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County suspends alcohol selling license at Rainbow Corner after arrests for selling alcohol, tobacco to minors

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The Gordon County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday suspended the alcohol selling license for Rainbow Corner until Nov. 3 after the license holder and an employee were arrested earlier this month on charges of selling alcohol and tobacco products to minors.

Commissioner Bud Owens made the motion to suspend license number 2020-1014 for the retail sale of beer and wine, which was issued to Krupal B. Patel, doing business as Rainbow Corner, on Dec. 17, 2019. The move comes after the

Oct. 9, 2020 arrest of Krupal B. Patel, 45, and Bhilhabhai (Bob) Patel, 53, by Gordon County Sheriff's deputies after an investigation based on complaints of a numbers of residents regarding the unlawful furnishing of alcohol and/or tobacco/vaping products to underaged persons.

"The suspension is authorized by the Gordon County Code of Ordinances 7-121d; this suspension is authorized by the following conduct which constitutes a violation of Gordon County Ordinances and State law," said Owens, who then read the violations. "Furnishing alcohol to

persons under the age of 21, in violation of County ordinance 7-107C1 and Georgia Code 3-3-23; Selling tobacco products to a person under the age of 21, in violation of Georgia Code 16-12-171 and allowing a person to work in the licensed business who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to criminal violation of a state law classified as a felony involving moral turpitude; in this case, it was aggravated child molestation and sexual battery against a child under 16 years of age," said Owens.

"I make a motion that this license be temporarily suspended effective at

noon on Wednesday, Oct. 21, in order for the ordinance officer to have time to lawfully serve the suspension on the license holder," said Owens. "I further move that the license holder be served and asked to appear at a hearing before the Gordon County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at 201 North Wall Street to show cause why the license should not continue to be suspended or revoked."

The Board members present at Tuesday's meeting unanimously voted for the suspension.

Bob Patel was already serving a sentence of



From left, Krupal Patel and Bhilhabhai "Bob" Patel.

probation from a previous 11, 2008 of Aggravated felony conviction in Gordon Child Molestation, and was County Superior Court. convicted on Oct. 25, 2007 According to public records, of Sexual Battery Against A Bob was convicted on Feb. Child Under 16.

AdventHealth Gordon to open new cancer center

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

Scheduled to open in December 2020, the AdventHealth Gordon Cancer Center will be the final piece in bringing all cancer services on-campus at AdventHealth Gordon to create a truly comprehensive cancer program.

AdventHealth Medical Group Hematology Oncology at Calhoun and AdventHealth Infusion Center Calhoun will relocate to be housed in the new cancer center. Patients will experience the benefits of receiving chemotherapy, immunotherapy, iron infusions and fluid replacement treatments on-campus, which will provide maximum collaboration and



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coordination of care throughout a patients' cancer care journey.

The cancer center will feature an expanded number of clinic rooms and a fifty percent increase in the number of private infusion bays

to accommodate more patients. An outdoor healing garden will provide patients with the physical, emotional and spiritual benefits of nature and the outdoors.

With the completion of the new cancer

center, all parts of AdventHealth Gordon's entire comprehensive Cancer Care program will be located on the main campus. Surgical

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Authorities respond to two separate pedestrian accidents; one dead on Dews Pond

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Law enforcement responded to two different pedestrian accidents over a three day period, with one of the incidents leaving a Calhoun man dead.

Calhoun Police investigated an incident that resulted in a pedestrian being hit Friday night on Hwy. 53 at Curtis Parkway.

According to the incident report, just after 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, a 2016 Honda CR-V, driven by Betty McLaughlin, 71, of Louise Lane in Calhoun, was traveling north on Curtis Parkway near Hwy. 53 as a pedestrian, identified as Carolyn Davis, 37, listed as homeless in Calhoun, was walking east on Hwy. 53 on the side walk, attempting to cross Curtis Parkway. McLaughlin said she did not see Davis until the pedestrian collided into the left side of her vehicle. The collision caused Davis to be thrown to the ground, and she came to a rest near another vehicle.

Witnesses on scene said that they observed

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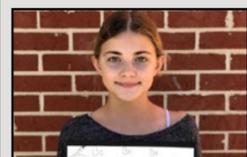
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Animal Rescue League making great strides in saving stray, homeless dogs

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There is a group of volunteers in Gordon County working hard to take care of homeless and stray dogs.

Animal Rescue League of Northwest Georgia (ARL) began in 2007 as a farm-based rescue by Judy and Kent Lawson. Located in Fairmount, ARL has dozens of both indoor and covered, outdoor kennels where they house unwanted, abandoned and special-needs dogs that are in need of rescuing.

ARL is a Gordon County United Way Agency and is licensed by the Department of Agriculture, participating in annual inspections of the facility to ensure compliance with state regulations.

