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Deputies make arrests at Rainbow Corner, Ginger's Grocery for furnishing alcohol, tobacco to underage persons

STAFF REPORTS

According to Gordon County Sheriff Mitch Ralston, after receiving a number of citizen complaints regarding the unlawful furnishing of alcohol and/or tobacco/vaping products to underage persons, the Sheriff's Office initiated an investigation into activities at Rainbow Corner convenience store at Dews Pond near Sonoraville (at Cash Road) and Ginger's Grocery on Dews Pond near Calhoun.

This afternoon, deputies and detectives executed search and arrest warrants at both businesses. At Rainbow Corner, deputies arrested



FROM LEFT: Bob Patel and Krupal Patel from Rainbow Corner; Madden Kattel from Ginger's Grocery. TOP RIGHT: Rainbow Grocery. BOTTOM RIGHT: Ginger's Grocery.

Bhilhabhai (a/k/a 'Bob') Patel, age 53, and Krupal Patel, age 45, both of 144 Regency Lane, Calhoun. They are both charged with Furnishing Alcohol to Underage Persons, and Furnishing Vaping Products to Underage Persons. Detectives seized the store's video recording system pursuant to the search warrant.

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While COVID-19 cases up slightly this week at both local school systems, numbers remain relatively low

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Numbers of COVID-19 cases have increased this week at the local school systems, according to the numbers reported on Friday, Oct. 9.

According to reports from both Calhoun City Schools and Gordon County Schools that were published Friday, the numbers provided by the Georgia Department of Public Health show a total of 13 total cases between both school systems; last week the total number of cases across both systems was 12.

Calhoun City Schools' new cases of COVID-19 this week increased to 6 total cases; there is one student at

Calhoun High School that tested positive and 5 staff members to test positive (4 at Calhoun Primary and 1 at Calhoun High). The new numbers are up from the 2 total cases reported system-wide last week.

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

Gordon County Schools' reporting is slightly different than the City school system. Gordon County Schools' weekly numbers, reported each Friday afternoon, show the new cases of COVID-

19 for the week, plus any previous cases that are still active. You can find those numbers on their website at <https://www.gcbe.org/domain/5112>

This week's active cases at Gordon County Schools totaled 16 system-wide, up 5 cases from last week. There are 6 staff members that are actively positive (4 at Red Bud Middle School, 1 at Red Bud Elementary School and 1 at Sonoraville Elementary School) and 10 students (1 at Gordon Central, 5 at Sonoraville High School, 2 at Sonoraville Elementary, 1 at Fairmount Elementary and 1 at Belwood Elementary).

Both school systems have adopted strict cleaning procedures and are following

the health and safety guidelines set forth by the CDC concerning social distancing.

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

At press time Saturday morning, Oct. 10, Gordon County has had a total of 1,965 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began – that's up 71 cases since last Saturday. There have now been a

COVID-19 REPORTING

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total of 40 deaths in Gordon County related to COVID-19, an increase of 1 since last week. DPH also reports that Gordon County has had 121 hospitalizations due to COVID-19 since the pandemic began, which is up 1 hospitalizations since last week.

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EARLY VOTING BEGINS MONDAY

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Early voting will take place for the 2020 General Election (presidential) beginning this Monday, Oct. 12, running through Friday, Oct. 30.

To vote early, visit the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office located in the Gordon County Annex Building at 101 S. Piedmont Street

in downtown Calhoun from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Sample ballots for all races (federal, state and local) can be found by below or by visiting www.mvp.sos.ga.gov OR on page 10A - 11A in this E-Edition.

Early voting begins on Monday, Oct. 12 and will be held at the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office.

Election Day is

Tuesday, Nov. 3. Precincts will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

In addition to the election for United States president, there are also elections for United States Senate and Representative, State Senate and Representative, and local seats to cast your vote in

If you mailed in your ballot, you can track your absentee ballot at <https://georgia.ballottrax.net/voter/>

GO VOTE

Wednesday night container explosion, fire at BRME still under investigation

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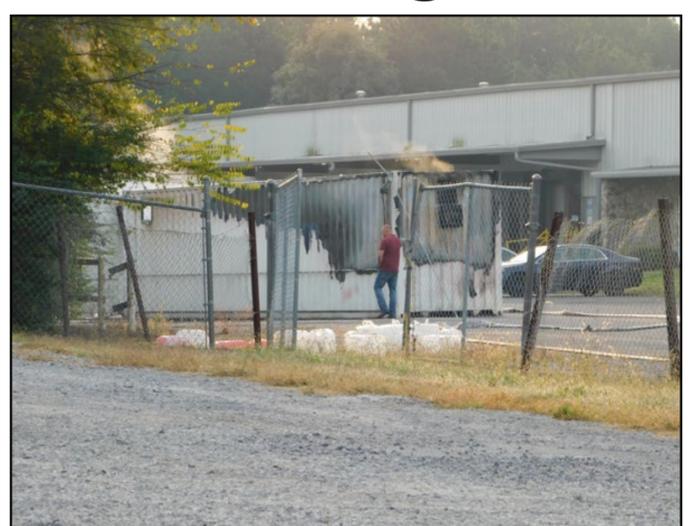
The cause of an explosion in an exterior container at Battery Recycling Made Easy (BRME), located at 420 South River Street in Calhoun, has not been determined at press time and the incident is still under investigation, according to Calhoun Fire's Assistant Chief Terry Mills.

The incident occurred late Wednesday, Oct. 7, when crews responded to the fire at the battery

recycling facility. According to Mills, one firefighter was injured battling the blaze and was sent to the hospital for treatment, but was released that night. River Street was closed in both directions for several hours while crews worked the fire.

On Thursday morning, smoke still covered the downtown area, but the air quality was deemed safe. The container looked completely destroyed as fire hoses remained on the scene in case the fire reignited.

