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## A LEGACY OF LOVE AND SERVICE

Lorene Potts, longtime community businesswoman and the first woman elected to the Calhoun City Council died on Thursday at age 81; Memorial Service set for Feb. 6 at Rock Bridge Community Church

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Lorene Potts, the first woman ever elected as a member of the Calhoun City Council and longtime businesswoman in the community, died Thursday, Jan. 27, after several months of declining health. She was 81.

Lorene was born in Halls Station, Ga. on April 10, 1939. After graduating from Adairsville High School, she began a job at Southern Bell. She married her husband, Ronald "Pee Wee" Potts, and had two children, Bruce and Leigh. Despite working a job at Southern Bell, Lorene had a special drive and knew she'd one day own a business of her own.

"Her work life started at Southern Bell and she had a drive to be an entrepreneur," said her son, Gordon County Commissioner Bruce Potts. "When she left the phone company, she had many business ventures. Clothing stores, Produce Market store, and eventually found her niche in designing t-shirts out of our garage behind the house for events. This led to the opening of Pokeys and Sports."

A lover of all sports, Lorene played softball, basketball and golf throughout the years, beginning with high school and through the rec leagues, and coached at the Calhoun Recreation

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Lorene Potts had a long and storied history in Gordon County. LEFT PHOTO: Lorene Potts being sworn into office by Mayor Jimmy Palmer in late 1999; she served two terms on the City Council, the first woman to do so. TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Calhoun Recreation Department Basketball. Many championships through the years and a few State Championships through the years. Front: Juanita Bryant, Donna Minter, Diane Smith, Freda Hunt Glass,



Middle: Coach Mike Ralston Standing; Brenda Weaver, JoAnn Hammond, Lorene Potts, Diane Rigney. BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO: 'Big Mama' supporting granddaughter-Berkeley Potts in everything with a passionate love.

## Identity of Calhoun victim of Panama City Beach homicide released; teen charged in murder

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The Bay County (Florida) Sheriff's Office has released the identities of two victims of a Panama City Beach homicide that occurred at a residence on Delmar Drive in Panama City Beach, Fla. on the evening of Jan. 26, 2021. According to the BCSO, Robert Shawn Fowler, age 48, and Robert Keith Gilmore, age 51, were found deceased at the home. The Gordon Gazette has confirmed that Fowler was a resident of Calhoun.

According to local news outlet WJHG, both men had received gunshot wounds. The news outlet reported that law enforcement and medical teams were summoned to the residence when a couple passing by noticed a man lying on the front porch, checked on him and found him unresponsive just after 11 p.m. After deputies arrived and found the man dead on the porch, they also found a man dead inside the home.

Late Friday, Jan. 29, the Bay County Sheriff's Office announced that Ruez P. Hicks,

age 19, has been arrested on an open count of murder. Hicks is listed as a transient from the Albany, Ga. area, and is believed to have been in the Panama City Beach area for approximately two months. The arrest occurred at 20508 Verona St., Panama City, Beach.

The investigation is ongoing and additional details will be released on Monday according to the BCSO.

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## EVERYBODY CUT FOOTLOOSE

Gordon Central One Act wins 5th consecutive Region 7-AA title with their performance of 'Footloose'

Congratulations to the Gordon Central Performing Arts Alliance for bringing home their 5th consecutive Region 7-AA One Act title for their performance of 'Footloose'! Along with the win, Sydney Rainwater (in the part of Rusty) was named Best Actress, and Kaylan Gaines (in the part of Vi) and Heath Richardson (in the part of Willard) were named to the All Star Cast.



## Another 250+ COVID cases in Gordon this week; 2 new deaths reported



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Numbers of COVID19 cases continued to climb by more than 250 per week in Calhoun-Gordon County, with 263 new cases reported in the community since last Saturday.

At press time Saturday morning, Jan. 30, 2021, Gordon County has had 5,176 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began -up 263 cases since the same time last week. COVID-19 related

deaths now stand at 75, up 2 deaths from last week. The Department of Public Health also reports 7 additional probable deaths from COVID. There have been 253 hospitalizations in Gordon County due to COVID-19 since March, up 17 hospitalizations since last week.

Both school systems reported their COVID cases on Friday afternoon, Gordon County Schools' cases

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# Second Front

## Harbin Clinic introduces Ear, Nose & Throat specialty to Calhoun

### HARBIN CLINIC

Harbin Clinic, Georgia's largest privately-owned, multi-specialty physician group, is proud to announce that Ear, Nose and Throat services will be available to patients in Calhoun beginning January 28. This addition reflects Harbin's commitment to providing complete care to the patients of Gordon County.

Joining the already robust medical offerings at Harbin Clinic Calhoun, Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) physicians Drs. Mary Beauchamp, Robert King, and Brandon Miller bring more than 35 years of combined experience and expertise in the diagnoses, management, and treatment of disorders that affect the head and neck. Audiology services will also be available to patients, as well as a new state-of-the-art hearing booth.

"We're excited to bring this much-needed

service to Calhoun," says Otolaryngologist Dr. Mary Beauchamp. "We provide comprehensive care for the ears, nose and throat for children and adults. This includes diseases related to hearing, balance, tonsils, allergies, sinuses, and thyroid. This is the next right step in continuing to care completely for Calhoun."

