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State continues investigation of Thursday morning fire at Hellions Motorcycle Club in Resaca

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The State Fire Marshal's Office has been called in to investigate a Thursday morning fire in Resaca.

According to Gordon County Fire & Rescue, around 7 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, crews were dispatched to a structure fire at 5192

Nicklesville Road NE in Resaca, the location of the local Hellions Motorcycle Club. No injuries were reported but the loss of property value was approximately \$110,000.

On Thursday, October 22, 2020 at approximately 0703 hours Gordon County Fire and Rescue was dispatched to a

structure fire located at 5192 Nicklesville Road NE, Resaca, and location of Hellions Motorcycle Club. Cause of fire is under investigation by State Fire Marshall's Office. Loss of property is valued at approximately \$110,000. The State Fire Marshall's Office was called to the scene and the cause of the fire is

still under investigation.

The Hellions Motorcycle Club is a non-profit civic club of motorcycle-riding enthusiasts that participate in many rides throughout the year and raise money for various projects, including the annual Toy Run Ride to provide toys for children at Christmas.



Gordon County continues to see record-breaking number of early voters



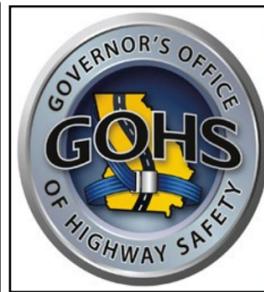
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Week two of early voting in Gordon County continued to break records, with more than 7,100 voters casting their ballot early through closing time Friday.

According to Shea Hicks, chairperson for the Gordon County Board of Elections, there have been 7,164 voters to cast their ballots early in Gordon County for the General Election.

In comparison, during the early voting period for the General Primary for the week of May 18, there were 459 early voters for the entire first week.

Early voting runs through Friday, Oct. 30; Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Election's Office in the Annex Office on Piedmont Street behind the Courthouse. There will also be a Saturday offering for early voting: Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Election's Office. Ballots can be found on 10A.



CPD awarded more than \$50,000 in traffic enforcement, highway safety grants

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September 2021.

The Calhoun Police Department announced this week the department has been awarded two grants, one in the amount of \$37,244 with the other in the amount of \$19,874.24, from The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS).

The grant in the amount of \$37,244 is awarded based upon the partnership the CPD has with GOHS in helping to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

As law enforcement partners in the Operation Zero Tolerance DUI and Click It or Ticket Seatbelt Campaigns, the CPD will also conduct mobilizations throughout the year in coordination with GOHS's year-round waves of high visibility patrols, multi-jurisdictional sobriety checkpoints. The grant will continue through

The other grant was received in recognition of the CPD's lifesaving work as the coordinating agency of GOHS's Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network. There are 16 traffic enforcement networks across the state that help enforce Georgia's year-round safety belt, speed and impaired driving campaigns.

"The loss of one life on our roads is one too many, and the fact almost all fatal traffic crashes can be prevented is one reason why we are awarding (these grants)," said Governor's Office of Highway Safety Director Allen Poole. "The target of zero traffic deaths in our nation is achievable and we will continue to help develop and implement

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Early voting begins Monday; ballots for the election can be found on pages 10A and 11A.

COVID numbers jump again this week as GCHS, SHS go to hybrid attendance schedule

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COVID-19 cases increased in the local school systems this week, with the highest increase coming at Gordon County Schools, where students in both of their high schools just finished a week of online learning ahead of this week's shift to a hybrid attendance schedule.

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 37 system-wide, up 11 cases from last week. There are 18 staff members that are actively positive (5 at W.L. Swain, 2 at Sonoraville High School, 1 at Sonoraville Elementary School, 1 at

Red Bud Middle School, 2 at Gordon Central, 5 at Belwood Elementary and 2 at Ashworth) and 19 students who are COVID positive (3 at W.L. Swain, 4 at Sonoraville High School, 3 at Sonoraville Elementary School, 2 at Red Bud Middle, 5 at Gordon Central and 2 at Belwood Elementary).

Beginning this week, students at both Gordon Central and Sonoraville High School whose last names begin with the letters A-K will attend school for in-person instruction for one week, and students whose last names begin with the letters L-Z will complete lessons online through Schoology. The week of Monday, Nov. 2, students whose last names begin with the letters L-Z will attend school in person, and those with last names beginning with A-K will complete lessons online. This pattern will continue until Thanksgiving break.

"Gordon County Schools has found it necessary to move to a hybrid instructional model, as outlined in the district's Back

COVID-19 REPORTING

to School guidance in August, for both Gordon Central High School and Sonoraville High School beginning Monday, October 19. The tentative return date to full-time, in-person instruction will be Monday, November 30, 2020," said the system in a statement. "The decision

to temporarily move to a hybrid schedule for both Gordon County high schools is a precautionary measure and comes following an increase in active COVID cases, resulting in a higher number of precautionary quarantines."

According to GCS, extracurricular activities

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

Calhoun City Schools'

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Second Front

Georgia Northwestern receives donation to establish Public Safety Scholarship

GEORGIA NORTHWESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Seated in the office of Dr. Heidi Popham, president of Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC), Gary and Diane McConnell established a Public Safety Scholarship through the GNTC Foundation.

With a combined public safety career of over 75 years, the McConnell's wanted to assist students in Basic Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Technology, EMS Professions and other first responder related programs.

"First responders deserve this training and the public deserves properly trained first responders," said Gary McConnell, a GNTC Foundation Trustee. "When I first started out as a deputy sheriff in 1965 we were just handed a badge and a gun."

