For planting, the soil temperatures need to reach 70 degrees F with night temperatures staying above 50 degrees F. For these reasons, do not be tempted to plant peppers too soon in the garden.

You can start your own pepper transplants indoors from seed, but you need to start them 6 to 8 weeks indoors before planting them in the garden. This is why many gardeners will buy healthy transplants from garden centers instead of spending time growing from seed.

The garden areas for peppers should give 8 to 10 hours of sunlight per day and needs to be well-draining of excessive moisture. Pepper growing areas like compost or other organic soil amendments.

I will remind that with growing season still

months away, you have time to take a proper soil sample to obtain liming and fertilizing recommendations from the UGA Soil Test Lab. If a soil report calls for lime to improve soil pH, you can add that now since lime can interact with soil slowly.

If you choose to not conduct a \$9 soil test, you can use a complete fertilizer such as 10-10-10 or 13-13-13 at the rate of 2 pounds per 100 square feet of garden for peppers. You can add lime if you do not soil test at a rate of 20-25 pounds per 1000 square feet.

Our information recommends to spade or till the soil to a depth of at least 6 to 8 inches and then level the area with a rake.

When you do plant the pepper transplants, you should space the pepper plants 12-24 inches apart in the row. The rows should be 3 feet apart.

It is also suggested to mulch peppers with compost, straw or wood chips to help conserve

soil moisture and reduce weed issues.

Note to keep any mulch material off the pepper stems. It is more ideal to use drip irrigation or soaker hoses when irrigating. You need to keep the pepper root zone moist. The root zone should be six inches deep.

Florkowska and Westerfield state that consistent watering is critical for proper fruit set and development.

Peppers like most garden items can have a few problems. Blossom-end rot is a calcium deficiency issue that can be aided by improper irrigation.

There are commercial products that can give temporary help for blossom-end rot, but a soil test to check on pH status is a more long-term approach.

There are insect problems such as European corn borer along with some diseases such as bacterial wilt and bacterial leaf spot.

To help with disease issues, it is suggested

to always use certified disease-free seed and transplants.

Another tip is to incorporate crop rotation into your efforts. Do not plant peppers or other plants in the same family in the same area in the garden more than once every two years.

You should also remove plant debris from the garden spot at the end of the growing season. The removal of plant debris can reduce insect and disease issues the next gardening season.

When harvesting peppers, they are normally ready 70-85 days after transplanting into the garden.

Study up on specific harvesting tips for the different varieties. You should protect your hands with gloves when handling hot peppers to avoid skin, eye and nose irritations.

For more information, contact UGA Extension-Gordon County at 706-629-8685 or email gbowman@uga.edu

USDA publishes final rule for domestic production of hemp

GEORGIA FARM BUREAU

On Jan. 15, the USDA announced its final rule regulating the production of hemp in the United States. The final rule incorporates modifications to regulations established under the interim final rule (IFR) published in October 2019. The modifications are based on public comments following the publication of the IFR and lessons

learned during the 2020 growing season. The final rule is available for viewing in the Federal Register and will be effective on March 22, 2021.

Key provisions of the final rule include: Licensing requirements; record keeping requirements for maintaining information about the land where hemp is produced; procedures for testing the THC concentration levels for hemp;

procedures for disposing of non-compliant plants; compliance provisions; and procedures for handling violations.

On Oct. 31, 2019, USDA published the IFR that provided specific details on the process and criteria for review of plans USDA receives from states and Indian tribes regarding the production of hemp and established a plan to monitor and regulate the production of hemp in those states or Indian tribes that do not

have an approved state or Tribal plan.

The IFR was effective immediately after publication in the Federal Register and provided a 60-day public comment period. On Dec. 17, 2019, USDA extended the comment period until Jan. 29, 2020, to allow stakeholders additional time to provide feedback. USDA re-opened the comment period for 30 days, from Sept. 8 to Oct. 8, 2020 seeking additional comments

from all stakeholders, especially those who were subject to the regulatory requirements of the IFR during the 2020 production cycle. In all, USDA received about 5,900 comments.

On Feb. 27, 2020, USDA announced the delay of enforcement of the requirement for labs to be registered by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the requirement that producers use a DEA-registered reverse

distributor or law enforcement to dispose of non-compliant plants under certain circumstances until Oct. 31, 2021, or the final rule is published, whichever comes first. This delay has been further extended in the final rule to December 2022.

More information about the provisions in the final rule is available on the Hemp Production web page at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/hemp>.