Harbin Clinic Otolaryngologists care for a wide range of conditions, from common diagnoses like tinnitus and ear infections to more complex diseases such as age-related hearing loss, a deviated septum, droopy eyelids, and cancers of the head and neck.

For 25 years, Harbin Clinic Calhoun has played a pivotal role in providing comprehensive care for Calhoun residents. The facility is home to Primary Care, Nephrology, Cardiology, and an on-site lab for convenient and extensive testing.

In addition to providing

care for patients in Calhoun, the ENT physicians will continue to see patients at Harbin Clinic ENT & Allergy in Rome and Cartersville.

To learn more about Harbin ENT Calhoun and the continued growth in Gordon County, visit [harbinclinic.com/Calhoun](http://harbinclinic.com/Calhoun) or call 762-235-2300.

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 Summerville. Harbin Clinic cares for a patient population of approximately 600,000 people in Georgia and Alabama. More than 1,000 patients take advantage of our services each day.



FROM LEFT: Drs. Mary Beauchamp, Robert King, and Brandon Miller



## Calhoun Police Chief warns motorists to avoid getting penalized by not drinking and driving over Super Bowl weekend

### CALHOUN POLICE DEPARTMENT

There is nothing super about missing the biggest football game of the season because you are drunk sitting in a jail cell. That is why the Calhoun Police Department and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety are reminding everyone to always make the smart decision to never drive when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Calhoun Police Department will join state and local law enforcement agencies to prevent drunk driving crashes during Super Bowl weekend by taking all legally impaired drivers they find on the road to jail. No warnings.

No excuses.

"Georgia law enforcement enforce DUI laws every day, but state troopers, sheriff's deputies and police officers know events like Super Bowl weekend lead to a greater probability of impaired drivers endangering the lives of everyone on the road," Chief Tony Pyle said. "Drunk driving is a choice, and we are asking everyone to choose wisely by not getting behind the wheel when they know they are legally over the limit of .08 BAC. Because those drivers who ignore our warnings may find themselves in a jail cell."

While COVID-19 will prevent many people gathering at parties or at bars and restaurants to

watch the big game this year, state and local law enforcement officers remind those fans who will have alcohol on their tailgate menu on game-day to pass the keys to a sober driver should they need to travel.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were 10,141 people killed in alcohol-impaired crashes in the United States in 2019.

While the number of alcohol-impaired driving deaths in Georgia in 2019 dropped by six percent from the previous year, alcohol is a factor in one out of four traffic deaths in the state.

"Georgia law enforcement officers do

not want to have to arrest anyone for DUI, but they know they are preventing a possible DUI crash with every impaired driver they take to jail," Governor's Office of Highway Safety Director Allen Poole said. "All drunk driving deaths are completely preventable, and we are asking everyone to join our fight to save lives on

our roads by choosing to never drive after drinking."

Calhoun Police Department, GOHS, and NHTSA offer the following tips to help stop drunk driving:

1. Chose a non-drinking person to be the designated driver before going out.
2. Do not let someone you know get behind the

wheel if they have been drinking.

3. Let friends know they can contact you for a sober ride when needed.

4. Those hosting a party where alcohol is served should make sure guests leave with a sober driver.

5. Always wear your seat belt because it is the best defense against impaired drivers.

## CraneEater giving out FREE food boxes tomorrow



### STAFF REPORTS

CraneEater Community Church, located at 3168 Red Bud Road NE, will be having their next FREE Food Box Drop this Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. until all boxes are gone. For those interested in a food box, please pull into the main church parking lot off of Red Bud Road (beside the old rock church) and you will be directed from there.

The Gordon Gazette proudly introduces

# HERITAGE 2021

Celebrating the past, present and future of Gordon County

This special, online publication of the Gordon Gazette will be FREE for all to enjoy beginning Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021

**WE'VE GOT JOBS!**

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- UTILITY PERSON:** \$10-11/hr, drive hyster (pole and squeeze) (and also our box truck to deliver carpet, etc.-once hired on.) may be working in shipping one day and helping with yarn, etc. the next. Interview and they need to be here before 3 pm to interview. Hours are 7 to 3 Monday-Friday.
- EXTRUSION LINE:** \$12.50/hr 8pm to 8am, client wants to see profiles, must have experience running machines, especially extrusion lines.
- WAREHOUSE LABOR:** \$12/HR 7:30AM TO 4:30PM, manual labor in warehouse loading and unloading trucks for rugs.
- HR ADMIN ASSIST:** do not have pay rate set yet. If we can get a range of resumes possibly that are entry level HR with some experience. Or some moderate experience like 1-5 years in an HR role or related but preferably that has HR experience.
- GENERAL LABOR:** \$10/hr, 12 hour shift- 7p to 7a, 7 days a week right now, lots of over time, bilingual/Spanish is a must! Heavy lifters needed for cutting, sealing boxes, packing, and able to work with variety of people.
- MACHINE OPERATOR** - 7pm - 7am (creeling, TMO/EXTRUSION-doffing experience) - \$14/hr starting
- INDUSTRIAL BINDING:** (sewing machine) candidates that have sewing machine experience we will pay them \$14.25 per hour. They must have previous sewing experience. 2nd shift-and work Monday - Thursday 5pm to 3:30am & 6:30AM TO 4:30PM

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# Obituaries

## January 30, 2021

### James 'Jim' Edwards

James Warren "Jim" Edwards, age 77 of Calhoun, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Braselton, Ga.