From serving as sheriff of Chattooga County to the director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, McConnell has

lobbied for the State of Georgia to put into place basic police training such as the Basic Law Enforcement Program at GNTC.

"We are fortunate to be in the position where we can now give back to make sure needs are met," said Diane McConnell. "Everyone needs a helping hand occasionally."

During her tenure in public service, Diane McConnell worked with parolees, probationers and served as a license examiner.

"We are so grateful to Gary and Diane McConnell for establishing this scholarship," said Popham. "It will ensure that students in our public safety programs will be able to reach their educational goals and begin their important work as first responders."

The GNTC Foundation was established to encourage private contributions in order to build and maintain outstanding academic and support programs at the college. Donations to the Foundation support



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

LEFT: GNTC President Dr. Heidi Popham signs the scholarship agreement to establish a Public Safety Scholarship at Georgia Northwestern Technical College. RIGHT: GNTC Foundation Trustee Gary McConnell (left) and Diane McConnell met with GNTC President Dr. Heidi Popham to establish a Public Safety Scholarship at Georgia Northwestern Technical College.

areas of institutional need including scholarships to deserving students, equipment purchases, materials for the library and staff development.

As of Oct. 1, the GNTC Foundation has awarded nearly \$55,000 in student scholarships and financial assistance. The GNTC Foundation recently launched a year-end fundraising campaign, which will run until Dec. 1. The campaign's goal is to raise \$20,000 for student scholarship support.

The Foundation Trustees are Valerie Brown, Whitfield County; Linda Case, Dade County; Jay LeGrande, Polk County; Gary McConnell, Chattooga County; Sherrie Patterson, Murray County; Damon Raines, Walker County; Becky Redd, Gordon County; Mitch Sanford, Whitfield County; Jay Still, Whitfield County; Wil Stiles, Catoosa County; Scott Tucker, Floyd County; Carolyn Walker, Walker County;

and Doris White, Walker County. Georgia Northwestern Technical College provides quality workforce education to the citizens of Northwest Georgia. Students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree, diploma, or a certificate in business, health, industrial, or public service career paths. This past year, 12,454 people benefited from GNTC's credit and noncredit programs. With an annual credit enrollment

of 7,730 students, GNTC is the largest college in Northwest Georgia. GNTC has an additional enrollment of 4,724 people through adult education, continuing education, business and industry training, and Georgia Quick Start. For more information about GNTC, visit us at www.gntc.edu. GNTC is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and an Equal Opportunity Institution.

VAC to re-open this Monday, Operation Happy Christmas program applications to be accepted online only

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According to Executive Director Stacy Long, the VAC will re-open on Monday, Oct. 26 as planned after a brief shutdown due to a staff member testing positive for COVID-19. Due to the need to reduce the amount of traffic in the lobby area, applications for the VAC's annual Operation Happy Christmas program are now being accepted online only.

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

Through a longstanding partnership with AdventHealth EMS, the

VAC is able to provide not only toys and clothing to children, but each family receives a Christmas meal box and gift certificate to a local grocery store.

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

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

applications in the event we have to close again."

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

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

The VAC already has almost 100 children ready for Christmas adoption; the adoption process will remain the same as in year's past but those interested in sponsoring a child for Christmas are encouraged to call or email the VAC to set up the sponsorship.

Below are links for the application and virtual classes that

must be completed for consideration to be accepted into the Christmas program.

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

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

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

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

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

VAC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Applications accepted October 1-November 25. Must submit all information with the application.

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- Tire Handler:** \$11 & UP based on job/shift. 1st, 2nd & 3rd shift (Tire Handler).
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- LTO:** \$12/hr, day shift. Pole hyster skills required.

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Obituaries

October 24-25, 2020

Theodore "Dude" Bailey

Theodore "Dude" Bailey, 99, of Calhoun, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020 at Redmond Regional Medical Center. He was born on Aug. 11, 1921 in Floyd County; he was the son of the late Quincy and Viola Carter Bailey. Along with his parents, his wife of more than sixty years, Ruth Nesbitt



Bailey, preceded him in death in 2008. His siblings, Oscar Bailey, Olivia Bailey, Ann Lou Allen, Blanche King, Elizabeth Mashburn, Beulah Mae Bailey, Lelton Bailey, Noble Bailey, C.F. Bailey, Geraldine Worley, Louis Bailey, Kenneth Bailey, Marvin Bailey, and Foy Bailey, and his son-in-law, L.C. Falls, also preceded him in death.

He was a lifetime member of Oostanula Baptist Church; he served as a deacon for many years and as Sunday School Superintendent for thirty-seven years. He worked for the Gordon County Landfill and after his retirement, he went back to work for Santek. He proudly served his country in The United States Navy during WWII.

He is survived by his children, Sandra Bailey Falls, and Rodney (Joan) Bailey; his grandchildren, Shireen Falls Howard and Jason Walden; his sister, Jeanette Barnette; his great-grandchildren, Trevor Howard, Danae Howard, Kasten Walden, and Arya Walden; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

The family received friends on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020 from 5 – 8 p.m. at Oostanula Baptist Church. For the safety of the family and public, face coverings are required and social distancing guidelines will be practiced. The graveside service, with military honors, will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 at 1 p.m. in Haven of Rest Memorial Park. Gen. Terry Nesbitt will officiate. Friends and family will meet directly at the graveside on Saturday.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Theodore "Dude" Bailey.