Fort King George Celebrates 300th Anniversary of Georgia's Founding

GEORGIA DNR

This year marks the tricentennial of a turning point in North American colonial history. Three centuries ago, British soldiers established their first fort on land that was to become the colony of Georgia. Called Fort King George, it protected a low bluff on the mighty Altamaha River from French and Spanish explorers, as well as Gule Indians.

From 1721 until 1727, Fort King George – now a state historic site – served as the southern boundary of the British Empire in North America. After a fire damaged buildings, General James Oglethorpe brought Scottish Highlanders to the site in 1736. Their settlement was called Darien, eventually

becoming a bustling seaport that rivaled Savannah for shipping lumber.

Today, this 18th-century frontier settlement is open for tours where visitors can explore numerous reconstructed buildings. Overlooking a scenic tidal river are officers' quarters, barracks, a guard house, moat and palisades. Guests are welcome to climb ladders inside the blockhouse, lay on soldiers' bunks, peek out musket holes and even ring the dinner bell. Actively exploring the fort helps guests, especially children, imagine life 300 years ago. A museum highlights the Gule Indians, 1580s Santo Domingo de Talaje mission, British colonists, the Scots of Darien and the 19th century timber industry. The remains

of three sawmills, soldier graves and tabby ruins are still visible today.

To celebrate the tricentennial, rangers will host a series of presentations and celebrations throughout 2021. The next virtual speaker presentations will be February 28, spotlighting Gullah Geechee heritage, and March 28, covering the Scots of Darien. Plans for future presentations include local historian Buddy Sullivan, archaeologist Dr. Richard Jefferies and former site managers.

Fort King George Historic Site is open Tuesday through Sunday, and admission is \$4.50 for children and \$7.50 for adults. To learn more, visit GaStateParks.org/FortKingGeorge or call 912-437-4770.



Take Part in Youth Birding Competition T-shirt Art

GEORGIA DNR

Hey, kids! Do you enjoy nature as well as creating artwork?

Georgia's 15th annual Youth Birding Competition invites resident children and teens to celebrate birds through a T-shirt Art Contest.

Many famous ornithologists were bird artists when they were young, so perhaps you could be the next John James Audubon, Roger Tory Peterson or David Allen Sibley!

A winner will be picked from each of four age

categories: primary (pre-K–second grades), elementary (third–fifth grades), middle school (sixth–eighth grades) and high school. One winner will be awarded the grand prize—their artwork will appear on the 2021 Youth Birding Competition T-shirt and they'll receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. The three other winners will each receive a \$50 Amazon gift card, redeemable for art supplies.

Entering is easy. Participants must draw or paint a native Georgia bird that has not been previously featured on a Youth Birding Competition T-shirt (details at www.georgiawildlife.com/YBCTshirtArtContest).

Artwork may be created on paper or sheet canvas, at least 8-by-10 inches but no larger than 11-by-17 inches. To enter the contest, email a full-frame photo (from a camera or smartphone) of the artwork by March 10, 2021, to Linda.May@dnr.ga.gov.

Be sure to provide the participant's name, school, age, grade level, city, phone number and e-mail address, and the species name of the bird depicted in the artwork.

The illustrated bird must be a wild species that is native to Georgia. Artwork

of exotic or domesticated species (such as European starlings, pigeons, yellow ducks, peacocks and parrots) will be disqualified. Draw or paint the bird's features as accurately as possible. A simple background that provides habitat context is good to include, but make sure the bird stands out well and is the focus of the artwork. Also keep in mind that deep, contrasting colors scan best for a T-shirt.

Only one entry per person is allowed, and it must be the child's original artwork. Participation in the Youth Birding Competition, tentatively scheduled for April 23–24, is encouraged

but not required to submit artwork for the T-shirt Art Contest.

In the 2021 Youth Birding Competition, teams will try to see or hear as many bird species as possible throughout Georgia during the event's 24-hour period. While judges examine and score checklists, participants enjoy a live animal show followed by an awards banquet packed with prizes at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Mansfield.

In the event the birding competition is cancelled because of COVID, 2021 T-shirts will not be produced. However, art

contest winners will still receive their Amazon gift card awards.

For more information on the T-shirt Art Contest, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/YBCTshirtArtContest. You can also contact art contest coordinator Linda May at (706) 319-0211 or linda.may@dnr.ga.gov.

Details on the 2021 Youth Birding Competition, including how to register a team (March 31 deadline), will be posted soon at www.georgiawildlife.com/YBC. You can also contact competition coordinator Tim Keyes at (912) 262-3191 or tim.keyes@dnr.ga.gov.

