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## Man sought by CPD on drug and obstruction charges after fleeing traffic stop Wednesday

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The CPD is searching for a Calhoun man who fled from a car during a traffic stop that had allegedly left a house party early Wednesday morning.

According to the incident report, just before 5 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, an officer observed a black Honda Civic traveling south on Newtown Road in Calhoun. The vehicle made an improper left turn onto Red Bud Road by turning into the

outside lane. The officer initiated a traffic stop at the BP station on Red Bud Road. While the vehicle was still moving, the officer observed the front passenger side door open, and a black male wearing a black hoodie and camouflage cargo shorts exited the vehicle, running toward R. Timms Road and The Prescription Shop. The officer began giving the three subjects left in the vehicle the command

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GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LEFT: Octavius Curtis is wanted by the Calhoun Police Department. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call the CPD at 706-629-1234. ABOVE: Arrested during the traffic stop were Alejandro Serrano, left, and Luis Corzo.

## Former Calhoun businessman, Realtor Raley dies

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Dave Raley, a former Calhoun businessman who transitioned his knowledge of finances and credit into a successful real estate career, died earlier this week at his home in The Villages, Fla., from undisclosed causes.

Raley was born on Dec. 3, 1940, and after graduating Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, he served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

Raley began his career serving in the credit industry as a corporate credit manager of Lasalle Deitch Corporation in Elkhart, Ind., then moved to Calhoun

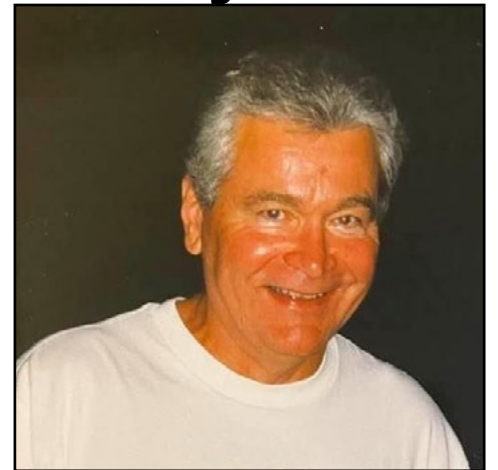
and served Carriage Industries in the same capacity.

Within the credit industry, he served in many leadership positions. He was the president of MHRV Credit Group and Southeast Manufacturing Housing Credit Group. In addition, he was the Vice President and Secretary of many other credit groups and organizations. He was a member of the Home Centers Credit Group. He sat on numerous corporate boards throughout the country, and also aided many startup companies to success.

During his time in Calhoun, Raley, served as President of the United Way of Gordon County. An avid runner, he was the originator of the

successful United Way Unity Run, ran each September as the kickoff to the United Way of Gordon County fundraising year. More than 20 years later, the event still raises money for the community.

Raley was also one of the residents of Gordon County invited to be a runner for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics Torch Relay through Calhoun. He was successful in his run across Georgia and completed 10 Peachtree road races. Before moving to Georgia, Raley taught downhill skiing in Michigan



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Dave Raley

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## 7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience, rescheduled for Oct. 2

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A new date has been set for 7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience, which will now be held at the GEM Theatre in downtown Calhoun on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The popular act has visited the

GEM several times in recent years.

"We had high hopes of having our 7 Bridges concert on May 7, but unfortunately, we are going to need to move it again," said a statement from the GEM. "The new date is now Friday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. We appreciate the band's willingness to work with us as well as your willingness to be flexible. We promise

that when we can actually have the show it will be awesome! Your same tickets and seats will be good for this show. No need to issue a new ticket with the date either. Everything you have will be good for October 2. We can't wait to see you! Stay healthy and stay safe!"

Described as "a stunningly accurate tribute to the music of The Eagles," 7

Bridges re-creates the experience of an Eagles concert from the band's most prolific period. Every show features one 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.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit calhouncemtheatre.org.

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## DON'T FORGET: There is still time to complete the 2020 Census

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Officials with the United States Census Bureau want to remind the public that it's time to respond to the 2020 Census. Blue cards have been mailed out to all addresses as a reminder to complete this year's Census.

The Census began with Census Day, or the reference date of where you live, on April 1. Many in the community, however, have been more concentrated on preparing for the shelter in place orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Luckily, this Census offers the opportunity to respond online at my2020census.gov. The 2020 Census is the first time Census taking will be offered online, making it easier than ever to take the Census. There is still the option to call in and take the Census, or use the paper format of taking the Census. There are just 10 questions to answer on the 2020 Census.

In mid-April, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that more than 70 million households have responded to the census, which represents around 48 percent of all households in America. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is adjusting 2020 Census operations in order to protect the health and safety of

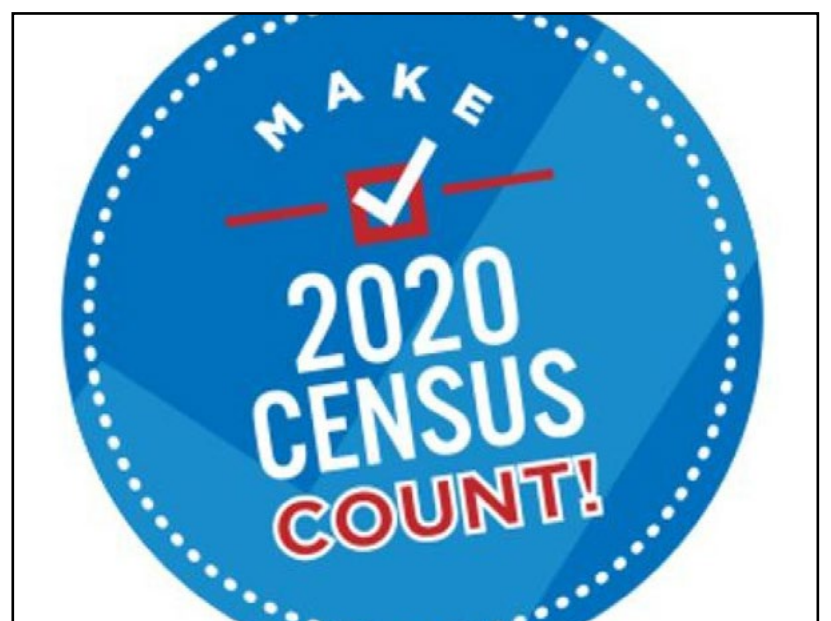
the American public and Census Bureau employees; implement guidance from federal, state and local authorities; and ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

The Census Bureau temporarily suspended 2020 Census field data collection activities in March. Steps are already being taken to reactivate field offices beginning June 1, 2020, in preparation for the resumption of field data collection operations as quickly as possible following June 1.