"We are dedicated to improving the lives of both dogs and people in Northwest Georgia by taking in these rescues, then treating, vaccinating and spaying



and neutering them, then placing them in carefully screened and loving homes," said Lucia Eastham, who serves on the Board of the ARL and acts as a community liaison for the group.

Animal Rescue League rescues dogs from both the Gordon County Animal Control and City of Calhoun Animal Control, being the first

call for both facilities when they receive a pet in need of immediate medical attention, such as dogs who have been shot, hit by a car, abused, attacked by another animal, pregnant, suffers from mange or neglect. ARL also rescues dogs from animal hoarders and lost or abandoned pets.

"The dogs, once



LEFT: Roscoe, one of the many dogs rescued by Animal Rescue League of Northwest Georgia. ABOVE: Kroger associates pose with ARL's Lucia Eastham, far right, during a pick-up of items donated to the animal rescue earlier this month. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS)

rescued, receive the dogs until they are veterinary care adopted. "We screen all of our applicants who want to adopt one of the dogs in our care," said Eastham. "There is an application

ARL then serves as a temporary home for

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Second Front

Bennett recognized with DAISY Award

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

Kelly Bennett, RN, has been named AdventHealth Gordon's latest DAISY Award recipient. This award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human tasks nurses perform every day.

Bennett, a nurse in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at AdventHealth Gordon, received a nomination from Destiny Howe, NP-C, nurse manager of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, for advocating for a patient with coronavirus who needed an additional chest tube to help with their oxygenation.

"We have benefitted from Kelly's experience and expert leadership over the last year," said Howe. "Kelly Bennett deserves the DAISY Award because she cares for every patient like they are family. I am so proud that our community has nurses like Kelly that care so excellently."

If you or a loved one have been a patient at AdventHealth Gordon and would like to nominate an extraordinary nurse for the DAISY Award, please call 706-602-7800 ext. 2258.

To find out more about the program, including the growing list of partners, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org.

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 throughout almost a dozen states. For healthier unify the system's nearly more information about AdventHealth, 50 hospital campuses and hundreds visit AdventHealth.com or Facebook. of care sites in diverse markets [com/AdventHealth](https://www.facebook.com/AdventHealth).

Mohawk Supports Susan G. Komen in 2020 through ongoing cause marketing efforts

MOHAWK INDUSTRIES

Despite the postponement of the Susan G. Komen® 3-Day® series to 2021, Mohawk continues to double down on its commitment to the organization in its fight against breast cancer as the organization engages with the 3-Day community virtually this year. Since 2001, Mohawk has contributed more than \$6.3 million to Susan G. Komen through corporate donation programs that ultimately serve millions of people touched by breast cancer in more than 30 countries through research, treatment assistance, helplines and a variety of other lifesaving and life-impacting resources.

Mohawk is proud to partner with Susan G. Komen to help find a cure for the 19th year in a row. The manufacturer continues to create residential and commercial floor coverings that not only support healthier homes, offices, patient rooms and beyond, but also give back more to society than they take as part of Mohawk's commitment to positive social impact.

"The fight against breast cancer is personal for so many of us for different reasons – for those who may be actively undergoing treatment for it, those who've supported loved ones during treatment,

and those of us who now find ourselves in a virtual community of cheerleaders for survivors, fundraising participants as we honor those we've lost along the way," said Laura Bartley, Mohawk's senior director of communications and events. "In what has surely been a challenging year, Mohawk is especially proud to be a partner in the fight for nearly two decades. We believe that, through partnership and community, we can give thousands of people who are diagnosed with cancer each year a fighting chance. We believe in supporting the communities where we live, work and play, and joining Susan G. Komen allows us to truly scale our impact to the national, regional and local levels."

Whenever a consumer chooses residential SmartCushion or a designer specifies eligible commercial flooring products, they can be confident that their selection unites them in solidarity with Mohawk and Susan G. Komen's ongoing fight. Proceeds from the sales of these items help the nonprofit organization carry out their mission, which among other things, provides 347 people with a free breast cancer screening and 24 people with treatment assistance – every single day. Corporate partnerships including

Mohawk's Decorate for the Cure and Specify for a Cure® help save lives by meeting the most critical needs in communities nationwide through investments in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer.

Support of the Komen 3-Day series has its roots in 2015, when Mohawk first became involved with the Philadelphia walk and provided 800 pieces of SmartCushion to place under the sleeping bags of fatigued walkers and crew. To date, Mohawk has donated, taken back and recycled more than 20,000 pieces of SmartCushion. Additionally, the Mohawk team has covered more than 1,000 of the miles traveled by 3-Day participants. This is best represented by the company's signature "Mohawk Mile" pink carpet runner that spans 1,795,200 square yards – or the equivalent to more than 370 acres of SmartCushion.

For more information on Mohawk's ongoing commitment to corporate social responsibility through initiatives like its sponsorship of Susan G. Komen, visit the Sustainability Snapshot at MohawkSustainability.com. For more information about how Mohawk "Cushions the Fight" through Decorate for the Cure, visit MohawkFlooring.com. To explore the Specify

for a Cure commercial design program, visit MohawkGroup.com/SpecifyforaCure.