HEALTH NEWS

GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Georgia's new senators back incentive bill for Medicaid expansion

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One of the biggest carrots in the 2010 Affordable Care Act was a promise that the federal government would pay 100 percent of the costs of a state expanding its Medicaid program for three years.

A group of mostly Democratic U.S. senators — including Georgia's newly elected Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff — is pushing legislation that would offer the same incentive for states, including Georgia, that have not expanded Medicaid.

The States Achieve Medicaid Expansion (SAME) Act of 2021 would allow states that expanded Medicaid after 2014, or who expand Medicaid in the future, to receive the same full federal matching funds as states that expanded Medicaid earlier.

The 100 percent match is much better than the roughly 67 percent federal match that will come under Gov. Brian Kemp's plan to extend Medicaid eligibility to more low-income adults. Expansion, too,

would cover roughly 10 times the number of Georgians estimated to get Medicaid under the Kemp plan, scheduled to begin in July.

A spokeswoman for Kemp said Friday the administration doesn't comment on pending legislation.

A similar bill was introduced in the U.S. Senate in 2019. Congress is now controlled by Democrats, though narrowly, and with Democrat Joe Biden in the White House, such legislation has a better chance of passage.

Biden has already ordered the Department of Health and Human Services to re-examine Medicaid work requirements, which make it more difficult for individuals to get coverage under the program. The Georgia Medicaid plan has strict eligibility requirements, which can include work, education and volunteering.

"Health care is a human right, and for too long, too many Georgians have been denied access to affordable health care through Medicaid," Warnock said in a statement Friday. "I've

long believed that expanding Medicaid in Georgia is an important step toward making affordable health care for all a reality. In 2017, I was even arrested at the U.S. Capitol for advocating for Medicaid expansion."

Thirty-eight states have adopted Medicaid expansion. Georgia's Republican leadership has consistently argued that the cost of that move would be too high. Under state law, any full expansion in Georgia would need to be passed by the General Assembly, which is still controlled by the GOP.

"Medicaid expansion would save Georgians' lives, make health care more affordable for Georgia families, and prevent the closure of Georgia's clinics and hospitals," Ossoff said in a statement. "This bill would ensure Georgia gets the same funding as other states that expanded Medicaid years ago, and create even more incentive for our state government to do what should have been done a decade ago and expand Medicaid for Georgia families."

The ACA directed

federal financial support to states that expanded their existing Medicaid programs to provide coverage to all individuals up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. The federal government covered the full cost of expansion for three years, phasing down to a 90 percent match rate for the sixth year of the expansion and in subsequent years.

Even without expansion, the Medicaid rolls have swollen in Georgia as many residents have lost jobs and health insurance coverage during the pandemic. In Georgia, Medicaid enrollment increased by 338,000 between March and December 2020, raising the total number of children, adult and family recipients to more than 2 million.

Besides Ossoff and Warnock, other Democratic senators co-sponsoring the bill are Mark Warner and Tim Kaine of Virginia, Tom Carper and Chris Coons of Delaware, Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters of Michigan, Bob Casey of Pennsylvania and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin. They are joined by Sen. Angus

King, an Independent from Maine.

Critics worry that policy changes now could saddle Georgia with costly terms for jumping on the full-expansion train late in the process, years after other states joined the Obama-era health care program, the Capitol Beat News Service reported Friday.

"I don't know if the federal government will ever return to a period of budget austerity," Chris Denson, policy and research director for the nonprofit Georgia Public Policy Foundation, said last week, according to the News Service. "But there's always a chance that the feds will drop that matching rate."

But longtime supporters of Medicaid expansion voiced their enthusiastic backing of the legislation.

Laura Colbert, executive director of the consumer group Georgians for a Healthy Future, said in a statement that "there are few things that would benefit Georgians and Georgia communities more than expanding Medicaid coverage to struggling adults and families. Health coverage

would unlock the health care system for hundreds of thousands of poor Georgians, strengthen rural hospitals and community health centers, and boost our state's economy."

Another supporter of expansion, Georgia Budget and Policy Institute CEO and President Taifa Smith Butler, said the SAME Act "comes at a time when the need for health care access is more urgent and, if enacted, removes any excuse for Georgia leaders to refuse full Medicaid expansion. Increasing the amount of federal funds that would flow to our state, the SAME Act is a smart choice that helps us put Georgians first."

The move would aid adults in what's often called the "coverage gap." Their incomes are low, but they earn too much to be eligible for Medicaid under current rules, and not enough to qualify for tax breaks on health insurance sold through the ACA exchanges. That means they have to buy full-price policies, which many cannot afford.