In-person activities, including all interaction with the public, enumeration, office work and processing activities, will incorporate the most current guidance to promote the health and safety of staff and the public. This will include recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) and social distancing practices.

Once 2020 Census data collection is complete, the Census Bureau begins a lengthy, thorough and scientifically rigorous process to produce the apportionment counts, redistricting information and other statistical data products that help guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and private sector spending per year.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount every 10 years of everyone residing in



the United States and includes Puerto Rico and the island areas of the U.S. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens...if you live in the United States, it is imperative you are counted in the Census.

The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once and in the right place. More than \$675 billion every year (more than \$4 trillion each decade) is distributed to state and local governments using Census numbers. Census data is used in at least 50 ways, including drawing federal, state and local legislative districts; attracting new businesses to state and local areas; planning

hospitals, nursing homes and clinics; forecasting future housing needs for all segments of the population; developing rural areas; establishing fair market rents and enforcing fair lending practices and dozens of other ways that affect every resident in the community.

"It impacts our local community from education development to healthcare. It's important that we here in Georgia get our fair share of representation as well as the funding," said Tina Nguyen, a Census representative.

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# Second Front

## Calhoun Primary, Elementary schools named as Capturing Kids' Heart's National Showcase Schools

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Each year the Flippen Group recognizes and celebrates schools and districts that go the extra mile each day, building an environment where students are relationally connected and eager to learn. As part of their recognition program, review teams visit schools and determine if the Capturing Kids' Hearts framework has been implemented with fidelity and if the school improvement data supports what they find on their visit and review.

Recently, the Flippen Group visited Calhoun Primary and Elementary Schools as part of the National Showcase of Schools Recognition Program. They interviewed students, teachers, parents, administrators and staff and reviewed school improvement data. What they found was an increase in student achievement and academic performance, improved attendance rates, decreased discipline referrals, and a positive school climate and culture at Calhoun Primary and Elementary School.

The Flippen Group believes that when unsung education

heroes produce exemplary outcomes in schools and pave the way for other schools to follow, they need and deserve recognition for a job well done. "No doubt that we have some of the most dedicated, skilled and effective leaders and educators in the country and it's great that they're being recognized in such a big way! Principals Beth Holcomb and Mana Smith have done a phenomenal job leading their schools with the support of Dr. Lisa Drake, CCS teacher and leader development specialist," stated Dr. Michele Taylor, superintendent.

"Together with the Board of Education, we'd like to say thank you to our teachers and staff for making such an incredible difference each and every day in the lives of our students. Their commitment to the Capturing Kids' Hearts framework, care and concern for all students and positive contributions to the schools and community is noticed and appreciated, especially during this most uncertain time. It is evident that CPS and CES have reached a high performing cultural tipping point and even though our buildings are closed, hearts have remained



open to continue loving Calhoun and we couldn't always, understanding needs be more proud of each and capturing hearts. We are every one of our teachers, administrators and staff certainly blessed to have such dedicated individuals across our school system. We ARE members," Superintendent Taylor said.

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Please join in congratulating and honoring Calhoun Primary and Elementary School students, teachers, staff and administrators for their dedication and commitment!

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## Highland Rivers Health makes public appeal for PPE amid Coronavirus outbreak

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DALTON, Georgia - Highland Rivers Health is making a public appeal for personal protective equipment (PPE) - especially masks and gowns - as staff continue to provide essential services to vulnerable and high-risk individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Highland Rivers Health, like Georgia's other 24 community service boards, is considered an essential service under Governor Kemp's March 14 executive order.

Although the agency has a well-established supply chain and relationships with PPE vendors, increased demand across all community sectors combined with the need for enhanced infection control measures at Highland Rivers facilities has resulted in unprecedented challenges in procuring needed PPE for agency staff.

"Because many people know Highland Rivers primarily as a mental health agency, they may not realize how much personal protective equipment we use in a typical day in our group homes, crisis units and residential programs," said Highland Rivers Health CEO Melanie Dallas.

"Now, with staff in our outpatient clinics and community-based programs needing to wear masks and gloves - as well as workers in businesses across our communities - we are having difficulty securing adequate supplies of PPE."

Dallas said as one of the state's largest providers of behavioral health services - serving more than 16,000 unique individuals each year - the true scope of Highland Rivers' operations may be surprising to some but clearly underscores why it is critical its staff have access to adequate supplies of PPE.

Highland Rivers Health operates eight outpatient clinics in which services are available on a walk-in basis, as well as three residential crisis stabilization/acute detoxification units. The crisis units have a combined capacity of 74 beds and average length of stay for individuals is seven to 10 days. Crisis beds turn over quickly and the units serve approximately 5,000 individuals annually.

Highland Rivers also operates six community-based group homes that house individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), which are staffed 24/7. Individuals in these homes often have compromised health or are otherwise medically fragile and many need assistance with medication administration, feeding, bathing and toileting.

In addition, Highland Rivers operates two residential substance abuse treatment

programs; a 20-bed unit for men in Jasper, and a 39-bed unit for women in Rome. Both programs are approximately six months in duration. Many of the individuals served in these programs have compromised immune response due to histories of chronic substance use and most also have underlying mental health conditions.

Finally Highland Rivers has several community-based program - including Assertive Community Treatment, Intensive Case Management, Community Support Team and Community Residential Services - that help maintain individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in the community (rather than in a hospital or institution).

There are currently approximately 100 individuals served in these programs by multidisciplinary teams of behavioral health professionals that go into the community and provide services where these individuals live. Without these services, many of the individuals would end up in emergency departments, crisis units, psychiatric hospitals, incarcerated or homeless.

With approximately 500 staff that interact directly with individuals receiving services, Highland Rivers currently has need of thousands of N-95 masks, surgical masks and disposable gowns, as well as hundreds of face shields, though any quantity is helpful. Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer are also in constant demand.

Individuals or organizations that might be able to supply any needed PPE are asked to contact Highland Rivers Chief Operating Officer Dena Payne at (706) 270-5000, ext. 1104; or email [denapayne@highlandrivers.org](mailto:denapayne@highlandrivers.org).