About Mohawk
 Mohawk Industries is a leading global flooring manufacturer that creates products to enhance residential and commercial spaces around the world. Mohawk's vertically integrated manufacturing and distribution processes provide competitive advantages in the production of carpet, rugs, ceramic tile, laminate, hardwood, stone and vinyl flooring. Our industry-leading innovation has yielded products and technologies that differentiate our brands in the marketplace and satisfy all remodeling and new construction requirements. Our

brands are among the most recognized in the industry and include Mohawk, American Olean, Daltile, Durkan, IVC, Karastan, Marazzi, Pergo, Unilin and Quick-Step. During the past decade, Mohawk has transformed its business from an American carpet manufacturer into the world's largest flooring company with operations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Europe, India, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

About Susan G. Komen®
 Susan G. Komen® is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization, working to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Komen has an unmatched, comprehensive 360-degree approach

to fighting this disease across all fronts and supporting millions of people in the U.S. and in countries worldwide. We advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high-quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information. Founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life, Komen remains committed to supporting those affected by breast cancer today, while tirelessly searching for tomorrow's cures. Visit komen.org or call 1-877-GO KOMEN. Connect with us on social at [ww5.komen.org/social](https://www.facebook.com/komen.org/social).

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- Material Handler:** 2nd shift (5:30p-4a) Mon-Fri & Saturday (3:30p-12a)
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Obituaries

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Robert Archer

Robert Lee Archer, age 60 of Calhoun, GA, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2020 due to injuries sustained in an accident.

Robert was born on February 1, 1960 in Oklahoma, son of Mary M. Bailey Archer and the late Paul E. Archer, Sr. He was employed by JJ's Detail Shop.

Robert is survived by: one son Michael Bolton, one brother, Paul E. Archer, Jr.; three sisters, Sharon Butler, Kathy Weeks, and Linda Ullman; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of the life of Robert will be announced at a later date.

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

Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Robert Lee Archer.



Glenese Campbell

Glenese Owens Campbell, 84, of Calhoun, GA died Tuesday, October 20, 2020 after a two-month illness. She was born on January 10, 1936 in Calhoun, GA to the late Gene Owens and Ruby Roberts Owens. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years on August 21, 2013 Frank Campbell.

She was a loving sister, wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved to cook for her family and loved flowers. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery(MaRhonda) Campbell; daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer(Roger) Bearden, Jamie(Tony) Mullinax, and Jenna Campbell; grandchildren, Terea(Josh) Hauck, Camie(Andrew) Young, Brody Campbell, Garrett Dinkins, Allison Mullinax, Anna Mullinax, Kayla(Taylor) Clark, Kortni(Devin) Cruce, and Jamon(Courtney) Hales; great grandchildren, Jason Clark, Hunter Clark, Kimber Clark, Clint Young, Ada Cochran, Kason Cruce, and Bentley Hayes; sister and brother-in-law, Anita(Ralph) Harris.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The service will follow at the church 2:00 PM, with Rev. Berry Brock, Rev. David Peeler, and Stephen Cochran. Pallbearers include, Jamon Hales, Garrett Dinkins, Taylor Clark, Devin Cruce, Brody Campbell, Andrew Young, and Josh Hawk.

To leave condolences and sign the online guest book please go to, www.maxbrannonandsons.com

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Glenese Owens Campbell.



Diane Carpenter

Mrs. Diane Lynn Carpenter, age 70, of Calhoun, Georgia, departed this life Monday evening, October 19, 2020 at Gordon Hospital. She was born January 2, 1950 in California, a daughter of the late Carl William Chandler Sr. and Dorothy Mann Andrews. She was also preceded in death by her husband David Cecil Carpenter, brothers, Carl William Chandler Jr., Don Due.

She is survived by her daughter, Roni Bono; grandson, Logan Bono of Calhoun, GA; brothers, Roy and Sandra Chandler, Michael Due, Raymond Steelman of California; sisters, Charrie and Brad Nealy of Texas, Charlotte Sevley of California, Sandy and Mike Potter of Missouri, Brenda Chandler of South Carolina; nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held Saturday October 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. from the Bethesda Baptist Church in Calhoun, GA with Reverend Wesley Hunt officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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

www.selectedindependentfuneralhomes.org and www.ogr.org



Lester Knight

Lester Knight, 79, of Gordon County died Sunday, October 18, 2020. He was born on November 16, 1940 in Gordon County to the late Robert and Mary Lee Duncan Knight. He is preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Jerry Childs and Ray Noland.



Lester worked in the carpet business. He loved tractors, motorcycles, and was an avid horseshoe player. He was a lifelong member of Mount Olive Baptist Church and took care of the church grounds. After the passing of his father he stepped up to take care of his loving Mother. He will be missed dearly by the ones he loved.

