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Groundbreaking held for Courthouse, Annex renovation

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On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 6, representatives from the Gordon County Board of Commissioners, the Gordon County government, Superior Court and other officials were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony to kick off the two-phase renovation of the Gordon County Courthouse and Courthouse Annex.

The Courthouse and Courthouse Annex renovation and expansion was voted on as part of the 2011 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). The initial budget for the project was \$12 million dollars and the County has collected more than \$13,500,000 for the entire project

through the SPLOST. No money has been borrowed. At a Gordon County Commission meeting last month, the Board approved the construction contract for the project; the total cost to build both sides of the street is \$13,546,514 and the estimate does not include other project costs, such as furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology. The total project estimation was announced at that meeting as \$14,660,514.

In addition to collecting the money for the project through SPLOST, the County had to purchase the former BB&T building in downtown Calhoun to use as flex space. Now the Gordon County Government Plaza, the building is



being used to house the Tax Commissioner's office, Tax Assessor's Office and the Board of

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ABOVE, FRONT LEFT: Judge Scott Smith, Judge David K. Smith, Commissioner Becky Hood, Judge Suzanne Smith, Commissioner Kevin Cunningham, State Senator Chuck Payne, State Representative Matt Barton, Commissioner Norris Sexton and County Administrator Jim Ledbetter break ground on the new Gordon County Judicial Building/Annex on Tuesday, Oct. 6. LEFT PHOTO: Chief Superior Court Judge David K. Smith. (Photos: BRANDI OWCZARZ/Staff)

Christmas parade cancellation, Fairgrounds useage and Brookshire Park discussed at County meeting Tuesday night

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At Tuesday night's meeting of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners, updates were given on the cancellation of the annual Calhoun Christmas Parade, the use of the Northwest Georgia Regional Fairgrounds on Liberty Road, and the Board received updates on several projects.

County Administrator Jim Ledbetter said in his administrator's report that the county raked in higher than expected SPLOST and LOST revenue for the month of August due to a one-time audit by the State of Georgia where a major company had paid \$247 million in sales tax but was coded wrong.

SPLOST was up 67.23 percent or \$530,000 over the same month last year, and LOST was up 73 percent or \$366,402 increase over the same time last year.

Gordon County Commissioner Bud Owens, who serves as president of the Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Association, gave an update on the cancellation of the Calhoun Christmas Parade and the use of the local fairgrounds by private organizations.

Owens said that the Christmas Parade was cancelled due to concerns of adequately socially distancing the more than 10,000 people who attend the parade which is held over just a few blocks in the downtown area of Calhoun.

"You've already seen that the Calhoun Christmas Parade has been cancelled. The City of Calhoun felt a level of discomfort in the ability to properly social distance of all those that come downtown (for the parade). I think I saw the newspaper report that approximately 2,000 people attend

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The Board of Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the submission of a LWCF pre-application for Brookshire Park, above, located on Hwy. 156 near Oostanaula. The state grant money would stretch the SPLOST money already designated for the project.

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More kids treated for trauma injuries during the pandemic due to bikes, ATVs.

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Calhoun woman arrested on various drug charges after caught driving while holding her cell phone

STAFF REPORTS

Calhoun Police arrested a local woman on various drug charges and DUI after she was caught driving while holding her cell phone on Highway 53 Monday.

According to the incident report, on Monday, Oct. 5, an officer was traveling east on Highway 53 in the area of Chick-fil-A when he

observed a black Honda Accord traveling west on Hwy. 53; the officer saw that the driver had a cell phone in her hand and was looking down at it. The officer initiated a stop on the vehicle on Hwy. 53 west around Kenmoreland Circle, near Dairy Queen. The officer approached the driver, identified as 27-year-old Marysa Tarlton of McConnell

Road, Calhoun, and notified her of the reason for the traffic stop. The officer noticed Tarlton's hands were shaking and asked her where she was coming from while gathering her information. Tarlton told the officer she was coming from Atlanta, where she had been shopping. The officer asked Tarlton to step to his patrol car, where

he wrote her a warning for hands free and not changing the information on her driver's license. The officer had her information processed through dispatch, and continued speaking to Tarlton, asking her if she'd ever been arrested. She told the officer she



MARYSA TARLTON
(Gordon County Sheriff's Office)

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This year's Unity Run fundraiser for United Way of Gordon County to be held virtually

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The Unity Run 5K will look a little different this year. The annual fundraiser for United Way of Gordon County will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will take place from Monday, Nov. 23 – Monday, Dec. 7, 2020. A virtual race is similar to a traditional 5K where you can run/jog/walk on the

road, trail or treadmill; you can run your own race at your own pace at your own convenience! There will be no timing or submitting times this year; this year the Unity Run will be more of a fun-run instead of a competitive race. There will be awards and categories will be announced soon.

There are still opportunities for businesses to sponsor this year's Unity Run.

All sponsors will have their company logo and name printed on 1,000+ t-shirts and will receive social media exposure leading up to the race. There are several different sponsorship levels available.

To learn more, see page 4A and read United Way Director Jennifer Latour's editorial on this year's event.

UNITY RUN

The 27th race will be held virtually this year.
November 23 - December 7, 2020

Second Front

Taylor recognized with AdventHealth Gordon's SonShine Award

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

Kim Taylor, pictured, has been named AdventHealth Gordon's latest SonShine Award recipient. This award was established by AdventHealth Gordon in 2017 to honor the hard work and dedication of its employees. Quarterly awards provide opportunities for employees, patients and visitors to recognize and reward employees and teams for exceptional accomplishments and demonstrated behaviors that are aligned to the mission, vision and values of AdventHealth Gordon.

The name SonShine was developed by AdventHealth Gordon employees. The recipients of the SonShine award "shine" for the "Son" of God through their warm and comforting care they provide to patients and their fellow employees.

Taylor, a patient care technician in AdventHealth Gordon's emergency department and at AdventHealth Medical Group Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Calhoun, received a nomination from a patient who said the following: "I went to the ER after turning my ankle and falling downhill during my daily walk. My husband and I called the ER and spoke to Kim who told us they would be happy to see us

and take care of my needs. We didn't want to overload the ER with a non-life-threatening emergency, but Kim was so polite and made sure we knew that my emergency was important and in no way an interruption of the ER staff's time.

"When we arrived, my husband dropped me off with crutches and a mask. The entryway nurse was very polite also and helped me get screened and to the ER desk. There was no wait and in less than five minutes I was already through triage and in a room on a Saturday during quarantine! Great job to the admittance staff in the ER.

"Two or three nurses came in and made sure I was comfortable and all checked in. Kim came in and remembered that I called. It was like she was happy to see me. The PA on hand and X-ray technician came in within 30 minutes of me being admitted. Within 45 minutes, I was diagnosed with a fifth metatarsal break in my foot, given pain medication and prepped to have a splint on my foot. Kim Taylor did the splint and did an excellent job. She also got me to the restroom when I needed it. She was kind, professional, informative and gave me an amazing splint in no time at all and with little discomfort. She



obviously loves what she does and has a caregiver's heart. You are blessed to have her in the ER."

