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City Council receives project updates at latest meeting; new Zaxby's location off Richardson Road nearing completion

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The Calhoun City Council met on Monday night in an abbreviated meeting marked by project updates, along with a few public hearings.

Mayor Pro Tem George Crowley told the Council that the new

Zaxby's, located behind Starbucks on Richardson Road, is making good progress.

Zaxby's, owned by businessman Chip Fuller, is moving to the new, bigger location after being in its current location across from Chic-fil-A for almost to 20 years. Fuller owns Zaxby's stores in Georgia

and Tennessee. According to Fuller, the new store is more convenient for the public, with multiple road entrances on both Richardson Road and Highway 53. The new store one of the largest Zaxby's in the southeast,

with 4,146 of square footage that will seat 90 people. There will be

a safe, pedestrian-free double drive-thru, and the new site also adds additional parking.

Fuller is expecting the store to be open before May 1.

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GCS students to participate in programs offered at new JA Discovery Center in Dalton when it opens in 2021

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Gordon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Fraker announced an exciting partnership with Junior Achievement at Monday night's meeting of the GCS Board of Education, with the announcement that GCS has been selected as one of the systems that will participate in the programs of the new JA Discovery Center that is currently being built in Dalton on the new Hammond Creek Middle School campus.

"The closest Discovery Center to us right now is in

Cumming," explained Dr. Fraker. "But they're opening one in Dalton in 2021. We were contacted by Junior Achievement and asked if we would like to partner with the opportunity to send our students in the 8th grade, for the experience."

According to Fraker, the school system



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Artist rendering of the new Junior Achievement Discovery Center in Dalton, which is expected to open in 2021. Gordon County Schools has been selected as one of the systems that will participate in programs offered at the center.

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Gordon Central repeats as Region 7-AA Literary Champions.

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Information on the candidates who qualified to run for local office this election season

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Qualifying ended at noon on Friday for locally elected offices, and as previously reported, there were no Democrats to qualify for office this election cycle, and eight of the 12 local offices do not have opposition. Most of the offices, unless there is a runoff or enough write-in votes, will be decided in May during the General Primary Election.

The Gordon Gazette spoke with most of the candidates this week to get their perspective of the office they are running for, and what they hope to accomplish if elected.

County Commissioner, District 1:

Incumbent Republican M.L. "Bud" Owens was the only qualifier for the seat.

"I am honored and blessed to have earned the confidence of the citizens of Gordon County," said Owens. "It has been a pleasure working alongside the entire board as we have focused on doing what is best and right for Gordon County, not only for today but for generations to come. It is a privilege to serve! My door is always open for our citizens as we work together to continue making Calhoun and Gordon County a great place to live, work, play and stay!"

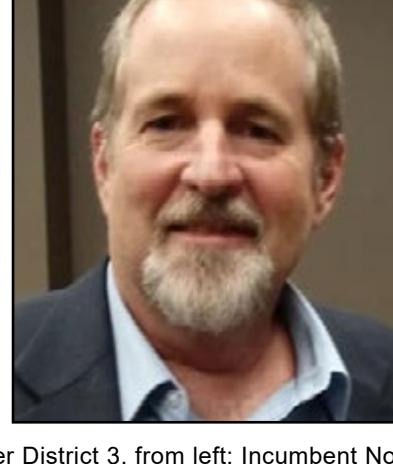
County Commissioner, District 3:

Incumbent Republican Norris Sexton will face Republicans Robert "Rob" Ballard and Bruce Potts, Jr.

This will be a third term for



Candidates for County Commissioner District 3, from left: Incumbent Norris Sexton, Robert Ballard and Bruce Potts. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)



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Sexton if re-elected.

"(I am a) lifelong resident of Gordon County and a graduate of Calhoun High School and Shorter University with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies with a concentration in Religion/Philosophy," said Sexton.

He and his wife, Wilma, have three adult children, four grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. They have been married for 54 years.

Sexton says he has a passion for building community. He has worked in the carpet/yarn industry for thirty-five years and was a member of the Georgia National Guard. He is now Pastor of the Barrett Road Church of God and has served his congregation for over 30 years.

Sexton said that through all of his Gordon County leadership experiences, he has witnessed the challenges that Gordon County has faced in the

past and the remarkable way our community has come together and met those challenges to provide the citizens with a world-class society.

"I believe that by focusing our energy and attention on the needs of the whole community, we can facilitate collaboration among all stakeholders to provide opportunity and growth for every citizen," said Sexton.

Sexton said he is campaigning for another term in office because he wants to continue the opportunity to represent the community in civic affairs.

Robert "Rob" Ballard has lived in Gordon County for 42 years, and said his friends encouraged him to run for public office.

"I hear a lot of people say we need new commissioners; a lot have been in there for a while," said Ballard. "I thought I'd take a shot at it and run."

Ballard is an I.T. professional, working as a web developer

for Hotel Restaurant Supply. He said that I.T. professionals are problem solvers, and he plans to apply that same type of thinking to public office.

"If I were elected to office and there's a problem, we solve it and hopefully we can solve it together (as a board)," said Ballard. "You don't forget about the problem or cover it up, you solve the problem. I want to apply that thinking to running for commissioner."

Ballard said he has several agendas if elected to the office.

"One thing I want to do is improve our county road department and improve our county roads," said Ballard. "Some of the roads, I think, are rather unsafe. I'm not talking paving roads; they do a good job with that. I'm talking safety concerns, like painting lines and (roads) needing lines."

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Second Front

Gordon Central Press Box remodel begins, other updates from recent GCS Board of Education meeting

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The Gordon County Board of Education met on Monday, March 9, and discussed several items of business, starting with Emergency Preparedness protocols in the event of a local outbreak of any illness.

"We want everyone to rest assured we are working very closely with emergency management personnel here in our county, as well as with representatives with public health," said Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Fraker, saying that they work closely with those agencies throughout the year.

Fraker also told the Board that Dr. Amy Parker is also working with the lead nurse nurses to make sure the schools have all the supplies on hand and that they continue to clean and sanitize both the schools and buses.

BOE Chair Charlie Walraven then announced

appointments of Board Member Liaisons, noting that in the past, Board members assigned to committees that oversaw certain areas of the school system, but that last year, GSBA suggested those liaison positions to be discontinued.

"In talking, we feel like we're missing a lot and don't have the connection with our schools," said Walraven.

Walraven then recommended that each Board member become a liaison in these different committees:

Board member Chris Johnson will be the liaison for Safety;

Board member Eddie Hall will be the liaison between the Calhoun City Council and the Gordon County Board of Commissioners;

Board member Dana Stewart will be the liaison for Curriculum and Instruction;

Board member Bobby Hall will be the liaison for Transportation;

Board members Kacee

Smith and Jason Hendrix will be the liaisons for Facilities and Athletics.

"This is similar to what we've done before," said Walraven. "I feel like it'll be better if we have connection to the schools in the different areas."

In other news from the meeting:

The Board selected Dana Stewart as the Georgia School Board Association Delegate and Bobby Hall as the Alternate.

The Board also heard a first reading of the new policy GAG-Staff Conflict of Interest.

"This is basically about relationships and people who work in the same building together or supervise one another," said Dr. Fraker. "It's a policy that we had a long time ago but it had gone away, so we are bringing it back."

The Board approved the changes to Board Policy FDC-Naming Facilities, which will now allow facilities



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of Gordon County Schools to be named in honor of those still living that have made significant contributions to the school system. Previously, the policy stated the naming of facilities only for those who had died.

The Board approved a Change Order for the Gordon Central Press Box remodel, which is underway, in the amount

of \$14,500 for an awning that covers the entire top portion of the press box. This leaves \$33,000 in the press box remodel budget for a new sound system, which will be bid soon.

The Board approved a continuation of the contract for Livingood Labs, which performs the drug testing for the school system.

The Board approved

the Transportation Contracts, contracts with other school systems as GCS transports students to the Georgia School for the Deaf in Cave Spring.

The next meeting of the Gordon County Board of Education will be held on at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, April 13, at the Gordon County College & Career Academy, located at 305 Beamer Road SW in Calhoun.

COVID-19 Calhoun-Gordon County Task Force continues to review plans at Tuesday morning meeting

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The public safety group of the COVID-19 Calhoun Gordon County Task Force met today to review and update response plans and protocols. This meeting was part of an ongoing effort to help keep Calhoun and Gordon County public safety prepared for not only a potential Coronavirus case but any type of infectious disease they may encounter to include seasonal flu. This group meets regularly throughout the year to accomplish seamless response when responding to calls for help.

To date there have been no reported positive cases of COVID-19 within Gordon County, however, neighboring counties do have confirmed cases. The Calhoun Gordon County Task Force assures our citizens that we are working to

stay as up to date as possible on this emerging situation.

The overall risk of COVID-19 to the general public remains low; although elderly people and individuals with chronic medical conditions may have increased risk for COVID-19. The best prevention measures for any respiratory virus are:

-Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

-Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

-Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

-Stay home when you are sick.

-Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

-Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you have recently traveled to areas where there are ongoing outbreaks of COVID-19 and develop fever with cough and shortness of breath within 14 days of your travel, or if you have had contact with someone who is suspected to have COVID-19, stay home and call your health care provider or local health department right away. Be sure to call before going to a doctor's office, emergency room, or urgent care center and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

Community members, who have questions, please refer to the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov or call the local Public Health Department at 706-624-1444. There is also a State Department of Public Health number which is 1-866-PUB-HLTH.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/Covid19

Allen to lead Tolbert Elementary; Pruitt named Assistant Principal of SHS at Monday's BOE meeting

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During its March 9 meeting, the Gordon County Board of Education approved the hiring of Shelley Allen as the principal of Tolbert Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year. This action comes one month after the Board announced that Sket Angland would be transferred to Ashworth Middle School to serve as the principal next school year.

A native of Gordon County, Mrs. Allen is a Gordon Central High School alumna and a long-term employee of the school district. Mrs. Allen currently serves as the assistant principal at W. L. Swain Elementary School, a position she has held since 2016. Prior to her role as assistant principal, Mrs. Allen served as an instructional coach for math and science and lead teacher for the Special



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From left, Shelley Allen and Kim Pruitt.

worked at Sonoraville High School, where she filled to role of district gifted coordinator and was the social studies department instructional supervisor. She also taught at Sonoraville Middle School early in her career.

Mrs. Pruitt holds a specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from Lincoln Memorial University and will complete a Tier I Educational Leadership Endorsement in June. She

is also an alumnus of the University of Georgia, where she earned both a master's and a bachelor's degree in education. Mrs. Pruitt commented, "I am thrilled and very thankful to have the opportunity to return to Sonoraville High School. I look forward to working with students and faculty to continue the traditions of excellence at SHS."

Both of these educators will begin their new positions in July.

DON'T FORGET: Funds still available for Tallatoona CAP LIHEAP Heating Assistance

STAFF REPORTS

Tallatoona CAP began the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on Nov. 1, 2019 and still has some spots available before the season ends.

Schedule an appointment online at www.tallatoonacap.org and click on Book Now, or by calling 770-773-7730.

The following documents will be needed for appointments: driver's license or state issued photo ID; original social security cards for everyone living in household; proof of citizenship or immigration status such as driver's license, US military ID, US passport, state issued photo ID, US permanent resident card, alien registration card, employment authorization document, certificate of citizenship; most current heating bill within the past 30 days. If your home is heated with natural gas, kerosene, propane or wood you MUST bring both your heating bill and electric bill to the appointment; proof of income for the last 30 days for everyone 18 years or older living in the home including alimony, child support, disability, pension, rental income, retirement, social security, unemployment, wages from work, wages from self employment and workers compensation.

The program ends March 31, 2020. Anyone who has not received assistance this winter season, can receive \$350 or \$400 for assistance. To set up an appointment, visit www.tallatoonacap.org and click on Book Now, or by calling 770-773-7730.

Obituaries

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Lori Berglar

Lori Berglar, age 48, of Ellijay, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Erlanger Hospital of Chattanooga.

Lori was born on Dec. 27, 1971 in Marietta to Phillip Meadows and Jane Erwin Meadows. She was a loan processor for 1st National Community Bank of Chatsworth.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband Joshua Berglar; brother, Greg Meadows; a nephew, Taylor Meadows, and a niece, Tiffany Meadows.

A celebration of life will be conducted on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Plainville United Methodist Church.

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

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Lori Berglar.



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following public hearings and business were held:

The Council approved a Zoning Change Request from R-2 to C-2 for 2.53 acres, on Mauldin Road.

The Council approved an Annexation and Zoning Request of R1-B at 345 Henderson Bend Road.

The Council approved to amend certain portions of Chapter 26 of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances, to better define the liabilities and responsibilities for third parties operating within municipal cemeteries that might cause damage to other monuments or structures.

"This is an amendment to the current ordinance," explained City Attorney George Govignon. "The new Subsection A is what was left from the original, which basically enforces third party vandalism. Subsection B in regards to interments and services, with Subsection C in regards to third party installment of monuments.

The Council approved a manager change request by Guacamoles Bar and Grill at 165 Outlet Center Drive SE, Suite 5.

The Council approved a manager change request by LongHorn Steakhouse at 1301 Lovers Lane Road.

The next meeting of the Calhoun City Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 23, at the Depot in downtown Calhoun.

JA

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dedicated to educating students in grades K-12 about financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship, reaching more than 10 million students across the globe. Junior Achievement works to "develop a generation of individuals who are armed with the confidence, knowledge and determination to thrive; to build a better future for themselves and their community." JA focuses on high impact programs that drive long-term outcomes in areas of financial literacy, career readiness and fostering the entrepreneurial spirit.

According to Junior Achievement, the JA Discovery Centers blend key components of JA to deliver state-of-the-art learning facilities where students apply concepts they learn in the classroom in a 360-degree authentic and immersive experience. Upon arrival students become a part of a simulated version of towns, JA BizTown and JA Finance Park, where students work alongside their peers and volunteers as they discover a greater understanding of financial concepts, build 21st century skills, and foster the entrepreneurial spirit. JA Discovery Centers help middle-school aged students to experience the careers available to them, along with showing them the life skills needed to be successful in those careers.

JA BizTown creates an experience where students are able to interact within a simulated economy and take on the challenge of fueling a business. Here, students not only discover the intricacies of being a professional and member of the community, but also realize the abundance of opportunities available within their city.

JA Finance Park provides students the opportunity to experience their personal financial futures first-hand. Guided by an assigned 'life situation,' students participate in an immersive simulation that enables them to develop skills to successfully navigate today's complex economic environment and discover how decisions today can impact tomorrow.

"It's a realistic setting; you do real world things like get a loan or buy a car. It really lines up with our strategic plan about the need for the personal finance piece, so I'm excited we're going to get to partner with them," said Dr. Fraker.

Dr. Fraker told the Board she was able to go to an event in Dalton for Junior Achievement last week, where Gordon County Schools was recognized as one of five school systems that have already agreed to participate in the program.

According to a news release from Junior Achievement, the construction of the Dalton facility is possible through a joint partnership with JA, as a result of a private grant and the Dalton Board of Education's commitment of capital financial resources that will not require any additional taxes. The JA Discovery Center in Dalton will serve 13,000 middle school students annually in the northwestern region of the state.

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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. 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.

Are you interested in losing pounds and inches? Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for support and how-to information. Meetings are on Monday nights. Weigh-ins begin at 6 p.m., and group support and information starts at 7 p.m. at the Gordon County Senior Citizens Center, 150 Cambridge Court, Calhoun. For more information, call 706-847-3306.

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

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.

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 dawnissson@msn.com.

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

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

-Looking for a 12-step meeting for men and women? At "Road to Recovery," recognizing Jesus Christ as our higher power, they take the 12 steps and compare how they are taken from scripture and how to apply them to our lives to experience true freedom from the bondages of addiction. The meetings are free and open to the public at World Harvest Church locations in Cherokee and Gordon counties. For more information, call 706-602-1919. The Calhoun church is located at 2335 Red Bud Road. The meetings here are every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

The Alzheimer's Auxiliary of North Georgia is seeking new members. Members of this auxiliary are a vital part in the work of the Alzheimer's Association. Currently, two auxiliaries, one in North Georgia and one in Atlanta, provide support and financial assistance to people affected by Alzheimer's disease. There are many volunteer opportunities to work with the regional offices in supporting those living with the disease, as well as caregivers. Some events auxiliary members participate in are an annual bake sale, the annual gala, Memory Walk, and health fairs. For annual membership, yearly dues of \$35 per person are requested. For more information about joining the Alzheimer's Auxiliary, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 706-275-0819.

Families Anonymous, a 12-step, self-help recovery program is for parents, relatives, and friends concerned about their loved ones current, suspected or past abuse of drugs or alcohol. Working together, members find ways of overcoming feelings of helplessness and despair. The weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 654A Red Bud Road N.E. (beside Calhoun Counseling Center). There is no cost for membership.

-The Georgia Tobacco Quit Line 1-877-270-stop (7867) provides free counseling, support and referral services for Georgia residents 18 years of age or older who want to stop using tobacco, as well as concerned parents of adolescents using tobacco. Call today to become tobacco-free!

-Calhoun Pregnancy Center has been serving women and families in the Calhoun, GA area since 1987. Our 501(c)(3) ministry tries to maintain a relationship with all clients from the initial meeting through life. Calhoun Pregnancy Center provides free pregnancy test kits, counseling, maternity clothes, baby clothes, baby care items assistance, and confidentiality to the Calhoun, GA area. Specialties: Free Pregnancy Test Kits, Pregnancy Counseling, Maternity Clothes, Baby Clothes, Baby Care Items, Adoption Presentations, Lactation Specialist, Labor and Delivery Coach. Services: Pregnancy Counseling and Confidentiality. Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Closed on Sunday. Wednesday and Saturday by appointment only. We're always seeking volunteers. If you are committed to volunteering, call the center and ask to speak to the director. Calhoun Pregnancy Center is located at 200 E Belmont Drive in Calhoun. For more information, call (706) 625-5768.

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Church News

Dads paralyzed by past failures

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Today we will begin our series about bad dads of the Bible, based on the book by Ronald C.

Warren. We will look at 8 mistakes that dads can avoid making.

About ten years ago I became the dad of an orphaned twelve year old. Some parts of being his dad came easier than others. There were somethings that Josh and I both struggled with at that age. Neither of us saw the importance of school work. Even if we did, it was a distant second to the level of importance we put on sports and time with friends.