He is survived by his siblings, Jean Knight Casey (Jerry), Margie Knight Moss (Lawrence), Carolyn Childs, and Debbie Knight Noland; nieces and nephews, Randy (Dana) Casey, Brent (Patricia) Casey, Carmen (Stan) Penland, Chastain (Trina)

Moss, Shane (Julie) Moss, Kim Oesterle (Kevin), Bryan (Jennifer) Childs, Jared (Madison) Noland, and Jennifer Noland; his close friend, Bob Oesterle.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. at Mount Olive Baptist Church. The funeral service will follow the visitation on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. from the church with Rev. Ronnie Wells, Rev. Bryan Childs, and Rev. Winford Casey officiating. For those wishing to take part in the service from their cars, you may pull into the parking lot of the church and tune your FM radio to 102.1 to hear the service.

To leave condolences and sign the online guest book please go to, www.maxbrannonandsons.com

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Lester Knight.



Frances Marable

Frances (Dupree) Marable, 90, of Calhoun, after living most of her life in the Atlanta area, died Saturday, October 17. She was born on July 3, 1930 in Dalton, GA to the late Orlando Dupree and Ruby Foster. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Marable; sister, Margie Hughes; nephews, Terry Davis and Wayne Davis.

She is survived by her niece and nephews, Genie (Juan) Nix, Dennis Davis, and Steve Davis

Chandler Cemetery The family will receive friends on Sunday, October 18, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home. At 3:15 PM the family will gather at Chandler Cemetery for a graveside service.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Frances Marable.



Keith Parker

Mr. Keith Parker, 58, of the Dews Pond Community died Friday, October 16, 2020, at his residence from an accident.



Keith was born in Floyd County, on April 12, 1962; he was the son of the late Rayford and Betty Smith Parker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law; Tony Thomason. He owned Fuji Farm where he was a poultry producer and he was a bus driver for the Calhoun City School System. He loved the outdoors and was looking forward to the opening day of deer season. He was a hard worker and a man who dearly loved his family and his fur-baby, Charlie. He was a member of the 1980 graduating class of Calhoun High School and a member of Sugar Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; Sherry Thomason Parker, two daughters; Maci and Tess Parker, mother-in-law; Margaret Thomason, niece; Alexa Oesterle, nephews; T.J. Thomason and Kirk Peppers.

The funeral will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:00 PM from Sugar Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Mitch Phillips officiating. The family will receive friends Monday afternoon between the hours of 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Sugar Valley Baptist Church. Burial will follow at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at Fain Cemetery. Pallbearers serving include, Todd Sisson, Greg Holcomb, Keith Puckett, Jeremy Johnson, TJ Thomason, and Devin Oesterle.

Floral offerings will be accepted or donations can be made to Parkinson's Disease Research or to a charity of your choice.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Keith Parker, 58, of Calhoun.



Linda Parker

Mrs. Linda Johnston Parker, age 72, of Adairsville, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, October 18, 2020.



Mrs. Parker was born in Rome, GA, February 13, 1948, daughter of the late Robert Johnston and Thelma "Blossom" Beam Johnston. She was a loving wife to Larry; mother to her three children, Chris (Kelly), Brandy (Bo), and John (Casey); Nina to Parker, Avery, Mason, and Maggie; sister, to Ronnie (Harriet); Aunt Nina to Russell and Erin(Nick); and great aunt to Avery, Abby, Reece, and Charlotte. Linda was a determined lady with a stellar work ethic, an independent, and industrious business woman, managing two enterprises at the same time, living her dream of owning her own business. "Linda's Accessories" became a popular boutique in Adairsville while she continued to generate record sales for Alfa Life Insurance, earning her trips to domestic venues and Europe. Linda was indeed a genuine, kind, loving, respectful, unselfish, beautiful, and self made woman.

Graveside service will be held Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 2:30 PM at Oaknoll Memorial Gardens, Rome with Rev. Gary Graves officiating. Family

will serve as pallbearers.

Family and friends attending services will be required to wear face mask and observe social distancing.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made in her honor to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Sign the guestbook and leave online condolences at www.BartonFuneralHome.net

Barton Funeral Home

Allen Robinson

Allen Ray Robinson, 60, of Calhoun, GA died Monday, October 19, 2020. He was born on March 15, 1960 in Maryville, TN to Marie Robinson and the late Ray Robinson. He was preceded in death by sister, Carol Dean Robinson.



He is survived by his wife, Debra Kay Robinson; sons and daughter-in-law, Allen R Robinson Jr and Bailey Robinson, Matthew A Robinson; daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Tyler Cochran, brothers and sisters-in-law, Billy and Charlen Robinson, Marty Robinson, Danny Robinson, Roger and Brandi Robinson; sisters and brothers-in-law, Ann and Eddie Falls, Norma and Mark Padgett; grandchildren, Athens Parker, Carter Parker, Maddie Cochran, and Blakely Cochran.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22 at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

The Graveside service will be Friday, October 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM from the graveside at Haven of Rest Memorial Park with Rev. Eddie Falls officiating. Pallbearers include, Jonathon Falls, Jeremy Falls, Joey King, Michael Mitchell, Eddie Padgett, and River Farmer.