About AdventHealth Gordon

Founded in 1935, AdventHealth Gordon is proud to be a member of AdventHealth. With a sacred mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, AdventHealth is a connected system of care for every stage of life and health. More than 80,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers in physician practices, hospitals, outpatient clinics,

skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care.

A shared vision, common values, focus on whole-person health and commitment to making communities healthier unify the system's nearly 50 hospital campuses and hundreds of care sites in diverse markets throughout almost a dozen states. For more information about AdventHealth, visit AdventHealth.com or Facebook. [com/AdventHealth](https://www.facebook.com/AdventHealth).

Shaw Industries' Mathis named to Georgia Trend Magazine's 40 Under 40 List for 2020

CONTRIBUTED

Shaw Industries Group, Inc.'s (Shaw) Director of Community Outreach and Corporate Giving Deanna Mathis, pictured, has been recognized as a leader in Georgia, being named to Georgia Trend Magazine's 40 Under 40 List for 2020.

Each year Georgia Trend honors 40 of the state's best and brightest under the age of 40. The ideal candidate is someone who is successful in his or her profession and is passionate about community service. This is the 24th year that the publication has showcased young achievers in business, government, politics, education and nonprofits.

"I am deeply honored to be counted among Georgia Trend Magazine's 40 under 40 this year," says Mathis. "I have had the privilege to meet and interact with other strong and passionate community leaders from across our great state, and credit Shaw with opening the door to many of those opportunities. It feels good to work for a company that supports my passion for giving back to the community."

Deanna is a Dalton native known as a "passionate ambassador" for the power of community, particularly the City of Dalton. After

graduating from Georgia Tech, she chose to return home to play a role in revitalizing the city. In addition to leading Shaw's community outreach and corporate giving efforts, she and some other like minded individuals followed their entrepreneurial passion and established the Dalton Brewing Company. The small business has played a key role in helping to breathe new life into the downtown Dalton community leading to more people spending their time and dollars downtown.

"We couldn't be more proud for Deanna Mathis to receive this honor," says Susan Farris, vice president of communications and sustainability. "Georgia Trend naming her to their 40 under 40 confirms what we already know of her passion and commitment to create a better future for our company and for the Dalton community at large."

For more information, please visit georgiatrend.com to read the official announcement honoring all of this year's winners.

About Shaw Industries Shaw Industries Group, Inc. is more than a flooring company – we are more than 20,000 people united in our vision of creating a better future for our customers, for our people, for our community and for

our company. We provide carpet, resilient, hardwood, tile & stone, laminate, synthetic turf and other specialty items for residential and commercial markets worldwide. We meet diverse customer needs through an expansive portfolio of brands, including: Anderson Tuftex, COREtec, Patcraft, Philadelphia Commercial, Shaw Contract, Shaw Floors, Shaw Sports Turf, Southwest Greens, USFloors and more.

Headquartered in Dalton, Georgia, Shaw is a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway with more than \$6 billion in annual revenue and representation throughout the U.S., as well as in Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, India, Mexico, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. For more information about our company brands, operations and community involvement, or to join our industry-leading team, visit <http://www.shawinc.com>.

About Georgia Trend Magazine

Georgia Trend, the magazine of Georgia business, politics and economic development since 1985, is the only statewide business publication in the market. Georgia Trend is published once a month with two extra

issues: Business Georgia and Small Business Guide. It is delivered to more than 50,000 subscribers and has become indispensable to the leaders that shape our state. Continued investments in GeorgiaTrend.com and Georgia Trend Daily have made them equally valuable resources.

Georgia Trend has won numerous national and regional awards for journalistic excellence, including the prestigious Green Eyeshade Award, as well as awards from the Magazine Association of the Southeast (MAGS) and the Alliance of Area Business Publications (AABP).



Early Voting for this year's General Election begins this Monday, Oct. 12

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

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

Sample ballots for all races (federal, state and local) can be found by below or by visiting www.mvp.sos.ga.gov OR in this E-Edition on pages 11A and 12A.

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

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

If you mailed in your ballot, you



can track your absentee ballot at <https://georgia.ballottrax.net/voter/>



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Shipping Clerk: \$12/hr, Need excel/computer skills. Shipping experience preferred.

Maintenance Tech: \$15-\$18/hr. Repairing, troubleshooting, preventive maintenance on shrink wrapping machines and ovens. Maintain cutting tables & machines.

Handy Worker: Chatsworth, Ga. Experience with home maintenance and remodeling. Maintain and repair cabins and docks. \$20/hour to start.

Utility Person: \$13-\$16/hr BOE. Need Metal fab & Mig Welding skills.

Maintenance Tech: \$13-\$15/hour, Need computer skills to input maintenance orders. Grounds/Building general up keep and apartment maintenance skills needed.

Tire Handler: \$11 & UP based on job/shift. 1st, 2nd & 3rd shift (Tire Handler).

Wrapper/LTO/Cutter: \$12/hr, Day shift.

Extrusion/ Knitting Dept: \$14/hr, must be able to work 12 hour shifts. Lots of heavy lifting. Extrusion, creeling, threading needles.

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Obituaries

October 7, 2020

Pearley Chastain, Jr.

Mr. Pearley Chastain Jr., 79, of Plainville, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020, in AdventHealth-Gordon.

Mr. Chastain was born in Murphy, N.C. on Feb. 15, 1941, son of the late Pearley Chastain Sr. and Mable Forster Chastain. Pearley was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Duryberry in 1997.

He was a Christian that loved his family and cherished his friends. He never met a stranger. He was a veteran of the United States Army and prior to his retirement, he was employed by Knights Chevron

Survivors include his daughters, Laurie (Brian) Logsdon of Kentucky and Karen (Don) Winfield of Lafayette; son, Keith Chastain of Plainville; twelve grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, one sister, Margaret Drake along with several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

The Funeral service for Mr. Chastain will be conducted at the graveside on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at 2 p.m. in Snow Hill Baptist Church near Murphy, North Carolina with Rev. David Nix and Eddie Brannon officiating. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at the funeral home between the hours of 5 – 8 p.m.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mr. Pearley Chastain Jr. of Plainville.



Annie Haley

Annie Idell Haley, age 91, of Dalton and former of Plainville, passed away Friday, Oct. 2 at AdventHealth Gordon.

Annie was born Jan. 25, 1929 in Plainville, daughter of the late



Milton Andrew Brown and Pearl Gravitt Brown. She was a member of the Hill City Baptist Church and was employed by Liberty Carpet prior to retirement.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Haley; a son, Mike Haley; one sister, Mary Etta Edgeman; six brothers, Minor, Alferd, Joe, C.L., Harlin and Roy Brown.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Nancy Haley of Rocky Face and a sister-in-law, Laura Haley.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. from the chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. Barry Brock officiating. Burial followed in the Hill City Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family received friends Sunday afternoon from 2 until 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Annie Idell Haley.



Bonita Hunt

Bonita Nell (Smith) Hunt of Calhoun, born in Calhoun City, Miss. on Feb. 16, 1939, entered into Heaven's gates on Oct. 5, 2020.