AdventHealth Gordon: Meet Mike Murrill

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When someone needs to see a health care provider, Mike Murrill wants their first thought to be of AdventHealth.

"We need you to expect, as a patient, that you will get better care here than if you go somewhere else," he said. "Many independent benchmarks indicate that to be true, but it's up to us to deliver on that promise to every person, every time."

As the new chief executive officer and president of AdventHealth Gordon, AdventHealth Murray and AdventHealth's Southeast Region, Murrill aims to continue the health care system's growth as a leader in whole-person care.

"What I really want to focus on as a region is, we have to be the best health care providers in the region, not just with our clinical outcomes, but also the expectation of when you come to one of our hospitals

or physician practices, you're expecting better care, safer care and that we know you," he said.

That starts, he said, with community engagement to identify what health care needs are lacking in the communities served by AdventHealth in Northwest Georgia, Kentucky and North Carolina and then finding ways to provide the services needed to meet those needs.

"One of my personal goals is to be an impact for the greater good wherever I am," he said.

He credits values instilled during his upbringing and opportunities to work with underserved populations during high school and college with helping him develop a servant leadership mindset.

Murrill graduated from a Seventh-day Adventist high school in Kansas and earned a business administration degree from Andrews University in Michigan in 2002. While earning his Master of Business

Administration from the University of Colorado, he began an administrative residency program with an Adventist hospital in Denver, where he learned about hospital operations within surgical services, supply chain management and the finance department.

"All those things, from day one, reinforced the common mindset of, 'How do you show up in your community? And how do you show up wherever you are?'" he said. "From day one, I felt the desire to be a good, influential member of the community."

The early part of his 18-year career with AdventHealth focused on finance management. He spent the past nine years in executive leadership at hospitals outside of Chicago, assuming the role of CEO of two campuses there in February 2019.

"To think about having an impact on communities all across this part of the country was definitely intriguing to me," he said of



why he wanted to take on a regional leadership position.

Murrill, an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys camping and golf, said relocating with his wife, Melissa, and sons, Mason and Max, to such a beautiful part of the country that offered small-town Southern hospitality made the move to Northwest Georgia all the easier.

"One of the things we're excited about is to engage in a different part of the country," he said.

He credits his mom, a physical education teacher, with encouraging him at an early age to embrace the adventure in every opportunity.

"We just tried everything, and I loved that," he said. "Most people find me to be a collaborator, wanting to work with people and alongside people and having fun with the work we're doing. I love to engage in whatever I'm doing."

Murrill has had to find creative ways to collaborate amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, however, due to his restricted ability to meet with civic groups and other community partners — common first steps for new hospital administrators.

"I've done a lot of Zoom introductions," he said. "We have to think about how to

do things more in smaller groups."

He's also had to be more intentional about how to keep moving forward with the organization's goals to create healthier communities across the region while carrying out the AdventHealth mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ.

"One of the things I've worked on with the team is how to stay visible and present through COVID-19," Murrill said.

The novelty of the virus has tasked health care leaders across the country with implementing policies and procedures to mitigate the spread of the virus and keep their employees safe within their facilities while also convincing patients to not let the fear of getting sick prevent them from seeking care when they need it.

"My intention in the first 90 days was around communicating our goals and our role in the community to be a really safe and great health care partner for them amid a crisis like this," he said.

Shortly before his relocation to Calhoun in June, AdventHealth Gordon began construction of its new cancer center.

"Cancer reaches into every tentacle of someone's

life, and it's an experience we do not want anybody to go through alone," Murrill said. "If you have cancer, our goal is to help you navigate that experience. We're going to help you go through that experience mentally, physically, emotionally and even spiritually."

Murrill said one way to improve the health of communities served by AdventHealth across the region is by offering specialized care and dedicated services like the ones provided in the cancer center.

"We need to ask, 'How do we build the network around some of those major disease areas like cancer?'" he said. "How do we go about building physician services and adding those functions to the markets to support our community?"

He said everyone at AdventHealth has been gracious in granting him time to settle into the job, and he's enjoyed getting to meet people within the community since his arrival.

"It didn't take very long to just feel the warmth and welcoming of this community," he said.

Murrill and his family looks forward to making Calhoun their home for many years to come.



EDUCATION NEWS

Annual Smoker/Culberson Golf Classic held

CALHOUN CITY SCHOOLS

The 5th Annual Smoker/Culberson Golf Classic was held this past weekend at Fields Ferry and was bigger than ever before.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to benefit Calhoun High School Baseball, the Voluntary Action Center (VAC), and the Marsha McDaniel Memorial Fund.