About Highland Rivers Health  
Highland Rivers Health provides comprehensive treatment and support services for adults, children and families, and veterans affected by mental health disorders, intellectual developmental disabilities and addictive disease. One of the state's largest public safety net providers, Highland Rivers operates more than two-dozen treatment facilities across a 4,400-square mile area of Northwest Georgia that includes Bartow, Cherokee, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk and Whitfield counties, and serves nearly 16,000 individuals annually. Highland Rivers is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and is a Tier 1 safety net Core Provider for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. For more information, visit <http://highlandrivershealth.com>.

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# Obituaries

## April 25, 2020

### Odell Crook

Odell Hambrick Crook, 102, of the Fairmount Community, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2020. She was the last surviving child of George W. and Molly Long Hambrick.



Odell was preceded in death by her husband, Columbus Crook, in 1976; by her children, Mary Nell Perry and her husband, Egan, her daughter, Ellaree Smith, Eva Elaine Walraven; her son-in-law, Kenneth Chapman and daughter-in-law, Annette Crook; grandchildren, Danny Perry, Cheryl Bryant, and Kenny Chapman.

Mrs. Crook enjoyed spending time with her family; she loved to grow flowers and go loafing. After many years of service, she retired from Ed Lacey Mills and was a member of Pleasant Grove (Ryo) Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Bertha Chapman, James Crook and Barbara Jean Jones (Alan); grandchildren, David Perry (Annie Ruth), Donna Samples (Greg), Denise Brookshire, Jamie Crook, Allison Lewis (Howard), Lisa Payne (Tommy) and Dusty Jones; several generations of great-grandchildren; granddaughter-in-law, Vickie Chapman and Frances.

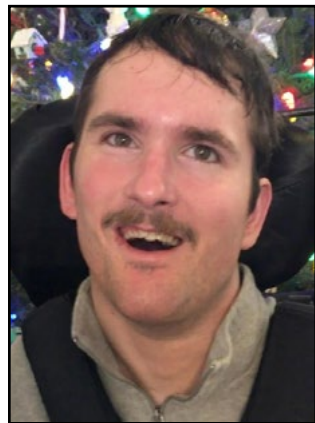
Funeral services for Mrs. Odell Crook will be held Sunday, April 26, 2020, at 3 p.m. from the graveside at Pleasant Grove (Ryo) Baptist Church with Rev. Bobby Timms officiating. The service may be viewed on Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home Facebook page.

Online condolences may be shared and the guest register signed at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com).

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mrs. Odell Hambrick Crook, 102, of Calhoun.

### Michael Guthrie

Michael Duane Guthrie, age 28, of Calhoun, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020 at Sunrise Community Care of Cartersville.



Michael was born on Nov. 19, 1991 in Gainesville, Fla. He was preceded in death by his father, William Derk Schutter. Michael was a graduate of Gordon Central High School Class of 2013 and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Calhoun.

Michael is survived by: his mother, Debera Schutter of Calhoun; brother, Derek Schutter of Calhoun; and three sisters, Tonia Garcia, Heather Guthrie, and Kristina Cummings.

Graveside Services was held on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 3 p.m. in Chandler Cemetery.

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

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Michael Duane Guthrie.

### Lawrence Johnson

Mr. Lawrence J. Johnson, 90, of the Ranger Community, died Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at his residence.



Mr. Johnson was born in Murray County on March 5, 1930, son of the late, George William Johnson and Nettie Pack Johnson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Mary Lou Wilson Johnson on Feb. 28, 2020. He was the last among his siblings. Prior to retirement he owned and operated Johnson Logging and was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean War, and awarded the Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal. He was a Christian and a member of Concord Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Nick and Shirley Johnson, Steven and Marica Johnson and Ken and Vickie Johnson; daughter and son-in-law, Lesa and Bob Belcher; eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Charles Wilson, Edward and Sheila Wilson, Rev. Sammy and Jimmie Lou Allen, Katie Sosebee; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services for Lawrence J. Johnson were conducted Friday, April 24, 2020, at 3 p.m. from Concord Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Sammy Allen officiating. Music was arranged by Jimmie Lou Allen. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family received friends, Thursday, April 23, 2020, at Concord Missionary Baptist Church between the hours of 6 – 9 p.m.

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

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Lawrence Johnson, 90, of Ranger, GA.

### Lillie Mae Hall

Ms. Lillie Mae Hall, age 81, of Calhoun passed away Tuesday April 21, 2020 at her home.

Ms. Hall was born on Aug. 26, 1938 to the late Elbert L. Champion and Belle Bowen. Ms. Hall was preceded in death by her two siblings, Susie and Earnest Carter Champion; brothers, Jim, Tom, and D.W. Champion; and an

infant child, Lee Dawn. She was a retired paraprofessional-secretary having worked at Belwood Elementary School throughout her career. Ms. Hall was of the Baptist faith and she attended Concord Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, J. Lee Hall; one son, Dale Hall and his wife Beth; five granddaughters, Andrea and Dana Gravitt, Sherry Green, Christine and Paul Bunch, Susanna and Brandon Tomlinson, and Crystal Hall; six great-grandchildren, Easton and Tanner Ray, Skyler and Linden Bunch, Brayden and Jaxon Tomlinson; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday April 24, 2020 at 12 noon from the chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Bro. Randy Sutherland and the Rev. Sammy Allen officiating. The family held a private visitation from 5 – 7 p.m. on Thursday. Pallbearers included Easton Ray, Tanner Ray, Richard Hall, Gary Champion, Paul Bunch, and Mike Bunch. Interment followed in Gordon Memorial Gardens.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements for Mrs. Lillie Mae Hall, age 81, of Calhoun.

### Ann Kirby

Ann Kirby, 78, of Calhoun, died Monday, April 20, 2020. She was born on Nov. 3, 1941 in Franklin, N.C. to the late Carzela Wilcox Allison. She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Kirby and brothers, Bud, Herman, and Clinton Allison.



She is survived by her children, Robin Jimenez, David and Lisa Garner, and Steven and Kay Garner; step children, Diane and Denmon Lanier, Connie Bennett, Ricky and Cindy Kirby, and Tina and David Erwin; sisters, Nancy Allison and Margaret Long; grandchildren, Sean Russell Miller, Marcus and Mandy Garner, Christopher and Melissa Garner, Stephen Garner JR, and Alexis Garner; great grandchildren, Ashley Miller, Sean Miller Jr., and McKenna Miller; two great-great grandchildren; step grandchildren, Heather Trammell, Jennifer Derryberry, Elizabeth Brock, Dustin Wilbanks, Kim Norris, and Brett Bennett; several friends and family also survive.