As Josh grew older, there were things that I wanted to shelter him

from, things that I wanted to make sure he didn't have the opportunity to experience (as if I could be everywhere he was). I had to learn that he was a young man, and that there were going to be times when he disappointed me. At times I was lenient on him about things that I knew I struggled with in my past. One reason was that I didn't want him to know of some things that I had struggled with. After all, what dad wants to run the risk of looking hypocritical to his own child?

The struggle

with many dads is understanding the difference between hypocrisy and spiritual growth. Hypocrisy is when you try to stop your child from committing sin that you are actively committing; those things because of which you feel compelled to say "do as I say, not as I do". We've all heard those words. Spiritual growth is when you tell your kids not to do something, because you learned that it was not God's best for you when you were doing whatever it was. You know that it's not God's best for them

either.

David is a good example of a father who became an example of a "bad dad", because he allowed his past failure to paralyze him. In 2 Samuel 13, we see where David's first son, Amnon, fell in love with his half-sister Tamar. After she refused to have sex with him, he raped her. Tamar never recovered. Having not been a virgin disqualified her from being married, and vs. 20 described her as being a desolate woman. When David found out, he was furious. However, David did not take action

against Amnon even though the law of that day would have required him to marry Tamar, and never be able to divorce her.

Why wouldn't David do what he should have to bring justice for Tamar? It was because he feared being labeled a hypocrite. Even though David had repented of his sins involving Bathsheba, and been forgiven; he was paralyzed by his past failure. David made the mistake of not taking action, and Satan used this to destroy David's family.

God requires good

Church Calendar**ONGOING**

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

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

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Fairmount United Methodist Church-Loving One Another To Christ. Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. Children's Church provided. New Minister now Leading. New programs and community outreach coming soon.

-Pastor Terry Reisner invites everyone to the Vision Pentecostal Ministry located at 401 South Wall Street in Calhoun. Come hear the truth of God's Word Sundays at 11 a.m.

-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 11 a.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 pbccalhoun@gmail.com

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Cash Flow with Joe: It's a journey



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I'm often asked by newer investors how long it took for Ashley and me to get out of corporate America. It's an interesting question, because neither she nor I have ever been part of anything corporate other than the entities we've set up. Truthfully, I've never had a "real job." And when I tell people that, I get some rather

puzzled looks.

What I really think the newer investors are asking is, "What was your journey like, and how long did it take for you to become established?"

Mine and Ashley's path is different from most other investors. You see, we started out with nothing. Actually, we started out in the negative because we had just graduated college and had a mound of student debt that needed to be paid back.

When I entered college, I had no idea what I wanted to do or be. I explored many different avenues until I finally settled on being a physical therapist.

To make along story short, I missed the annual application deadline to grad school by a week in 2008. As such, we decided Ashley would finish school and I'd go back to work in construction.

In late 2008, I found

myself working for an investor in Atlanta as his rehabber. That was my first insight into real estate investing, and it changed my life. I knew that's what I wanted to do.

That company went under in 2009, and I found myself going door to door with my pressure washer trying to clean houses for \$75 a pop in order to put food on the table. It was rough.

During this time, Ashley and I were studying real estate investing, learning about creative financing (which we were going to need), and going to every REIA we could.

In 2010, we were blessed to do our first deal. I basically traded painting an investor's house for being allowed to partner on a Lonnie Deal. The investor also agreed to educate me on how to do Lonnie Deals moving forward.

In 2011, we decided to scale up from our previous year, and we grew our business by 100%. That means we did two — count'em two — Lonnie Deals in 2011. And those didn't end so pretty. We lost money, and I nearly lost a finger via table saw.

As we ended 2011, Ashley and I had to make a decision. Be a full-time real estate investors, or not. You see, I don't do two things at once. I do one thing. And when I'm doing it, I do it with every ounce of my being.

This fact was important because I was taking construction jobs as our main income and treating real estate investing more as a hobby. It was either go full time and make investing work or keep being a construction worker. We chose real estate.

A family tragedy brought

us the resources we needed to live by until we could make investing work. Ashley's mom, Debbie Powell, passed away in 2011, and we received some seed money from a \$20,000 life insurance policy that we didn't know about. I can't help but tear up thinking about how Debbie made things possible for us.

She was a true giver, and she gave us what we needed to start our lives while she was here, and even afterwards.

From 2012 to 2016, we trudged forward, partnering with investors to flip properties for our living expenses while buying rentals when we could via creative financing.

In the summer of 2016, we struck a deal with a package of Lonnie Deals that gave us enough cashflow to just barely pay for our monthly expenses. That meant we were officially out of the rat race! And it took us

6 1/2 years.

But Lonnie Deals inevitability pay off, so, we had to continually find a way to replace that income with positive cashflowing properties. Yahweh blessed us because we have done just that.

The point here is that getting out of the rat race is not a sprint. It's not even a marathon. It's a continuous journey. And if you're considering leaving your job to be a full-time investor, you'd better be prepared for that journey. It's not easy and it will take you some time. But if you stay with it and you keep going, you will enjoy great success.

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Will Your Money Last as Long as You Do?



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What do your fellow citizens fear most? Almost half of them – 49% – are most afraid of running out of money during retirement, a higher percentage than the 44% whose chief concern is failing health, according to a recent survey by Aegon

Center for Longevity and other groups.

What steps can you take to help ensure your money will last as long as you do?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Estimate your longevity. None of us can say for sure how long we'll live. However, you can make some educated guesses based on your health and family history. And once you do have at least a ballpark figure, you can then determine about how much

retire. Your retirement age will have a big impact on how long your money can last. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k).

Plus, if you have health insurance through work, you should be able to cover some of the out-of-pocket health care costs you'd normally have to pay if you're retired.

- Invest as much as you can in your retirement. During your working years, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And every time you get a raise, try to increase the amount you put into your employer's plan.

- Protect yourself from long-term care costs. If

you're fortunate, you'll never need any type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care provider.

Still, there are no guarantees, and long-term care expenses can be big enough to threaten your retirement savings. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth.

Medicare typically pays just a small portion of these amounts, so you may want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy that will pay for qualified long-term care costs. Or you might consider a "hybrid" policy, which combines long-term

care protection with life insurance. So, if you never needed long-term care, your hybrid policy would pay a death benefit to your beneficiary, but if you did need the care, your policy would pay benefits toward those expenses.

- Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate. During your retirement, you'll need to withdraw money from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. But you'll want to avoid taking out too much each year, especially during the early years of your retirement. It's important to establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your needs, taking into account your age, sources of income, lifestyle and other factors.

The thought of running

out of money during retirement is scary indeed – but by making smart choices, you can go a long way toward alleviating this fear and enjoying your life as a retiree.

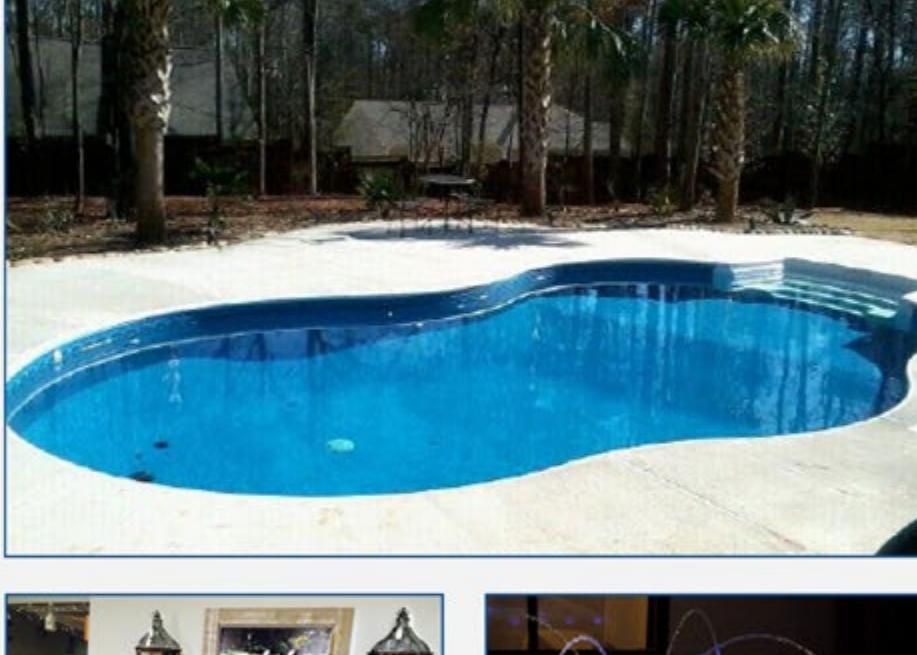
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bed of the pick-up truck. Then, we would take the husks and silks and feed to the cows that enjoyed the treat.

Still today, growing sweet corn in the family garden is an annual practice of many. One thing different today than from my youth in regards to sweet corn is the abundance of corn varieties to choose from in your gardening efforts.

Today, I will be sharing sweet corn basics by use of a UGA publication by UGA Extension staff, Bob Westerfield and Nathan Eason.