Bonita had an unwavering faith in God. Early on, becoming very involved with the church and assisting with uncountable events. Relocating numerous times in her life, first on her list was always "find a church." Singing in the choir was her favorite and afforded her the ultimate vantage point to keep her children in line during the services, because if you truly knew her, you knew she shone brightest in the role of mother and wife.

Bonita was a dedicated mother who provided inspiration and guidance to her children, grandchildren and friends, whether it be a flight abroad or a road trip, ever-ready for adventure, building a fort out of quilts or baking with grandchildren. Even going out in a rickety boat with crazy boys when she could not

swim-a-lick and skateboarding ultimately ended up with a broken arm. Fearless and fun was she. And let us not forget her title of "card player extraordinaire." Never(!) turning down a game which was guaranteed to include much laughter. However, she was the first to inform, "I am a much better loser than a winner."

Bonita was a person of diverse interests, keen intelligence, ready kindness, quick wit, unconditional love, and the first to volunteer, forever finding joy in her relationship with God, family, and friends.

Bonita was predeceased by her loving husband William Lee Hunt; parents Vera Nell and Gilbert Bean Smith; daughter Rebecca Lynn; brother Gilbert Bean Smith Jr., and cherished grandmother, Georgia Agnes Martin.

Bonita is survived by her sister Patricia (Daryl) VanNest; devoted children, son, William (Vicki) Hunt, son, Richard Hunt, daughter Linda (Steven) Fox, son, David (Merica) Hunt, and daughter, Sandra (Ricky) Fuller. Grandchildren also survive her: Tara, Jaime, Tessa, David, Lily, Kole, Bryan and Lauren; great-grandchildren, Daniel, Lauren, Matthew, Casen, Emma, Scott, Austin, Landen, Paisley, Kaylee, and finally, Harlan Hunter Culberson, who brought her much joy and happiness in her final days.

A service to celebrate Bonita's life will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at 2 p.m. from Antioch Baptist Church with Pastor Justin Silver officiating. Lori and Mandi Land will arrange music. Visitation with family and friends will immediately follow the service. Her body will be laid to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla., on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at 11 a.m.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Bonita Nell Smith Hunt of Calhoun.



Help for the Hurting

-The Life Choice Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The support group is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. The office and support group are located at 189 Professional Court, Suite 300, Calhoun. For Information, contact Jennifer at 706-602-9001.

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

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

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

-The Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a monthly support group at Morning Pointe Assisted Living, 660 Jolly Road, on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information or directions, call Mary Braden at 770-548-4683 or Karen Parrott at 706-346-5220.

For more information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease, call 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/georgia.

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

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

-The Alzheimer's Association's Caring Closet was created to help offset the high cost of incontinent products and give the families support they often desperately need. If you would like to visit the nearest Closet, call the chapter office to receive a flier with locations and hours. Morning

Pointe in Calhoun has a Caring Closet; call Mary Braden at 706-629-0777.

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

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

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

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

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



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This year's Unity Run to have different look and feel while continuing to raise funds for community



Jennifer Latour
Director, United Way of Gordon County

The UNITY RUN 5K will look a little different this year. With COVID-19 affecting how we plan our day-to-day, we have decided to hold the 27th race virtually this year, which will take place November 23 - December 7, 2020. A virtual race is a lot like a traditional 5K. You can run/jog/walk on the road, on the trail, on the treadmill, or at the gym. You can run your own race, at your

own pace and when it is convenient for you!

Want to run in the race? Registration opens Friday, October 9, 2020. Register online at gordoncountyunitedway.org/unity-run. Please note that we are not timing or submitting race times this year – it will be more of a fun-run instead of a competitive race. We will have awards, and categories will be announced soon.

It's also a great way to encourage socially-distanced team building for your company- which is why we need your help! If you are able to sponsor the race, you will receive exposure throughout the Northwest Georgia area. Your company logo/name will be displayed on t-shirts, signage, and all social media outlets!

All sponsors will have their company logo and name printed on 1,000+ t-shirts and will receive

social media exposure leading up to the race.

Platinum Sponsor: \$2,000.00

- Finish Line Sponsor on Designated Routes (We will have a 5K route mapped out at the Gordon County Recreation Department and The City of Calhoun Recreation Department)

- Unity Run sponsor sign placed in front of business

- Company name and logo on the front and back of 1,000+ t-shirts

- 20 Free race registrations valued at \$500.00

Gold Sponsor:

\$1,000.00

- Unity Run sponsor sign placed in front of business location

- Company name and logo on the back of 1,000+ t-shirts

- 10 Free race registrations valued at \$250.00

Silver Sponsor

\$500.00

- Company name on the back of 1,000+ t-shirts

- 7 Free race registrations valued at \$175.00

Bronze Sponsor:

\$200.00

- Company name on the back of 1,000+ t-shirts

- 2 Free race registrations valued at \$50.00

Please note that sponsorship forms are due by November 2, 2020. You can find the sponsorship form on our website at gordoncountyunitedway.org/unity-run.

I would also like to thank Engineered Floors for designing the race t-shirt and logo for the event this year! The new logo will be revealed in the coming weeks! Every year we ask a different United Way Corporate Partner to help design the logo for the race. Not



only does the race signify our campaign efforts, it also highlights those who give to United Way all year long.

This time of year is also one of the most exciting at United Way. I am able to witness the collective power of what your donations can do. If you are able or would like to set up a payroll deduction campaign at

your company or explore individual giving, please email Jennifer Latour at jlatour@gordoncountyunitedway.org.

Change starts with you. Give today. www.gordoncountyunitedway.org

Jennifer Latour is the Executive Director of United Way of Gordon County.

OPINION: Will Dems and media accept if Trump wins second term?



Caryn Sims
Gordon Gazette Contributor

The left has been scheming how they will remove President Trump from the White House should he lose in November.

But what if he wins? Will the Dems and media accept the outcome of the election without a national disaster? The progressive coalition Fight Back Table (FBT) has been meeting to game out what happens if Joe Biden doesn't win by a landslide and it's not pretty.

The FBT pored over a report from the Transition Integrity Project, a bipartisan group formed in 2019, that analyzed various election-season scenarios and made clear the type of corruption and chaos that's potentially ahead. We've heard words like radicalize, 'burn it [America] down,' destroy cities, mass public unrest, and more. It seems that gone are the days of safety and security now replaced by anarchy and chaos

no matter what happens on November 3rd. They haven't convinced any of us to surrender our guns – so they have promoted the next best thing – total unrest and anarchy.

From what I understand, within Fight Back Table, there is disagreement over how secretive they should be about their talks. Those on the side of keeping plans under wraps felt it would be wise not to advertise their prep work. Those in favor of discussing it openly thought there was value in the public knowing how bad things could actually get. The top line takeaways were red siren elements within their report. The election results would almost certainly be contested, and the transition process would likely be marred by mayhem and corruption. The word "violence" was listed 15 times in the document; "chaos" nine times; and "crisis" a dozen times.

"Violent skirmishes and vandalism took place during the predicted demonstrations," the authors wrote. "There are a lot of scary scenarios and we have to be prepared to mobilize in unprecedented ways."