Due to the Covid- 19 pandemic there will be no public visitation or funeral services. There will be a celebration of life held at a later date.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home. The funeral will be by invitation only. The service will be live streamed at 2 p.m. from the Facebook page of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home. Rev. Frank Bramlett will officiate; burial will follow in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Joyce Kirby.

### Sue Lewis

Sue L. Lewis, age 74, of Calhoun, passed away Tuesday, April 21, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.



Sue was born Dec. 30, 1945 in Gordon County, daughter of the late Eugene Lancaster and Thelma Rae Lancaster. She was a member of the Farmville United Methodist Church and was retired after 36 years from the Gordon County Tax Assessor's Office.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Mack Lewis; three sons, Phillip Charles Lewis, David Wayne Lewis and his wife Autumn and John Heath Lewis; and one sister, Regina Harmon; one grandson, Dillon Lewis and his wife Melanie; one great-grandson, Dawson Wayne Lewis and one great-granddaughter on the way, Layla Amanda Lewis.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. from Blackwood Springs Cemetery with Rev. Stacey Hensley officiating.

The family wishes to thank Homespun Hospice and Sandra Wable for the care, attention, and compassion they have shown during Sue's illness.

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

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Mrs. Sue L. Lewis.

### Esther Locke

Esther Belle Locke, 92, of Calhoun, died Tuesday, April 21, 2020. She was born on April 21, 1928, in Saylorburg, Penn. to the late Chester Hinton and Blanche Keckler. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Cauliflower, and sister-in-law, Freda Hinton.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert C. and Dora Locke; daughters and sons-in-law, Carol L. and Marc Dyke, Tami Aydelott and Adrian Madrigal, and Kim Aydelott; brothers and sister-in-law, William and Harriet Hinton, and Chester Hinton; grandchildren, Sarah, Jonathan, Ashley, Nicole, Jordan, Maegan, and Brendan; great-grandchildren, Kase, Rhys, Greyson, Cody, Rylan, Saige, and Adelynn; and other relatives.

She was active in volunteering with "Good Neighbor House" and she supported her children in all their adventures.

To honor her wishes her body was cremated and the family will have a private burial.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations

be made to the "Worthy Student Fund" John L. Coble Elementary School, 450 Academy Drive SW, Calhoun, GA 30701.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Esther Belle Locke.

### Dave Raley

Dave Raley, of The Villages, Fla. and formerly of Calhoun, passed away on April 17, 2020.



Dave was born on Dec. 3, 1940. He was a graduate of Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era. For the majority of his career, Mr. Raley served in the credit industry as corporate credit manager of the Lasalle Deitch Corp. (Elkhart, Ind.)

and Carriage Industries (Calhoun, GA). Within the credit industry, he served in many leadership positions. He was the president of MHRV Credit Group and Southeast Manufacturing Housing Credit Group. In addition, he was the Vice President and Secretary of many other credit groups and organizations. He was a member of the Homecenters Credit Group. He also sat on numerous corporate boards throughout the country. He aided many startup companies to success.

Mr. Raley believed in being active in his community. He served as president of the United Way of Gordon County. In his role with the United Way, he started a legacy as the originator of the Unity Run. More than 20 years later, this annual event still raises money for the community. He was an avid runner and was invited to be one of the runners for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics Torch Relay through Calhoun. He was successful in his run across Georgia and completed ten Peachtree road races. Before moving to Georgia, he taught downhill skiing in Michigan and out west. He loved to travel and always had a quick, witty humor in any situation and that is one reason everyone enjoyed being around him. He inspired many runners, golfers and downhill skiers with his sense of adventure.

After retirement, he went into real estate sales in Calhoun, working with his wife. They were a successful team. He also became active in the Republican Party and was looking forward voting for Trump in 2020.

Moving to The Villages in 2015, he enjoyed golf, bocce and eating out at many of the fine restaurants.

Dave is survived by his wife, Lois Raley of the The Villages, Fla.; daughters, Jennifer A. Hohman (Rod) of Elkhart, Ind., and Michelle L. Schwindaman (Mike) of Cassopolis, Mich.; two step-children, Marit Mniszewski-Silvers (Christopher) of Canton, and Stephen Mniszewski of Atlanta; one sister, Leanne Guinn (William) of Norman, Okla.; three granddaughters, five grandsons, one great grandchild, and his little dachshund Ears Walker Raley.

He was preceded by his parents, Charles and Lillian Raley of Kewanee, Ill., and one sister Marsha Sutton of Elkhart, Ind.

Donations to celebrate his life may be sent to American Cancer Society, The Hope Lodge, Tampa, Fla.

He will be laid to rest Dec. 3, 2020 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

### Robbie Lou Talley

Robbie Lou Talley, 80, of Calhoun, died Thursday, April 23, 2020. She was born on July 15, 1939, in Chickamauga to the late Jesse Williams and Eva Mae. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, John Webb Talley, Jr.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Trey and Janice Talley of Sugar Valley; grandchildren, Ashlyn, and Brett Talley.

To honor her wishes her body was cremated. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no public visitation or formal funeral service.

Online condolences may be expressed with the family and the online guest register signed at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com).

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Robbie Lou Talley.

### Sarah Treat

Sarah "Granny" Treat, 89, of Calhoun, died Thursday, April 23, 2020. She was born on June 15, 1930 in Vonore, Tenn. to the late Frank and Josephine Maples Reagan. She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Treat; son, John F. Treat; daughter and sons-in-law, Kay and Benton Meeks and Charles Meeks.

She was a loving mother, wife, and granny. She was of Baptist faith.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Russel Paul and Jennifer Treat; daughters and son-in-law, Polly and Eddie White and Margie Meeks; brothers, James, Henry, Wayne, Tommy, and Melvin Reagan; sisters, Sue Shaw, Minnie Crowden, and Edna May Roberts; grandchildren, Saun Bevans, Dondi Anderson, Elvis Locke, Jimmy Locke, Tina Hunter, Charlee Meeks, Carrie Meeks, Randall Treat, Ryan Treat, Alycia Treat, Mark Hall, Shyan Tittle, Karina Treat, Jessie Meeks, William Meeks, and Johnathan Meeks; great grandchildren, Brandie Young, Shannon McDowell, Dustin Bevans, Cory Bevans, Katelin Bevins, Jordan Bevans, Danny Ibarra, AshleyAnn Anderson, Vincent Anderson, Justin Locke, Madison Locke, Bambi Locke, Dixie Locke, Jamie Locke, Amber Morse, Ashley Overstreet, Tad Kirby, Kristina Lynch, and Cody Baker; several great-great grandchildren; other family and friends also survive.