For starters, sweet corn should not be difficult to grow if you follow the basics. One thing to keep in mind is that sweet corn is divided into three types based on genetic background. You have the normal sugary (su), sugary enhanced (se) and the supersweet (sh2). Note there are

also varieties that now contain a combination of either two or all three of these genes thus showing qualities of each. These are sometimes noted as synergistic (sy) or augmented supersweet (shA). There is not enough article space to go into tons of detail on types. All I can say is do your homework and find what works for you.

The standard sweet corn varieties contain a sugary (su) gene that will give the sweetness and creamy texture to the kernels.

The su's are more fit for being picked, husked and eaten within a short time frame, according to our information. The sugar in su varieties will convert over to starch quickly thus allowing them to be stored for only a few days.

The supersweets (sh2) needs to be isolated from any other type of corn that is tasseling at the

same time to make sure the sweetness and tenderness. The pollen of this type corn is weak so it can be supplanted by other types.

Keep in mind that corn is wind pollinated so the isolation should be 500 feet or more and especially downwind.

Again, do your homework on varieties and pick what works for you. Corn variety selection may not be a selection process at all for some. It can be something passed down from generation to generation. For example, we grew Silver Queen corn on the farm for many years.

Do not plant corn too early. Sweet corn prefers soil temperatures between 60-90 degrees F. A rule-of-thumb is to wait at least two weeks after the last average killing frost before planting. Traditionally, the last frost date is normally

middle of April, but the weather can be tough to predict. Just do not plant in cool soils. If you plant too early, it can result in weak stands, stunted corn plant growth or frost killed corn seedlings.

Our information states that the newer, sweeter varieties are even more sensitive to cool and wet soils. Corn needs to be planted in a spot that will receive 8 to 10 hours of sunlight a day and also in an area where you can have clean water for irrigation. Planting close to a dwelling with water is important.

It is suggested to plant seed approximately 1-inch deep in rows that are 3 feet apart with 8 to 12 inches between each seed in the row.

Remember that corn is wind pollinated so it is better to have four or more short rows of sweet corn side by side instead of one long corn row. The more and shorter

rows will help with pollination and corn ear development.

Plant (sh) and multi-gene varieties 400 yards away from standard varieties OR plant so maturity dates are one month apart to keep cross pollination from happening. Proper watering is important for the corn crop. Corn has a one inch of water minimum per week for normal corn development.

Keep in mind that the most important time for water is during pollination and during final ear filling. You need to water to get the soil moist to a depth of six inches. Soaker hoses or drip irrigation is ideal.

I only touched the surface on growing sweet corn. For more information, contact UGA Extension- Gordon County at 706-629-8685 or email gbowman@uga.edu.

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CANDIDATES

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There are a lot of back country roads where at night, or in the rain, you can't tell if you're on the road or not. It's my understanding that the county contracts out line painting on the roads; maybe we need to get some of our own, basic equipment and get the roads improved on safety. There's also a lot of talk about the need for more affordable housing (in the county). I'm not necessarily a tiny home advocate, but there is a place for something like that, in designated locations. Some places across the country are building little communities for military veterans. I think Gordon County should embrace this sort of technology and welcome it. If we were a county that embraced something like this, people might want to move here. We don't want to build tiny homes everywhere, but we can work to make certain areas available for well-built tiny homes."

Ballard is a supporter of the Second Amendment and gun rights. He is also a supporter of implementing solar power in the county.

"I have one of the few homes in Gordon County that has solar power on my home," said Ballard. "In about three years, it will cost everyone a minimum of \$300 per year for electricity before you even turn on a light switch with proposed rate hikes upcoming."

The third candidate for County Commissioner District 3 is former Sonoraville High School principal Bruce Potts. Potts is a life-long resident of Calhoun-Gordon County.

Potts said that he's running for office as a way to serve the community.

"My whole career was service-focused," said Potts of his 22 years in education. "I've prayed to be in a role of service. I want to be able to help the community and the local school systems."

Potts said that some of his ideas for the county come from a standpoint of an education administrator, and those ideas run parallel with a lot of the projects that would be beneficial for Gordon County.

"Infrastructure is an interest, along with business and industry and implementing the Joint Comprehensive Plan," said Potts. "These things are vital to grow Gordon County."

Potts also heavily supports public safety.

"My work on safety and security committees for schools keeps me involved and interested in Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Public Safety and Emergency Management," said Potts.

Potts spent 13 years at Sonoraville High School, with the majority of those years serving as principal. Potts currently serves on the Gordon County Department of Family and Children Services Board of Directors, which was awarded State DFCS Board of the Year in 2019.

County Commissioner, District 5:

Incumbent Republican Kevin Cunningham was the only qualifier for this office.

"I would like to thank the good people of Gordon County for allowing me to serve another four years," said Cunningham. "I'm looking forward to working together as our county grows and to make Gordon County a place where our children and grandchildren can call home. As always, I'd encourage everyone to vote in the May 19 primary and again in November."

Clerk of Superior Court:

Incumbent Republican Grant Walraven was the only qualifier for this office.

"I'd like to thank the citizens of Gordon County for giving

me the opportunity to serve as your Clerk of Superior Court for four more years," said Walraven. "We will continue updating the Superior Court Clerk's Office to stay current with our County's growing needs. I thank God every day for allowing me to serve my hometown in this capacity. I am honored and humbled to be running unopposed and look forward to continue serving the citizens of Gordon County."

Corner:

Incumbent Republican Coroner James Carver, the longest serving coroner in the State of Georgia, will face Republican Ken Padgett in May.

Carver was unavailable for interview at press time.

Ken Padgett is a lifelong resident of Gordon County and is married to Marie Elmore Padgett. His parents were Billy and Norma Padgett. His dad served for 16 years on the City Council.

Padgett is running for office because he wants to improve the morgue and coroner's office.

"We need to update the process, and get (the morgue) and the procedures into the 21st Century," said Padgett. "The County has plans to build a new morgue and coroner's office, and I'd like to elevate the office. I want it to be a place where there's an open door policy and transparency. We have three very experienced deputy coroners who need their coroner to be active and allow them to have a voice (in operations)."

Padgett has had a long and storied career in Gordon County. He is the only candidate to run for coroner that has been a certified EMT, Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer. Padgett was serving in the Civil Defense when the tornado touched down in Sugar Valley in the spring of 1974, killing seven. He helped man the mass casualty morgue set up at that time at the local National Guard. He was one of the first employees of the Gordon County Ambulance Service when Gordon County took the service over from the funeral homes in 1975. He spent 18 years in law enforcement at the Calhoun Police Department and he's currently with the Gordon County Sheriff's Department, where he's served for more than 10 years.

Through his service, Padgett has hundreds of hours in investigative training; he's a certified law enforcement instructor who has worked numerous death investigations, including murders and child death.

Padgett has also been a Red Cross First Aid instructor, and was a chair of the Gordon County Red Cross. He was president of the Battered Women's Shelter and Chairman of the Child Abuse Council. Padgett has a close working relationship with the county, serving as head of Historic Preservation. He currently serves as president of Friends of Resaca, and was instrumental in securing the Resaca Battlefield Historic Site.

Judge of Probate Court:

Incumbent John "Richie" Parker (non-partisan office), was the only qualifier for this office.

Sheriff:

Incumbent Republican Sheriff Mitch Ralston was the only qualifier for this office.

Tax Commissioner:

Republican Incumbent Scott Clements was the only qualifier for this office.

"I am happy to serve four more years as Tax Commissioner for the finest people in the state of Georgia," said Clements.

County Board of Education, Post 2:

Incumbent Republican Jason Hendrix was the only

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qualifier for this office. County Board of Education, Post 4:

Incumbent Republican Bobby Hall will face opposition from Rod Brehm in May.

Hall has served on the Board of Education since being appointed in 2013. He previously served on the Board for four terms, being elected in 1986, then taking a break in 2002.

From Gordon County, Hall was originally inspired to service when he graduated high school. While he went into the private sector, he's always supported education.

He served as the PTA president of W.L. Swain Elementary when his daughter was in school, which stirred his desire to serve on the Board of Education again.

Hall said some of his biggest accomplishments during his years of service were making all of the Gordon County Schools' facilities better with the ability to convince legislators to add the ESPLOST vote.

"That one percent sales tax gives school systems the opportunity to use sales tax money to improve our facilities and keep them up," said Hall. "We must keep our facilities up. Right now, we have around 6,500 kids coming through our system every year. The buildings and ground should be just as new as possible for each kid that comes through that facility. That takes a lot of maintenance."

"We have put together a great assembly of teachers; and we have appointed a new superintendent that hit the ground running and is working hard for our school system and for the citizens of Gordon County," said Hall. "I'm very impressed with what I see and her abilities. She's mending fences between both systems, and that's a reflection on our community. She's also making changes in the classrooms that are very subtle and well thought-out, and in years to come it's going to prove to be effective for the benefit of our children and their opportunity to learn."

Hall said he hopes to continue to make the school system better for the students of Gordon County.

"I'd like to continue to improve our education for our children," said Hall. "That's the only thing we have to give them in life, is an education that they can keep a lifetime. If we fail them that, then we fail in our duties as citizens and board members. I'd like to continue to search and look for the best teachers we can find, and continue to use (tax) money wisely in the educational process."

"I love working for children. I love being their voice. I love to make it positive for our teachers; that they are winners and can make our children be winners. I want no child left behind."