To leave condolences and sign the online guest book please go to, www.maxbrannonandsons.com

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Allen Ray Robinson.



Curt Thompson

Curt Blackburn Thompson, age 74 of Calhoun and Gordon County died at 12:25 AM, Sunday, October 18 in the Hospice of Chattanooga.



Curt was born in Elkhart, Indiana, September 1, 1946, son of the late Warren B. Thompson and Ruth Stoffle Thompson. Curt was an alumnus of Georgia State University. He retired from Equifax with 38 years of service as Vice President of Accounting.

Curt is survived by his wife, Pamela Rich Thompson ; one son Curt B. Thompson II of Norcross ; three daughters, Kimberly Thompson Swope and her husband John of Loganville, Melea Romine and her husband Jeff, and Afton

Skidmore; two sisters, Judy Williams and her husband Jack of Canton, Peggy Horsley and her husband Lamar of Buckhead; five grandchildren, John, Lily, and Anna Swope, Bricen Romine, Gabby Causby and her husband

Austin; 2 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 PM, Wednesday, October 21 at the graveside in Oostanula Baptist Church Cemetery with the Pastor Mark Irwin officiating. Pallbearers are Curt Thompson II, John Swope I, John Swope II, and Jack Williams. The family will receive friends from 1:30 until 2:30 PM at the funeral home preceding the graveside service.

Thomas Funeral Home has charge of arrangements for the services of Curt Blackburn Thompson.

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.

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Can you believe, according to the U.S.

News and World Report, there was an estimated \$19 billion dollars in retail spending on Valentine's Day this year? Someone a lot smarter than me figured out that there was an average of \$130.97 spent per person on Valentine's Day. Jack Leroy "Jackie" Wilson, Jr. sang, "To be loved, to be loved, oh what a feeling to be loved."

It has been said that love is the universal language. I beg to differ. I happen to believe that the universal language is

pain. There's no one that hasn't experienced pain. Only the parent of a baby getting its first shots hurts more than the baby. Perhaps one of the hardest things would be standing by as relationships are stolen away by the dreadful disease of Alzheimers. I've heard that the most painful thing a person could experience is losing a child.

Consider those who have been abused by those who are called to love them, to provide from them. Imagine

the victims of human trafficking, and the pain of never seeing a way out. We know of millions who have lost loved ones at war. More than any other cause for these deaths is that of religion.

We could list more and more circumstances that bring about pain. There really is no one immune to pain. To where, or whom, can we run in times of despair? The only hope of healing is in found in Jesus Christ. Jesus was no stranger to pain. Isaiah

53: 3-5 reads, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

In verse 10 we find an astonishing statement. It says; "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him". What?? How could it please God, to will for His only begotten Son to suffer such things? His love for us compels Him.

Remember those you know that are in painful situations, and prayer for those who you do not know. Most importantly, petition the Lord on behalf of those that don't yet know Jesus. He is love, and everyone needs Him.
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 Broaehurst and family. Service times are 9 a.m. for Sunday school and Children's Church and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. For more information, call 706-669-0854.

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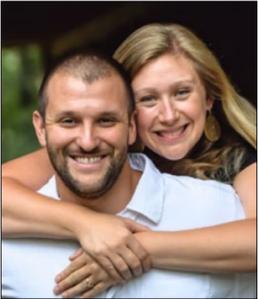
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Cash Flow with Joe: Dealing in benefits, the story continues



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Last week we talked about a seller I encountered who was in a precarious position. (You can read that blog here) She was thousands of dollars behind on her mortgage and in active foreclosure. She was older and couldn't afford to take care of the house physically or financially.

When we left off last week, we were sitting outside with the seller and had offered to purchase her house for the balance of her

mortgage. We also agreed to rent the house back to the seller for only \$325 a month for eight months while we worked with her to identify and help her apply for an income-based senior living facility in the area.

She teared up and expressed excitement about that offer.

For some reason I didn't have my notebook with me. But I needed to get this offer in writing. So, I asked if she had anything I could write on. She said, "You can use this" and handed me one of the documents she had in her hand. I wrote out our offer and then turned the paper over to find I had written it on the back of the foreclosure summons, which I thought was either ironic or apropos.

The seller let me know that she needed to go over things with her children and she wanted me to come back and meet with them. I agreed and we set up a time for the following week. I let the seller know time was of the

essence. You see, we had just a little over two weeks before the foreclosure auction. So there was going to be a tight timeline for accomplishing tasks like getting a payoff from the bank, getting a title search done and getting on an attorney's schedule to close the house before the foreclosure auction. It was still very doable, but we would need to be proactive because closings were taking longer due to COVID-19 constraints.