Photo: BRANDI OWCZARZ/Staff



Second Front

“Cruisin’ for Black and Blue” sees good turnout

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On Saturday, Oct. 3, dozens of decorated vehicles and motorcycles took a drive through the streets of Calhoun and Gordon County to honor local public safety and to show support for U.S. President Donald Trump in the “Cruisin’ for Black and Blue and President Trump.”

“Started the day off with delivering donuts to our local heroes in uniform: Sheriff’s deputies, Calhoun Police, county and city fire stations, E911 and AdventGordon ER,” said organizer Chris Cochran. “Just a small gesture to show our appreciation for all they do! Then we cruised town with a great group of Trump supporters and Back the Blue supporters. Great turnout!! Perfect day!”

Bikers for Trump escorted the cruise, and awards were given out for best decorated vehicle.

In addition to Cochran, Crusin’ committee include Jody Darby, Anne Stone Kelley and Christie Ellis.



Participate in the 11th annual Gordon County Hunger Walk on Oct. 17



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Many people struggle daily to provide the basic necessities for their families. The Gordon County Christian Ministerial Alliance is again sponsoring the Gordon County Hunger Walk to raise money for four food banks in the area on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m..

The food banks are: Voluntary Action Center, Blewer Food Bank, God’s Pantry at Calhoun 7th Day Adventist Church, and St. Vincent de Paul’s Food Pantry at St. Clements Catholic Church. Churches of all denominations in the city of Calhoun and the surrounding areas of Gordon County will be working to help our friends and neighbors

in need. Businesses, civic organizations and individuals are also invited to participate. Walkers are asked to make a donation to walk (any amount is appreciated- the larger, the better). Walkers may also ask sponsors to donate to their walk efforts to raise money for the hungry in the area. All monies should be turned in on walk day.

On Saturday, October 17, 2020, congregations throughout our county will walk, virtually at a location of your choice, to raise awareness of this local hunger problem and to help alleviate hunger for families in need. This is a change from our normal walk as we are doing this virtually because of the risk of COVID-19. Please mark your calendars. The

walk will be held (rain or shine) at 2 p.m. A couple of representatives will be at BB&T park downtown to accept donations on the day of the walk from 2-4 p.m. and Hunger Walk T-shirts will be available for \$20. each. The sponsors hope that this will be a family event with children, youth, adults, and senior citizens participating.

If you want additional information, please contact Jody Bryson, Calhoun First United Methodist Church at 706-629-2685 or Rosellen Burns, New Echota United Methodist Church, at 706-629-2445. For tax purposes, you may make your check out to the Gordon County Christian Ministerial Alliance, written for: Gordon County Hunger Walk.

Library System’s Board of Trustees to meet Nov. 5

The Board of Trustees of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library System, serving Gordon, Murray and Whitfield counties, will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at 5 p.m. via online through Google Meet. To join this meeting, you can call in using +1 415-604-0559 PIN: 482 407 058#. Please note, when joining this meeting, guests will be automatically muted, but will be able to converse through text chat. This meeting is open to the public.

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- Shipping Clerk:** \$12/hr, Need excel/computer skills. Shipping experience preferred.
- Maintenance Tech:** \$15-\$18/hr. Repairing, troubleshooting, preventive maintenance on shrink wrapping machines and ovens. Maintain cutting tables & machines.
- Handy Worker:** Chatsworth, Ga. Experience with home maintenance and remodeling. Maintain and repair cabins and docks. \$20/hour to start.
- Utility Person:** \$13-\$16/hr BOE. Need Metal fab & Mig Welding skills.
- Maintenance Tech:** \$13-\$15/hour. Need computer skills to input maintenance orders. Grounds/Building general up keep and apartment maintenance skills needed.
- Tire Handler:** \$11 & UP based on job/shift. 1st, 2nd & 3rd shift (Tire Handler).
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Obituaries

October 10-11, 2020

Mason Bolton

Mr. Mason Daniel Bolton, age 21, of Calhoun, passed away Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020.

He was born in Marietta, GA, June 17, 1999, to Joel Bryant Bolton and Leigh Faircloth Bolton. Mason was a graduate of Model High School. He loved comedy and the joy of making others laugh. He had a passion for music. Mason was an amazing son, brother, grandson and friend; his wittiness and fun loving ways will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Al McCrary.

Survivors include his loving parents, Joel and Leigh Bolton; sister, Jordyn Bolton; grandparents, Charles and Myra Yancey, Jewell McCrary, and Jack Bolton; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends also survive.

A Celebration of Mason's Life will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at 3 p.m. from the chapel of Barton Funeral Home with Rev. Chad Kelly officiating. The family will receive family and friends from 1 – 3 p.m. Tuesday at Barton Funeral Home.

Family and friends attending services will be required to wear face mask and follow social distancing.

R. Dudley Barton & Son Funeral Home, Adairsville, will be in charge of funeral arrangements for Mr. Mason Daniel Bolton.

Barton Funeral Home

Deloris "Sissy" Cronan

Deloris Elaine "Sissy" Cronan, 54, of Chatsworth, formerly of Ranger, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020.

Miss Cronan was born in Rome, on Dec. 8, 1965, daughter of the late Curtis and Betty Mae Thomason Cronan. She was a member of the 1985 graduating class of Fairmount High School and was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Miss Cronan is survived by a sister, Denise Cronan Childers and her husband Reed; a brother, Dewayne Cronan; nieces and nephews, Amber Childers and her fiancé, Trey Steele, Kelly (Tim) Tidwell, Kala (Hunter) Cronan, Dylan Cronan and his girlfriend, Ruth Mehari, Kieanna (Brandon) Cummings; great nieces and nephews, Elizabeth Tidwell, Emory Hill, Chevy Massey, Noah Childers



and Oaklynn Cummings; uncles Gene Thomason and Mack Thomason.