Since I was born, there have been twelve presidents. The first one I can recall was John F. Kennedy. Sadly, I remember when our school principal announced his assassination. No matter the president, whether

we agree or disagree with his platform, we respect the office. I agreed with very little Barrack Obama supported, but he was my president for eight years. With the advent of Facebook, did I remark and share unkind things about him and VP Joe Biden? Regrettably, yes. But never have we seen the hostility that has become increasingly vicious and intense since then candidate Donald Trump announced he would be running for president.

Only a year before the notorious ride down the escalator, Donald Trump said he would only run for president if things got bad enough. When

he threw his hat into the ring, I knew there was more happening under the surface than any of us realized. It was called a SWAMP.

Should the Democrats win in November, the riots won't stop – they will be energized. It will be a quid-pro-quo unlike anything we've ever seen. They held up their end of the bargain to get Joe Biden elected and will expect their demands be met. Kamala Harris has already said she will be coming after those who were against them; Biden has named Beto O'Rourke his gun czar.

The American cities experiencing the most

extreme unrest are all democrat run cities with democrat governors. They are radicals with their own agenda unstoppable by normal means. Especially when fueled by the left and their self-righteousness.

We're not rioting, looting or burning "it" down but we do need to do our best to hold onto our constitutional rights. The biggest supporters of our first and second amendment rights are our law enforcement officers across the country. People are realizing if we don't have rule of law and order and don't support the police who defend and protect ALL of us – then

we're ALL in trouble. The law enforcement profession is clearly being used to divide us for political power for the election. Every reasonable segment of communities across America must stand up and support our police now more than ever. Go to stopdefunding.com for more information.

So, I ask you to VOTE TRUMP 2020! And pray, pray, pray - 2 Chronicles 7:14 over our country in faith believing that God is still in control of everything. Nothing is happening that is a surprise to Him. Those who are called by His Name need to implore His help to heal our land.

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RELIGION

Reaching out in Faith



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One of my favorite passages of scripture is found in Acts chapter 3, verses 1-10.

This is a recording of the first miracle of the New Testament Church, where Peter and John were on their way to the

temple to pray.

“Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.” It’s important to know two things about the timing off this event.

First of all, this happened right after Pentecost. Secondly, this event took place at the hour of prayer, which was immediately following the hour of sacrifice. Peter and John didn’t go to the temple for the hour of sacrifice, because they knew that Jesus had already become the only sacrifice that would be needed.

“And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is

called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.” This wasn’t the first time that Peter and John had seen this man, because it says that he was laid there daily. However, since this was right after

Pentecost, this was the first time they had seen the man through the power of the Holy Spirit. When a believer looks at people, they should see them differently than those that are not indwelt with the Spirit.

“And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive

something from them.” Every day the man laid helplessly asking people for money. The church should be a place for people to come when they have a need. It’s important for the church to pay attention to the needs of folks around them.

“Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.” God used Peter to heal the man. There are people all over the world that are asking for help with real needs. We must not turn away

from them. You may not have the material thing that that that person needs, but you do have that spiritual thing that they need, a personal relationship with Jesus. Don’t be afraid to reach out to people by faith in his name.

“So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.” When healing comes to someone, whether it be physical or even greater spiritual, they will praise God for that great thing He has done for them.” Those who experience the saving power of God will not get over it.

“And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then

they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.” When someone receives the gift of Eternal Life through Christ, they will have a difficult time hiding it. Because of this, they will affect many around them.

Get outside the church today, and be the church. There are spiritually lame folks all around you, begging for your help. Reach out to them today in the name that’s above every name.

Be Blessed!

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 11a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. Wednesday night service times Prayer Bible Study and Student Ministries 7 p.m. 706-624-0198, Find us on Facebook or email pvbcalhoun@gmail.com

-Maranatha Baptist Church on Hwy 225 across from paradise Drag Strip, Calhoun would like to invite you to attend our services for Sunday School starting at 10 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Night Services are at 7 p.m. Everyone is Welcome. Pastor Richard Webster.

-Evangelistic Outreach Ministries on 1590 Dews Pond Road. Pastor Mark Kirby invites everyone to Fellowship and Worship with us. Children’s Church on Sunday Services starts at 11:00am Childrens Church starts at 11:30am. Wednesday nights Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm. Come out and see what the Lord is doing!

-The College Street Church of God, 731 College St., Calhoun, 706-483-3666, pastor Dewayne Smith, holds weekly services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., Sunday; morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday; Sunday night service at 6 p.m.; and Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

-Victory Fellowship Center, 925 Oothcalooga St., invites you to weekly worship services held at 11 a.m. every Sunday morning. Pastor Joe Stewart and the VFC family also invite everyone to join each Wednesday at noon and 7:30 p.m. for anointed and enlightening Bible studies. If you are looking to grow in your understanding of God’s plan for your life and gain greater insight of the life changing power of His word, come and join us as we study the word.

-Boone Ford Baptist Church invites you to attend its services for Sunday School starting at 10 a.m. and Worship services at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday night services are at 6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday night of each month. Wednesday night services start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Gary Quarles, pastor.

-Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and Pastor David Peeler invite everyone to attend weekly services. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening activities and

discipleship training begin at 6 p.m., and children’s and youth programs at 7 p.m. Wednesday service begins at 7 p.m., along with Bible study programs for children and youth.

-Pastor Steve Corbin invites everyone to regular services at New Zion Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and Sunday night service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study is at 7:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

-Greater Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, 259 Herring Road, NW, Armuchee, invites you to come worship and fellowship with us on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Pastor Reginald McDaniel and Church Family also welcome you to attend Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. and Sunday School at 10 a.m.. We are a church on the move for Christ, come share with us as we grow in the Word of God.

-Resaca First Baptist Church and Pastor Rev. Harold Blackstock would like to invite you to attend our Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Sunday night service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday night service at 6 p.m. for children and youth.

-Liberty Baptist Church Pastor Gene Ratcliff invites everyone to church services in Ranger; service times are 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Sunday worship and 7 p.m. Wednesday worship.

-Brother Joe Hall and the congregation of Ranger Baptist invite everyone to its regular services on Sunday morning. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. Worship is Wednesday night with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m. For more information, call 706-629-3425.

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

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

-Hope in Christ Ministries, 306 Peters St., is holding services every Sunday morning. Adult Bible Study starts at 10 a.m. with praise/worship service at 11 a.m. Bishop W. S. (Billy)

Weems is the pastor. Rev. Earnest Diamond Jr. is assistant pastor. For more information, call the church at 706-602-2433.

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

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

-Philadelphia Baptist Church operates North Georgia Baptist College and is registering students. It is a local church ministry designed to prepare men and women for serving the Lord. It will provide basic training for preachers, Sunday school teachers, Christian schoolteachers, evangelists and missionaries. For more information call the church office at 706-625-3233 or visit the college’s web site at www.northgabaptistcollege.com.