Because of the seller's enthusiasm, and because of those time constraints, I went ahead and got the ball rolling on my end by asking my attorney to order a title search on the property.

On the day of our appointment, I called the seller to make sure we were still good for the time we had set. She let me know the children were going to be late and we backed it up. Then, she rescheduled for the following day... and then she called and cancelled that appointment.

While we were on the phone, I asked her what was going on. She said she was having a hard time getting the kids to come. But as we talked further, I think I uncovered the real issue. The kids didn't like the offer I had given their mom. The seller told me one child said she shouldn't leave without getting compensated for the house.

In other words, they wanted mom to get some cash.

Now, remember in the previous column that I said we deal in benefits. What the seller needed was time to find a new place to live at an income-based housing facility. She also needed help applying for living space and an affordable place to live until she found it.

We were giving her all of those things in our offer, but the kids couldn't see past her not coming away from the closing table with some cash.

So, what did focusing on only dollars do for their

mom? She got foreclosed on this week.

The kids didn't get the seller anything she needed. Actually, they put her in a bad situation. And now she will only have 60 days to move from the property. And I don't think the eviction memorandums will buy her here any more time after the auction because those are only in effect until Dec. 31st. Sixty days from the October auction puts you into January. So if she doesn't move on her own once the new owner gave her the 60 day notice, the courts will intervene and she will be evicted.

Now, what did the kids miss when considering our offer?

First, we would have bought the house prior to auction, stopping the foreclosure and saving her credit in the process.

Remember, they said she shouldn't leave without being compensated. If she had gone with us, we were going to rent the house to

her for \$325 a month. That's \$700 below market rent rates and we were going to do that for 8 months. That's a savings of \$5,600 for her. That's a fair amount of compensation.

Finally, we were going to provide the service of locating an income-based living facility that fit her needs and help her apply for it at no charge to her. I don't even know how to put a dollar amount on that.

But because the children got so caught up thinking of dollars they missed the value of the benefits we were offering. And now mom is going to suffer the consequences.

So, at the end of the day, make sure your seller understands thoroughly the benefits of your offer.

Joe and Ashley English buy houses and mobile homes in Northwest Georgia. For more information or to ask a question, go to www.cashflowwithjoe.com or call Joe at 678-986-6813.

Caregivers Must Also Care (Financially) for Themselves



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If you're a caregiver, possibly for a loved one dealing with an illness such as Alzheimer's disease, you're probably already facing some significant emotional and physical challenges – so you don't need any financial ones as

well. Yet, they are difficult to avoid. What steps can you take to deal with them?

First of all, you may be interested in knowing the scale of the problem. Consider these numbers from the Alzheimer's Association: About 5.8 million Americans ages 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and in 2019, caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias contributed more than 18 billion hours of unpaid care – worth about \$244 billion in services. Furthermore, about two-thirds of caregivers are women, and one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters.

But whatever your gender or relationship to

the individuals for whom you're providing care, you can take some steps to protect your own financial future. Here are a few suggestions:

- Evaluate your employment options. If you have to take time away from work – or even leave employment altogether – to be a caregiver, you will lose not only income but also the opportunity to contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But you may have some options, such as working remotely, or at least working part time. Either arrangement can give you flexibility in juggling your employment with your caregiving responsibilities.
- Explore payment

possibilities for caregiving. Depending on your circumstances, and those of the loved ones for whom you're providing care, you might be able to work out an arrangement in which you can get paid something for your services. And as long as you are earning income, you can contribute to an IRA to keep building resources for your own retirement.

- Protect your financial interests – and those of your loved ones. You may well want to discuss legal matters with the individual for whom you are a caregiver before Alzheimer's robs them of the ability to think clearly. It may be beneficial to work with a legal

professional to establish a financial power of attorney – a document that names someone to make financial decisions and pay bills when the person with Alzheimer's no longer can. And whether you or someone else has financial power of attorney, the very existence of this document may help you avoid getting your personal finances entangled with those of the individual for whom you're caring.

- Keep making the right financial moves. As long as you're successful at keeping your own finances separate from those of your loved one, you may be able to continue making the financial moves that can help you make progress toward your own

goals. For example, avoid taking on more debts than you can handle. Also, try to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Of course, these tasks will be much easier if you can maintain some type of employment or get paid for your caregiving services.

There's nothing easy about being a caregiver. But by making the right moves, you may be able, at the least, to reduce your potential financial burden and brighten your outlook.

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2020-2021 Calhoun HERD Program



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One of my county agent roles that I enjoy the most is being a member of the Calhoun HERD Team. This committee allows me to put on my animal science hat and use my college major on the job. This state program is a collaborative effort between many groups such as UGA Extension/ College of Ag and Environmental Sciences, UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, Georgia Cattlemen's Association plus numerous other supporters. The program is a heifer development program where cattle producers can consign

heifers that meet age and other requirements in either the effort in Irwinville, Georgia at the Tifton Evaluation Center and locally at the UGA farm in Floyd County.