Lois Gray

Lois Nell Stone Gray, age 90, of Calhoun, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020 at her residence.

Lois was born on Feb. 4, 1930 in Gordon County, daughter of the late Herman Peace and Laura Rickett Peace. In addition to her parents, Lois was also preceded in death by: her first husband, Herman Stone; second husband, Ralph Gray; sisters, Lucille Sullivan and Inez Edwards; and brothers-in-law, Sam Rogers and Charles Sullivan.

She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church. Prior to her retirement, Lois worked as a retail sales associate for Keene's.

Lois is survived by: her son, Mike Stone; grandchildren, Jon Stone, Laura Beth Bunch and her husband Seth; great-grandchildren, Layla Mae Bunch and Millie Bunch; sister, Shirley Rogers; brother-in-law, Jerry Edwards; nephew, Mark Edwards; nieces, Lisa Smith, Pam Sparkman, Shelia Barbee, and Stacey Smith; step-children, Donna Talley and Sharon Gray; and step-grandchildren, Ryan Talley and Justin Talley.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Reverend Larry Hibberts and Reverend Lamar Bearden officiating. Interment will follow in Fain Cemetery.

Pallbearers serving are: Seth Bunch, Mark Edwards, Ricky Smith, David Smith, and Jon Stone.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 from 1 p.m. until the funeral hour at 3 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Lois Nell Stone Gray.



James Ingle

Mr. James Edward Ingle, age 58, of Calhoun, departed this life Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020 at his residence. He was born July 25, 1962 in Danville, Ill. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Bell Ingle.

He is survived by his father, James L. Ingle;

brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Lela Ingle; sisters, Toni Ingle, Teresa Corve all of Calhoun, Joanne Ingle of Dalton.

Funeral service will be held Monday, Oct. 26, 2020 at 11 a.m. from the Ponders Melrose Chapel. The family will receive friends from 9 – 11 a.m. on Monday. Interment will follow in the West Hill Cemetery.

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.

Arrangements by, Ponders Melrose Chapel 138 Melrose Drive Dalton, GA 30721, 706-226-4002



Gerald Reeves

Gerald Reeves, known as Bobby to many of his friends, 80, of Calhoun, died on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020.

The Reeves family will receive friends on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020 from 2 – 3 p.m. at Belmont Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow the visitation at 3 p.m. from Belmont Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Gilmore officiating. Pallbearers are Billy Reeves, Jarrett Reeves, Evan Reeves, Jeff Medlin, Tim Spano, Allen Cooper, and Bill Gallman; Jd. Pettet and Koen Reeves are honorary pallbearers.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Gerald Reeves.



Help for the Hurting

-The Life Choice Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The support group is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. The office and support group are located at 189 Professional Court, Suite 300, Calhoun. For Information, contact Jennifer at 706-602-9001.

-The Northwest Georgia Parkinson Disease Association, Inc., is offering a monthly support group for persons living with Parkinson Disease, their caregivers, family and friends. The support group will meet at Gordon Hospital; Conference Room A. For any questions about the support group and future meetings, call James Trussell at 706-235-3164 or 706-346-5678.

-Families Anonymous is a 12-step program, for those concerned about drug abuse and behavior problems of a relative or friend. Completely anonymous, non professional, and non religious. No dues, no fees. Not connected with any hospital or agency. Located on Red Bud Road in plaza below Fitness First, next to Calhoun Counseling Center (Dr. Bledsoe's office). Meeting every Thursday 7 - 8 p.m. Call 770-548-7849 for more information.

-Bondage Breakers- Breaking the chains of addiction one soul at a time. Every Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Crane Eater Community Church, located at 3168 Red Bud Rd Calhoun, GA 30701.

-The Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a monthly support group at Morning Pointe Assisted Living, 660 Jolly Road, on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information or directions, call Mary Braden at 770-548-4683 or Karen Parrott at 706-346-5220. For more information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease, call 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/georgia.

-Special Care Plus, a free one-on-one consultation program, offers education and information to primary caregivers of persons with dementia. Any primary caregiver who is caring for a loved one with dementia in the home is eligible to receive this program. To learn more about the Special Care Plus program, call 800-272-3900.

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

-The Alzheimer's Association's Caring Closet was created to help offset the high cost of incontinent products and give the families support they often desperately

need. If you would like to visit the nearest Closet, call the chapter office to receive a flier with locations and hours. Morning Pointe in Calhoun has a Caring Closet; call Mary Braden at 706-629-0777.

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

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

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

-Grief Recovery Group for those who have lost loved ones and friends, receive support and guidance with the Four Tasks of Grieving. Cost is Free. Second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon Hospital. For more information or to RSVP, please call 706.879.5850.

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

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

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

-Looking for a 12-step meeting for men and women? At "Road to Recovery," recognizing Jesus Christ as our higher power, they take the 12 steps and compare how they are taken from scripture and how to apply them to our lives to experience true freedom from the bondages of addiction.

The meetings are free and open to the public at World Harvest Church locations in Cherokee and Gordon counties. 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.



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AdventHealth Gordon to host virtual Living Well class on sickness with Julia Danforth, MD

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

AdventHealth Gordon is hosting a virtual Living Well class featuring Julia Danforth, MD, on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm online via a Zoom meeting.

During this class, participants will learn why sickness occurs and what can be done about it. Mike Hollie, MD, an allergy and immunology specialist and advocate of lifestyle medicine, will lead the virtual class alongside Dr. Danforth. He will also answer questions about allergies and immunology.