Jim was born on Sept. 11, 1943 in Gordon County to the late Ralph Edwards and Lois Quinn Edwards. He was a member of Concord Missionary Baptist Church.

Jim is survived by: two brothers, Greg Reed and his wife Syble of Acworth, and Gary Reed and his wife Joan of Cartersville; two sisters, Peggy Reed of Rocky Face, and Suzanne Reed Newman and her husband Omar of Woodstock; and nieces and nephews, Meghan Carnes, Trevor Newman, Chris Reed, Alex Reed, Kiera Paisley, Zeke Reed, Cameron Reed, and Quinn Reed.

The family received friends on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

A graveside service was held on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Haven of Rest Memorial Park.

Pallbearers serving included Mark Bunch, Mike Bunch, Sam Brown, Chris Watson, Greg Paisley, James Bunch, and Timmy Carter.

You may leave the family online condolences at [www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com](http://www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com)

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of James Warren "Jim" Edwards.



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Funeral Home

### Sandra Edwards

Sandra Faye Edwards, 71, of Calhoun, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 after several months of declining health. She was born on Aug. 13, 1949 in Calhoun to the late Floyd Edwards and Eunice Rogers. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her daughter, Stephanie Springs; brother, Glenn Stephens.

She is survived by her brothers, Jerry (Jane) Edwards and Stanley Edwards; sisters, Melissa (Marc) Sullivan, Delores (David) Walraven, and Wannetta Mayhew; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives also survive.

To honor her wishes her body was cremated and all services are private.

To leave condolences and sign the online guest book please go to [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com)

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Sandra Faye Edwards.

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### Joseph 'Joe' Highfield

Joseph Parnell "Joe" Highfield, age 57, of Resaca, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 at Floyd Medical Center.

Joe was born Aug. 2, 1963 in Floyd County, son of Barbara Grace Couch Highfield and the late Benjamin Donald Highfield, Sr. In addition to his father, Joe was also preceded in death by his brother, Rufus Eugene "Butch" Highfield.

Joe was employed with Atlas LLD Inc. as senior inspector, and had retired from the Georgia Department of Transportation as a traffic signal engineer. Joe served his country as a Tank Platoon Sargent with the Army National Guard. Joe loved to ride his Harley motorcycle.

Joe is survived by: his mother, Barbara Couch Highfield; his birth parents, Betty Geraldine Williams and Hoyt D. Lawler; his wife, Lynn Bray Highfield of Resaca; son, Bryan Seth Highfield; daughter, Brittany Evan Lingerfelt and her husband Cody; four brothers, Sidney Highfield and his wife Catherine, Donnie Highfield and his wife Cindy, Danny Siniard and his wife Chyrl, and Jamie Lawler; three sisters, Nancy Skidmore and her husband Dennis, Denise Lawler, and Terri Lawler; grandchildren, Aaliyah Highfield, Amilee Highfield, Grayson Lingerfelt, Elliana Lingerfelt, and Liam Lingerfelt.

The family received friends on Friday, Jan. 29 2020 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Crane Eater Community Church.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Crane Eater Community Church with Reverend Stacy Hensley officiating. Interment will follow in Chandler Cemetery.

Pallbearers serving include: Sidney Highfield, Greg Bray, Neal McNeese, Zack Walraven, Ryan Bray, Scotty Bray, and Cody Lingerfelt.

Due to the ongoing national health crisis, face coverings must be properly worn by all those who plan to attend. Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times while attending the service.

You may leave the family online condolences at [www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com](http://www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com)

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Joseph Parnell "Joe" Highfield.

**Thomas**  
Funeral Home

### James Leonhardt

James W. Leonhardt, 70, of Calhoun, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. He was born on July 16, 1950 in Lincoln, N.C. to the late Joseph Woodrow Leonhardt and Margie Ellis Leonhardt. He was preceded in death by his sister, Diane Morse.

James was a Veteran of the United States Army



serving during the Vietnam War. He discovered a new found love for sky diving in his later years. He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. He will be missed dearly by the ones who loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Linda Leonhardt; daughter, Crystal (David) Rawls; brother, Rev. Michael (Linda) Leonhardt; his only grandchild, Kiersten; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives also survive.

To honor his wishes, his body was cremated and the family will have a Graveside Service on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at 2 p.m. from the Graveside of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery with Pastor Greg Burgner officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

To leave condolences and sign the online guest book please go to, [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com)

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of James W. Leonhardt.

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### Hugh Long

Mr. Hugh Dorsey Long, age 71, of Fairmount (Bartow County) departed this life Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 at his home. He was born Jan. 22, 1950, a son of the late Reed and Laura Frances Wheeler Long. He was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Bobby Carney. He was a member of the Fairmount Masonic Lodge 349 for over 50 years.

He is survived by his by his brother, David Long of Fairmount; sisters and brothers-in-law, Elsie Carney of Adairsville, Patsy and Danny Coggins, Jane and Lester Harrison of Calhoun, Brenda and Mike Byars of Acworth, Martha and Paul Rollins of Fairmount; several nieces and nephews.