The local program has always been called the Calhoun HERD program because the annual live auction is in Calhoun even though the heifers are housed from December to the end of the evaluation in Floyd County. Today, I will give program information.

Please note for producers interested in entering heifers for the Calhoun HERD program for the 2020-2021 period, the November 1st entry deadline is quickly approaching.

I know many readers have either consigned heifers to the program, attended a sale or at least heard of this long-standing bovine evaluation program. For starters, HERD stands for heifer evaluation and reproductive development. Why is the program important? If you are in the cow/calf business, a producer will need quality replacement

heifers to keep the cowherd youthful and productive. The Georgia HERD programs at both sites provide a method of evaluating heifers for performance, reproductive traits and disposition. I will add that it gives a consigner an opportunity to compare the heifers they are producing on their farm to other consigners in the same scenario. Probably more importantly, a consigner will obtain educational data on their replacement heifers such as pelvic measurements, reproductive tract scores, disposition scores, hip heights and average daily gains that may be hard to do on their own farm.

The Calhoun HERD program will conclude with the annual sale, but farmers are not required to sell their consigners heifers. Some producers will take consignments back home to go back into their herds. There are others that may take a few back home while selling a few heifers. Others may sell every heifer they consign. The last sale averaged \$1476 per head. Due to COVID,

the sale was an online event, but the hope is to be back to the live auction in 2021.

In theory, the program is designed to help a cattle farmer obtain educational data and also give a means to market their heifers. I will remind that only confirmed bred heifers are eligible for the sale. I will also add that the heifers consigned can be registered or commercial heifers, but they must be home-grown heifers that are open which means non-bred heifers at the time of delivery to the UGA farm. In addition, the heifers for the Calhoun HERD program must be females born from December 1st, 2019 to February 29th, 2020.

The sale that will conclude the upcoming evaluation period is set for June 2nd, 2021. This will be the 21st annual Calhoun HERD program so the program has been around for over two decades.

How do I obtain more information? I would visit the website at ugabeef.com/herd to read over the copy of the

letter for the 2020-2021 program plus detailed rules, the calendar and information on premises registration and animal traceability rules. The rules and regulations forms will not only go over pre-delivery health requirements, but will have the application form that must be received by November 1st plus your \$50 per head nomination fee. The estimated cost per heifer will be announced before delivery date and final fees are due at delivery. Cost per head could be in the \$400 per head range, but keep in mind the heifers are fed and managed for almost six months at the facility. This cost does not include sale expenses from the auction.

Once the heifers are delivered to the UGA research facility for the local program, the farm crew along with a team of North Georgia UGA county agents under the direction of UGA Beef Specialist, Jason Duggin, will take over. There will be nine work days before the sale where heifers are given proper vaccination

boosters, weighed, scored for disposition, measured for hip heights, checked for breeding soundness, given quality scored and confirmed for pregnancy prior to the sale. The heifers are fed to gain 1.50-1.75 pounds per day. Also, during the evaluation, the heifers are given the chance to be bred artificially to the nationally known calving ease sires Connealy Comrade 1385 or GAR Prophet. Then, heifers are exposed to calving ease Angus sires for natural service. Again, heifers have to be confirmed bred by ultrasound the week prior to sale date in order to be sale eligible. Also, heifers must meet minimum reproductive soundness standards to be sale eligible. Heifers that arrive at delivery too light in weight may not be accepted. That is covered in the rules and regulations found on the website to help producers meet animal delivery weights.

For more information, contact UGA Extension-Gordon County at 706-629-8685 or email gbowman@uga.edu.



Stamey takes award

Brooklyn Stamey was chosen the State Second Grade Market Lamb Showmanship for 2020 recently. She attends Sonoraville Elementary.

NASS: GA Pecan producers forecast big production gain in 2020

GEORGIA FARM BUREAU

Georgia pecan corn, hay, peanut, oat and wheat producers are set to harvest significantly larger crops in 2020 than they did in 2019, according to the October Crop Production Report from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

NASS forecast Georgia pecan production in 2020 at 125 million pounds, an increase of 71 percent from 2019. If realized, this would be the state's largest crop since 2007.

Georgia corn growers are forecast to yield a record-high 182 bushels per acre. Corn for grain production in 2020 is forecast at 69.2 million bushels, up 24% from 2019.

Hay producers in Georgia are expected to produce 1.8 million tons in 2020, up 19% from 2019.

Peanut production is forecast at a record-high 3.60 billion pounds in 2020. The NASS forecast on the October report remained the same as on the September report and if realized would represent a 31% increase from 2019.

Soybean growers in Georgia are expected to harvest 3.63 million bushels, which would represent a 45% production increase over 2019.