Dr. Danforth is a board-certified family physician. She believes that health is more than just the physical body,

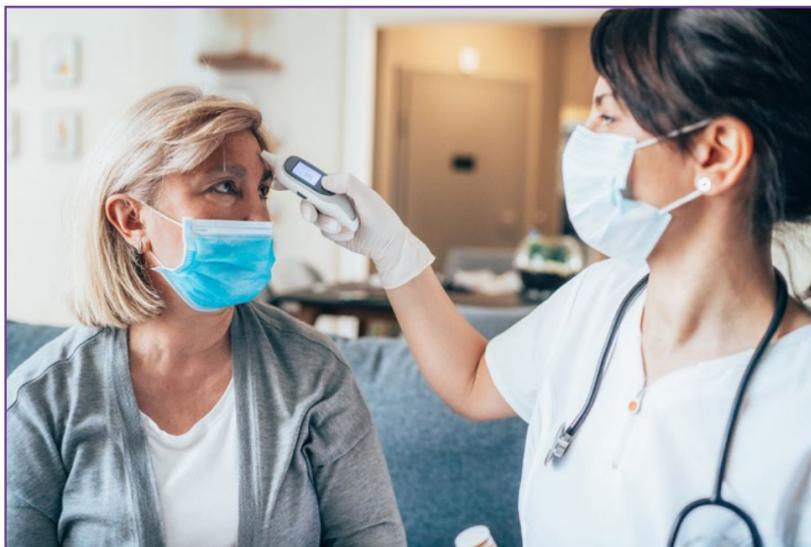
but mental and spiritual wellness as well. Dr. Danforth earned her medical degree from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California followed by a residency in family practice at Florida Hospital in Orlando. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. Dr. Danforth was board-certified in Lifestyle Medicine in 2017 and is blessed to be able to formally pursue her lifelong career passion.

To join this virtual Living Well class, email georgialivingwell@gmail.com to request a Zoom meeting invitation. Participants can use Zoom on their smartphone,

computer or tablet. Participants can also dial in with their phone to join the meeting. For more information, please call 770-773-9201 and press 1 to speak with or leave a message for Dr. Danforth's nurse.

About AdventHealth Gordon

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hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care. A shared vision, common values, focus on whole-person health and commitment to making

communities healthier almost a dozen states. For more information about AdventHealth, visit AdventHealth.com or [Facebook.com/AdventHealth](https://www.facebook.com/AdventHealth).

AdventHealth Gordon: How Mental Health Affects Whole Health

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

It's no surprise that having a chronic illness can make you feel down at times. Or that being diagnosed with a serious disease can lead you to feel anxious or fearful. But what does that stress do to your body?

It turns out that your mental health has important influences on your whole health. People who have a positive outlook and feel more joyful about life have a better chance of being healthy, while those who struggle with mental health may be more likely to experience health challenges. Let's talk about why.

The Body and Mind Connection

Think about what it's like to feel sad or depressed — you may feel like avoiding that fun social gathering or reaching for comfort food and other unhealthy things as a coping mechanism.

Challenged mental health may also lead people to avoid seeing a doctor and to miss taking their prescribed medicines, which can lead to more serious problems.

For example, ongoing stress can lead to high blood pressure. Infections are more common among people who are stressed or anxious, and depression is linked to an increased risk

of heart disease.

Smoking, which is far more common in people with mental health conditions, is the most common cause of lung cancer. And weight gain from an unhealthy diet can lead to diabetes, high blood pressure and arthritis.

Power Up Your Whole Health

Mental health conditions can hinder your spirit, making it more difficult to prioritize self-care. If you feel depressed, anxious, stressed or have other mental concerns, talk to your doctor. He or she can recommend a counselor or licensed therapist who is

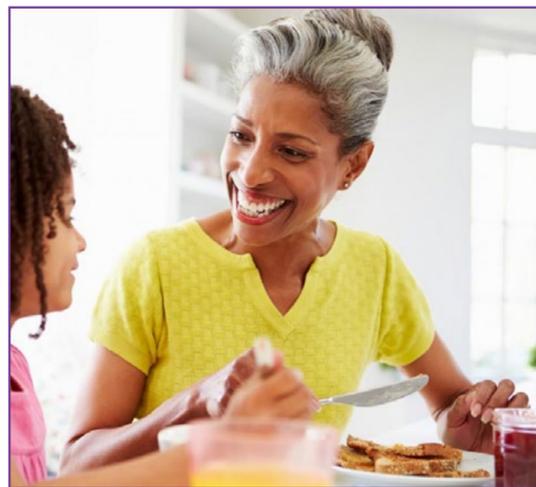
experienced to meet your individual needs. There are also medications that may be recommended as a part of your treatment plan.

While your path to complete health in body, mind and spirit is unique. There are some tried and true ways to get a head start on improving your whole health. Here are a few:

- Be physically active every day
- Don't smoke
- Eat healthy foods
- Get enough sleep
- Take time for yourself

Whole Health Takes a Whole Team

Your primary care physician (PCP) is a



very important part of your wellness team and can help with support for every aspect of your health — physical, mental and spiritual. If you don't have a primary care doctor, visit [AdventHealth](http://AdventHealth.com) to find one who is right for you.

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Visit us on [Facebook](#) each Friday night for score updates

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL UPDATE

Hamilton Long Term Care offering sign-on bonus for some positions

HAMILTON MEDICAL

Hamilton Long Term Care (HLTC) recently began offering sign-on bonuses for several positions with a one-year work commitment.