Funeral services for Miss Deloris Elaine "Sissy" Cronan were conducted Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 at 3 p.m. from Maple Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Duane Smith and Rev. Eddie Brannon officiating. Interment followed in Maple Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends on Friday between the hours of 1 p.m. until the funeral hour of 3 p.m. at Maple Grove Baptist Church. Pallbearers serving included Dylan Cronan, Brandon Cummings, Hunter Cronan, Josh Ellis and Reed Childers.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Miss Deloris Elaine Cronan.



Henry Parrott, Jr.

Henry Parrott, Jr., age 87, of Calhoun, passed away Thursday afternoon, Oct. 8 in Gordon Health Care.

Henry was born July 28, 1933 in Gordon County, son of the late Henry Edgar Parrott, Sr. and Sally Wade Parrott. He was a member of the Philadelphia Baptist Church and prior to his retirement was the owner and operator of K&L Grocery and County Farm Supply.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Blackstock Parrott in June of this year and three brothers, R.O. Parrott, Donald Parrott and Wade Parrott.

He is survived by his daughter, Tammy Parrott Cochran and her husband Derek; two grandchildren, Kered Pierson and Kaden Cochran; one great grandchild, Elby Pierson; brothers and sister-in-laws, Pat Baker and Perry and Carolyn Blackstock; special caregivers, Karen Kirby and Ramona Scott.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. from the chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. Shane Parrott and Rev. Gary Bowman officiating. Burial will follow in the Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m. until the funeral hour.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Henry Parrott, Jr.



Maria Sandoval De Salazar

Maria Sandoval De Salazar, age 77, of Calhoun, passed away Wednesday morning, Oct. 7 at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Maria was born Nov. 2, 1942 in Catarina San Marcos, Guatemala, daughter of the late Tereso Sandoval and Ceferina Garcia. She was a member of the Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal Church and was self-employed. She loved her family, she was a great mother, grandmother, great-grandmother; she was

a hard worker, caring, giving, selfless and humble. She had a great smile and her life impacted all those who came in contact with her.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Ruben Reyna; grandsons, Ivan Reyna and Kevin Rivera; one sister, Margarita Sandoval; and two brothers, Mario Sandoval and Angel Sandoval.

Survivors include her four sons, Boris Rivera, Walter Salazar, Mario Salazar and Jaime Barrios; seven daughters, Maria Rivas, Norma Lavizzo, Carina Rivera, Mayra Sandoval, Iliana Barrios, Thelma Sandoval, and Ruth Gullen; two sisters, Vicenta Sandoval and Baudilia Sandoval. Thirty-one grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren also survive.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. in Fain Cemetery with Pastor Jose Guevera officiating. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family received friends Friday evening from 5 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Maria Sandoval De Salazar.



Ruby Worley

Ruby Hughes Worley, age 90 of Calhoun, died Friday, Oct. 9 at her residence.

Ruby was born in Sugar Valley on Dec. 31, 1929 to the late Thomas Hughes and Rose Hall Hughes. She was a member of the Sugar Valley Methodist Church and had attended New Echota United Methodist Church. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roy M. Worley.

Ruby is survived by one son, Lamar Worley and his wife, Rhonda; one daughter, Linda Haggard and her husband Ron; four grandchildren, Thomas Worley, Tad Worley, Amy Stewart, and Pepper Smith; three great grandchildren, Luke Stewart, Zane Stewart, and Eli Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted at the graveside of Fain Cemetery on Monday, October 12 with Reverend Stacey Hensley officiating.

The family will receive friends on Monday, Oct. 12 from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Lamar Worley, Ron Haggard, Thomas Worley, and Tad Worley.

The family has requested that all CDC Covid-19 guidelines should be followed and mask should be worn by everyone.

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care and final arrangements of Ruby Hughes Worley.



Help for the Hurting

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

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

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

-Dealing with a cancer diagnosis is difficult for everyone involved – the patient and their loved ones. But you are not alone. The Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital, 1035 Red Bud Road, hosts a Support Group for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers on the third Wednesday of each month from noon until 1 p.m. Lunch is served. For more information and to RSVP, please call 706-879-5853. We offer a hand to hold and an ear to listen as you go through this difficult time.

-The 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



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Dalton State Launches Alumni Association

DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Dalton State College wants to support former students' professional success by providing more networking and career development opportunities through the newly created Society '63 Alumni Association.

Society '63, named for the year Dalton State was chartered, is open to all former students, including those who attended Dalton Junior College or those who did not complete their degrees.

"We want to help alumni stay connected to their former classmates and to the college," said Vallarie Pratt, director

of Government and Alumni Relations. "Membership in the society will serve our alumni and create avenues to grow and develop professionally. Society '63 is an opportunity for our former students to become more involved with the college and the local community. We will also be developing a mentorship

program to connect our students with alumni."

Members will receive free or discounted admission to alumni events, extensive career and professional services and will provide various opportunities for campus and community engagement. There will be individual school chapters, various committees

and a board of directors, as well as other ways to become involved.

Membership is available for a one-time gift of \$19.63 to the college. Visit daltonstate.edu and click on "Alumni" at the top of the page to join Society '63.

GHC transfer agreements ease transition from fitness pathways to bachelor's degrees

GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE

Georgia Highlands College (GHC) and the University of West Georgia (UWG) have signed articulation agreements to help students in GHC's Recreation Administration or Sports Management pathways continue their education.

"This articulation agreement allows GHC graduates a seamless transfer to a bachelor's degree in Sports Management at UWG," Dean of Health Sciences Michelle Boyce said.

While students at

GHC have a variety of courses they can take in the two pathways, the agreement has allowed GHC to identify the courses required to enter the bachelor's degree at UWG. Boyce said this will help with advising students and prevent them from taking courses not needed.