Service to celebrate the life of Mr. Hugh Dorsey Long will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at 2 p.m. from the Ponders Fairmount Chapel with Reverend Forrest Leechman officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 - 9 p.m. on Saturday.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by, Ponders Fairmount Chapel 138 Melrose Drive Dalton, GA 30721, 706-226-4002 [www.selectedindependentfuneralhomes.org](http://www.selectedindependentfuneralhomes.org) and [www.ogr.org](http://www.ogr.org)

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### David Mathis

David Mathis, 63, of Calhoun, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. He was born on Feb. 16, 1957 in Gordon County to the late Hazel Christine Raines and the Late William Hardy Mathis. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Nancy Mathis; brothers, Jimmy Mathis, Michael Mathis, and Danny Raines; sister, Carolyn Brown.

He is survived by his daughters, Miranda (Brian) Womack and Christie Dixon; brothers, William (Cathy) Mathis and James Lewis Mathis; sister, Frankie (Kenneth) Wilson; grandchildren, Jordan Dupree, Eric Dupree, Lexi Dupree, Britney Dixon, Alexander Dixon, Jasmine Dixon, and Kai Dixon; several friends and other relatives also survive.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Homespun Hospice and Pastor Tim Reid.

The family received friends on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, from 5 - 8 p.m. at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home.

The funeral was held Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Coomer officiating. Burial followed at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers serving included Chad Barnes, Jason Gentry, Casey Raines, Johnny Brown, Samuel Mathis and Willie Mathis.

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The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of David Mathis.

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### Lorene Potts

Lorene Lockridge Potts, also known as "Big Mama"/"MeMe", 81, of Calhoun, passed away on Jan. 27, 2021.

Lorene was born in Halls Station, Ga. on April 10, 1939, daughter of the late Leonard Otis Lockridge and Mary Eliza Kerr. She was a member of Rock Bridge Community Church, an entrepreneur and public servant for many years. Lorene served as the City of Calhoun's first female Councilwoman for two terms, and also served as Mayor Pro Tem. She was involved in the Downtown Development Authority and the Historic Preservation Committee with her friends Suzanne Roland and Beve Ryberg. Among many business ventures, Lorene co-owned Pokey's Sports for many years alongside



her husband, Ronald "Pee Wee" Potts. Throughout her life, she was an avid supporter of all athletic programs in Calhoun and Gordon County. Lorene was also active at the Calhoun Recreation Department with her children and numerous sports teams. Later in her life, she was a proud supporter of Sonorville High School sports and Red Bud Middle School softball. She was a passionate golfer and loved to go on trips with her "Golf Buddies."

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Marilyn Coplin; brother, James "Jimmy" Lockridge; and brother, Charles Lee Lockridge.

Many survivors remain: her husband of 57 years, Ronald "Pee Wee Potts; son, Bruce (Karen) Potts; daughter, Leigh Potts; a sister, Lynelle Ellis; brother, Wallace C. Lockridge; sisters-in-law, Sylvia (Doug) Nicholson and Sherry Stanley. Five grandchildren survive including Anna Berkley Potts, Joseph Thornton Potts, John David Potts, Mary Lou (Chase) McBee and Ginny (Josh) French. Three great-grandchildren also survive including Boone Ellis McBee, Slade Carson McBee and Mattie Ruth French. Survivors also include special family friends David (Deca) Ellis, Lee Ward Barreras and Mark Pettit. Many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Honorary Pallbearers include the Golf Buddies: Melanie Moore, Deca Ellis, Andrea Brumlow, Diane Rigney, Karen Potts, Betty Causey, Jane Rierson, Freda Hunt Glass, Faye Dodd-Estes and Helen Jane McDonald (deceased).

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Big Mama will be held at Rock Bridge Community Church on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at 2 o'clock p.m.

### Nevin Weaver

Mr. Nevin Larkin Weaver, 61, of Calhoun, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at the Lantern of Morning Pointe Assisted Living.

Nevin was born in Gordon County on Dec. 3, 1959, son of the late Larkin and Clara Bess Moss Weaver. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Alan Weaver, nephew, Caleb Weaver and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lile and Jeanelle Dean.

He had lived in the Red Bud Community his entire life; Nevin was a 1978 graduate of Red Bud High School where he excelled in basketball. Nevin loved to sing and was the bass singer for Turning Point Quartet; he played multiple musical instruments and served his Lord with his God-given talent. He was a self-employed carpenter and a member of Sugar Valley Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him the best and loved him the most.

Survivors include his wife, Joann Dean Weaver to whom he was married 35 years; daughter, Megan Weaver Gravitte and her husband Charlie; son, Garrett Weaver and his wife Lauren; three brothers, Gregory (Sheri) Weaver, Wayne (Kitty) Weaver, Barry Weaver and a sister-in law, Nancy Walraven Weaver. Aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives also survive.

A gathering to celebrate the life of Nevin Larkin Weaver will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Sugar Valley Baptist Church Fellowship Center with Larry Knight and Pastor Mitch Phillips speaking.

The family asked that flowers be omitted and contributions be made in Nevin's honor to the Alzheimer's Association of Dalton, 922 E. Morris Street, Dalton, Georgia 30721.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, masks are required and social distancing guidelines are to be observed for those in attendance.

Online condolences may be expressed and the guestbook signed at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com).

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Nevin Larkin Weaver of Calhoun.

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## 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.

# Education

## DALTON STATE: Wright School of Business to host third annual Alumni Networking Event

### DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Dalton State's Wright School of Business will host its third annual alumni networking event during a Roadrunners basketball game, but due to the pandemic, it will be held virtually this year.