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

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

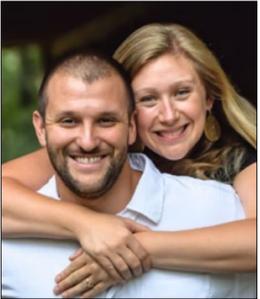
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Cash Flow with Joe: King me



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The other day, I was having some alone time with my 8-year-old, and he wanted to play a game of checkers. As we got the game out, which was one of those nice wooden ones, I noticed that we didn't have all of the wood playing pieces.

My son looked at me sheepishly and confessed that he had lost some of them. But he told me

not to worry and said he would fix it so we could play. That's when he dashed back to his room and emerged with enough Lego pieces for us to have our 12 men on the checkerboard.

As we played, my son was very intent on getting one of his wood pieces to my side so he could be kinged. He was so determined that he was willing to sacrifice any of his other men to get that particular piece kinged. And after a few moves, he was successful.

But then something strange happened. My son got fixated on that one piece and kept moving back and forth trying to get double kinged and then tripled kinged. The whole time, I was moving most of my force to the other side of the board.

Before my son knew it, I had nine of my 12 remaining pieces kinged.

Now, they were a

hodgepodge of Lego and woods pieces, but most of my team was kinged. My son, on the other hand, had only one king and three remaining pieces. The last battle was a massacre that included me doing a triple jump.

The final result was that I still had my nine kings, and my son had none.

Admittedly, I have nearly three decades of checker playing experience on my boy. But was that know-how the only reason why the outcome was so one-sided? I don't think it was.

You see, my eight-year-old did something that many people are guilty of when they go into business. He got tunnel vision by focusing on the one piece that had the king power. In essence, he was working to advance only himself. And in doing so, he forgot

he had a team to lead.

When you're a business owner, you are the leader of the company. And you may think it is wise to spend all your efforts empowering yourself, but that strategy would be an error.

There's an African proverb that says if you want to go fast, go by yourself. But if you want to go far, go with others. And business is a long-term play. So, in order to go far, you have to focus on empowering those around you.

For people with employees, this means giving them access to training, encouraging them to go to conferences and seminars and spending time with them to help develop their skills. Once you do this, you can delegate projects to them, and they will be empowered enough to complete those projects on their own, which will

increase the effectiveness and efficiency of your team and make your business more profitable.

If you're a beginner and solopreneur in real estate investing, there are other areas where focusing on only advancing yourself can get you into trouble.

The biggest one that comes to mind happens at the negotiating table. You can be pushing too hard on what price you want — I mean really tightening the screws on the seller who's back is against the wall — and you may get the price you want.

Congratulations. But what you don't know is what you lost in the process.

You see, by not making the deal a win-win, you lost the ability to recruit that seller to be part of your advertising team. They aren't going to tell all their friends

how great you are and give your number out to others. Had you left some slick on the table for them, they would have sung your praises and probably referred you for other deals. At least, that has been our experience.

So, just make sure that you don't get so busy trying to become king yourself that you lose the game in the end.

My eight-year-old and I talked about our game and how it was important to bring others up with us. I think he learned that lesson, and I've already seen him working to help others. And that's how you win in the game of life.

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Can You Influence Your Financial Aid Award?



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Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won't always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you're probably thinking about more typical concerns — such as expenses. How will you pay for the high costs

of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child's financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what's known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans

and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college — rather, it's an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

- **Save money in your name — not your child's.** FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent's assets, compared to 20 percent of a student's assets.

- **Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid.** Many of your current assets, such as your

retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the "base" year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as untaxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

- **Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA.** The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid

calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

- **Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA.** Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC — plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account. Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59 ½, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they're worth thinking about. You might also want

to consult with a college's financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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Dogwoods in Georgia



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One of the more popular landscape items in the area is the flowering dogwood. The flowering dogwood is native to the eastern United States and can be found throughout Georgia. One key to growing success is planting the dogwood in the correct location in the first place. One fact to note is the actual flower on the dogwood. What most consider the flower of a dogwood tree is actually bracts. The true flower is in the center of the bract and is not as visually appealing. I will be sharing information on dogwoods from a

revised UGA publication by Bodie Pennisi.

The planting season for dogwoods is dependent on how you purchased the dogwood. Container grown dogwoods can be planted anytime if they are watered correctly. The B & B or balled and burlapped trees and bareroot dogwoods need to be planted when they are dormant. That time would be from November to March. The importance of the correct planting site cannot be underestimated. The best situations are when dogwoods are planted with larger trees that will give the dogwood moderate shade. Think about when you go on the Sunday drive to see dogwoods when the bracts are showing off. In nature, you will see dogwoods growing under hardwoods and pines. That is why they are called an understory tree. You can see growth issues when they are planted in hot and dry exposures.

I remember as a young agent in Bartow County

being called out to look at a dogwood problem for a homeowner. The problem was easy to figure out. This young dogwood tree was planted in full sun with small rocks being used as mulch. To add to the problem, there was a lot of cement just beyond the small planting area. This young dogwood was burning up.

On the flipside, you do not need to plant dogwoods in dense shade because this can result in poor flowering. I will add that dogwoods can adapt to different soil types, but prefer moist and fertile soil that is high in organic matter. They must be planted in areas that will drain excess moisture well too. Pennisi states the primary demands are good soil drainage and protection from drought.

Improper soil preparation at planting can lead to issues with dogwood establishment and slow growth.

Research data states that maximum growth is achieved when a large and wide planting hole is dug and the backfill

soil is worked well. When planting, make sure the top of the root ball is level with the soil surface. Then you will backfill with the same soil that you removed from the hole. Make sure to bust up soil clods and remove rocks and other debris. Stay away from adding organic material in the planting hole. With the heat and the drought, we have a lot of compacted soils in the area. If planting in these compacted soils, keep in mind the importance of large planting hole with loose backfill soil.

Proper watering is key and mulch can be beneficial with dogwoods. Our information stats that adequate watering in the first two growing seasons may be the big factor to determine if the dogwood lives or dies. It is suggested to water the dogwood completely 1 to 2 times per week during dry times.

Make note to not over-do-it on water either. Watering too often can lead to root rot. You also need to

water in dry fall months. Keep in mind that most of the tree roots are in the top 12 inches of soil and can go several feet beyond the tree canopy. Mulch can play a helpful role. Mulching a wide area under the tree can help insulate the roots from heat and cold and can also conserve soil moisture. Pine straw, pine bark and fallen leaves at a 3 to 4-inch depth is suggested.

I would like to go back a step and talk about dogwood selection. Most of the dogwoods planted in

Georgia are the white-bracted native dogwoods that are grown from seed. There are many vegetative produced options on the market now. They are more expensive normally, but are known to flower earlier in age and be more showy per our info.

Some varieties with white bracts are Barton, Cherokee Daybreak, Cherokee Princess and Cloud 9 to name a few. Pink or red bract varieties are American Beauty Red, Cherokee

Chief, Cherokee Sunset, Junior Miss and Stokes Pink.

No matter the variety, you need to choose a healthy appearing tree with good form. Do not purchase stress appearing trees or ones with visually seen damage to the stem. A container grown dogwood should have healthy looking white roots that are not pot bound.

Our info adds that you should select bareroot and B & B trees with roots that have been protected from drying out by means such as "heeled-in" in moist sawdust or some other type organic matter.