"Students who graduate from GHC with a pathway in Recreation Administration or Sports Management now can have all courses taken in the degree program transfer to UWG, saving our students time and money," Boyce said.

Students can pursue a variety of Sports Management and Recreation Administration careers. While enrolled in courses at GHC, students will design, develop and manage a chosen event or program. Faculty also incorporate guest speakers in the sports industry as well as tours, and GHC students have opportunities to access paid and unpaid externships in collaboration with UWG faculty.

Those who complete the Sport Management pathway may go on to

work in sport finance and fitness administration, communications and media, facilities and event management, as well as sport finance, law, marketing and research. Recreation Administration graduates may go on to work for recreation centers, parks, cruise ships, gyms and other facilities that provide recreation and leisure services to the general public.

To learn more about the health science programs offered by GHC, please visit <https://sites.highlands.edu/health-sciences/>



Hispanic-Serving Institution Status Provides Opportunities for Students

DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Mariela Vazquez sees the hardships her parents faced due to their lack of opportunities growing up in impoverished, and at times violent, areas of Mexico.

"Education is a privilege," said Vazquez, an early childhood education major and Student Government Association president at Dalton State. "My parents' experience as immigrants is what drives me to be the best version of myself. I see education as a privilege because they did not have the chance to pursue one. Everything I accomplish, I do for them."

Vazquez believes she has even more opportunities thanks to Dalton State and its status as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), a federal designation

given to colleges with at least 25% of students who identify as Hispanic.

Mayor David Pennington recently recognized the college for its status as Georgia's first and only HSI with a proclamation in honor of National HSI Week. Vazquez and Dr. Margaret Venable, president of Dalton State, accepted the recognition on behalf of the college.

"Having an HSI status means I can receive a quality education with the programs and resources to help students succeed," Vazquez said. "Dalton State serves all students on campus, and the college is highly regarded and respected by minority students thanks to this designation."

The college received the designation in 2018, and now reports 31% of the student

population is Hispanic.

"This is a reflection of Northwest Georgia," said Venable. "Dalton State has always served local needs by educating our local population. We want to contribute to an educated workforce and help fill industry needs. Being an HSI makes us eligible for grants that provide us with more resources to benefit all students. We believe diversity enriches the student experience because we learn from different perspectives."

Because of its HSI status, Dalton State received and implemented a \$2.1 million federal Title V grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is used to supplement areas targeting student success and achievement for all students enrolled at Dalton State, including tutoring, advisement



and even financial hardships.

"Having the HSI status is a form of support and commitment to serving all students, including minorities," Vazquez said. "This gives us more opportunities for scholarships, programs, community engagement and more. Students

have grown to expect the high-quality education Dalton State is known for, and we have an opportunity to express and celebrate our various cultural backgrounds. We have the opportunity to learn, grow and emerge. Our diversity makes us stronger."

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL UPDATE

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON: Cancer Screening Guidelines for Each Life Stage

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While there's no guaranteed way to prevent cancer, finding early signs can help doctors effectively treat the disease. Cancer screenings play an important role in this early detection, but the type of tests and screening schedule you have will depend on several important factors.

Don't be afraid to talk to your doctor about your cancer risk and the screening tests you need. Having a plan in place can help keep you healthy and give you peace of mind.

Find a Screening Schedule That's Right for You

There's no one-size-fits-all screening regimen. Instead, your doctor will figure out how often to screen for cancer based on your:

- Age
- Family Health History
- Gender
- Genetic Risks for Cancer
- Personal Health History

Keep in mind that some screening tests can have side effects or false-positive test results, which may lead to further tests. Be sure to talk with your doctor about all the risks involved with any cancer screening.

Cancer Screenings for Adolescents and Teens

Because childhood (pediatric) cancers are rare, doctors don't typically recommend cancer screenings for children and teens. However, if a child has a genetic (inherited) risk of developing cancer, doctors may recommend regular checkups and tests to look for signs of cancer.

Cancer Screenings for Adults Age 21–49

Cervical Cancer Screening
Starting at age 21, the National Cancer Institute recommends women get regular pelvic exams and Pap tests to check for early signs of cervical cancer. These tests can also find early signs of other cancers of the female reproductive system (gynecologic cancer).

The recommendations include:

Women ages 21–29 should have a Pap test screening every three years

Women ages 30–65 should have a Pap/HPV test every five years, or a Pap test every three years

During a Pap test, your doctor will take a sample of cells from your cervix using a small scraper or brush. The cells are then examined in a lab for signs of cancer.

An HPV test looks for types of human papillomavirus (HPV) in cervical cells. HPV can cause cell abnormalities, which can lead to cancer. If an HPV test comes back positive, your doctor may recommend more regular cancer screenings.

Some women may need to start screening earlier or have more regular screenings if they have a higher cancer risk.

Breast Cancer Screening for Women Age 40–49

Breast cancer screening involves a mammogram, which is an x-ray of the breast tissue.

There are many differing opinions on when to start breast cancer screening, and screening guidelines vary from organization to organization. It's important to have a conversation with your

doctor about the pros and cons of mammogram screening and the risks involved with these tests.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends women age 40–49 speak with their doctor about their risk factors and whether they need screening based on those risks. The decision of when to start screening will vary for each individual.

Cancer Screening for Adults Age 50+

Breast Cancer Screening for Women Age 50+

When to start breast cancer screening will depend on your risk factors and how you weigh the benefits and potential harms of screening.

The U.S. Preventive Services task force recommends women age 50–74 receive a mammogram every other year. However, you may need more regular screening if you're at a higher risk of developing breast cancer. Work closely with your doctor to develop a screening plan that's right for you.

Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colonoscopies can find early signs of colorectal cancer and help stop the disease from developing altogether.

The National Cancer Institute recommends regular colonoscopies for men and women age 50–75. How often you undergo screenings will depend on your personal and family health history.