The alumni event has become a way for former students and faculty of the Wright School of Business to reconnect and have fun while supporting the Roadrunners. The alumni watch party is on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. It is free and open to any former students, faculty or staff of the Wright

School of Business. The game, against Brewton-Parker, begins at 2 p.m. Attendance is restricted to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, but games are livestreamed at [dscroadrunners.com](http://dscroadrunners.com).

"We don't want to stop the fun and momentum, even in the time of COVID-19," said Dr. Marilyn Helms, dean of the Wright School of Business. "Hosting the event virtually may give our alumni who have moved away a chance to join this year. We hope our business alumni will have fun catching up and showing their families, pets and game-day snacks to each other from the comfort of

their home. We'll make it a fun sports weekend. During time outs and breaks in the game, we'll have trivia contests and opportunities to win Wright School of Business and Society '63, the college's alumni association, prizes."

Maud Swalens, class of 2015, is assisting Helms as the Mistress of Ceremonies. She was the free throw winner of the 2019 alumni game.

"We'll also recognize our Roadrunner players who are business majors and we'll talk about activities and ways to be involved with the Wright School of Business," Helms said. "We hope our alumni will join the



fun." Those who wish to attend should RSVP at [www.daltonstate.edu/2021AlumniBBGame](http://www.daltonstate.edu/2021AlumniBBGame). [surveymonkey.com/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/)

## GHC: New 24/7 hotline among well-being student support programs now provided at GHC

### GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE

Thanks to a new initiative by the University System of Georgia (USG), students at Georgia Highlands College (GHC) now have access to additional mental health support services.

The USG launched a comprehensive plan to significantly expand student mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic back in November after Governor Kemp announced Georgia will allocate \$11.5 million of the Governors Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding, set aside by the federal CARES Act, to support mental health and student support services within the USG last August.

Titled Thrive@GHC, students can now connect to a continuously monitored mental health support line, online-based cognitive behavioral therapy and additional psychiatric services.

The resources are available for students any time by visiting [sss.highlands.edu/thrive-ghc](http://sss.highlands.edu/thrive-ghc).

"Students can engage in no-cost telehealth and in-person treatment sessions provided by licensed mental health physicians, virtual psychiatric clinics to offer assessment and medication management, personal student navigators to assist with referral coordination and support, as well as a self-directed Internet-based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT) program," Director of Student Services Angie Wheelus said.

The 24/7 mental health support line, 1-833-855-0082, is for in-the-moment support and direction on the next steps a student should take when seeking mental health resources.

ICARE is research-supported, internet-based and mobile-friendly,



self-guided cognitive behavioral training (ICBT) developed specifically for college students experiencing depression, anxiety, or both, who do not need psychotherapy.

In addition, there is FasPsych, free psychiatric services for currently enrolled GHC students. These services include evaluation as well as medication and prescription management. The cost of any prescribed medications is not covered by the service.

"Students have reported increasing feelings of depression, anxiety and loneliness, but it's not just the pandemic causing an increase in the need for mental health resources," Wheelus said. "Students are concerned about school, finances, housing, and much more."

By clicking "The Wellness Hub" at Thrive@GHC ([sss.highlands.edu/thrive-ghc](http://sss.highlands.edu/thrive-ghc)), GHC students can also utilize an app and an online wellness magazine with educational content, self-help tools and more resource links. Additionally, GHC students may contact GHC's Counseling Services at [sss.highlands.edu](http://sss.highlands.edu) for scheduling and referral.

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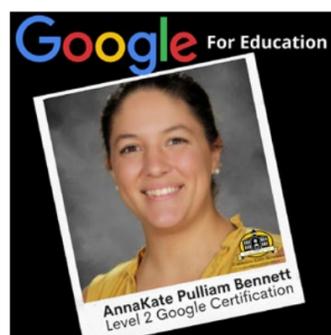
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# Tolbert Elementary celebrates successful online fundraiser



The Tolbert Elementary PTO thanks the community for supporting our first-ever completely online fall fundraiser from earlier this year.

The numbers are finally in, and thanks to the community's support and participation, TES PTO raised \$2,066.80 to benefit the students, staff and school.

TES PTO would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students for their time and outstanding fundraising efforts during our campaign. The following students ranked top 10 in sales and received a prize check from Southeastern Fundraising Company.

- 1st place: Bentley Hayes- \$100
- Bentley, pictured left with Mr. Marycz, has obtained the top sales rank for the last four years and was presented with a \$100 check!! TES PTO is proud of his hard work and dedication to Tolbert!
- 2nd place: Rylan Wyatt - \$75; 3rd place: Isabelle Soares- \$50; 4th place: Tessa Morgan- \$25; 5th place: Cassie Tucker- \$25; 6th place: Avery and Lily Wiley- \$15; 7th place: Kryan Stone- \$15; 8th place: Kalli Hicks- \$15; 9th place: Kacedon Smith- \$15; 10th place: Braxton Johnson- \$15.

# FES honors Ingle upon retirement

On Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, Fairmount Elementary School wished Mrs. Cindy Ingle a happy and restful retirement. FES said that Ingle will be sorely missed as she has always given freely her heart and soul to the children of Fairmount and has impacted countless lives with her gentle and charming personality. Fairmount Elementary thanks Ingle for her many years of service and wish her only the best in her retirement.