Positions that qualify are RN, LPN, CNA, Environmental Services Employees and Food Services Employees.

Those interested in the CNA position who are not already certified can choose a scholarship for training as part of the bonus.

Bonuses will be provided in two parts for most positions – at two months and at six months. The bonuses include \$2,500 for RNs, \$2,000 for LPNs, \$1,500 (provided in three parts) or tuition assistance plus \$500 for CNAs, \$600 for Environmental Services employees, and \$600 for Food Service employees.

“This is a great opportunity for people to start a new career making



a meaningful impact while serving others,” said Matthew Cummings, pictured, director of operations for HLTC. “Working in long term care can be very rewarding.”

Hamilton Health Care System offering breast health webinar

HAMILTON MEDICAL

Hamilton Health Care System will offer a breast health webinar at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27. The session will include the latest guidelines and treatments in breast health and how they affect you and your loved ones.

Breast health experts will provide in-depth discussions on cancer risk and prevention techniques. Experts include: Eric Turner, MD, board-certified medical oncologist and Peoples Cancer Institute (PCI) medical director (pictured); Nick Galanopoulos, MD, board-certified radiation oncologist; Eric Manahan, MD, MBA, FACS, board certified general surgeon, breast physician leader; Neil Patel, MD, DABR, ACR, board-certified radiologist, director of breast imaging; and Victoria Eidson, RD, LD, registered dietitian.

Session topics will include: women’s services at PCI, deep-inspiratory breath hold (DIBH) technique, genetic testing, Paxman scalp cooling, screening guidelines and preventative nutrition.

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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 Dwayne 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 Broachurst 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.

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CPD From page 1A

educational messages and enforcement campaigns aimed at bringing our state one step closer to that goal.”
“I am very proud of our Patrol/Traffic Division officers for their determination to make the streets of

Calhoun safe for our citizens,” said Calhoun Police Chief Tony Pyle. “I believe the awarding of (these grants) reflect the efforts and dedication of these officers.
The Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network includes law enforcement agencies in 10 counties including Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Chattooga, Floyd, Gordon, Bartow and Polk.
According to a press release from the CPD,

the coordinator in the Mountain Area Traffic Enforcement Network Region will coordinate year-round waves of high visibility, concentrated patrols, multi-jurisdictional road checks and sobriety checkpoints as a partner in campaigns such as Click It or Ticket, Drive Sober or Get Puled Over and 100 Days of Summer HEAT.

COVID From page 1A

new cases of COVID-19 this week increased two cases to 9 total cases system-wide; there are 5 total students (4 students at Calhoun High School and 1 student at Calhoun Primary School) to test positive for COVID this week, and 4 total staff members (1 staff member at Calhoun Elementary, 2 staff members in the transportation department and 1 staff member in school nutrition). Last week, there were 7 total cases at the school system.

Calhoun City Schools post the new case numbers each Friday afternoon, and includes the previous week’s numbers separately on their website at <https://www.calhounschools.org/summer-resources/ccsd-covid-19-case-status-reportnew-page>
Both school systems have adopted strict cleaning procedures and are following the health and safety guidelines set forth by the CDC concerning social distancing.
Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 at either school system cannot return to school until they meet the

Department of Public Health’s Return to School Guidance After COVID-19 Illness or Exposure.
Numbers of new positive cases jumped in Gordon County this past week. At press time Saturday morning, Oct. 24, Gordon County has had 2,291 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began – that’s up 199 cases since the same time last week. COVID-19 related deaths now stand at 43, up from 39 last week. There have been 130 hospitalizations in Gordon County due to COVID-19 since March, up 7 hospitalizations since last week.



Tallatoona Community Action Partnership LIHEAP Heating Assistance

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

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

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

SCHEDULE ONLINE: WWW.TALLATOONACAP.ORG

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Harris named 2020 Emerging Leader for American Osteopathic Foundation

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Harbin Clinic Cancer Center physician Dr. Gregory Harris has been named a 2020 State Emerging Leader by the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF). The distinguished honor, given in conjunction with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), recognizes commitment to excellence in providing patient-centered care and service to others through osteopathic tenets and principles, advocacy efforts, community service and philanthropy.

The American Osteopathic Association represents more than 151,000 osteopathic physicians and medical students in the United States. The purpose and mission of AOF and AOA is to support

programs and services that promote osteopathic medicine and enhance patient-centered care. A total of 10 Emerging Leaders were recognized, and Dr. Harris was the sole representative from Georgia.

“It was quite a surprise to be recognized as one of the 10 osteopathic state emerging leaders,” said Dr. Harris. “For the last decade, I have worked diligently within the profession to develop leadership opportunities for new physicians, postdoctoral trainees and students. Serving in this role will allow expansion of prospects for leadership within the AOA, including a new advocacy scholarship that covers the expenses for 5 postdoctoral trainees to attend the AOA “DO Day” in Washington, DC each year. I look forward to serving

and becoming more involved within other state and local medical societies to encourage leadership opportunities for new physicians.”

Dr. Harris joined Harbin Clinic in 2018 as a Hematologist/Oncologist. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Kentucky College School of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Kentucky. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Michigan State University Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan, where he also served as Chief Resident. While there, he also served as Chief Fellow during his fellowship in Hematology and Oncology.

He is accredited in Internal Medicine, Hematology and

Oncology by the American Osteopathic Association and is board certified in Hematology and Oncology by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the American Society of Hematology, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Osteopathic Association.