During a colonoscopy, your doctor will use a thin, lighted tube with a lens (colonoscope) to examine the rectum and colon. Your doctor will look for abnormal cell growths called polyps. These polyps have the potential to turn into cancer.



If your doctor finds polyps, he or she can usually remove them during the colonoscopy.

It's important to talk with your doctor about a screening schedule that's right for you. Depending on your cancer risk, you may need to start screening for colorectal cancer before age 50 or continue screening after age 75.

Prostate Cancer Screening

Like many other cancer screenings, when to start screening for prostate cancer will depend entirely on your overall cancer risk.

While there's no standard screening guideline for prostate cancer, men age 50 and older should talk with their doctor about the risks and benefits of screening and whether they should be tested for signs of prostate cancer.

If you have a family history of prostate cancer or are African American, the American Cancer Society recommends starting the conversation with your doctor at age 45.

A prostate cancer screening can include a digital rectal exam

(DRE) to check for lumps on the prostate and a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test to check your PSA level, or both.

Lung Cancer Screening

Although it's a relatively recent practice, lung cancer screening has been shown to decrease the risk of dying from lung cancer in heavy smokers age 55–74. A heavy smoker is someone who smoked at least one pack of cigarettes a day for 30 years or more.

Lung cancer screening involves using chest x-rays or low-dose spiral CT (LDCT) scans to look for signs of disease.

Talk With Your Doctor About Cancer Screenings

It's important to remember that a cancer screening schedule is different for every individual. Don't hesitate to speak with your doctor about your concerns and questions about cancer screening and prevention. Together, you can work to find the right screening schedule for you, so that you can stay healthy longer.

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON: Seven Healthy Choices to Lower Your Cancer Risk

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If you stay out in the sun too long and get burned, your pain and flaking skin are pretty clear signals that you could've made a healthier choice, like re-applying sunscreen. It can be harder to connect the dots between your actions and something that happens many years later, like cancer.

But the numbers reveal connections between cancer and our everyday habits that might not be obvious. A 2017 study found that 45 percent of cancer deaths are linked to our lifestyles, like whether we smoke, what kind of food we eat and how much activity we get.

This is actually good news. It means that cancer is often preventable and at least partially under our control.

AdventHealth's CREATION Life philosophy teaches that people who believe they have control over their own lives are healthier and live longer. In other words, it's not only the choices we make that make us healthy; it's our belief that we're in the driver's seat that can keep us stronger in body, mind and spirit.

Here are seven healthy choices you can make to keep your cancer risk as low as possible:

1. Stop smoking — or being around people who do

Cigarette smoking, according to that 2017 study, is responsible for about 29 percent of all cancer deaths. Being around people who smoke can raise your risk of lung cancer, too.

It's not easy to quit, but it's possible. Your best bet is to talk to your family doctor about quitting. Your doctor will know what approach will work best for you and be able to tell you about the support available to help you quit.

2. Maintain a healthy weight
You probably knew this one was coming. But it's true that extra pounds can raise your risk of cancer, in part because it causes the body to produce more hormones like estrogen.

Higher weight raises risk for many types of cancer, including breast cancer for women over 50.

Your body-mass index, or BMI, isn't a perfect measure of your weight, but it's a start. To figure out your BMI, enter your height and weight into this simple online calculator.

Because a pound equals about 3,500

calories, you can lose a pound of weight a week by cutting 500 calories a day. You could hit that mark on a given day by, for example, not drinking a 20-ounce soda and briskly walking for 45 minutes.

3. Protect your skin

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the country, but also one of the most preventable. The basics are pretty simple: avoid indoor tanning, use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher and wear protective clothing, like a hat and wrap-around sunglasses.

And remember that sun safety isn't only for the beach; anytime you'll be outdoors during the day, especially in late spring and early summer, take precautions. To make the healthy choice convenient, keep sunscreen where you can't forget it, like a purse or in your car.

For more sun safety tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, check out their website on the topic.

4. Get moving

Being active helps you reach a healthy weight, sure, but it also lowers your cancer risk separately from its weight benefits. You don't have to be a gym rat — getting active a few times a week will lower your risk for colon, breast and other cancers, according to a National Institutes of Health fact sheet.

A different 2017 study, which found 41 percent of cancer cases were due to lifestyle factors, found that a lack of activity was the second-highest cause, after smoking.

For adults, the recommendations to get moving include either of the following:

150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise a week, meaning things that make you breathe as hard as you do during a brisk walk, like walking, biking and some housework

75 minutes of vigorous activity per week, like running

An exercise plan should also include at least two days a week of muscle-strengthening activities, like weight lifting.

Just as getting moving can lower your cancer risk, extended periods of inactivity, like sitting while watching TV, can raise your risk. Some studies have found that inactivity can raise cancer risks even among people who exercise, but one large study found that exercise can counteract the effects of inactivity.

5. Eat lots of fruits, vegetables and fiber

While their health benefits are no secret, they also apply to cancer risk. One

common recommendation is to eat at least two and a half cups of vegetables and fruits per day.

In addition, while some supplements and vitamins claim to have the health benefits of fruits and vegetables, the American Cancer Society says the benefits of healthy food cannot be replicated in a pill or powder. These experts also give a mixed verdict on juicing your fruits and vegetables: While it's a good way to get more of these foods, they have less fiber, and fruit juices can have plenty of sugar and calories.

The verdict is to have some fruits and vegetables with every meal, with fruit juice in moderation.

Speaking of fiber, some studies suggest foods with lots of it lower your risk of getting colorectal cancer. High-fiber foods include fruits like raspberries, vegetables like green peas and whole-wheat bread.

6. Cut down on processed food

Some studies have suggested eating lots of processed meats, like bacon and cold cuts, may cause stomach or colorectal cancer. For this reason, many experts warn against eating processed meat regularly.