# CPS students celebrate Kindness Week



To celebrate Kindness Week at Calhoun Primary School, students were challenged to write kind and encouraging notes to other students and school staff members. Mrs. Bagwell's kindergarten class accepted the challenge by making "thank you" cards for Mrs. Fowler, who works in the library.

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# GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Lawmakers renew push to remove coal ash from unlined ponds

**MAX BLAU,**  
Georgia Health News

The fight over the future of Georgia Power's coal ash ponds has returned to the Gold Dome. And its outcome could influence whether thousands of Georgians will need to worry about groundwater contamination potentially caused by the toxic waste sites.

Democratic lawmakers have announced legislation intended to protect Georgians from possible harmful health impacts of coal ash.

House Bill 176, filed Thursday, would require coal ash to be stored in a disposal site with a protective liner to prevent contaminants from tainting groundwater. The bill would effectively close a loophole that allowed Georgia Power to store millions of tons of coal ash in ponds without protective liners — a practice that experts say could allow contaminants to leak into aquifers that supply private wells used for cooking, drinking, and bathing in some rural communities.

"There are very dangerous cancer-

causing agents that are found in ash from when coal is burned," state Rep. Debbie Buckner, a Democrat from Junction City, told Georgia Health News. "If they're in an unlined pond, it can seep into the groundwater."

The legislative push comes at a pivotal moment in the battle over Georgia's coal ash. After decades of waste being generated by the burning of coal, federal and state regulations now require utilities to close their unlined ash ponds.

Georgia Power has proposed excavating roughly half of its coal ash from ponds and transferring it to landfills with protective liners. The other half of the coal ash — some 48 million tons — would be buried in place without a protective liner. The latter method is legal so long as the contaminants don't eventually escape from the unlined pond.

Georgia Power has repeatedly denied that its unlined coal ash ponds have harmed the health of residents in communities like Juliette, where Plant Scherer, the nation's largest coal-fired plant, is located.

But over the past two years, the Altamaha

Riverkeeper, an environmental nonprofit, has tested roughly 100 private drinking wells near Plant Scherer. Many of those tests found the presence of hexavalent chromium, the toxin that Erin Brockovich found in California drinking wells, and a host of other heavy metals — including mercury, boron, calcium, and barium — that may be indicators of coal ash. Exposure to those contaminants can lead to a variety of long-term health risks, including kidney damage (from mercury), reproductive system disruption (from boron) and heart issues (from barium), studies show.

Forty-five Monroe County residents have sued the company over allegations that coal ash is "poisoning" their source of drinking water and exposing them to negative outcomes. Georgia Power has denied those claims.

Juliette residents, worried about the contaminants, persuaded commissioners in Monroe County to approve a \$16 million project to run water lines out to Juliette. The project is expected to be complete sometime next



year.

Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver, a Decatur Democrat who is co-sponsoring the coal ash bill, said a related piece of legislation is expected to be filed this session. She said the second bill would require utilities like Georgia Power to pay for a new source of water for a community if there's proof that coal ash contaminated its current drinking water supply.

Georgia Power spokesman John Kraft said in a statement that "we believe additional legislation is unnecessary" because the company has complied with federal and state regulations as it has begun closing its ponds. Kraft also said

that company execs "stand by the data" from groundwater monitoring wells positioned around the ash ponds.

"We are longtime members of communities across the state; we live and raise our families here and if our operations were causing harm to residents, we would take every action necessary to resolve the situation," Kraft said.

Buckner hopes the coal ash legislation will gain bipartisan support, though a similar measure stalled without a hearing last year. Two Republicans who championed coal ash legislation in recent years — Rep. Jeff Jones and Sen. William Ligon — are no longer in the General Assembly.

And so far, no current Republican member has co-sponsored the legislation.

But George Emami, a Republican member of the Monroe County Commission, welcomes the prospect of Georgia Power possibly paying for the new water lines.

"In the event there's any verified ties to contamination between our citizens' wells and Plant Scherer, I would not just be in favor of that — I would demand that," Emami told GHN. "If you put someone in harm's way, you need to be responsible."

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## Weekly Schedule: Free Public Health COVID-19 Testing in Northwest Georgia

Monday February 1	Tuesday February 2	Wednesday February 3	Thursday February 4	Friday February 5
Paulding	Gordon	Dade Floyd	Walker	no testing



### TEST SITES

- Dade: 71 Case Avenue, Suite H-100, Trenton, GA
- Floyd: Rome Fair Grounds, 1400 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Rome, GA
- Gordon: Senior Center, 150 Cambridge Court, Calhoun, GA
- Paulding: Paulding Meadows, 472 Paulding Meadows Dr., Dallas, GA
- Walker: Mount Zion Baptist Church, 289 Dunwoody Road, LaFayette, GA

### HOURS

- 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# POTTS

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Department. Taking her love of sports to the next level, Lorene and her husband, Ronald "Pee Wee" Potts, officially opened Pokey's in 1982, and it quickly became the go-to place in Calhoun-Gordon County to get sports uniforms and equipment.

"Lorene and Pee Wee ran a successful business for many years and made many special moments for teams and community folks with team sales, trophy's, monogramming, screen printing, and sporting goods," said her son. "Pokey's was the place to shop in Northwest Georgia for custom designed items."

The drive and determination that Lorene had, mixed with the ability to speak her mind helped her immensely when she decided to run for public office.