About Harbin Clinic Harbin Clinic is the largest privately owned, multi-specialty physician group in Georgia, comprised of 240 medical professionals representing 40 different medical specialties and services. While Harbin Clinic began in Rome, Georgia, there are now 21 Harbin Clinic practices located in Acworth, Adairsville, Armuchee, Calhoun, Cartersville, Cedartown, Rome, and



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GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Gun sales up sharply in a time of uncertainty

ANDY MILLER, CEO Georgia Health News

Gun sales are soaring in Georgia this year, with background checks for buyers already far exceeding the total for all of last year.

The issuance of licenses for carrying a gun is rising in the state as well, according to probate court judges.

Many of the purchases are by people who have never bought firearms before, experts say.

The increase in gun sales has raised public health concerns. More firearms increase the risk of more unnecessary deaths and injuries from gunshots, said Dabney Evans, an assistant professor of global health in the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.

Reasons for the rising gun sales include general uncertainty about the COVID-19 pandemic and recent civil unrest, along with election-related turmoil, Evans said.

“There is a lot of insecurity,” she said Thursday. “More people are feeling insecure, and many are feeling insecure for the first time. I think it’s worrisome.”

The FBI conducts background checks to ensure that a prospective buyer has no criminal record that would block a firearms purchase.

Through this September, the agency reported 658,000 checks in Georgia, as compared with 539,000 for 2019. The background checks

in Georgia surged in June and July, after the death of George Floyd during an arrest in Minneapolis in late May, which led to a murder charge against one officer and related charges against others. Anger over the case sparked widespread protests that at times turned violent.

“You’re seeing a lot of first-time gun buyers,” said John Monroe, vice president of GeorgiaCarry.org, an organization seeking to protect gun owners’ rights.

Monroe also cited the general uncertainty around COVID-19 and the protests over racial injustice. “And probably the political climate,” he added. “People don’t know what’s going to happen,” he added.

If Democrat Joe Biden is elected president, Monroe said, “there could be increased [gun] regulation.”

Monroe added that there’s a national shortage of ammunition, fueled by the jump in gun sales.

Michael Weeks, the owner of the Georgia Gun Store in Gainesville, told NPR in July that from what he was seeing, most of the gun buying surge involved new owners. He said he was not doing much business with people who already owned guns. And he said his new customers were people of all different races and income levels.

“We see a wide diversity of people come to the door,” he said. “It’s all over the board.”

The public health concerns

include risk of suicide.

Daniel Webster, director of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health’s Center for Gun Policy and Research, said in April that “we have a perfect social brew for increased suicide risk — social isolation, anxiety, financial ruin. So many folks experiencing those sets of emotions and conditions, have access to a gun.”

High-profile crimes raise tensions

Gun sales often have spiked after mass shootings and subsequent efforts to pass gun control legislation.

During the administration of Democratic President Barack Obama, he called for new restrictions on firearm sales after an elementary school massacre in Newtown, Conn., in 2012, and again after a high-casualty terrorist attack in San Bernardino, Calif., in 2015. In the wake of his comments, gun sales jumped by 3 million and 1.6 million, respectively, beyond the expected level over the few months of elevated sales, the Brookings Institute reported.

In Parkland, Fla., a major school shooting in 2018, followed by local student-led demonstrations in favor of gun control, led to a nationwide spike in gun sales of 700,000.

An official from the National Rifle Association told CNN in March that Americans’ concern about personal safety during the pandemic is

probably a key factor in the surge of FBI background checks. “Firearm sales go up in times of uncertainty because Americans know their safety is ultimately in their own hands,” said NRA spokesperson Amy Hunter in a statement to the network.

Nationally, background checks associated with the sale, transfer or permitting of firearms set an all-time record in June when the FBI conducted more than 3.9 million checks. The second-highest month was March of this year followed by March 2020 when the agency saw 3.7 million checks.

In July 2020, the FBI conducted more than 3.6 million firearm background checks, up from about 2 million in July 2019.

“My biggest concern involves the potential number of first-time gun buyers who, before March, did not think they needed a gun,” said David Chipman, a retired ATF special agent and senior policy adviser to Giffords, an organization countering gun violence, according to CNN.

WGXA in Macon reported in July that pawn shop owner Cindy Grantham had seen gun sales increase dramatically.

Grantham told the station that those customers came in looking for one thing: “They want security,” she said. “That’s why they’re buying handguns and long guns. It’s for the security.”

Reuters reported last month that a surge in people buying guns since

the pandemic began has flooded the FBI’s background check system, causing a spike in the number of delayed checks and allowing gun sales to proceed without them, FBI data showed.

The gun control advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety obtained FBI data through a Freedom of Information Act request. There was a 54 percent increase in the number of background checks that were delayed past three days in the March-through-July period, as compared with the same time last year, the data show.

Courtney Spriggs, Georgia chapter leader of Moms Demand Action, a group that’s part of Everytown, said her organization views the surge in gun sales as a public health issue. “Children are in more danger,” she said Thursday.

Spriggs, a gun owner, said she would like to see universal background checks for all gun purchases, the disarming of those who are convicted of domestic violence, and the safe storage of firearms.

Spriggs was formerly in law enforcement. “I have seen the horrors that gun violence has brought,” she said. “My husband, who is in law enforcement, has been shot at.”