A Graveside service will be held Sunday, April 26, 2020 from Clouse Hill Cemetery in Tracy City, Tenn., with Rev. Edward White officiating.

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

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Sarah "Granny" Treat.

# MOHAWK INDUSTRIES SHARES HIGHLIGHTS ON LATEST SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

## Latest corporate social responsibility report to launch next month

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CALHOUN, Ga.—Mohawk Industries' commitment to sustainability is year-round, so the Company is shifting how it shares its sustainability story with a global audience.

"In the past, we've released our CSR on Earth Day, and we compacted a year's worth of stories into our website along with the data that provides a quantitative evaluation of our progress toward our goals," said Rami Vagal, Mohawk's senior manager of sustainability. "We wanted our sustainability site to mirror our philosophy on sustainability. It's not a once-a-year event; it's an integral part of all we do 365 days each year."

Mohawk's 2019 sustainability report will be released online in May with an overview of the Company's environmental, social and community initiatives as well as a data-intensive assessment of the progress Mohawk is making toward reducing the consumption of natural resources in its operations around the globe.

The Company's detailed sustainability report includes advances toward meeting key goals, including reducing or recycling waste, conserving energy and water and lowering GHG emissions.

"Our reporting remains rigorous," Vagal said. "We are pleased to update our internal audience and our global community on the progress we achieved during 2019 and to discuss how we will be setting new goals as we increase our internal accountability."

Additional material will be featured on Mohawk's sustainability site incrementally throughout 2020 to emphasize the stories behind the numbers, including features on sustainable products, partnerships with local groups that impact the Company's communities and initiatives to maintain safe, healthy and positive workplaces for the Company's 42,000 associates.

"The challenges of COVID-19 have dramatically reinforced the importance of safety and wellness in the workplace," Vagal said. "Among the many stories we're eager to share this year is an example of helping the health care professionals on the frontline of the COVID-19 crisis by converting part of our rug manufacturing operations into a production center for medical gowns and face shields to help address the shortage of medical supplies. We're very proud of all of our associates who are participating in this project."

The statistical highlights that Mohawk will feature in its 2019 sustainability report include:

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To complement Mohawk's extensive reporting, a collection of key stories will be posted in May, with dynamic content added throughout the year. The initial group of articles includes three ways that Mohawk delivers sustainable products (recycled, bio-based and renewable content), achieving Living Product Certification for collections produced at the Company's Glasgow, Virginia facility, on-site energy production and a celebration of volunteers across the business.

"Mohawk's industry-leading commitment to sustainability is celebrated through our stories," Vagal said. "Throughout 2020, we'll continue to update our sustainability site to introduce people to different ways our processes, products and people are making a difference."

To learn more about Mohawk Industries' commitment to corporate social sustainability and to read the stories behind the data, please visit [MohawkSustainability.com](http://MohawkSustainability.com). Information from Mohawk's latest report will be uploaded to this site next month.

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# GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Advanced practice nurses urge state to grant them more authority amid crisis

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Shannon Whitten has worked as a rural nurse practitioner for 20 years in Sandersville, in eastern Georgia.

She's an advanced practice registered nurse, also known as an APRN. Some of her colleagues at the same level have been recruited by New York to help out during the city's COVID-19 crisis, Whitten says.

She notes that APRNs can work in the Big Apple without supervision by a doctor. But they cannot do so here.

"Georgia's APRN practice laws remain some of the nation's most restrictive," Whitten says. "Georgia law mandates that APRNs have a protocol agreement with a supervising physician and extra additional supervision requirements."

Georgia's APRNs have asked Gov. Brian Kemp to temporarily suspend the state's restrictions on them during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As businesses begin to reopen across Georgia, it is likely we will see an increase in diagnosed COVID-19 cases," says Michelle Nelson, a Georgia State University nursing professor and co-director of the Georgia Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

"We are also looking ahead to this winter, when CDC Director Robert Redfield says we will probably see an even greater strain

on our health care system as flu and COVID-19 cases together could overwhelm our hospitals," Nelson says. "The immediate and long-term need for highly trained nurse practitioners who can care for patients, order imaging tests and take some of the strain off doctors is crucial."

Kaiser Health News reports that five states have suspended their doctor supervision requirements during the pandemic, and an additional 12 have modified them to give providers with extra training more independence, according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Across the nation, 22 states allow APRNs to practice independently, without a physician's supervision, at all times.

Physician assistants (PAs) around the country have also requested a suspension of restrictions on their practices amid COVID-19 crisis, and a few states have granted one.

## Doctors reluctant to back changes

An advanced practice registered nurse is a nurse who has obtained at least a master's degree in nursing. There are four categories of APRNs: nurse practitioners; nurse anesthetists; nurse midwives; and clinical nurse specialists.

A physician assistant is a health care professional who has the training to perform many duties that doctors routinely handle. PAs must be licensed, and each must

work under the direction of a physician.

Bills seeking to broaden the "scope of practice" of mid-level medical providers (non-physicians with advanced training) are introduced annually in the Georgia General Assembly. Proponents of these bills say the changes would increase the public's access to medical care.

But these proposals have not been successful, and they typically meet tough resistance from medical provider groups seeking to defend the status quo.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar wrote last month to governors requesting that they "extend the capacity of the health care workforce to address the pandemic." Azar asked governors for help to "ensure health professionals maximize their scopes of practice and are able to travel across state lines or provide telemedicine to communities where they are needed most."

The Medical Association of Georgia, which is made up of physicians, says it's opposed to lifting restrictions on APRNs.

"[We] do not believe that circumstances warrant expanding APRNs' scope of practice — keeping in mind that the Georgia Composite Medical Board can expedite protocol agreements as it deems appropriate," says Dr. Andrew Reisman, president of the Medical Association of Georgia. "MAG's members monitor the state's health care system staffing needs on an ongoing basis."

Many physicians, meanwhile, are seeing a decrease in patients during the pandemic, GHN recently reported. The COVID-19 crisis has led to much lower patient volumes for physicians across Georgia. A lot of people have stopped going to the doctor.

And that revenue drain may endanger some rural medical practices, which are already few and far between in many counties.

California also has supervision requirements for APRNs, and the California Medical Association has argued that the state already has enough providers to address the pandemic because many doctors have been laying off staff and closing their offices.

But Nelson says if the restrictions were lifted, APRNs could move to some of Georgia's hardest-hit areas, where many people now have limited access to care and are medically vulnerable.