CCS is grateful to Josh Smoker and Charlie Culberson for continuously giving back to their community year after year.



SHS Band holding 3rd annual Mattress Fundraiser on Feb. 27



SONORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Come get a better night's sleep AND support the Sonorville High School Band's 3rd annual Mattress Fundraiser!

The fundraising event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the SHS Campus.

The SHS band has raised \$14,935 dollars in their last two mattress fundraisers combined. They are raising money for a equipment truck that cost upward of \$15,000.

The band needs your help by spreading the word and inviting all of your friends! This is a one day only event. Displaying some great name brand mattresses like Simmons BeautyRest!

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Music by TOM SNOW Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD
Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS and JIM STEINMAN

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GHC's last dental hygiene information session this month, reservations required

GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE

Georgia Highlands College's Dental Hygiene program will hold its last information session for the 2021 Admission Cycle on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m., in Centre Stage at Heritage Hall.

"All students who plan to apply for admission to the program must attend at least one session in the 12-month period prior to the application deadline, which is March 15 for the 2021 Admission Cycle," Director of Dental Hygiene Regina Gupta said. "We encourage any student interested in a career in dental hygiene to attend and to attend early."

The information session will include discussion of the application process, including all prerequisites for the program. Attending early can help students as they select

prerequisite courses.

Face masks are required to enter the building and during the session. Temperature screenings will be conducted as each attendee enters the building, social distancing will be practiced during the session and attendance is limited to 25 people.

Because each applicant must attend one information session in the 12 months prior to March 15, event officiators encourage students to attend alone or to bring a maximum of one guest.

Each student who attends the session will receive a certificate of attendance that must be submitted with the application to the program.

Reservations must be made through School of Health Sciences Administrative Assistant Kelly Rice at krice@highlands.edu, or by calling the GHC Dental Hygiene office at 706-295-6760.



Palaces for the People exhibit open until Oct. 23

BERRY COLLEGE

Oak Hill & The Martha Berry Museum will host a new free exhibition, "Palaces for the People: Guastavino and America's Great Public Spaces," beginning Feb. 8.

Over the course of 61 years, architect and innovator Rafael Guastavino Moreno and his son Rafael Guastavino Exposito created more than 600 unique tile domes and vaultings in the United States after emigrating from Spain in the late 19th century. Their work revolutionized structural engineering and outlined a new standard for safety and beauty in architecture. Significant landmarks such as the Ellis Island Registry Hall, the Boston Public Library, and the Biltmore Estate feature their iconic vaulted ceilings, as do the Ford buildings at Berry College.

"Palaces for the People: Guastavino and America's Great Public Spaces" is

a traveling exhibition originally organized by John Ochsendorf, structural engineer and professor of civil and environmental engineering and architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The show includes specially commissioned, color photography by Michael Freeman and trademark Guastavino Company drawings.

Since Berry's Guastavino vaults were only recently rediscovered, a supplementary display, "Guastavino at Berry," will accompany the original exhibit pieces to share Berry's unique relationship with the Guastavino Fireproof Construction Company. Archival documents and personal artifacts related to the Ford buildings and Rafael Guastavino Jr. will be on display for the first time.

"The design of the archways at the Ford buildings capture many visitor's attention. However, after learning about the Guastavinos and their



immense contributions to architecture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the vaults become even more stunning," notes Rachel McLucas, interim director and curator at Oak Hill & The Martha Berry Museum,

"I am very excited to share the extended story attached to one of Berry's most iconic structures."

To celebrate the exhibition, admission is free for the duration of the show through Oct. 23, and tours of the

Oak Hill home will have an adjusted price. Reservations are required and can be made at <https://berry.ticketspice.com/oak-hill-tours>. For more information, visit <https://www.berry.edu/oakhill/>.

Local students named to Shorter's Fall Semester Dean's List

SHORTER UNIVERSITY

Shorter University has announced students named to the dean's list during the fall semester of 2020. To achieve this honor, students must have been enrolled full time and have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Local students named to the list include:

Diana Arteaga, Interdisciplinary Studies major from Adairsville, GA

Mackensy Bennett, Middle Grades Education major from Adairsville, GA

Kaden Cochran, Accounting major from Adairsville, GA

Tristen Garner, History major from Adairsville, GA

Thaley Jackson, Criminal Justice major from Adairsville, GA

Anna Magill, Nursing major from Adairsville, GA

Lauren Peck, Undecided major from Adairsville, GA

Brooklin Abernathy, Pre-Nursing major from Calhoun, GA

Sherrod Agee, Sport Management major from Calhoun, GA

Austin Allen, Marketing major from Calhoun, GA

Baylee Balliew, Middle

Grades Education major from Calhoun, GA

Andrew Bearden, General Business major from Calhoun, GA

Monica Burton, Criminal Justice major from Calhoun, GA

Jocelyn Cisneros, Elementary/Special Education (P-5) major from Calhoun, GA

Marley Gentry, Psychology major from Calhoun, GA

Elmer Gutierrez, History Education major from Calhoun, GA

Savannah Hames, Mathematics major from Calhoun, GA

Esmeralda Hernandez, Pre-Nursing major from Calhoun, GA

Tanner Hopkins, Communication Studies major from Calhoun, GA

Cooper Hunt, History Education major from Calhoun, GA

Danying Jiang, Mathematics Education major from Calhoun, GA

James Kirk, Sport Management major from Calhoun, GA

Deborah MacDavid, Middle Grades Education major from Calhoun, GA

Madison Markley, Psychology major from Calhoun, GA

Veronica Medina-Soria, Elementary Education (P-5) major from Calhoun, GA

Jacob Poe, Undecided

major from Calhoun, GA Nolan Reece, History Education major from Calhoun, GA

Lona Sims, Elementary Education (P-5) major from Calhoun, GA

Luke Wright, History major from Calhoun, GA

Madison Smith, General Business major from Fairmount, GA

Jason Fuller, Elementary/Special Education (P-5) major from Plainville, GA

Houston Oliver, Criminal Justice major from Resaca, GA

Maryna Bolton, Computer Information Systems major from Shannon, GA

John Yancey, Accounting major from Shannon, GA

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REPORT FROM THE CAPITOL from Rep. Rick Jasperse



Rep. Rick Jasperse
R-Jasper, District 11

It was good to see a few folks from our community at the Capitol this week. It has been so quiet under the Gold Dome, since groups of kids and interested parties are not here. I miss the visitors from all over Georgia. The building isn't closed at all; just with Covid and all, folks are not coming.

But that hasn't stopped folks from emailing or calling, which is fine. I was answering email on Saturday night catching up.

The most important Committee to be meeting right now besides our appropriations budget committee's is the Speaker's Special Committee on Election Integrity. These 14 people have a lot on them, and the committee is bipartisan, if you were wondering. They are listening to us give them our ideas, as we are listening to you giving us ideas. The good thing for all of us, is these meetings are online and you can watch them. If you are interested in getting on the notification list for when these meetings are, email or call me, and I will get

you on the list. Some of the ideas are that all of Georgia's 159 County Board of Elections need uniformity in the way elections are operated, monitored, and secured, and authority given to the State Election Board to suspend and replace, as needed, to ensure the accuracy and integrity to the election process. Fulton, DeKalb, and Gwinnett counties should operate the same as Pickens, Gordon, and Murray counties. Absentee ballots should be checked for accuracy, including proper identification and proof of residency. All facets of elections should be spelled out and enforced through statute, so as to prohibit legal challenges determined by the Judicial system. Constitutional laws,

as written, should be adhered to and enforced. Drop boxes eliminated or manned as they are in Florida. Defining poll watchers' rights and responsibilities and others. Right now, there are 30+ different bills that they are working with and evaluating and getting input from all of us on.

It's the time of the year when special interest groups get their email machines rolling, because they don't like a bill or do like a bill. I will have to tell you these mass emails have little impact. A personal email/letter/call from you on your opinion has plenty of impact. It doesn't have to be long to make a point, say what do you like, or don't like, and suggestions if you have any; be sure to

identify yourself as my constituent, so that I will focus on you.

Local legislation is coming through. Cities and counties have a lot of power given to them by the Legislature. We regularly name roads, and change rules for Boards, City Charters, and local Authorities. Recently-elected Pickens County Commission Chairman Kris Stancil asked me to review the current laws regarding the boards he appoints. Due to the volume of work that our legislative council is under right now, I picked a few: Airport Authority, Library, and Elections boards. I should hear back from them any day, as I asked a few weeks ago for their opinion. What I will do then if changes

are needed, is to notify the Commissioner and create local legislation to do what our legal counsel recommends to keep everything right. Remember that in the past few years, we redrew local School Board district lines to keep representation equal and legal.

Those are the quick highlights, as I am limited in space. If you want details, I can provide them to you; you just have to ask!

As important bills come up for debate, please call on me to fill in the blanks that are not reported. I like doing that a lot. Either call my Capitol office 404-656-7153 or email me at rick.jasperse@house.ga.gov, and we will do our best to answer your questions or concerns.