Make sure you follow recommended fertilizing plans and know about common pest issues for dogwoods.

For more information, contact UGA Extension-Gordon County at 706-629-8685 or email gbowman@uga.edu. We are on Facebook at Gordon County Extension/Agriculture and Natural Resources for our latest UGA information.

Primitive Weapons Deer Hunting Season Opens Oct. 10

GEORGIA DNR

Deer hunters, the week-long primitive weapons deer hunting season opens Saturday, Oct. 10.

Last year, almost 30,000 hunters took to the woods with muzzleloaders, bringing in more than 6,000 deer, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

"Fall is here and it's time to zero in your muzzleloader, because primitive weapons season is just around the corner," said Charlie Killmaster, state deer biologist with the WRD Game Management Section. "So few hunters take advantage of hunting with muzzleloaders compared to firearms, but it is like the calm before the storm. And, if you do head to the woods during this week-long season, be sure to take a kid hunting with you, and remember they can use any modern rifle during the primitive weapons season."

Over one million acres of public hunting land is available to hunters in Georgia, including more than 100 state-operated wildlife management areas. Many areas offer special hunts throughout the season, including primitive weapons hunts. Dates and locations for hunts are available in the 2020-2021 Georgia Hunting Seasons and Regulations guide (<http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/hunting/>).

Youth, under 16 years of age, may hunt deer with any legal deer firearm during Primitive Weapons Season, including during any wildlife management area primitive weapons hunts.

Quick Basics

During the primitive weapons season, hunters may use archery equipment, muzzleloading shotguns (20 gauge and larger) and muzzleloading firearms (.44 caliber or larger).

The season bag limit is 10 antlerless deer and two antlered deer (one of the antlered deer must have at least four points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers). Special regulations apply to archery-only counties and extended archery season areas.

All deer hunters, including archers, are required to wear a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange above the waist during primitive weapons season. Scopes and other optical sighting devices are legal for muzzleloading firearms and archery equipment.

To pursue deer in Georgia, hunters must have a valid hunting license, a big game license and a current deer harvest record (available in the Outdoors GA app or as a paper copy printable from your license account). Licenses can be purchased online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, by phone at 1-800-366-2661, or at a license agent (list of agents available online).

Once you harvest a deer, you must report it within 24 hours through Georgia Game Check. Deer can be checked on the Outdoors GA app (useable with or without cell service), at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, or by calling 1-800-366-2661.

For more information, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/hunter-resources>.



Hunting Deer During Primitive Weapons Season? Need-To-Know Safety Information

Primitive weapons deer hunting season opens on Oct. 10. But, before heading to the woods, hunters are encouraged to review safety information, suggests the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

Primitive weapons, such as muzzleloaders, have specific safety use rules, beyond general firearms safety, that should be reviewed each year before heading to the woods. Following are recommendations to ensure a safe experience:

Never smoke in the proximity of a muzzleloader. Use an intermediate device, such as a measure, to pour powder into a barrel.

Keep flask and powder containers away from flames and sparks to prevent an accidental explosion.

Use only powders specific to each muzzleloader and recommended by that firearms manufacturer.

Place percussion cap on nipple only when ready to shoot.

The gun is safely unloaded only after removing the bullet, powder and percussion cap. If using a flintlock muzzleloader, remove the bullet and powder, and un-prime the flash pan.

Use the recommended loading materials, the correct powder charge, the right diameter and weight bullet and the correct lead material.

Treat a misfire as though the gun could fire at any moment.

Make sure the projectile is firmly seated on the powder before capping and firing.

Never blow down the barrel of a muzzleloader to clear or extinguish sparks.

Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Read the owner's manual and be familiar with its operation before using a muzzle-loading firearm.

Handle every gun as if it was loaded.

Make sure the gun is unloaded before attempting to clean it.

Do not use alcohol or drugs while handling a firearm.

All hunters, including archers, must wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange above the waist during the primitive weapons season.

To pursue deer in Georgia, hunters must have a valid hunting license, a big game license and a current deer harvest record (available in the Outdoors GA app or as a paper copy printable from your license account). Licenses can be purchased online at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, by phone at 1-800-366-2661, or at a license agent (list of agents available online).

For more information on hunting safety, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/huntereducation>.

HEALTH NEWS

GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: More kids treated for trauma injuries from ATVs, bikes in pandemic

ANDY MILLER, Editor and CEO Georgia Health News

Since the pandemic began, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has handled about the same number of trauma cases involving kids as it did previously. But that doesn't mean it has seen no change.

The mix of injuries that required treatment shifted in the spring as schools closed due to the spread of COVID-19.

The pediatric system found itself treating many more victims of trauma injuries involving bicycles, ATVs (all-terrain vehicles), golf carts, skateboards and dirt bikes, as children spending more time at home turned increasingly toward outdoor activities.

"Being out of school provided more opportunities" for such activities, Dr. Ashley Brouillette, a pediatric sports medicine physician at Children's, said Monday. That led to a greater incidence of ATV and other small-vehicle accidents.

The number of kids transported by ambulance or admitted for such injuries more than doubled during April and May. Brouillette said she saw some bad fractures from these accidents.

She emphasizes safety when talking with children and their parents.

"If it has wheels and no doors, they should be wearing a helmet," she said.

Sports injuries are now trending up, and other vehicle accidents leveling off, as schools restart and kids are again involved in sports, Brouillette added.

Bike accidents have also hit the adult population in Georgia during the pandemic.

Some major Georgia hospitals have reported an increase in trauma cases since the COVID-19 pandemic began. These include hospitals in Atlanta, suburban Atlanta, Columbus and Albany.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta offers the following tips to preventing injuries during this time of social distancing:

Create a safe space inside your family's new headquarters

Many of us are trying to work from home during a worldwide crisis as we add full-time educator, chef, housekeeper and activities coordinator to our resumes. Even if you're not working from home, you're still tasked with managing a household, or coordinating child care, during a pandemic.

"As a parent, I know that we are always doing the best we can when it comes to our kids," says Dr. Maneesha Agarwal, pediatric emergency medicine physician at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. "What we're facing now is uniquely difficult, so be kind to yourself as you adjust."

Dr. Agarwal's top tip? Remembering basic home safety measures could prevent an unnecessary trip to the urgent care clinic or emergency department.

-Brush up on essential home safety tips. Falls are the leading cause of nonfatal injuries treated in emergency departments, so make sure you use gates around stairs and keep young children strapped

in highchairs and swings. And anchor all furniture and TVs to prevent tip-over injuries.

-Keep dangerous items out of reach for curious hands. Make sure any medications are properly stored: up, away and out of sight. Remember that containers are child-resistant, not childproof. Similarly, store firearms unloaded, locked up and separate from ammunition. And be mindful of small toys or items your child could swallow, like button batteries.

-Store chemicals properly, and store this number in your phone. Save the poison control number (1-800-222-1222) in your phone so it's readily available in case of an emergency. And keep batteries, cleaning supplies, laundry pods, motor oil and other chemicals out of kids' reach.