"We could set up pop-up clinics to offer primary care and treat people with a number of health concerns such as diabetes, cardiovascular issues, respiratory illness, etc., as well as conduct COVID-19 testing," she says.

Currently, APRNs are unable to work independently in any Georgia community where there is no doctor to supervise them, Nelson says. And since many communities have no hospital or doctors, this leaves an untold number of Georgians without ready access to high-quality medical care.

State Sen. Renee Unterman, a Gwinnett County Republican

who's running for U.S. Congress, says lifting the restrictions would allow APRNs to practice in nursing homes, where she says it's difficult to get a physician to work.

Unterman, a nurse herself, says nurses leave Georgia because they can't practice to the full extent of their qualifications.

## The push to lift barriers

Ten years ago, the Institute of Medicine's report called for the removal of practice barriers — laws, regulations and policies — that prevent APRNs from providing the full scope of health care services they are educated and certified to provide.

Molly Bachtel, a family nurse practitioner, says APRNs working under federal regulations at VA hospitals and military bases in Georgia have full practice authority and do not have to be legally supervised by physicians.

She adds that no state that has provided full practice authority to APRNs has ever revoked it.

Shannon Whitten, the APRN in Sandersville, had to look for another doctor to supervise her after the previous one moved away. She found one, and he now supervises her work at a clinic.

"We are not trying to usurp power or supersede the scope of medicine, but we are requesting at least during crises that we be allowed to practice independently," Whitten says.

Andy Miller is editor and CEO of Georgia Health News. Visit [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com).

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## CRIME

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to exit the car, while other officers arrived and began chasing the man who fled, giving the man verbal commands to stop, which he refused.

The driver of the Honda was identified as Alejandro Serrano, age 23, of Longmeadow Drive in Rome. The passenger behind the driver was identified as a teen/juvenile. The other backseat passenger was identified as Luis Corzo, age 19, of Woodberry Court, Calhoun. All three were detained due to the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The officer noted that while looking inside

the vehicle, there was a green substance in the floorboard believed to be marijuana shake.

The officer began a probable cause search of the vehicle, locating a clear plastic bag containing a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine; it was tested with an issued field test kit and tested positive to be cocaine. There was also what the officer believed to be a marijuana cigarette in the front center console area. A black digital scale was found in the front passenger floorboard.

The officer read the three their Miranda Rights separately, with all three stating they would talk to the officer. While speaking to Serrano, the officer asked where they were coming from and Serrano said they had left a house party and were on the way to the BP station on Red Bud Road. The officer then

asked Serrano who the male subject was that ran but Serrano said he didn't know but Luis Corzo did. The officer then asked Serrano if the suspected cocaine was his, and Serrano told the officer that it wasn't and that it was flour. While speaking to Corzo, the officer asked if he knew who the man was that fled, and Corzo said that he didn't know him. The officer then advised Corzo that Serrano had told him that he knew him, and Corzo then told the officer the man was "OT," also known as Octavius Curtis, 32. The officer then asked Corzo if the suspected cocaine was his, and Corzo advised it was not and that it was flour. The officer then spoke with the juvenile, asking him if the cocaine was his, who advised the officer it wasn't and that it was flour.

## RALEY

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and out west. He loved to travel and his family describes him as always having a quick, witty humor in any situation. He inspired many runners, golfers and downhill skiers with his sense of adventure.

After retiring from the credit profession, Raley used his financial knowledge and ventured into real estate sales in Calhoun, working with his wife, Lois, at Coldwell Banker Kinard Realty. They were a successful team.

"From the first time I met Dave, in my late teens, he's always been a delight to be around," said Coldwell Banker Kinard Realty Calhoun's Randy Muse. "Years later, I began working with he and Lois at Coldwell Banker. Conversations with Dave were highlights of many days, though he was more of a listener than a speaker. Dave never spoke about all the things he had or achieved. Not until reading his obituary, did I realize all he had accomplished. In a world where you feel you have to prove yourself, Dave Raley didn't fit the mold."

When the Raley's retired from real estate in 2015, they moved to The Villages, Fla, where Dave enjoyed golf, bocce and eating out at many of the fine restaurants.

Raley was also active in the Republican Party and was looking forward voting for Trump in 2020.

Dave Raley is survived by his wife, Lois Raley of the The Villages, Fla.; daughters, Jennifer A. Hohman (Rod) of Elkhart, Ind., and Michelle L. Schwindaman (Mike) of Cassopolis, Mich.; two step-children, Marit Mniszewski-Silvers (Christopher) of Canton, and Stephen Mniszewski of Atlanta; one sister, Leanne Guinn (William) of Norman, Okla.; three granddaughters, five grandsons, one great grandchild, and his little dachshund Ears Walker Raley.

Donations to celebrate his life may be sent to American Cancer Society, The Hope Lodge, Tampa, Fla.

Raley will be laid to rest Dec. 3, 2020 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

## CENSUS

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It is stressed that the Census is never used to alert law enforcement or immigration to a person's legal status in the United States; by law, the Census cannot share any Census taker's information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement or allow it to be used to determine eligibility for

government benefits.

For those who do not complete the Census online, by phone or by mail, officials will begin visiting those addresses. Officials from the Census will never ask for social security numbers or donations. They will have security measures in place, such as formal ID identifying them as Census officials, on their person.

In the Calhoun-Gordon County area, it will be important for everyone to be counted, including the

local homeless population, Hispanic population, and children, especially those under the age of five. In the last census, around 1,000,000 children were not counted in the Census, and it is feared close to 2,000,000 children might not be counted in this Census. Those correct numbers are imperative for education and health funding and planning.

If you are unable to respond to the Census online, you can have a paper questionnaire mailed. Simply call 1-844-330-2020.

## Community Support Groups

**-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](http://www.alz.org/georgia).**

**- 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.**

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

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

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

**-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.**

**-Special Care Plus, a free one-on-one consultation program, offers education**

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

**-The Alzheimer's Association's Caring Closet** was created to help offset the high cost of incontinent products and give the families support they often desperately need. If you would like to visit the nearest Closet, call the chapter office to receive a flier with locations and hours. Morning Pointe in Calhoun has a Caring Closet; call Mary Braden at 706-629-0777.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# How to help children through changes, scary times

**Anna Shaw Children's Institute**

DALTON, Ga. – There have been a lot of sudden changes that you and your loved ones may have been dealing with recently. These changes may be stressful and scary for both adults and children. Having your child home full-time, needing to help with their school work, worries about loved ones getting sick, loss of jobs and deadly storms add a lot to the stress of children and adults. Here are some tools that can help:

- Routine – Try to keep a steady routine every day. Even a simple schedule like breakfast, exercise/play outside, school work, outside play, then lunch helps kids know what to expect and helps them feel safer.
- Praise – Time-out is helpful for kids who are acting up, but remember to also notice and praise kids when you see them being good, kind and helpful. Even a few minutes of special play time with your

child can be a great reward for them.