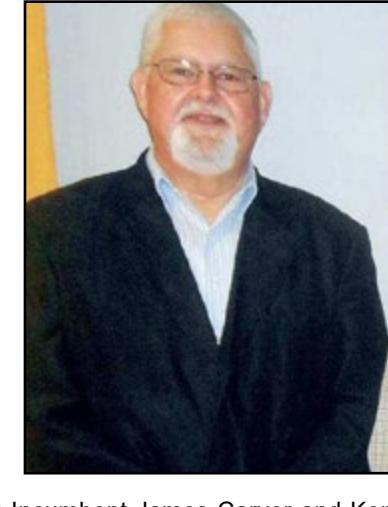
Hall's challenger, Rod Brehm, served 18 years with the Department of Natural Resources, where he was a conservation corporal and a manager at Georgia Veteran's State Park, where he efficiently ran the park, including purchasing, budgeting, contracts and bidding, and hiring, which, according to Brehm, is similar to the procedures the BOE uses.

"Over the past several years, I've been watching and involved in some of the things that are going on in the (Gordon County) Board of Education and I really didn't like those things. I realize that if I want change, I need to run to help implement change," said Brehm.

If elected, Brehm wants more transparency with the Board.

"I would like to open the Board up," said Brehm. "Make

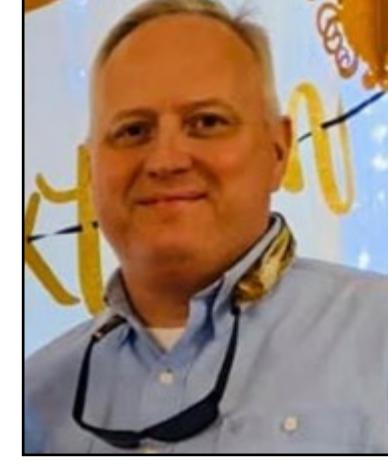
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Candidates for Coroner, from left: Incumbent James Carver and Ken Padgett. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)



Candidates for Gordon County Board of Education Post 4, from left: Incumbent Bobby Hall and Rod Brehm. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)



Tow of the candidates for Gordon County Board of Education Post 6, from left: Incumbent Samuel Jewell and Bryon Reeves. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

it available to those in the public who may show up for a Board meeting that are not aware of the current process to speak at the meeting. I'd like to give them a voice when they come to our meetings. I'd also like the Board to be more open to the public with their spending and get a grasp on what they spend and how much they spend. I don't like the fact that they've gone to a spending limit of \$20,000 without Board approval. I'd like to improve that."

Brehm also worked a lot with security at DNR, working security during the 1996 Olympic Games and at various parks, and would like to see more security measures at the schools. At his time with DNR, Brehm also presented thousands of programs at schools throughout the state, including boater and hunter safety education and water safety education. He and local law enforcement also implemented a reading program at the elementary schools in the area he served to show students the necessity of being able to read.

County Board of Education, Post 6:

Incumbent Chris Johnson is not running for re-election.

Qualifying for this office includes Republicans Christie Owens Fox, Samuel T. Jewell and Bryon Reeves.

Fox had not returned our call by press time.

Originally from Gordon County, Samuel Jewell graduated from Red Bud High School in 1990. He is retired from the Army National Guard and currently is a service technician for an industrial air conditioning company.

He's running to serve the community by helping children get a better education.

"I want to keep spending and taxes under control," said Jewell. "I want to cut taxes; if I'm not able to do that, I at least want to prevent them from being raised. I want to look into what we can do to improve the education for our children; I want to see more vo-tech classes and more real-life education to prepare our

children for the world they're going to be thrown into.

Jewell said he believes in a small, effective government of the people. He wants people to get out and exercise their right to vote no matter who they support as a candidate.

Bryon Reeves is also a Gordon County native. He is a graduate of the last graduating class, 1991, of Fairmount High School.

Reeves said he was inspired because both of his children have been part of Gordon County Schools.

"My son just graduated and my daughter is a sophomore at Sonoraville," said Reeves. "This side of the county has always been very near and dear to me because it's where I'm from, where I grew up and where I live now. I just want what's best for the schools and the kids."

Reeves background is in law enforcement; he has been a police officer for 23 years and currently serves as Chief of Police in Ball Ground. He has a focus on school security.

"I want to make sure the schools are secure and that there are protocols in place; anything that can be improved (with school security)," said Reeves.

Reeves said that in addition to security, he wants to make sure teachers have everything they need to effectively teach the students, and due to personal experience, wants to focus on transportation.

"I know there is a new bus director," said Reeves of the recent change. "I don't know that there's a problem now, but I know a few years ago, there were issues with bus schedules. I just want to represent this side of the county the best that I can and help the school system," said Reeves.

Magistrate Judge:
Incumbent Republican Pat Rasbury has no opposition this election cycle.

The General Primary Election/Nonpartisan Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

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Gordon County BOE recognizes Food City official after successful Math Night event for SES

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Food City's Human Relations Manager Pamela Harris was recognized with the Community Connections Award, sponsored by North Georgia National Bank, at Monday night's meeting of the Gordon County Board of Education.

Sonoraville Elementary Math Specialist Jill Upchurch and Principal Amy Beason recognized Harris after nominating her for the award for her work with the school's recent Math Night at the Grocery Store event.

On Thursday, March 5,

Food City was the place for SES students and their families, where assignments were created by grade level for students to use the grocery store to apply math skills in a real-world environment. Students shopped for items, compared prices and more.

"When we began to plan our Math Night at the Grocery Store, we thought that Food City would be the perfect place for our families to come and learn about using math in the real

world. Pam immediately returned our call and thought it was a great plan," said Upchurch. "She listened to our ideas and helped us figure out the best way to make this (event) happen. Throughout the process, Pam went out of her way to make sure our math night was fantastic. She was willing to do whatever it took to make our night a success, including staffing additional employees, providing ample space for our set-up, offering items for our take-home bags and giving out free food samples to our students and our families."

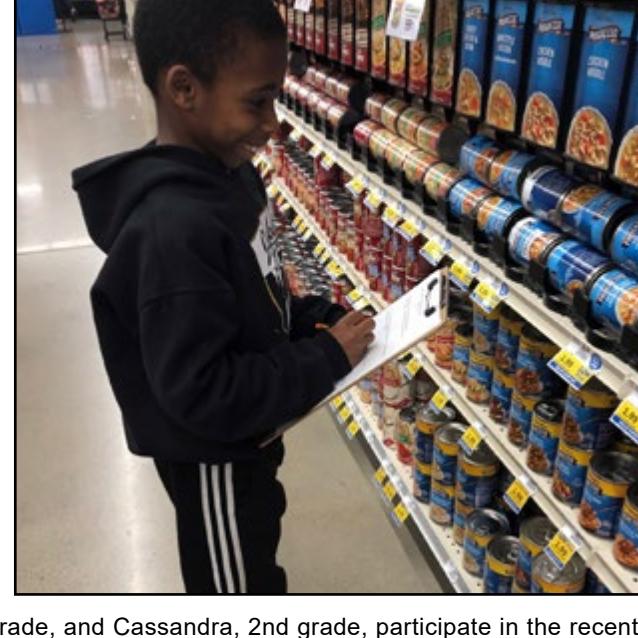
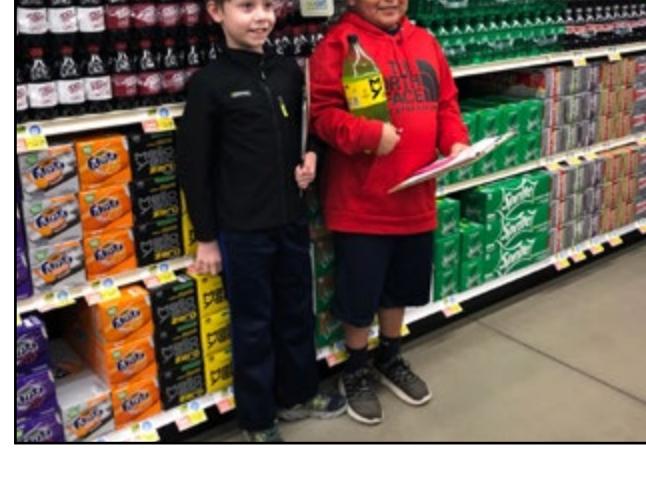
Upchurch said that 110 students attend the Math Night event, and that the students and teachers were all complementary of the job that Food City did to support the school.

"Pam Harris was instrumental in this partnership, and she has even reached out to us to partner with Food City for an Earth Day project," said Upchurch. "We appreciate everything she has done in this event, and we look forward to working with her and Food City in the future."



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The Gordon County BOE recognized Food City's Pam Harris with the Community Connections Award after her hard work helping organize last week's Math Night event for Sonoraville Elementary School. From row, left to right: SES principal Amy Beason; SES Math Specialist Jill Upchurch; Harris; GCS Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Fraker; Board members Dana Stewart and Bobby Hall. Back row, left to right: Board members Chris Johnson; Eddie Hall; Kacee Smith and Charlie Walraven.