Keep kids safe on wheels

Riding bikes is a great way for the whole family to stay active while practicing social distancing. And whether they're riding a bike, taking a scooter for a spin, skating down the driveway or taking a cruise on a hoverboard, make sure children are protected on wheels by practicing proper helmet safety.

It's Georgia law that all children under 16 years of age wear a properly fitting helmet any time they ride.

-The front edge should be two finger widths above the eyebrows.

-The helmet should be snug and not slide around once it's put in place.

-The front and back straps should form a V just below your child's ears.



-The front straps should be vertical and slightly in front of the ears. The rear straps should be more horizontal and behind the ears.

-The chin strap should be snug when your child opens their mouth. When your child's mouth is closed, only one finger should be able to fit between the chin and the strap
Practice smart pedestrian safety when you get fresh air

Not only is moving your body good for your physical health, but it also releases brain chemicals that can boost your mood and overall behavioral health. We highly recommend going outside for family walks, but be sure to practice pedestrian safety (along with social distancing) while you're out and about.

-Stay alert. Try to keep walks device-free, and pay attention to your surroundings. Not only should you be cautious of vehicles, but you also have to look out for other walkers, runners and bikers while you're out now. If older kids and teens are going out

alone, remind them to pay attention and use their phones for emergencies only.

-Use sidewalks and crosswalks. Even though traffic may be sparse, it's always safer to use marked crosswalks and stay on sidewalks when you're out walking.

-Avoid wearing dark clothing at night. If you're going for a walk near or after sundown, wear light or bright clothing so you're easily seen by drivers. If you have reflective clothing or accessories, that's even better.

-Keep your distance. You can go on a family walk, but you should stay at least 6 feet away from anyone outside your household. While your neighbors may allow children to play as usual, kids shouldn't share sports equipment, use playgrounds or be within 6 feet of one another.

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

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Parent Support Group

The Parent Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

All parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members of children with special needs are invited to take part in a new parent-led Parent Support Group.

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GROUND BREAKING

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Election's office, which were all formerly housed in the Annex building. The second floor of the Plaza will now be utilized to temporarily house the departments currently in the Annex and Courthouse as the renovation begins.

The architectural firm of Carter Watkins was selected for the project and locally owned Momon Construction will serve as the construction manager to oversee the project.

The renovation project will be performed in two phases; phase one renovations to the Courthouse Annex will transform the facility into what will be known as the Judicial Building that will contain all Superior Court services in the main building. The first floor of the building will include the main entrance, Clerk of Superior Court Office and Jury Assembly Room. On the second floor, there will be courtrooms, meeting space and offices will be housed, and the District Attorney's Office, Victim's Assistance and Grand Jury will be located on the third floor. Phase two of the renovation will include

the current Courthouse, built in 1961, and will house Probate Court, Magistrate Court and Juvenile Court.

Chief Superior Court Judge David K. Smith, who will be retiring at the end of this month, said he is appreciative of all the hard work from the parties involved in the planning and implementing of the project.

"This project is going to be the culmination of a lot of hard work between the forward-looking and forward-planning County Commission, a visionary pair of architects and well-respected local contractors who are keeping the tax payers money in Gordon County. On behalf of Judge Scott Smith, Judge Suzanne Smith and Judge Jeffrey Watkins, we thank you all for accepting our input into the design of this court facility," said Smith.

"My great grandfather Robert Miller Moss was rumored to have been born right near this hill in July 1864, so I'm honored to be able to turn a shovel-full of this earth today," said Smith. "I love the concept of balance; it's important to me, and this building's design will embody balance in many ways. The safety of the public is paramount; whether you're a victim, a witness, a party or juror, please know that your safety is at the forefront of the design of this courthouse. Inmates, most of whom are still

presumed to be innocent at the time of their hearing or trial will be assured safety during their hearing or trial. The Sheriff and his deputies will be able to carry out their constitutional duties in a much safer environment. The District Attorney, Public Defender, as well as private attorneys will be assured of being out the people's business efficiently.

"Another part of the concept of balance is the cost to be paid. County Administrator Ledbetter and the Commissioners have maintained that the building is to be one that we will be proud of without being extravagant," continued Smith.

State Senator Chuck Payne (R-District 54), was on hand to celebrate the occasion.

"When we do these kinds of things, I like to think of the past," said Payne. "I'm a guy that loves history, and to think of all these other buildings that have been here for generations and those who broke the grounds on those buildings broke grounds held ceremonies just like this," said Payne. "We ought to be mindful that we're not just breaking ground on a new building, we are breaking ground on the future, the future for all generations of Gordon County will know."

The project is expected to take about two years to complete.

COUNTY

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the parade but there are over 2,000 people IN the parade," said Owens. "The actual attendance of the parade is over 10,000 people. That attendance was calculated several years back and it's continued to grow. So a lot of people attend and they tend to pile into the downtown area over just a few blocks (of space), so it's really challenging to get them to spread out. That was the concern so the City recommended that the other sponsors, ourselves (Fairground Association), the Downtown Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce that we cancel the parade, so we followed that recommendation.

"There are some things happening at the fairgrounds. The place has really not been utilized for months due to inactivity and the cancelling of events, but this past weekend they had the first-annual Wagon Train and also a private carnival there. Both were open to the public and followed social distancing guidelines. The carnival actually has specific social distancing guidelines from the Governor of Georgia that lays out exactly how

they have to (set-up). Both of those events were fairly successful. October 17 is a public event, the annual Antique Engine Show, they have decreased it to one day and they will be following with temperature checks, masks recommendations and social distancing for that event. Georgia Cumberland Academy and Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church is having a private event there on November 1; Kevin Carpenter and the FCA is having a drive-in worship service, and they have a very significant plan in place for protecting everyone on November 21; on December 1, Georgia Farm Bureau is having a private event inside the pavilion and on December 6, St. Clements Catholic Church is having a private church service there. All these folks signed agreements that hold harmless the Fair Association and County Government and they have been asked to follow all appropriate guidelines."

The Board approved a zoning request for a property on Pleasant Hill Road in Ranger. The zoning request was to change zoning from A-1 to RA-1 to subdivide about 3 acres from 14 acres to build a house. The request came to the commissioners with recommendation for approval from the zoning board.

The Board approved a zoning request for Oasis Detox Spa, located at 270 Johnson Road. The zoning request was to change zoning from A-1 to O-1 to

bring the zoning into compliance with running a business. The request came to the commissioners with recommendation for approval from the zoning board as long as making adjustments to the driveway were addressed.

The Board approved a resolution authorization submission of a LWCF Pre-Application for Brookshire Park. This is for state grant money that would go towards Brookshire Park, off of Hwy. 156 in the Oostanaula area that would stretch the SPLOST money that was designated to the project.

Brookshire Park is located around the boat ramp on Hwy. 156; in the 2012 SPLOST, the voters approved a project that would make renovations to Brookshire Park. Approximately \$400,000 was dedicated to the Brookshire Park renovations; due to flooding in the area, the project has been adjusted to include a trail, picnic tables and grills.

The Board approved a request to fill a vacant maintenance position at Gordon County Parks & Rec.

The next meeting of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Administration Building on N. Wall Street in downtown Calhoun.