Term limits for Georgia lawmakers proposed in General Assembly bill

BEAU EVANS
Capitol Beat News Service

A state Senate committee debated a measure Monday to limit terms for Georgia House and Senate members to 12 years total, as well as doubling the term for state senators from two to four years.

A constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. Greg Dolezal, R-Cumming, would set term limits for state House members at six two-year terms and for senators at three four-year terms. The limits would kick in starting after the 2024 elections.

Currently, both House and Senate lawmakers in Georgia have unlimited recourse to seeking two-year terms. Dolezal's resolution would also limit Georgia's lieutenant governor to two four-

year terms instead of the current unlimited tenure.

"Term limits are something that have bipartisan support in every state of the union," Dolezal told members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee Monday.

"The only thing that people seem to agree on is that we should come down here, accomplish our work [and] have it be a season of our life as opposed to perhaps the entire book of our life."

No votes were taken on the constitutional amendment on Monday. If it clears committee, both chambers in the General Assembly would have to pass it by a two-thirds vote. It would then be placed on the ballot for Georgia voters to decide.

The resolution met with pushback Monday

from freshman state Sen. Nikki Merritt, D-Grayson, who argued term-limited state lawmakers might be more swayed by lobbyists during their final years in office without the incentive of seeking reelection.

"To me, they'd just be more indebted to lobbyists," Merritt said. "I just don't feel like they would be as motivated toward the end of their terms to serve their constituents as effectively."

Dolezal said his resolution aims to oust career politicians from the state Capitol and curb the "influences with an outsized advantage" when wealthy groups and lobbyists back long-tenured state lawmakers who gain political influence over the years.



Kemp administration announces Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act

CONTRIBUTED

Governor Brian P. Kemp has announced the roll out of House Bill 304, the Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act, carried by Representative Jodi Lott (R - Evans). One of the Kemp Administration's key initiatives for the 2021 Legislative Session, this bill will incentivize the production of medicines and medical devices in Georgia, limiting the state's need to compete with other states or foreign nations for critical supplies.

"One of the lessons we learned early on in the pandemic is that we cannot waste time in bidding wars with others for life-saving supplies," said Governor Kemp. "Last session, we incentivized the production of PPE in the

Peach State to alleviate that problem, build up our stockpile, and make it easier to stay in business in the era of COVID-19. HB 304 is a natural next step to that program and will help us build on Georgia's momentum to become a leader in all sectors of the health care industry. No one state or nation should hold a monopoly on critical medicines and medical supplies, and we should bring these industries and the jobs that come with them back to America and here to Georgia."

During the 2019-2020 Legislative Session, the State of Georgia enacted a PPE Tax Credit to incentivize manufacturers of personal protective equipment, including those existing Georgia manufacturers which did not traditionally manufacture PPE

but began doing so in response to COVID-19. The Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act is modeled off that legislation, increasing the amount of credit available under the Jobs Tax Credit to incentivize job creation and investment in the medical equipment and pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

This measure will work to ensure collaboration between the public and private sector in Georgia to cultivate long-term growth and development of the state's health care ecosystem.

Currently, the Georgia Department of Economic Development's COVID-19 Suppliers Map features more than 350 suppliers of PPE throughout the state. The map is available for viewing [here](#).



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CITY

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in a good position as well. "One of the ways to analyze the City's debt is, we have a legal debt capacity that we can only borrow a certain amount, and the City is currently only at 20 percent of its legal debt level which also includes the debt that we have on the Calhoun High School and Middle School facility. We have to reflect that (debt) on our books and even with that on our books, we're only borrowing at 20 percent capacity and we continue to drive that number down every year."

Worley also said that City Finance Director Andrea Bramlett reported that, in the first time that either can remember, that every City fund is currently meeting the goal of having 3 months of operational reserves.

The complete report can be found on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com/>

There was also a submission to the Council of proposed changes in the City's Financial Policies and Procedures Manual concerning college, school, or special training reimbursement.

"This is something we're bringing before the Mayor and Council as possible edits to our existing policy," said Worley. "The City has a longstanding policy of being able to support City employees' education and continuing education even up to the college level, and we want to continue to support that as well, but we're looking at

wording changes to strengthen the policy to ensure that if the City does make that investment in the employee, they have a good return on investment on that educational opportunity and ensure that for a certain period of time that employee remains with the City of Calhoun."

Worley also told the Council that they received approval of the soil erosion plans for the new Calhoun Police Station and Recreation facility on McDaniel Station Road and that hopefully begin the project beings moving forward in the near future. The plans were needed due to the close proximity of the creek that runs through the Recreation Department campus.