- School work first – Getting school work out of the way in the morning is often easier than trying to turn off the TV or take away games to start school. If they know that they get to play as soon as school work is done, it can help kids want to get done more quickly.
- Connect – Help children keep in touch with family and friends through the phone or video chats. They can make a video or draw pictures and send a photo of that picture to family or teachers through a text message.
- Exercise – Make sure children have time to be active several times per day. Going on walks in the neighborhood, running around the yard, or even exercising along with child-friendly YouTube videos can help.
- Healthy food – Eating regular meals, drinking lots of water, and eating healthy food like fruit for snacks can help keep their energy level more

consistent through the day compared to the spikes and grumpiness that can happen after eating some snacks or treats. While special treats can help their mood, making sure they have regular meals is also important. Having them help cook some of the food may make them more willing to eat it.

- Sleep – Getting some extra time to sleep in each morning can be very nice, but it is important to keep a steady bedtime routine. Having a good night's sleep helps everyone's mood in the family.
- Especially when there are potentially scary events in the community, it is important to check in with kids to see what they are worrying about and help them understand in a way that is right for their age.
- Ask – Always start by asking what they think is going on and what they might have heard. Often they will surprise you by what they know, but they may be worried about something that is really not a problem and you can help

them feel better about those fears.

- Explain – Sharing true information is important so a child can understand the importance of not playing with other children and washing their hands. Still be careful to tell them about the problem in a way they can understand and not be too scared about.
- Limit media – While we all want to hear and see what has happened, it is important to be careful what your child may be seeing in the news or on social media.
- Show people helping – Showing news stories and talking with your child about all the people who help in scary situations can help them feel safer.
- Find ways to help – Children love to help, so giving them some ideas of things they can do will help them feel like they are not powerless in a scary time. Together you can plan basic safety things like washing their hands. You can also talk about drawing pictures or making cards to



thank the helpers. Your child may even want to look through their toys or books or clothes to donate to people in need.

And, remember, if your child keeps feeling very scared or has trouble sleeping because of fear, you can talk with your pediatrician's office or look at [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org) for more ways to help.

*Emily Brandt, MD, pictured, is a Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician at Anna Shaw Children's Institute of Hamilton Health Care System.*

# Zhang joins Hamilton's Peoples Cancer Institute

**Anna Shaw Children's Institute**

DALTON, Ga. – Qin Zhang, MD, says being a medical oncologist was an easy decision for her. "Aside from the disease biology being of great interest to me from an academic research standpoint, I felt drawn to the patient population," she says. "My patients come from all walks of life, each with different experiences and cultures that influence their decision regarding disease management. The collaborative relationship that forms between my patients

and me is indescribable."

Zhang says she chose healthcare because she feels nothing is more important than a person's health.

Zhang, a board-certified medical oncologist, has joined Peoples Cancer Institute. She specializes in adult cancer and hematology disorders.

"I realize that for a patient, visiting my office to discuss a new diagnosis of cancer is the last place he or she would want to be," says Zhang. "I make it a priority to identify each patient's specific source of suffering during the very first clinic visit. This may

be anxiety, depression, pain, anger or feeling of isolation. I've found that only then can we engage in productive discussion regarding management. Earning the trust and confidence of a patient is key in delivering effective health care."

Zhang completed medical training at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham, and her medical oncology/hematology fellowship training at the University of Chicago in Illinois. Before joining Hamilton, Zhang practiced medical oncology for several

years and served in a leadership role as medical director.

She says her family loves to hike and be outdoors. She has invested a significant amount of time in oil painting and Chinese calligraphy. "This art form is extremely challenging in that it requires strict discipline and guidelines, yet demands individualized expression and decisions in each piece – much like the art of medical oncology," she says.

To schedule an appointment with Zhang, call Peoples Cancer Institute at 844-PCI-HOPE.



## 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 Relevance Church in Ranger off 411. Call Nicole for information: 706-979-4713/706-290-8028.

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

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

-Fairmount Church of Christ, located at 265 South Avenue in Fairmount, Ga. Minister Bobby Gayton. Everyone is invited to visit and worship with us. Sunday morning Services at 11 a.m.; Bible study at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-First Presbyterian Church, located at 829 Red Bud Road N.E. in Calhoun. Pastor David McDonald invites you

## Church Calendar

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!

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# Gov. Kemp, Lt. Gov. Duncan, Speaker Ralston, Faith Leaders to Hold Day of Prayer Service

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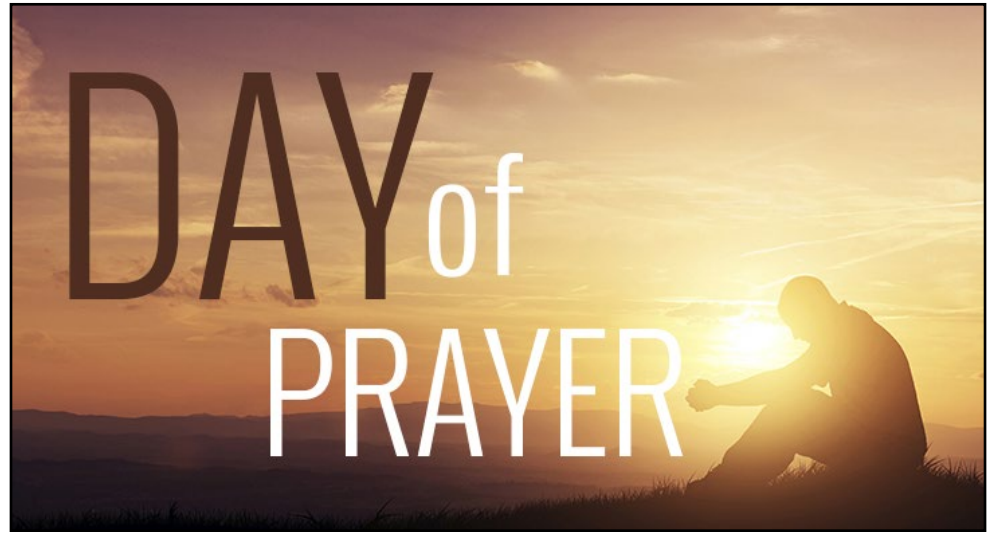
Atlanta, GA - On Monday, April 27, Governor Brian P. Kemp will join Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan, Speaker David Ralston, and faith leaders from across Georgia in holding a Day of Prayer service in the rotunda of the Georgia State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. As the state continues to battle COVID-19, Kemp, Duncan, and Ralston are calling on all Georgians and members of the faith community around the state to participate by posting videos of their prayers on social media throughout the day.