In addition, some methods of cooking meats — including frying, broiling or grilling at very high temperatures — might form cancer-causing chemicals. It's not clear how much these chemicals contribute

to cancer risk, but steaming, poaching, stewing and microwaving meats are probably safer.

Vegetables are a great choice to replace these processed meats. In addition to fiber reducing colorectal cancer risk, the phytochemicals found in vegetables (like flavonoids) can help to prevent cancer and slow its growth rate.

7. Get vaccinated

The way that viruses reproduce — by entering a host cell and hijacking its genetic machinery to make more viruses — makes them a potential cancer risk.

Several viruses have been linked with cancer in humans, including:

Human papillomavirus, or HPV. A vaccine, called Gardasil 9, has recently been approved for use in people between the ages of 9 and 45. It's especially important for women, as nearly all cases of cervical cancer are caused by HPV.

Hepatitis B. This virus can raise your risk of liver cancer. The vaccine is recommended for all children younger than 19 as well as certain adults at high risk of the virus, including people who are in a relationship with someone with hepatitis B.

It's important to note that in many cases, cancer is out of our control, caused by inherited problems with our DNA or for reasons doctors can't figure out.

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

-Pine Chapel United Methodist Church, located at 2232 Pine Chapel Road in Resaca, "A place to begin, belong and become." Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Louise W. Elmore.

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

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

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

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

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

-Old Sugar Valley United Methodist Church located at 2659 Old Rome Dalton Road in Calhoun

has Breakfast Social at 9:30 am every Sunday. The church history is colorful, dating back to the Civil War, small cozy country church nothing fancy! Come join us!

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

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

-Oak Grove Baptist Church of Adairsville is located at 997 Brownlee Mountain Road S.W. Service times are Sunday school 9:45 a.m., with worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Pastor: Roger Fisher.

-Fellowship Baptist Church of Plainville will hold a Brotherhood Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month at 8 a.m.

-Hope in Christ Ministries, 306 Peters St., is holding services every Sunday morning. Adult Bible Study starts at 10 a.m. with praise/worship service at 11 a.m. Bishop W. S. (Billy) Weems is the pastor. Rev. Earnest Diamond Jr. is assistant pastor. For more information, call the church at 706-602-2433.

-Talking Rock Creek Chapel has a new pastor, the Pastor Donald Broaehurst and family. Service times are 9 a.m. for Sunday school and Children's Church and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. For more information, call 706-669-0854.

-Rev. Israel and Bishop Rita Partin Spaulding will host a Gathering of Eagles Revival Service each Saturday night at 6:30. These meetings are designed for those individuals who have a desire to go higher in God. Come expecting your breakthrough. The location is 799 Pine Street in the Church of God in Christ building. Rev. Israel and Bishop Rita are International Speakers with a Life Changing Word. For more information please call 423-883-3138.

-Philadelphia Baptist Church operates North Georgia Baptist College and is registering students. It is a local church ministry designed to prepare men and women for serving the Lord. It will provide basic training

for preachers, Sunday school teachers, Christian schoolteachers, evangelists and missionaries. For more information call the church office at 706-625-3233 or visit the college's web site at www.northgabaptistcollege.com.

-Calhoun Church of Jesus Christ, located at the corner of Damascus Road and Pine Drive, invites everyone to attend their weekly services. Sunday services take place at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday's service is at 7 p.m. The church's pastor is Joshua Maddox and assistant pastor is Hunter Quarles.

-Big Springs Baptist Church, 3326 Dews Pond Road SE, Calhoun, invites families and individuals from all walks of life to attend their services (casual dress). The worship service includes contemporary music along with traditional hymns and Southern Gospel. Children's Church is provided for ages K- 3rd grade and nursery for babies - pre-k. Service times: Sunday mornings: fellowship breakfast, 9:15-9:30 a.m.; Bible study (all ages) 9:45 a.m., worship 10:45 a.m. Evening worship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. For more information on the church you may contact rev. Tommy Phillips at 678-986-7404.

-Oakman Baptist Church and Pastor Jason Pace invite everyone to attend their weekly services. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and morning worship is at 11. Sunday evening activities, which include worship and children and youth programs, begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 7 p.m., which include Bible study and programs for youth and children.

-House of Prayer Baptist Church, 3840 Dews Pond Road, has Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. except the third and fifth Sunday night when there is no service; and Wednesday night service at 7 p.m.

-Nellie Peters United Methodist Church, 1122 S. Wall Street, Across from Advance Auto Parts would like to invite everyone to our services. Sunday School at 9:30, Worship at 11. Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30. We're a small, friendly church and we love our community. Children are welcome in our services and we have a special "grace space" for them to color, draw and listen right in the sanctuary. Our pastor is Marvin Batcher as we welcome you!



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Bridging the Gap

ARRESTS

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Next, deputies executed search and arrest warrants at Ginger's Grocery on Dews Pond Road. They arrested Maden Katel, age 33, of 381 Jolley Road, Calhoun. He is charged with Furnishing Vaping Products to an

Underage Person. Detectives seized this store's video recording system pursuant to a search warrant as well.

All three defendants were booked into the County Jail pending bond. Bhilhabhai ('Bob') Patel is serving a sentence of probation from a previous felony conviction in Gordon County Superior Court.