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



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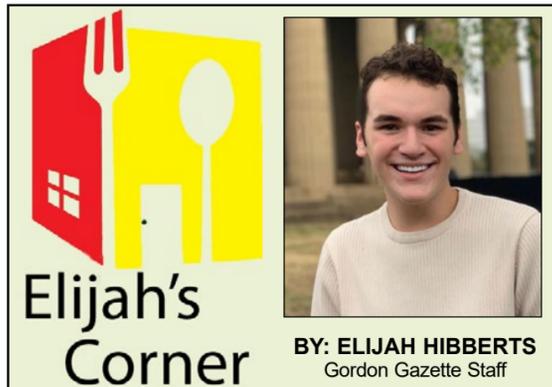






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**Elijah's
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BY: ELIJAH HIBBERTS
Gordon Gazette Staff

Elijah's Easy Chicken & Rice

With winter arriving incredibly soon, we need a meal that brings rich, warm feelings now more than ever. Now, this is an unpopular opinion, but I am not rather fond of soup. Because of this, I knew my first thought of soup was not the best answer to my call. I remembered my grandmother's chicken and rice which she would make throughout the cold season; however, I wanted my own recipe, a recipe which had what I wanted: wonderful chicken flavor, beautiful roasted color, and incredibly easy preparation. I hope my Chicken and Rice becomes a winter staple in your household.

Elijah's Chicken and Rice

Ingredients:

1 ½ T. kosher salt
½ t. ground pepper
2 lbs bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs, about 3 to 5 thighs
1 ¼ c. basmati rice
1 large sweet onion, peeled
4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
1 ½ t. chicken bouillon powder
½ t. turmeric
2 c. water
1 T parsley, chopped*
1 lemon, cut into wedges*
*optional

Directions:

2 to 24 hours before making the dish, pat chicken thighs dry with a paper towel. Rub chicken thighs with kosher salt and ground pepper. Refrigerate chicken thighs uncovered until ready to prepare the dish.

Place basmati rice in a medium bowl. Fill the bowl with cool water. Gently swirl rice around the bowl. The water will turn cloudy from the extra starch on the rice. Carefully discard water while leaving the washed rice. Repeat this process twice. When finished rinsing, fill the bowl again with cool water. Set aside while preparing the rest of the dish.

Preheat the oven to 350°F with a rack arranged in the middle of the oven.

Heat a large oven-safe skillet (cast iron or enamel-bottomed) over medium heat. Pour enough neutral oil (canola or vegetable) to create a very thin layer of oil.

Remove chicken thighs from the refrigerator. Again, gently pat chicken thighs dry using a paper towel. Place chicken thighs skin side down in the pan. It is best if the pan is not very hot at this moment because this will allow for the chicken fat to render out slowly. This creates crispy

skin!

Sear chicken thighs for 10-12 minutes, or until the skin is golden brown and easily releases from the pan.

While the chicken thighs are browning, grate the large onion using the largest holes of a box grater. Set aside.

Once the chicken thighs are golden brown and the skin is crisp, remove the chicken thighs from the pan and place on a plate or tray.

Add the reserved grated onions to the pan. Using a wooden spoon, stir the onions scraping against the bottom of the pan to release the fond (browned food bits). Cook the onions until the onions have caramelized and all of the water has been cooked off, about 3 to 5 minutes.

Add the minced garlic cloves, and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds to 1 minute.

Add the chicken bouillon powder and turmeric. Stir to incorporate.

Drain the rice using a fine mesh sieve, and add to the onion mixture. Stir to incorporate. Toast the rice in the pan for about 2 minutes.

Add the 2 cups of water to the pan, and stir to incorporate.



PHOTO: Elijah Hibberts

Taste the broth for seasoning. Adjust with salt and pepper, if needed.

Bring the rice to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer.

Place the chicken thighs skin side up in the rice, leaving the skin above the rice. Pour over any chicken juices which have accumulated on the plate.

Cover the pan with its lid or aluminum foil. Place the pan in the preheated oven, and cook covered for 35 minutes. After 35 minutes have elapsed,

remove the lid or aluminum foil, if using, and cook for 10 additional minutes. After 10 minutes have elapsed, check if the rice has been cooked. It should be tender and fluffy, and no liquid should remain in the pan. If the rice is slightly hard or liquid still remains, cook for an additional 5 minutes.

Allow the rice and chicken thighs to rest for five minutes. Serve with a lemon wedge and sprinkling of chopped parsley.

THE HUNT FOR FILM: The Trial of the Chicago 7



BY: COOPER HUNT
Gordon Gazette Staff

The story of seven men on trial stemming from various charges surrounding the uprising at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

AARON SORKIN

The legendary Oscar-winning screenwriter makes a glorious return after what is undoubtedly the weakest of his films, *Molly's Game*, for what is another masterfully written script and easily the front runner for Best Original Screenplay at this year's Oscars. Those who know me or take the time to ask me questions about the people working behind the camera in Hollywood know that Aaron Sorkin is my personal favorite screenwriter of all time (beating out others such as Billy Wilder, Damien Chazelle, the Coen brothers, Stephen Zaillian, and even Tarantino). He's earned this praise over the years thanks to his wide filmography of brilliant written works whether it's the complete masterpieces like *The Social Network* or *A Few Good Men*, the subtler and more intimate dramas like *Moneyball* and *Steve Jobs*, or even his creation of *The West Wing*. Even *Molly's Game* sports an Oscar-nominated script despite being his least impressive outing, so it's no surprise that I loved *The Trial of the Chicago 7* immensely.

If Sorkin's name is on it, I'm going to like it. It's that simple.