The Council approved a request of an annexation and zoning of R-1B (County zoning was R-3) by Susan French for 0.45 acre at a location of parcel GC55-008, which adjoins her city parcel (C55-006) at 109 Pine Hill Drive.

The Council approved a request of a zoning change request from R-2 to C-2 by Johnathan Stone for 0.59 acre at a location of 104 Henderson Bend Road (Parcel C21-012).

The Council approved a beer package license request at a location of 125 Red Bud Road by Mufti F. Islam DBA: A 1 Grocery, LLC. The proposed store manager is Mirza M. Baig.

A first reading of an annexation and zoning request from County Agricultural to PRD (currently zoned Agricultural in the County) by Brent Stepp Construction Company, Inc. for approximately 37 acres at Dews Pond Road (Parcel 056A-061 and a portion of 056C-051) was held. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held

March 4 and the Public Hearing on March 8. A first reading of an annexation and zoning request from County Agricultural to R1-A by Brent Stepp Construction Company, Inc. for 4.22 acres at Dews Pond Road (Parcel 056A-061) was held. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held March 4 and the Public Hearing on March 8.

A first reading of a zoning change request from R-2 to Ind-G by FB&F Holding Company, LLC for approximately 17 acres at 130 Executive Drive (Parcel C58-047) was held. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held March 4 and the Public Hearing on March h. A first reading of a zoning change request from Ind-G to TS (Tower Site) by Kiersten Lurer for Verizon Wireless for 10,000 square feet of 22.48 acres at a location of Hwy 53 (Parcel CG34A-065) was held. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held March 4 and the Public Hearing on March 8.

A first reading of a beer package license at a location of 312 North Wall Street by Henry Patel was held. Mr. Patel will also serve as the store manager. The Public Hearing was set for March 8.

The Council approved the recommendation of the Calhoun Housing Authority to appoint Calhoun Police Chief Tony Pyle to fill the unexpired term of Wilburn Aker who passed away unexpectedly. The remaining five-year term will end August 26, 2022.

The next meeting of the Calhoun City Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 at the Depot in downtown Calhoun.

GCS

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United States. Evelti said that masks are mandated on the school buses for drivers, students and athletes/coaches using buses to travel to and from games. Masks, according to Evelti, will have to be worn by all school-age children, even the younger grades, on the buses, unless the system has a medical excuse from a physician with a reason why the student cannot wear a mask.

"Anytime our buses are used, students and staff have to wear masks," said Evelti. "The target date to start wearing masks on the bus is February 18."

Evelti said the system will be putting information out to the community over social media platforms and will be putting seven-by-ten signage on the side of buses letting students know they need to mask up when loading onto the bus and that the mask needs to remain on until they exit off the bus.

Evelti told the Board that at this time, the percentage of students wearing masks on the bus is estimated to be around 30 percent; getting all students to wear masks will require education on the importance of following the Federal mandate.

The Gordon Gazette reached out to Calhoun City Schools concerning their mask policy for bus

transportation. "Calhoun City Schools has required all students and drivers to wear masks on school buses since the first day of school," said CCS in a statement. "CCS will continue this practice to provide the safest environment possible for the students we transport to and from school and to extracurricular activities. We appreciate the continued support of our students, staff, parents and community to keep everyone safe."

In other news from the Gordon County BOE meeting update provided by Evelti, he gave an update to winter sports in the school system.

"Both of our high schools have wrestlers who will be participating in the traditional state meet; Gordon Central has three wrestlers who will be participating and Sonorville High School has 12. Both high school girls and boys basketball will be competing in the Region Tournament," said Evelti.

Evelti pointed out it was a great year for both schools in basketball, and that Sonorville Boys Head Coach Brent Mashburn had 16 straight wins, which is a huge accomplishment.

Evelti mentioned that Sonorville High School's Competition Cheer squad is also headed to State.

The last item of information that Evelti shared was that the annual prom for both high schools has been set for May 1, 2021.

"The plan is for it to be an outdoor event; it's going to be under a tent," said Evelti. "It will be for both schools on May 1."

INCIDENT

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other cell phone. He then went back inside the house, laid his firearm on the couch, and told his wife "now you can't reach me," and left the residence.

Due to Barton leaving the scene before the deputy arrived, he was not taken into custody. The report states that a warrant will be taken out on Barton for Criminal Trespass/FVA. At press time Wednesday morning, Barton had not been arrested.

The report states that Barton's three juvenile children were present during the incident. The report states that the deputy will be completing a DFCS referral.

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