TOP ROW: Left photo: Brother and sister Sebastian, 5th grade, and Cassandra, 2nd grade, participate in the recent SES Math Night even Right photo: Students post for photos during the SES Math Night event at Food City. BOTTOM ROW: Left Photo: Fifth grade SES student Jenica works one of the math problems during the Math Night event. Center Photo: SES 3rd grader Kendric is all smiles as he works math problems during the SES Math Night event. Right Photo: SES teachers help students who participated in last Thursday's Math Event at Food City. PHOTOS: BRANDI OWCZARZ/Staff

DON'T FORGET: Coulter Hampton Day this Saturday

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Plans are moving along, and more activities have been added to this year's Coulter Hampton Day, which will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Sonoraville Recreation Center on Fairmount Highway.

One of the major fund-raisers each year for the Counter Hampton Foundation, this year's event theme is #coulterstrong.

"Our theme this year (has an) Army feel, (because) Coulter loved Army men," said Coulter's mom and CHF founder Nikki Hampton.

The Coulter Hampton Foundation, Inc. is a

501c3 organization and member of the United Way of Gordon County. In March of 2005, Hampton hoped that friends and family would sponsor a day to uplift her son, Coulter, and raise money for his fight against Dyskeratosis Congenita.

While Coulter was fighting for his life in Cincinnati Children's Hospital on March 12 of that year, the community rallied together for the first Coulter Hampton Day to show their love and support for Coulter.

Coulter wasn't able to conquer his disease, but the Coulter Hampton Foundation continues in honor of him. Each year in March, there's a special Coulter Hampton Day to honor

him and raise awareness and collect funds to help local families with children who struggle with critical illnesses.

In 2019, the Coulter Hampton Foundation gave \$50,000 to families in our community who, due to having critically ill

children, were in financial need. Money raised at the event on Coulter Hampton Day will benefit these children and families throughout the year. Foundation families are treated to all day fun at the event free of charge.

As usual, there will be inflatables and games for the kids, and performances by local elementary school choruses. There is a silent auction, garage

sale, cake walk and merchandise for sale. Chick-fil-A Calhoun will be available selling lunch, and those interested can adopt a stuffed animal.

This year, there are several new experiences offered with Coulter Hampton Day.

"We also are adding a live auction!" said Hampton. "We have different levels of support for CH Day. Window stickers are an incentive as well as t-shirts, arm bands and yard signs. We are hosting a Facebook promo with the window cling where you can take your picture at the business and tag #coulterstrong on social media, so people can see who supports us."

The Live Auction begins at 11 a.m. this year, and just a few of the awesome items up for auction include:

- Ameris Bank 2020 Season Performance! Valued at between \$50-80 depending on the event you choose. Includes 2 lawn seats, 2 chair rentals, and a parking pass. - Disney on Ice! Four tickets for Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 - Jumpin' Jacks Kidzone...\$400 value! Enjoy

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#coulterstrong

Calhoun-Gordon County Special Olympics Basketball Skills Event held Friday

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GORDON COUNTY

The Calhoun Gordon County Special Olympics Basketball event took place on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Calhoun High School.

After the opening ceremony, about 175 athletes representing Gordon County Schools, Calhoun City Schools and Gordon County Masters competed in a friendly basketball competition. Athletes practiced shooting, dribbling and other basketball skills.

Calhoun High School Varsity basketball teams, student volunteers from Sonoraville, Gordon Central, Best Buddies and HOSA assisted students, cheered for athletes and played alongside each student. Many other generous volun-

teers from the community helped during the pinning awards ceremony.

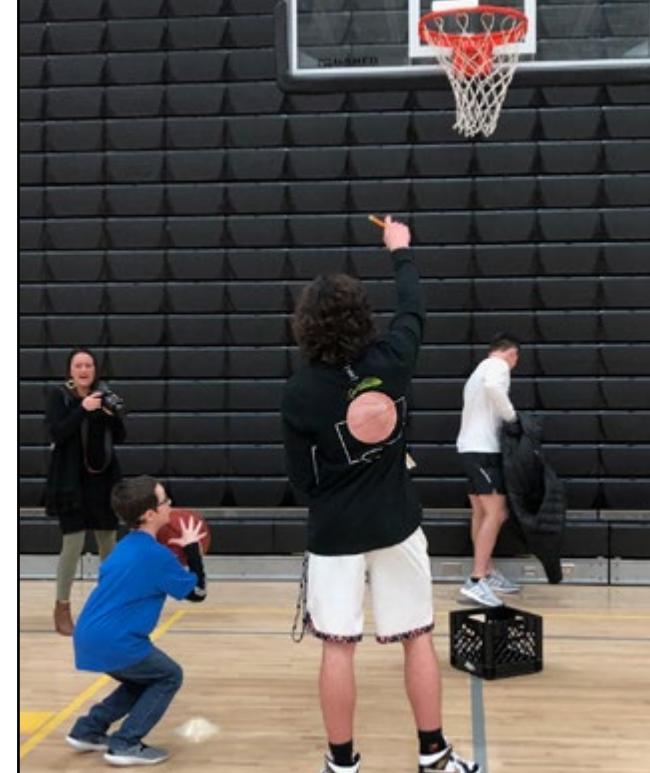
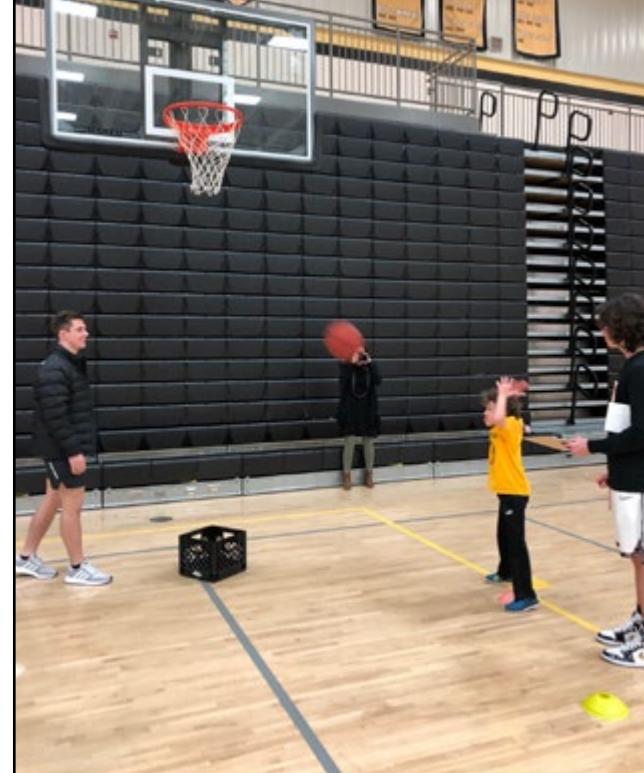
Hayley Gilreath and Alecia Segursky, Exceptional Student Services Directors from Calhoun City Schools and Gordon County Schools, stated that they continue to be inspired by the athletes and volunteers.

"Although Special Olympics exists to show support for individuals with disabilities, it is often the peers that walk away learning how to better show compassion toward others. Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who support our events!"

Special Olympics is a not-for-profit organization providing year-round sports training, athletic competition, and other related programs to children and adults with



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AT THE MOVIES: Disney Pixar's 'Onward' is a solid story with heart and humor for families...and brothers...to enjoy



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The story of two teenage elf brothers who embark on a quest that will allow them a chance to spend one last magical day with their father.

ROAD TRIP MOVIES

Apart from the magical spell that can resurrect their father, the plot line of this movie is fairly standard in the vein of buddy road trip movies: two guys have an objective, they load up in the vehicle and set out to reach their important destination within a strict time limit, they stop at a tavern early in the second act, they encounter lots of danger and comedic relief on the way such as biker gangs and cops, they get lost at one point, there's an emotional falling out just in time for the third act, etc. While these cliches and tropes are fairly frustrating, having been there and done that with countless movies in the past, Onward manages to maintain energy and excitement that doesn't leave the audience feel-

ing bored.

WORLD-BUILDING

I absolutely loved the incorporation of fantasy and folklore mythologies and terminology into the story, such as the older elf brother Barley's beloved "historically accurate" role-playing game Quests of Yore, a clear homage to Dungeons & Dragons. The world established is truly interesting, detailing how magic became lost and forgotten as the fantasy realm embraced technology and convenience. This poses some deeper questions about our own society, prompting the viewer to contemplate on what kind of magic they're missing out on by allowing the social norms and devices of the 21st century to be the law of the land. Though I seriously doubt the film is trying to raise a major social revolution, it does bring some intriguing and important questions to light (something no Pixar film has done since Inside Out in 2015 or Coco in 2017).

The animation is also very well done, creating subtle yet impressive details such as minor stains or marks on clothing or flushed cheeks for our main character Ian in moments of embarrassment. Though the lighting for the animation may leave a little to be desired with everything looking a bit too crisp and overexposed, it's a

very easy movie to enjoy from a visual standpoint.

COMING-OF-AGE

Perhaps the most compelling and memorable parts of this film are those that center around the younger brother Ian who was born after his father had passed away and learns that only he has the magical potential to bring him back. While this is a far cry from the great Joseph Campbell "Hero's Journey" stories such as Star Wars or The Fellowship of the Ring, it does a great job serving as a coming-of-age tale for Ian and even his big brother Barley. There's a very powerful scene early in the film, maybe my favorite in the whole movie, where Ian speaks with an old recording of his deceased father that's heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time. Over the course of the movie, Ian becomes increasingly bold, confident and independent as he matures on the quest to resurrect his dad. Barley does some maturing of his own as well, reminding us that even older brothers and aged mentors have room to grow and journeys to take.