"She always provided her opinion and you never had to worry where you stood with her because she would always let you know her thoughts. Good or bad," said Bruce Potts. "I always admired her drive for success. No matter what the challenge was she strived to be the best, whether in sports, life, career or with family."

After serving the community for decades with Pokey's, Lorene ran for a position on the Calhoun City Council in 1999, becoming the first woman to be elected as a council member. She served for two terms,



Lorene Potts with the "Golfing Buddies": Karen Potts, Melanie Moore, Andrea Brumlow, Deca Ellis, Jane Rierison, Freda Hunt Glass, Lorene Potts

and was voted as Mayor Pro Tem during her time on the Council. She was heavily involved with the Downtown Development Authority and the Historic Preservation Committee.

"Lorene was a true supporter of the City of Calhoun," said Calhoun Mayor Jimmy Palmer. "After serving on the City Council, she served several more years on the DDA. She was a friend and will certainly be missed by myself and the community."

"Lorene Potts will be missed by so very many," said former Downtown Development Authority Director Suzanne Roland. "We had lunch together a lot during my time with the City. She loved Downtown Calhoun and was a great servant leader for her community. It was never too cold or windy, hot or humid, early or late for her to help with a project. If we said, 'let's start at 5 a.m.,' she was

there at 4:50 a.m. If we said the event will be over at 10 p.m., she was there with me until everything was picked up and cleaned up. If bows needed tying, if trees needed decorating, if tents needed set up, she was there. I have great memories of our times together. She was a dear friend. I loved her. I will miss her."

"My mother could not love anything half-heartedly," said Bruce Potts. "She would dive deep into projects that benefited the people she served and the family and friends that she loved. She loved her family, friends and community passionately."

In later years, she enjoyed golfing with the "Golf Buddies," a group of friends who enjoyed outings together. She also relished time with her grandchildren.

"She is 'mother' or 'momma' to Leigh and I, but when my daughter, Berkley, tagged her as

'Big Mama,' after my dad coached Berkley to call her that, her legacy of love exploded," said Bruce.

Throughout her later life, Lorene Potts could be found on the sidelines cheering on teams from Red Bud Middle School and Sonorville High School, where her son served for years as the principal. She was especially supportive of the Lady Phoenix Softball Team.

"Lady Phoenix Softball is saddened to learn about the passing of one of our biggest supporters, Lorene "Big Mama" Potts," said the team in a statement. "(We offer) prayers for the family as they navigate this difficult time! We love you 'Big Mama' and family."

Local realtor and longtime friend Dianne Kirby said she will always remember the willingness to help that Lorene Potts displayed to everyone.



Lorene Potts first job with Southern Bell in Atlanta, Ga.

"Lorene was an individual who worked very hard for the City of Calhoun as well as Gordon County. She played softball as well as coached softball, which I did with her for years," said Kirby. "She loved her golf game, but she loved being involved with activities in the city and county and helping people who were in need. She was a person that you could call and ask for help and she was always there she never stopped until the job was completed. Lorene is going to be missed and our county has lost another wonderful person."

Lorene Potts is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ronald "Pee Wee" Potts; son, Bruce (Karen) Potts; daughter, Leigh Potts; a sister, Lynelle Ellis; brother, Wallace C. Lockridge; sisters-in-law, Sylvia (Doug) Nicholson and Sherry Stanley. Five grandchildren survive including Anna Berkley

Potts, Joseph Thornton Potts, John David Potts, Mary Lou (Chase) McBee and Ginny (Josh) French. Three great-grandchildren also survive including Boone Ellis McBee, Slade Carson McBee and Mattie Ruth French. Survivors also include special family friends David (Deca) Ellis, Lee Ward Barreras and Mark Pettit. Many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Big Mama will be held at Rock Bridge Community Church on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at 2 o'clock p.m.

Honorary Pallbearers include the Golf Buddies: Melanie Moore, Deca Ellis, Andrea Brumlow, Diane Rigney, Karen Potts, Betty Causey, Jane Rierison, Freda Hunt Glass, Faye Dodd-Estes and Helen Jane McDonald (deceased).

Full obituary can be found on page 3A.



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# COVID

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declined while Calhoun City Schools were up. Gordon County Schools reported a total of 27 active COVID-19 cases system-wide as of Friday, Jan. 29, down 16 active cases from last week. There are a total of 6 staff members (down 12 from last week) and 21 students (up from 4 last week) that are considered active cases of COVID-19 at the system. The student breakdown of current active COVID-19 cases at the school system is: 2 students at Belwood Elementary, 5 students at Gordon Central, 1 student at Red Bud Elementary School, 6 students at Red Bud Middle School, 2 students at Sonorville Elementary School, 3 students at Sonorville High School and 2 students at W.L. Swain Elementary. Among staff with current active cases of COVID, Gordon County Schools reported 1 staff member at Ashworth Middle, 1 at Belwood Elementary, 1 at Gordon Central, 1 at Red Bud Middle, 1 at Tolbert Elementary and 1 at Swain Elementary. In mid-October 2020, when GCS put their high school students on a hybrid schedule due to active