"Our unprecedented battle with COVID-19

has proven the resolve of the people of Georgia to fight hard, come together, and do what is necessary to stop the spread of the virus," said Governor Kemp. "While we cannot all be together right now, we can join with one another in prayer for our frontline healthcare workers, first responders, law enforcement, business owners, local leaders, and fellow Georgians as we continue the important work of fighting COVID-19 and safely reopening our state. On Monday, I am calling on all Georgians to participate in our Day of Prayer by posting on social media and showing their support for their fellow citizens."

"COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on countless lives across our state and nation. In the midst of tremendous loss, uncertainty, and anxiety, I look forward to joining together in prayer," said Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan. "Faith and prayer are a comfort to millions of Georgians, and whatever your background, I hope Monday will be a chance for us to focus on those who are hurting and seek wisdom for the hard road ahead."

"I'm very proud of the response to this crisis by our state government and local and federal partners as well as healthcare workers and frontline personnel," said Speaker David Ralston. "In



such trying times, it is appropriate that we come together to pray for those battling this disease and its impact as well as those who have tragically lost loved ones. I join with Governor Kemp, Lt. Governor Duncan, and all

Georgians in praying for the mercy and comfort of our Lord as we look forward to brighter days ahead."

To ensure adherence to social distancing guidelines, the Day of Prayer service will not

be open to the general public. Georgians are encouraged to participate via livestream at [www.facebook.com/GovKemp](http://www.facebook.com/GovKemp) at 10:00 a.m.

## Georgia Begins Reopening the Economy

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On April 20, 2020, the offices of Governor Brian Kemp, Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan and Speaker David Ralston, announced Phase I for the prudent reopening of the state's economy which continues to prioritize the health and safety of Georgia citizens. While further details and guidance are forthcoming from the state's leadership, the Georgia Chamber has compiled pertinent information for all businesses to consider as plans are developed to get back to work.

Georgia Chamber President and CEO Chris Clark shared, "The Georgia business community appreciates this important, but measured effort to get our state back to work. We accept the responsibility to affirm to the general public that our services are safe and healthy. In following strict social distancing, safety and cleaning protocols, we will conscientiously reopen Georgia for business while prioritizing the health of our employees and customers."

What directives are contained in this new executive order of April 20, 2020?

1. Previous executive orders called for the temporary closure of certain businesses including - but not limited to - gyms, rec

centers, tattoo parlors, hair salons, barbers, and others that require close human contact.

Starting Friday, April 24, 2020 these businesses will be allowed to reopen and maintain "minimum basic operations" by following prescribed guidelines.

2. Previous executive orders called for the temporary closure or limited operations of restaurants, theaters, private clubs and other similar businesses that host large gatherings of individuals.

Starting Monday, April 27, 2020 these businesses will also be allowed to reopen or allow dine in options while following the same prescribed guidelines.

3. Elective surgeries will also be allowed.

Bars and nightclubs are excluded from this executive order and further details pertaining to the types of businesses allowed to reopen will be coming in the days ahead.

**When does this executive order take effect?**

Businesses qualifying under this executive order of April 20, 2020, shall be allowed to resume in-person minimum basic operations between Friday, April 24, 2020 and Monday, April 27, 2020.

What is contained in this document?

The Georgia Chamber has compiled two primary

pieces of information that are relevant to businesses under this new executive order:

• A list of the minimum basic operations - located in the subsequent pages - that every business, authorized to open, must adhere to for effective and legal operation under these new parameters.

• A copy of the Governor's executive order dated April 20, 2020.

### Minimum Basic Operations

The minimum basic operations (MBO) to maintain the value of a business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization, provide services, manage inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions can be found below. Such considerations include:

• The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees or volunteers being able to work remotely from their residences or members or patrons being able to participate remotely from their residences.

• Instances where employees are working outdoors without regular contact with other persons, such as delivery services, contractors, landscape businesses, and agricultural industry services.

• Such entities shall also implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID19 among its workforce.

• Note that such minimum necessary activities include remaining open to the public subject to the restrictions of this order.

Minimum basic operations include the following:

1. Screening and evaluating workers who exhibit signs of illness, such as a fever over 100.4 degrees

Fahrenheit, cough, or shortness of breath.

2. Requiring workers who exhibit signs of illness to not report to work or to seek medical attention.

3. Enhancing sanitation of the workplace as appropriate.

4. Requiring hand washing or sanitation by workers at appropriate places within the business location.

5. Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) as available and appropriate to the function and location of the worker within the business location.

6. Prohibiting gatherings of workers during working hours.

7. Permitting workers to take breaks and meals outside, in their office or personal workspace, or in such other areas where proper social distancing is

attainable.

8. Implementing teleworking for all possible workers.

9. Implementing staggered shifts for all possible workers.

10. Holding all meetings and conferences virtually, wherever possible.

11. Delivering intangible services remotely wherever possible.

12. Discouraging workers from using other workers' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment.

13. Prohibiting handshaking and other unnecessary person-to-person contact in the workplace.

14. Placing notices that encourage hand hygiene at the entrance to the workplace and in other workplace areas where they are likely to be seen.

15. Suspending the use of Personal Identification Number ("PIN") pads, PIN entry devices, electronic signature capture, and any other credit card receipt signature requirements to the extent such suspension is permitted by agreements with credit card companies and credit agencies.

16. Enforcing social distancing of non-cohabitating persons while present on such entity's leased or owned property.

17. For retailers and service providers, providing for alternative points of



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Georgia Chamber President and CEO Chris Clark.

sale outside of buildings, including curbside pick-up or delivery of products and/or services if an alternative point of sale is permitted under Georgia law.

18. Increasing physical space between workers and customers.

19. Providing disinfectant and sanitation products for workers to clean their workspace, equipment, and tools.

20. Increasing physical space between workers' worksites to at least six (6) feet.

For more information on COVID-19 and managing your business, please visit [www.gachamber.com/covid19](http://www.gachamber.com/covid19)

for a host of resources, documents and other relevant resources to best assist with future business plans.

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