THE ENDING

I thoroughly enjoyed the film's finale as Ian finally masters his magical abilities and Barley helps complete their quest, finally getting to prove himself to Ian by

doing something his own way. These stronger visuals and exciting action scenes peaked my interest and made me wonder how a sequel would turn out (though I've been greatly let down by most Pixar sequels in the past, so maybe not the best idea). The resolution of their quest doesn't come about the way you expect it, and it's truly a very bittersweet and poignant ending.

CONCLUSION

Overall, I think Onward is a relatively good Disney-Pixar film, definitely a breath of fresh air and an improvement on the last 3-5 years of disappointing sequels and spin-offs. Its bright and colorful visuals captivate the imagination, not to mention the numerous laugh-out-loud jokes (some of my personal favorites were the running gag about the Gelatinous Cube and the comedic payoff of the "Mane Man" joke). The story is carried well by a great voice cast including Tom Holland, Chris Pratt, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus, though all of these actors manage to create new characters that stand on their own. When Holland and Pratt are having a conversation in the van, I don't hear Spider-Man and Peter Quill, I hear Ian and Barley Lightfoot. While the plot isn't very unique and leaves some to be desired, it remains a



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very entertaining movie brothers discover along that marks a step in the right direction for Pixar. It also features one of the best pre-movie Pixar short films that I've seen in years.

I highly recommend

Onward for families, of course, but also for any brothers, no matter their age. The Ian/Barley relationship carries the entire narrative and holds the key to the thematic resolve, and it was quite moving for me as someone who has an important older brother in their life. While resurrecting the dad may be the plot-based goal, what the elf

Personal: B

Critical: 70%

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Community Events

Week of March 8

-Spring Door Hanging Painting Class at the Harris Arts Center on Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. or on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Classes will be held at the Harris Arts Center, 212 South Wall Street, Calhoun, GA 30701. Rene Keese has teamed up with the Harris Arts Center to offer door hanger painting classes for ages 13 and up. Choose from two dates or enjoy both! The first class is on Thursday, March 12 from 5:30-7:30p.m. and will feature an egg door hanger as the project. The second class being offered is set for Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m.-noon, with a flower door hanger as the project. Participants will leave the class with a hand painted item perfect for a gift or to keep for themselves. Classes are \$35 per class for HAC members and \$40 per class for nonmembers. Registration is required by March 9. All supplies are included. For more information, visit www.harrisartscenter.com.

-Annual Coulter Hampton Day on Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Sonoraville Rec, located at 7494 Fairmount Hwy SE, Calhoun, GA 30701. Coulter Hampton Day, Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Sonoraville Recreation Center on Fairmount Highway. One of the major fundraisers each year for the Counter Hampton Foundation, this year's event theme is #coulterstrong. For more information, visit www.coulterhampton.org.

-Throw on only your finest camouflage and trucker hat, because the Voluntary Action Center's sixth-annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser, "Murder at the Redneck Reunion" is set for Saturday, March 14. The event begins with a Meet and Greet at 5 p.m., with the performance beginning at 6 p.m. The event will be held at 209 South Wall Street in downtown Calhoun. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and tea. Beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase at the bar. To purchase tickets, contact Stacy Long by visiting the VAC at 343 South Wall Street, or reserve your tickets by calling 706-629-7283 or emailing stacy.long@voluntaryactioncenter.org.

-Acoustic Set with Derek Andrew at the GEM

Theatre on Saturday, March 14, beginning at 8 p.m. The Georgia based artist, originally from Nashville has played hundreds of shows across the U.S. and earned an impressive resume, opening for some of country music's most recognized artists including Luke Combs, Collin Raye, Jordan Rager, Bryan White, Andy Griggs, Glen Templeton, and Jamie O'Neal. Derek continues to perform regularly in venues throughout the Eastern U.S. Derek is now starting to gain the attention of major labels, booking agents and artist management companies. Tickets are \$10. For more information, visit the GEM's website at www.calhoun gemtheatre.org.

Week of March 15

"Always...Patsy Cline" at the Harris Arts Center, Thursday March 19 - Saturday, March 21 beginning at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m. The HAC is located at 212 South Wall Street, Calhoun, GA 30701. The Harris Arts Center and Calhoun Little Theatre are excited to announce the upcoming production of Always... Patsy Cline. Audiences have four opportunities to see this production with dates set for March 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. and March 22 at 3 p.m. For more information, visit the HAC website at www.harrisartscenter.com.

-7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience at the GEM Theatre on Saturday, March 21st, 2020, beginning at 7:30 p.m. 7 Bridges: The Ultimate EAGLES Experience is a stunningly accurate tribute to the music of The Eagles. 7 Bridges faithfully re-creates the experience of an Eagles concert from the band's most prolific period. Every show features one brilliant hit single after another with some Don Henley and Joe Walsh surprises sprinkled into the mix, offering the perfect blend of songs to capture all levels of Eagles devotees. The GEM is located on North Wall Street in Calhoun.

For tickets, visit www.calhoun gemtheatre.org.

Week of March 22

"Always...Patsy Cline" at the Harris Arts Center, Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m. The HAC is located at 212 South Wall Street, Calhoun, GA 30701. The Harris Arts Center and Calhoun Little

Theatre are excited to announce the upcoming production of Always... Patsy Cline. For more information, visit the HAC website at www.harrisartscenter.com.

-Hamilton Medical Group's Scope It Out Seminar - Colon Health presentation on

Thursday, March 26, 2020 beginning at 6 p.m.

at the Depot, located at 109 South King Street, Calhoun, Ga. 30701. Scope it Out Seminar with Dr. Brandee Albert of Hamilton Physician Group-Gastroenterology on Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m. Learn how to maintain your colon health and prevent colon cancer, Meet Dr. Brandee Albert & Dr. Michelle Little of Hamilton Physician Group, Enjoy refreshments and Register for door prizes. For more information, <https://www.hamiltonhealth.com/event/scope-it-out-seminar/>.

-Annual Georgia String Band Festival at the Harris Arts Center the weekend of March 27-28.

The Harris Arts Center proudly welcomes Jerron "Blind Boy" Paxton to the Ratner Theater stage. He will kick off the 14th annual Georgia String Band Festival on Friday, March 27, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25, and seating is limited. County Fiddlers' Convention Competition for the Gordon

County Fiddlers' Convention will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, in the Ratner Theater, with registration beginning at noon. Some of the finest musicians in the tri-state area will compete in Traditional Singing, Buck Dance, Banjo, String Band, and Fiddle for \$3,000 in prize money. Saturday's armbands are only \$10, with children 12 and under free, and will be sold at the door. After obtaining an armband, patrons may come and go as they please throughout the afternoon. It's a fun-filled, toe-tapping day of Old Time pickin' and grinnin'. Musicians must be age 15 or older to compete. Participants may register throughout the day, but no entrant will be accepted after numbers for order of appearance are drawn. Tickets are \$25, and seating is limited.

-GUIDED LANTERN TOUR at NEW ECHOTA on SATURDAY, MARCH 28. Have you ever wondered how an 1800s settlement would have looked at night? Wonder no more. There will

be a lantern tour of the historic buildings. The tours will be led by park staff and each building will be open and occupied to demonstrate what life would have been like during the 1800s. Reservations are required. There will be a lantern tour of the historic buildings at New Echota-Cherokee Capital State Historic Site on March 28, 2020. There will be four tour times and reservations are required. The tours will be at 7:00 PM, 7:20 PM, 7:40 PM, and 8:00 PM. This is a unique opportunity to see our park at night. Reservations are required. Call 706-624-132 to reserve your spot. New Echota is located at 1211 Chatworth Highway NE in Calhoun.

Week of March 29

-AdventHealth Gordon Dinner with the Docs on Monday, March 30, 2020 beginning at 5:30

p.m. The presentation will be held at AdventHealth Gordon, located at 1035 Red Bud Rd NE, Calhoun, GA 30701. AdventHealth Gordon will host a Dinner with the Docs seminar on Monday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room E, which is accessible through the North Entrance. This free seminar will feature David Brannon, MD, and attendees will be educated on the importance of nutrition and eating healthy. To register for this free life-changing seminar, call 706-602-7800 x3166.

-Open House at AdventHealth Medical Group General Surgery on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, beginning at 4 p.m. AdventHealth Medical Group General Surgery at Calhoun will host an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of its new office location held on Tuesday, March 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. The open house is open to the public and will be held at 1035 Red Bud Road,

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DON'T FORGET: VAC's sixth-annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser set for this Saturday, March 14

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providing dinner in addition to their lunch meals.

As always, audience participation is expected, and this year, winners can receive a \$100 cash prize for guessing who dies in the mystery and a \$200 cash prize for guessing the killer.

"Murder at the Redneck Reunion" is set for Saturday, March 14. The event begins with a Meet and Greet at 5 p.m., with the performance beginning at 6 p.m. The event will be held at 209 South Wall Street in downtown Calhoun.

Tickets are \$50 each and include dinner and tea. Beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase at the bar.