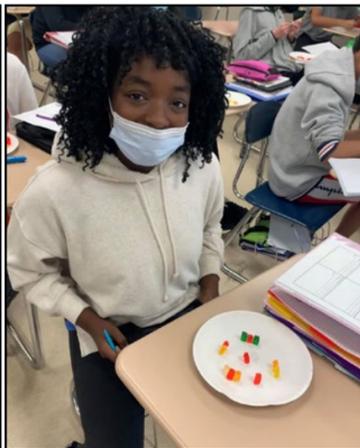
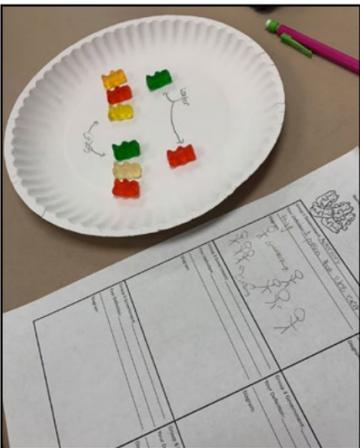
RBMS 6th graders complete Cookie Erosion Lab



Red Bud Middle School 6th grade science students recently completed a Cookie Erosion Lab to help them understand that different forces affect the erosion process in both different ways and at different rates.



TES students have publishing party



Students in Mrs. Rhinehart's Social Studies classes at Ashworth Middle School have been working on different types of governments. They used gummy bears to create a government display, upload a photo of it into Schoology and then guess the other displays. Students got to eat their gummy bears afterwards! One way to make government fun!

CCS appreciates donation from Vargo Orthodontics

Vargo Orthodontics, CCS Partner in Education, visited Calhoun Middle School to share donations on behalf of their business. Vargo Orthodontics strives to assist teachers and educate students on the importance of oral health and equip them with the skills necessary to develop healthy habits. When patients begin treatment with Vargo, they are given the opportunity to donate to their school or the school program of their choice. To date, Vargo donations have exceed \$40,000.00. We appreciate Vargo Orthodontics and their support of CMS!

Donations were made by the following students to the designated program or area listed:

- Brianna Silvey donated to basketball cheerleading
- Jayce Stengall donated to Calhoun Middle School Grant Price donated to honors program
- Makayla Dykes donated to Calhoun Middle School
- Avery O'Neal donated to Mr. Miles classroom
- Stevie Griffin- donated to competition cheerleading

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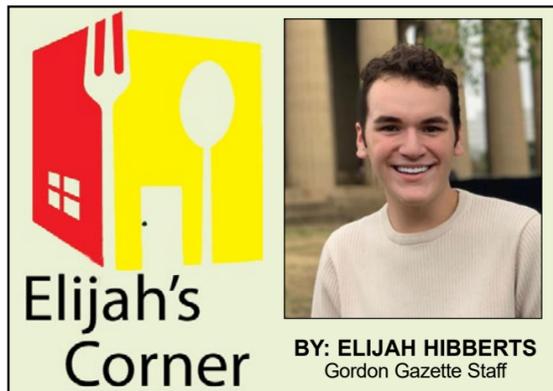
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**Elijah's
Corner**

BY: ELIJAH HIBBERTS
Gordon Gazette Staff

Apples are to North Georgia as Peaches are to South Georgia, and right now, we are in the midst of apple season. Across the state and surrounding areas, thousands of people travel to the Apple Capital of Georgia, Ellijay, and while peak apple season is nearly coming to an end, you can still enjoy the crisp, firm, and juicy Georgia apple and one of the many reasons to go apple picking: Apple Butter. This apple butter is ridiculously easy, and I know you'll need a vehicle for your homemade apple butter! My buttermilk biscuits and apple butter are the perfect fall combination.

Elijah Hibberts' Apple Butter

Ingredients:

5 lbs crisp and firm apples; cored, peeled and sliced
1 c. sugar
1 c. light brown sugar, packed
1 T pumpkin pie spice, or 2 t. cinnamon, ½ t. nutmeg, ¼ t. cloves
1 t. salt
1 T vanilla extract

Directions:

Mix sugar; light brown sugar; pumpkin pie spice; or if using, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves; and salt in a small

bowl. Set aside.

Add apples to a slow cooker.

Pour sugar and spice mixture over apples. Add vanilla extract to apples. Mix apples, sugar mixture, and vanilla extract in slow cooker until thoroughly combined.

Cook apples on low setting for 6 to 8 hours stirring occasionally, or until apples have darkened and softened.

When apples have reached doneness, puree cooked apples using an immersion blender or blend cooked apples in batches in a blender. Return cooked apples to blender if using. Cook apple puree an additional 1 hour on low setting.

Once 1 hour has elapsed, pour apple butter into preferred containers or jars. If wanted, process jars using your preferred canning method. If not, apple butter will keep in fridge for two weeks or keep in freezer.

Elijah Hibberts' Buttermilk Biscuits

Ingredients:

2 c. all-purpose flour
1 T baking powder
½ t. baking soda
1 t. salt, plus additional salt for topping
1 c. buttermilk, cold
8 T, or ½ c., unsalted butter,

cold and divided

Directions:

Preheat oven with a rack positioned in the middle to 400°F.

Cut unsalted butter into 8 - 1 tablespoon portions. Place 4 tablespoons of unsalted butter in the fridge for 10 minutes. Set aside remaining 4 tablespoons.

Once ten minutes has elapsed, sift all-purpose flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt into a large bowl. Set aside.

Melt reserved 4 tablespoons of unsalted butter in either the microwave or stovetop. Once melted, pour half of the melted butter onto a ¼ size rimmed baking sheet or preferred cookie sheet. Using a pastry or marinade brush, brush the pan so that the entirety of the pan is covered. Set aside.

Remove cold unsalted butter from fridge. Add cold butter to flour mixture. Toss butter cubes into flour. Begin working butter into flour by pinching butter between thumb and forefinger to create thin butter "sheets". Break up large clumps until the mixture resembles sand. Add buttermilk to butter-flour mixture. Using a wooden spoon, mix dough until flour is moistened and no dry spots remain.

An Apple A Day...



PHOTO: Elijah Hibberts

Turn dough out onto lightly floured work surface. Gently form dough into a circle about 8" in diameter and 1" in height. Using a floured 2" biscuit cutter, cut as many biscuits as possible from dough round. After cutting out a biscuit, place biscuit on buttered pan so that the biscuits touch each other.