COVID cases, there were 26 active cases within the school system at that time. Gordon County Schools' reporting is slightly different than the City school system. Gordon County Schools' weekly numbers, reported each Friday afternoon, show the new cases of COVID-19 for the week, plus any previous cases that are still active. You can find those numbers on their website at <https://www.gcbe.org/domain/5112> Calhoun City Schools reported new cases of COVID-19 this week increased to 24 new cases, up 8 from last week. There were 20 new cases among students (1 at Calhoun Primary, 5 at Calhoun Middle and 14 at Calhoun High School), and 4 new cases among staff members (1 at CPS, 2 at CMS and 1 at CHS). 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. The COVID-19 statistics for Gordon's neighboring counties since the beginning of the pandemic as of Saturday morning are:  
-Bartow County...8,896 cases, 155 deaths, 12 probable deaths and 591 hospitalizations;  
-Floyd County... 8,503 cases, 138 deaths, 22 probable deaths and 661 hospitalizations;  
-Whitfield County...13,332 cases, 163 deaths, 9 probable deaths and 647 hospitalizations. The State of Georgia has now reported 741,991 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began, with 12,410 deaths, 1,576 probable deaths and 49,869 hospitalizations. Gordon County EMA Director Courtney Taylor reminds the public to continue to wash hands often, cover your cough and practice social distancing. For further information and numbers such as demographics for Georgia and totals all counties please visit: <https://dph.georgia.gov/>

## 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 Relevel Church** in Ranger off 411. Call Nicole for information: 706-979-4713/706-290-8028.  
**-East Calhoun Church of God, at 401 Peters Street,** gives out groceries and clothing through the "Feed the Needy" ministry each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The church hosts a miracle healing service every first Friday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact "Feed the Needy" ministry director Florence Jones at 706-409-1981. Senior pastor is Keith Reid.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Fairmount United Methodist Church-Loving One Another To Christ.** Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. Children's Church provided. New Minister now Leading. New programs and community outreach coming soon.  
**-Pastor Terry Reisner invites everyone to the Vision Pentecostal Ministry** located at 401 South Wall Street in Calhoun. Come hear the truth of God's Word Sundays at 11 a.m.  
**--Pine Chapel United Methodist Church,** located at 2232 Pine Chapel Road in Resaca, "A place to begin, belong and become." Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. Pastor Louise W. Elmore.  
**-Resaca Assembly of God, located at 904 Resaca Lafayette Rd NW,** would like to welcome everyone to please come and join in worship and meet our Pastor Steve Burns and his lovely wife Cathy. Sunday school at 10 a.m., worship service on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.. Everyone is invited.  
**-Calhoun First United Methodist Church Sunday Worship times:** 9:00 a.m., traditional worship; 10 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., contemporary service (in the CAC). Calhoun First

UMC is located at 205 East Line Street in downtown Calhoun.  
**-First Presbyterian Church,** located at 829 Red Bud Road N.E. in Calhoun. Pastor David McDonald invites you to join us on Sunday for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Worship Service at 11 a.m., and Bible Study Class Tuesday 10 a.m.  
**-Oakman Baptist Church located at 397 Oakman Rd. Oakman, Georgia,** has Sunday school at 10 a.m. Covered dish dinner every third Sunday following worship. Everyone is invited!  
**-Damascus Baptist Church, located on North Highway 41** in Calhoun, Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sunday worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday night at 6 p.m.  
**-Old Sugar Valley United Methodist Church located at 2659 Old Rome Dalton Road in Calhoun** has Breakfast Social at 9:30 am every Sunday. The church history is colorful, dating back to the Civil War, small cozy country church nothing fancy! Come join us!  
**-Faith Deliverance Ministry and Outreach with Evelyn M. Adams,** Minister has been ordained as a Minister of the Gospel since 1972. Call anytime at 706-337-3241. 24-hour prayer line at 706-671-7988. Send all prayer requests to P.O Box 394, Fairmount GA, 30139.  
**-Pleasant Valley Baptist Church is a Bible believing & teaching church located in the Red Bud Community.** Pastor Keith Gibson and the congregation invite you to come and worship with us at 3882 Red Bud Rd., Calhoun. Opportunities for worship: Bible Study for all ages 10 a.m., Children's Church up to 5th grade 11a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday night service times Prayer Bible Study and Student Ministries 7 p.m. 706-624-0198. Find us on Facebook or email [pvbcalhoun@gmail.com](mailto:pvbcalhoun@gmail.com)  
**-Maranatha Baptist Church on Hwy 225 across from paradise Drag Strip,** Calhoun would like to invite you to attend our services for Sunday School starting at 10 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Night Services are at 7 p.m. Everyone is Welcome. Pastor Richard Webster.  
**-Evangelistic Outreach Ministries on 1590 Dews Pond Road.** Pastor Mark Kirby invites everyone to Fellowship and Worship with us. Children's Church on Sunday Services starts at 11:00am Childrens Church starts at 11:30am. Wednesday nights Bible

Study 7:00pm-8:00pm. Come out and see what the Lord is doing!  
**-The College Street Church of God, 731 College St., Calhoun, 706-483-3666,** pastor Dewayne Smith, holds weekly services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., Sunday; morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday; Sunday night service at 6 p.m.; and Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
**-Victory Fellowship Center, 925 Oothcalooga St.,** invites you to weekly worship services held at 11 a.m. every Sunday morning. Pastor Joe Stewart and the VFC family also invite everyone to join each Wednesday at noon and 7:30 p.m. for anointed and enlightening Bible studies. If you are looking to grow in your understanding of God's plan for your life and gain greater insight of the life changing power of His word, come and join us as we study the word.  
**-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.

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