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Soni Orthodontics continues to support Calhoun City Schools with philanthropic efforts. We appreciate our friends at Soni who are always there to lend

a hand, show support and donate essential supplies for our students, staff and schools. The reusable water bottles for every student was a great surprise and needed since our water fountains have been disabled during COVID 19. Students

can write their names on them and refill them at water refilling stations or sinks. On hand to receive the donations was Calhoun Elementary School Principal, Beth Holcomb.

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Georgia Northwestern Technical College presents Floyd County Prison graduates with welding certificates

GNTC

During a special graduation ceremony at the Floyd County Prison (FCP) in Rome, 12 offenders stepped forward to receive a Technical Certificate of Credit from Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) showing they completed their training in Shield Metal Arc and Flux Core Welding.

"This will change your life if you allow it," Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) Welding Instructor Scott Edison told the group of men. "I want to thank you all for coming in and giving it 110%." The program was taught in the TCSG mobile welding lab that was temporarily set-up on the prison grounds.

GNTC President Dr. Heidi Popham presented the men with their certificates and shared with them how the program was developed. GNTC studied how other technical colleges had worked with local prison systems and developed a welding program for offenders at the FCP.

"This is a great

day. You are showing employers that you are dedicated future employees," said Popham. "With this certificate you will be able to land high demand welding jobs."

Betty Dean, deputy warden of care and treatment at Floyd County Corrections, told the graduates how proud she was of their progress in improving their lives. She recognized one student, who has been incarcerated for 19 years, for taking active steps to improve his life once released.

"If we can turn one person's life around at this facility than we have done our job," she said. "The fact that we have turned a dozen lives around means we have done our job times 12."

The welding class at Floyd County Prison was made possible through partnerships at both the state and local level said Stephanie Scarce, GNTC vice president of Economic Development.

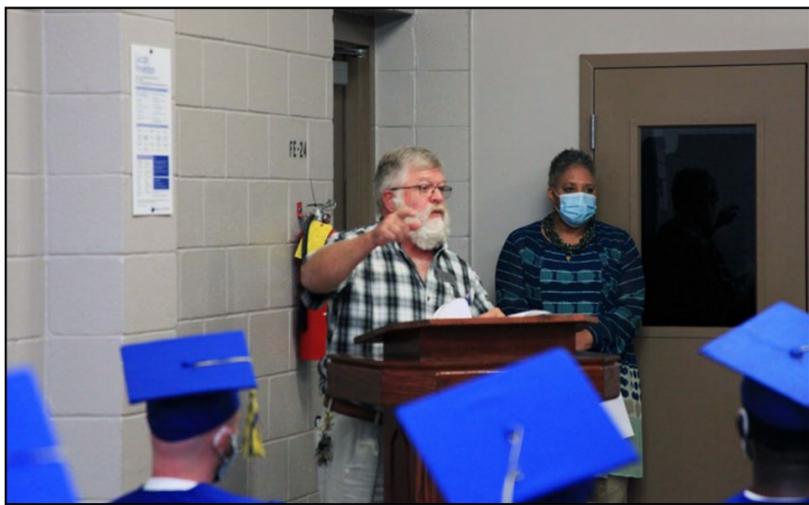
Scarce and her team went before the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (NWGRC) Workforce Investment Board to apply and successfully

secure funding for the course. In addition, they also submitted an application to TCSG to secure one of their mobile welding labs. Now that the class is complete, the lab will return to TCSG.

"The money we spend on these types of programs saves us on extra security and offender care in the long run," said Mike Long, FCP warden. "In my experience, when you break the chain of incarceration it makes a difference to the former offenders and their families. Their children are less likely to wind up in the system if their parents are home and have a good job."

Brandi Dover, GNTC Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program coordinator, said her department coordinated with GNTC's Economic Development office and Lesia Lambert, director of Workforce Development at NWRC, to fund the project. The WIOA handled the applications and paperwork of the offenders who wanted to be a part of the program.

According to the Georgia Department of Labor, the average



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TCSG Welding Instructor Scott Edison (left) speaks to the group of 12 men who received their Shield Metal Arc and Flux Core Welding certifications at the Floyd County Prison. To the right stands Betty Dean, deputy warden of care and treatment at Floyd County Corrections, who will help the men find welding jobs through the prison's Work Release Center.

hourly pay for welders in northwest Georgia is \$17.45 as of 2019. The industry is also seeing growth as a result of retirements. The American Welding Society estimates half a million welding jobs will be available nationwide by 2022.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College provides quality workforce education to the citizens of Northwest

Georgia. Students have the opportunity to earn an associate degree, diploma, or a certificate in business, health, industrial, or public service career paths. This past year, 12,454 people benefited from GNTC's credit and noncredit programs. With an annual credit enrollment of 7,730 students, GNTC is the largest college in Northwest Georgia. GNTC has an additional

enrollment of 4,724 people through adult education, continuing education, business and industry training, and Georgia Quick Start. For more information about GNTC, visit us at www.GNTC.edu. GNTC is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and an Equal Opportunity Institution.

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<p>To Vote</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use black or blue ink to mark the ballot 2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote 3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided 	<p>Warning</p> <p>Do <u>NOT</u> use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot Do <u>NOT</u> circle, underline or mark through choices Do <u>NOT</u> use check marks or X to mark ballot Do <u>NOT</u> mark more choices per race than allowed Do <u>NOT</u> sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot</p>
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"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

For President of the United States (Vote for One)	SPECIAL ELECTION	For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One)
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Support Groups

-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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<p>For District Attorney of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rosemary M. Greene (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Board of Education Post 2 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jason Hendrix (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>STATEWIDE REFERENDUM</p> <p>- A -</p> <p>Establishes a tax exemption for certain real property owned by charities.</p> <p>House Bill 344 Act No. 149</p> <p>"Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes for all real property owned by a purely public charity, if such charity is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and such real property is held exclusively for the purpose of building or repairing single-family homes to be financed by such charity to individuals using loans that shall not bear interest?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For Clerk of Superior Court (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Grant Walraven (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Board of Education Post 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bobby E. Hall (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	
<p>For Sheriff (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mitch Ralston (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Board of Education Post 6 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Christie Owens Fox Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</p> <p>- 1 -</p> <p>Authorizes dedication of fees and taxes to their intended purposes by general state law.</p> <p>House Resolution 164 Act No. 597</p> <p>"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were intended?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For Tax Commissioner (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scott Clements (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	
<p>For Coroner (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Carver (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For Chief Magistrate (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pat Rasbury (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>- 2 -</p> <p>Waives state and local sovereign immunity for violation of state laws, state and federal constitutions.</p> <p>House Resolution 1023 Act No. 596</p> <p>"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to waive sovereign immunity and allow the people of Georgia to petition the superior court for relief from governmental acts done outside the scope of lawful authority or which violate the laws of this state, the Constitution of Georgia, or the Constitution of the United States?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For County Commissioner District 1 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> M. L. Bud Owens (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Commissioner District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> R. Bruce Potts, Jr. Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	
<p>For County Commissioner District 5 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kevin L. Cunningham (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>		



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