Dough can be reworked only once to make additional biscuits. Form a smaller dough disk about 4" in diameter and 1" in height. Repeat biscuit

cutting process.

When finished, place pan in preheated oven. Bake for 20 minutes, rotating the pan once about halfway through.

After 15 minutes have elapsed, brush melted butter over partially cooked biscuits. Top with salt, and return to oven to finish cooking.

When biscuits are golden browned and fully cooked, remove from oven and allow to cool for about five minutes before enjoying.

Support Groups

-Calhoun AA Group meetings. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7 - 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 12 - 1 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Located at 318 North River Street, Calhoun, GA, 30701.

-Volunteers make a wonderful difference! PruittHealth Hospice is looking for people of vision and empathy who wish to make a difference in their community one person at a time. If you have a heart for others and wish to be of service, please contact us at 706-602-9546. Remember...you can make a difference for the good!

-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

-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.

-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.

-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 Calhoun Pregnancy Center Inc., located on the corner of Peters Street and East Belmont Drive, is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from noon until 4 p.m. The center is also open each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday available by appointment only. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. To visit the center, call

706-625-5768 to make an appointment.

-La Leche League of Calhoun and Rome offers free breastfeeding support and information. The meetings are open to all mothers (children also welcome), expectant mothers and women interested in breastfeeding. Calhoun location meets the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Leaders are available to answer questions. For more information, call Erin at 706-234-3980 or email at LLCalhounRome@gmail.com.

-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.

-The Georgia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program seeks to improve the quality of life for residents of long-term care facilities. For more information, call Linda Ann Daniel at 1-866-565-8213 or 706-272-2158.

-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.

-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.

-Are you interested in losing pounds and inches? Join TOPS (Take

Off Pounds Sensibly) for support and how-to information. Meetings are on Monday nights. Weigh-ins begin at 6 p.m., and group support and information starts at 7 p.m. at the Gordon County Senior Citizens Center, 150 Cambridge Court, Calhoun. For more information, call 706-847-3306.

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

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

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

-Dealing with a cancer diagnosis is difficult for everyone involved - the patient and their loved ones. But you are not alone. The Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital, 1035 Red Bud Road, hosts a Support Group for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers on the third Wednesday of each month from noon until 1 p.m. Lunch is served. For more information and to RSVP, please call 706-879-5853.

GORDON COUNTY
110-Sugar Valley

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT
OFFICIAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS:

To Vote

- 1. Use black or blue ink to mark the ballot
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote
3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided

Warning

- Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot
Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices
Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot
Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed
Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot

If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:

- A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "Spoiled" across the ballot and across the return envelope
B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you

If you decide to vote in-person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

For President of the United States (Vote for One)

- Donald J. Trump - President
Michael R. Pence - Vice President (Incumbent) Republican
Joseph R. Biden - President
Kamala D. Harris - Vice President Democrat
Jo Jorgensen - President
Jeremy "Spike" Cohen - Vice President Libertarian

Write-in

For United States Senate (Vote for One)

- David A. Perdue (Incumbent) Republican
Jon Ossoff Democrat
Shane Hazel Libertarian

Write-in

SPECIAL ELECTION

For United States Senate (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Johnny Isakson, Resigned) (Vote for One)

- Al Bartell Independent
Allen Buckley Independent
Doug Collins Republican
John Fortuin Green
Derrick E. Grayson Republican
Michael Todd Greene Independent
Annette Davis Jackson Republican
Deborah Jackson Democrat
Jamesia James Democrat
A. Wayne Johnson Republican
Tamara Johnson-Shealey Democrat
Matt Lieberman Democrat
Kelly Loeffler (Incumbent) Republican
Joy Felicia Slade Democrat
Brian Slowinski Libertarian
Valencia Stovall Independent
Ed Tarver Democrat
Kandiss Taylor Republican
Raphael Warnock Democrat
Richard Dien Winfield Democrat

Write-in

For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One)

- Jason Shaw (Incumbent) Republican
Robert G. Bryant Democrat
Elizabeth Melton Libertarian

Write-in

For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.) (Vote for One)

- Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr. (Incumbent) Republican
Daniel Blackman Democrat
Nathan Wilson Libertarian

Write-in

For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 14th Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One)

- Marjorie Taylor Greene Republican
Kevin Van Ausdal Democrat

Write-in

For State Senator From 52nd District (Vote for One)

- Chuck Hufstetler (Incumbent) Republican
Charles DeYoung Democrat

Write-in

For State Representative In the General Assembly From 5th District (Vote for One)

- Matt Barton (Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For District Attorney of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit
(Vote for One)

Rosemary M. Greene
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For Clerk of Superior Court
(Vote for One)

Grant Walraven
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For Sheriff
(Vote for One)

Mitch Ralston
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For Tax Commissioner
(Vote for One)

Scott Clements
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For Coroner
(Vote for One)

James Carver
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For Chief Magistrate
(Vote for One)

Pat Rasbury
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For County Commissioner District 1
(Vote for One)

M. L. Bud Owens
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For County Commissioner District 3
(Vote for One)

R. Bruce Potts, Jr.
Republican

Write-in

For County Commissioner District 5
(Vote for One)

Kevin L. Cunningham
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For County Board of Education Post 2
(Vote for One)

Jason Hendrix
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For County Board of Education Post 4
(Vote for One)

Bobby E. Hall
(Incumbent) Republican

Write-in

For County Board of Education Post 6
(Vote for One)

Christie Owens Fox
Republican

Write-in

For Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor
(Vote for One)

Write-in

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- 1 -

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

House Resolution 164
Act No. 597

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

YES

NO

- 2 -

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

House Resolution 1023
Act No. 596

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

YES

NO

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM

- A -

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

House Bill 344
Act No. 149

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

YES

NO

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