Though he made his name in writing for film (and theatre), this is only Sorkin's second time helming a film as the director after *Molly's Game* in 2017, and to say that he's improved at the craft would be an understatement. Now granted, he's still a far cry from his former collaborator David Fincher or the great Steven Spielberg (who was originally supposed to direct this movie), he hasn't quite found any unique stylistic boldness to set himself apart as a director, but the shot composition and direction of actors is more than adequate enough to actively involve the audience in the story and elicit strong emotional responses multiple times. Though he won't be winning an Oscar for Directing anytime soon, I wouldn't be surprised if Aaron Sorkin finds himself nominated in multiple categories in the spring of 2021. More awards speculation to come.

THE CHICAGO SEVEN (PLUS ONE)

As a student and lover of history, I was intrigued by the film's premise from the day I heard about it, particularly since I'd never heard of the Chicago Seven in all my years of learning about American history and the politically revolutionary period in the 1960's-70's. The story of Tom Hayden, Rennie Davis, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, David Dellinger, John Froines, Lee Weiner, and (the unofficial eighth member of the group) Bobby Seale is one that should be told more often as an occasion in which the United States justice system didn't meet the standard set by the American people. No matter what side of the political spectrum you fall on or which way you lean when it comes to

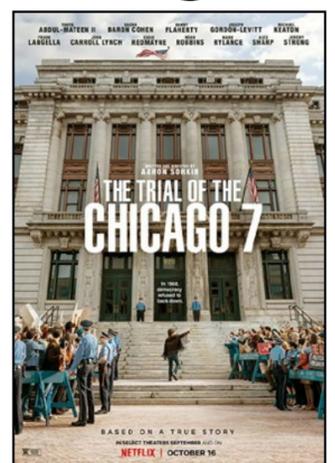
the First Amendment rights of protestors and the utilization of force by the police, there is still a lot that can be appreciated about this film universally. Judge Julius Hoffman, played by Frank Langella, is a despicable figure that anyone can recognize as an abuser of authority and disgrace to his position, regardless of how you feel about the arrests and accusations of the seven (or eight) men on trial.

On a separate and less controversial note, I would also like to commend all the actors who play the eight defendants, the lawyers, and witnesses as there isn't a single lackluster performance in the film. Recent Emmy Award winner Yahya Abdul-Mateen II leaves a strong impression as the outspoken Bobby Seale, Jeremy Strong provides solid comedic relief and a few dramatic moments as Jerry Rubin, Englishman Eddie Redmayne sports an American accent and a thought-provoking character arc as Tom Hayden, and other members like John Carroll Lynch and Joseph Gordon-Levitt fill in the rest of the ensemble. The two standouts, in my opinion, are Sacha Baron Cohen as the irreverent Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman and Mark Rylance as the defense attorney William Kunstler. If the voting members of the Academy do their duty well, both of these men will receive deserved nominations for Best Supporting Actor and in any other year be assured a win (this year, however, that honor must be reserved for Chadwick Boseman's performance in the upcoming *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*). While Cohen isn't doing anything radically different than his usual performances, he's still overdue for an awards nomination and he has plenty of strong material here to earn it, while Mark Rylance should earn his second nomination

in the supporting category as he makes a turn as a much more aggressive and capable character than audiences are used to seeing him play.

CONCLUSION

As the year 2020 finally draws closer to its end, I say it's high time that hungry audiences be given a substantially rewarding and impressively constructed film to enjoy (*TENET* is a hit in my book, but we all know it isn't one of Christopher Nolan's more awards-friendly pieces). By my reckoning, Aaron Sorkin's *The Trial of the Chicago 7* is an easy choice for the best film of 2020, at least until David Fincher's *Mank* hits Netflix in December and sweeps the Oscars next spring. On that note, I'll provide my final Oscar predictions in regards to this film: it will receive nominations for Best Picture, up to two for Supporting Actor, Film Editing, possibly Directing, and an easy win for Original Screenplay. The only factors that hold this movie back from being my pick for Best Picture or a higher grade are its lack of an exciting artistic director behind the camera, simply average lighting and cinematography, and a relatively unnoticeable musical score by composer Daniel Pemberton. In short, it lacks the rare qualities that *The Social Network* perfected... which is why it's one of the best movies of the 21st century and the greatest snub for Best Picture since *Star Wars* lost to *Annie Hall*. I also must admit I was somewhat disappointed by the utilization of Michael Keaton as the former Attorney General Ramsey Clark; his character is introduced late in the game as an incredibly significant star witness in the trial, so I was expecting something equivalent to Jack



Nicholson's iconic monologue on the stand at the climax of *A Few Good Men*. To my disappointment, Keaton's testimony is much more subdued and less memorable. Not everyone can be Colonel Nathan R. Jessup.

The Trial of the Chicago 7 has been in the works since 2007 when it was originally going to be directed by Steven Spielberg and star the late Heath Ledger as Tom Hayden. The wait is finally over and it is definitely another golden achievement for Aaron Sorkin to be proud of and sit alongside his past successes, once again providing entertainment that is rich with political commentary, ideological exposure, and presented with remarkable filmmaking talent. It's a shame that Sorkin includes such explicit, albeit historically accurate, profanity in his script because if it weren't for the copious amount of F-bombs throughout, I would recommend that everyone with a Netflix subscription watch this movie immediately. If only Spielberg had stayed on to direct, this might've actually won Best Picture of 2020. Instead, it will just have to settle for being my personal favorite (so far).

Personal: A
Critical: 93%

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

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

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

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