Each year, the VAC puts on a murder mystery, complete with dinner, silent auction, raffles and opportunities to win cash to raise money for various projects they undertake each year. This year, proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the Community Kitchen Expansion project at the VAC, which will allow the organization to begin

the GA Lottery by investing a quarter each; played by Will Linn.

River Buckshot: One of the new wealthy Buckshots; played by Ted Pennel.

Azalea Buckshot: The only sister who is now also a lottery winner; played by LaRae Pennel.

Fields Buckshot: The youngest lottery winning brother; played by Nick Land.

Bucky Buckshot: The twin brother to Becky Buckshot who married his half-sister Petunia; played by Zevan Gilbert.

Becky Buckshot: Twin sister to Bucky Buckshot and half-sibling to Petunia, Scooter and Cooter; played by Stacy Long.

Petunia Buckshot: The wife and half-sister to Bucky Buckshot. Full sibling to Scooter and Cooter; played by Stephanie Gilbert.

Scooter Buckshot: Sibling to the moonshining sector of the Buckshot family; played by Richard Lee.

Cooter Buckshot: The moonshiner and sibling



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to Scooter and Petunia, half-sibling to the Buckshot twins; played by Cheryl Johannsen.

Patty Buckshot: This year's host who just hap-

pened to marry into the Buckshot family; played by Cheryl Johannsen.

To purchase tickets, contact Stacy Long by visiting the VAC at 343

South Wall Street, or reserve your tickets by calling 706-629-7283 or stacy.long@voluntaryactioncenter.org.

CHF

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a birthday party for up to 16 kids.

- Tennessee Valley Railroad/ 6 adult tickets for a 55 minute trip on the Missionary Ridge Local with tour and optional walking tour.

The Yellow Card Silent Auction ends at 12 p.m. that day and will include some of the following items: Rome Braves Tickets, Atlanta Botanical Garden Tickets and statue, Calhoun Farm Supply Gift Basket and a Petals and Lace gift certificate and Butterly picture.

The Blue Card Silent Auction ends at 1 p.m. that day and will include some of the following items: Pets R Us Gift Basket, Farm Bureau Gift Basket, Tennessee Aquarium Tickets, Carissa York Photography Mini Session, High Museum of Art/ ATL Tickets, Chattanooga Lookouts Tickets, Tactical Guns and Ammo 1 month membership and Oasis Detox

Spa.

Also new this year is a Jeep Crawl, Crawlin' for Coulter.

"We have a family that The Coulter Hampton Foundation helped in the past that is in a Jeep group," said Hampton. "They gather together like a car show but for Jeeps."

Crawlin' for Coulter will offer special events for the Jeepers that day; there will be a 50/50 raffle and trophies for areas such as Most Money Spent, People's Choice Award and more.

To enter the Jeep Crawl is \$20 per Jeep, who will receive a special decal for their vehicle. For those interested in the Jeep Crawl, visit the Coulter Hampton Foundation website <https://www.coulterhampton.org/> for contact Brandy Adams at 706-879-0543.

Hampton is appreciative to all who have helped out with this year's CHD so far, including Sonoraville Elementary PTO, Rock Bridge Community Church, United Way of Gordon County, and the NFL's Vic Beasley, who made a large donation to the Coulter Hampton Foundation in December.

Businesses can sponsor Coulter Hampton Day by purchasing the following: a CHF window sticker for \$25. A window sticker and yard sign for your business is \$100; a window sticker, yard sign, two t-shirts and two arm bands for the Coulter Hampton Day event is \$250; a window sticker, yard sign, two t-shirts, two arm bands for the Coulter Hampton Day event and two meal vouchers is \$500; a window sticker, yard sign, four t-shirts, four arm bands four meal vouchers and business name on large banner at the event is \$1000.

As always, businesses can donate towards the auctions, and there is always need for cake donations for the cake walks.

"(We'd love to see) cakes, and are seeking cakes, made by anyone with a special story attached to it," said Hampton.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or donating can do so by contacting Nikki Hampton at nhampton@gebe.org. For more information, visit www.coulterhampton.org or visit their Facebook page.

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Suite 200 in Calhoun. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m., and light refreshments will be served. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the general surgery team. To learn more about the event, call 706-602-7800 ext. 2318.

Week of April 5

-Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience at the GEM Theatre on Saturday, April 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Who's Bad's live performance is an unrivaled celebration of pop music's one true King. Their power-packed performance of Michael Jackson's expansive catalog has ignited crowds on every continent and can only be described as a jaw-dropping, musical must-see. For tickets, visit www.calhounthematre.org. The GEM is located on North Wall Street in downtown Calhoun.

Week of April 12

-Sister Hazel at the GEM Theatre on Friday, April 17th, 2020, beginning at 8 p.m. The GEM is located on North Wall Street in Calhoun. Sister Hazel is an American alternative rock band whose style blends elements of jangle pop, folk rock, classic rock 'n' roll and southern rock. Their music is characterized by highly melodic tunes and prominent harmonies. For tickets, visit www.calhounthematre.org.

-"Traveling On" with Calhoun Community Chorus at the Harris Arts Center on Friday and Saturday, April 17 - 18, beginning at 7 p.m. The Harris Arts Center, 212 South Wall Street, Calhoun, GA 30701 United States. Sit back, close your eyes and let your mind wander as you travel down the road with Community Chorus at the Harris Arts Center. Route 66 invites you to "get your kicks" while the Mamas and the Papas will have you California Dreamin'. Enjoy whimsical songs from your childhood and let John Denver stir up a memory of country roads and jet planes. Performances are Friday and Saturday April 17 & 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Calhoun Community Chorus is made up of more than 30 members of all experience levels and has singers who range in age from late teens to early eighties. Under the direction of Reva Utz, the chorus produces two concerts a year. Tickets are

\$15 General Admission, \$12, Seniors/Students and \$10 HAC Members, and are available online, at the Harris Arts Center and through any chorus member. For more information, contact the Harris Arts Center at 706-629-2599 or visit www.harrisartscenter.com.

-JUNIOR RANGER DAY at NEW ECHOTA on Saturday, April 18. Come to the park and join a park ranger as they led activities designed to help you earn your Junior Ranger badge. The activities include a mock trial, a syllabary activity, a food cycle activity and a archeology activity. New Echota is located at 1211 Chatsworth Highway NE in Calhoun.

Notices

-TALLATOONA BEGINS LIHEAP HEATING ASSISTANCE. Nov. 1 is the date Tallatona will begin accepting appointments for the heating assistance program. Schedule an appointment

online at www.tallatoonacap.org and click on Book Now, or by calling 770-773-7730. The following documents will be needed for appointments: driver's license or state issued photo ID; original social security cards for everyone living in household; proof of citizenship or immigration status such as driver's license, US military ID, US passport, state issued photo I, US permanent resident card, alien registration card, employment authorization document, certificate of citizenship; most current heating bill within the past 30 days; if your home is heated with natural gas, kerosene, propane or wood you MUST bring both your heating bill and electric bill to the appointment; proof of income for the last 30 days for everyone 18 years or older living in the home including alimony, child support, disability, pension, rental income, retirement, social security, unemployment, wages from work, wages from self employment and workers compensation.

-Story times at the Calhoun-Gordon County Library, 100 N. Park Ave. in Calhoun, are 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

-Fairmount Library is now located inside of City Hall on the second floor. Story time is held every second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. and New Horizon Book Club is held on the second Thursday of the month. For more information call 706-337-5306.

-If your school, church, civic or other organization would like a representative from the Georgia State Patrol to come and speak with your group on law enforcement or public safety matters, call 706-624-1477.

-MOMS Club of Calhoun is a new local chapter

of an international nonprofit group. MOMS Club is a support group designed for the at-home mother of today. Membership is open to all moms who live in Gordon County. Events are scheduled weekdays during the day and children are welcome at all events. Mothers of any age children are welcome. The goals of the group are to provide a support group for mothers who choose to stay at home to raise their children, provide a forum for topics of interest to all mothers, to help children in the community and perform at least one service project yearly helping needy children. For more information call 706-383-3853 or email info@calhounmoms.org for location and more information. Check out the webpage at www.calhounmoms.org.

-Story times at the Calhoun-Gordon County Library, 100 N. Park Ave. in Calhoun, are 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

-The Calhoun Adult Learning Center has so much to offer. Make the center your window to the world. Free study programs are offered during the day and evening sessions. Enroll in adult education today. Call 706-624-1111. The center is located on the campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College.

-The Gordon County Saddle Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at the Gordon County Agricultural Service Center, 1282 Hwy 53 Spur SW Suite 200, Calhoun, Ga. 30701. Contact 770-548-5956 for more information.

-Gordon County Parks and Recreation would like to invite you to take part in its fitness program. All classes are held at the Sonoraville Recreation Complex in the Fitness Center and are held on a continuous, month-to-month basis. Fee Structure: Memberships are \$20 per month to access all aerobic classes. Use of the weight room is \$20 per month. To use weight room and access all aerobic classes the cost is \$30 per month. Paid on a month-to-month basis so no need for a contract.

-The Gordon County Nutrition Site would like to invite seniors ages 60 and over to come to the Senior Center, located at 150 Cambridge Court Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a nutritious meal. The meal is free of charge. We are also the center for Meals on Wheels for the homebound. For more information, please contact Jackie Owens, Nutrition Site Manager at 706-629-0392.

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