Georgia cotton production for 2020 is forecast at 2.40 million bales, down 12 percent from 2019.

Georgia tobacco production, at 16.6 million pounds, is up from the 15.8 million pounds forecast in August, but still the lowest production since 1932. Georgia growers harvested 18.9 million pounds in 2019.

Georgia oat production, at 1.08 million bushels, would represent a 31% increase from 2019. Planted acreage, at 80,000 acres, is up 10,000 and harvested acres, at 20,000 acres are up 5,000 from 2019. Oat yield is 54 bushels per acres, a one-bushel decline from 2019.

Winter wheat production, at 4.68 million bushels, would be an increase of 67 percent from 2019. Winter wheat planted acreage, at 190,000 acres, is up 40,000 and harvested acreage, at an expected 85,000 acres is up 35,000 from 2019. Yield, at 55 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel from 2019.

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HEALTH NEWS

GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS: Report on cruise ship's COVID outbreak sparks more criticism of CDC

ANDY MILLER, Editor and CEO Georgia Health News

An explosive "60 Minutes" report Sunday detailed a public health nightmare that played out at the Atlanta airport – and included an error-filled response by the CDC.

According to the CBS News program, the debacle started with a COVID-19 outbreak in March aboard the cruise ship Costa Luminosa, headed from Florida to Europe. Days into the trip, passengers began to get sick.

At that point, the pandemic was just beginning to affect the United States, with just a couple of hundred cases of COVID-19 nationally. But the Costa Luminosa wasn't the first cruise ship to be stricken with coronavirus infections. The Diamond Princess had quarantined in Japan in February amid a COVID-19 outbreak that sickened 712 of 3,711 passengers, killing 13.

Bob Anderson, a Costa Luminosa passenger, told "60 Minutes" correspondent Sharyn Alfonsi that he got sick about a week into the trip. "It was fatigue," he said. "I just didn't feel like doing anything. And then I got a tightness in the chest, lost my sense of taste, my sense of smell."

With the virus spreading, eventually all passengers were ordered to quarantine in their cabins.

The U.S. State Department was alerted, and passengers were given approval to leave the ship in Marseille, France.

The Americans gathered in the ship's lounge to be checked by French medics before boarding buses for the airport.

Passenger Kelly Edge says many people who looked to be in their 70s and were showing apparent symptoms of COVID-19 waited in the locked buses for five hours while paperwork was sorted out by U.S. diplomats.

Finally, they boarded a flight to Atlanta. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport was one of 20 quarantine stations in the United States that the CDC had designated in late January to screen arriving passengers who might have COVID-19.

During the nine-hour flight to Hartsfield-Jackson, several passengers showed visible symptoms of the virus. But when the plane carrying the sick and exhausted passengers landed at 6:43 a.m., the doors stayed closed.

The French had tested four Americans for COVID-19 before departure, and three who later proved to have tested positive were among the people on the plane. (COVID-19 tests at the time weren't quickly processed.)

The CDC put together a team to go to the jet. Jenny Catron, a passenger, got tired of waiting and called 911.

The state Department of Public Health told GHN on Monday that it knew nothing about the plane until after it arrived at the airport. There were three individuals on the plane who were asymptomatic but tested positive for COVID-



19, Public Health said. The agency wrote isolation orders for those individuals, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found a location to house them.

All the others went to a cargo building, where each was checked for fever by the CDC and filled out a short questionnaire. Nobody was given a COVID test, "60 Minutes" reported. And some passengers told the show that they saw people with symptoms get through.

More than 200 passengers boarded commercial flights in Atlanta and headed home.

Anderson tested positive for COVID after he flew home to Utah. Edge's husband tested positive after he took a flight

to Miami. Three people on the plane were put on ventilators days later. And two other passengers who flew home, Tom Sheehan and Herman Boehm, both died nine days later.

"Undoubtedly you know I would say this sort of constitutes public health malpractice," said Dr. Ali Khan, dean of the University of Nebraska College of Public Health, and a former director of the CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response.

"That you have individuals who you know are exposed, potentially multiple people infected within that group, and then you put them in the busiest airport in the world."

Those individuals should have stayed in Atlanta and been isolated or quarantined based on their circumstances, Khan said.

CBS News said it was able to track down 64 of the American passengers on the cruise ship. Of those, 45 of them told the network that they tested positive for COVID soon after coming home.

The CDC declined an interview with "60 Minutes." The agency reportedly has been under strong political pressure during the pandemic, and has drawn public criticism for its actions.

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

Why Mindfulness Is Important to You

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

Mindfulness is a practice to live an intentional and present life. Simply put, mindfulness is not something that you do; its a mindset that you live.

Mindfulness is a mental state achieved by focusing your awareness on the present moment. Through the practice of focus and awareness, often accomplished in mindfulness meditation, we train ourselves to concentrate on what we are doing in the moment. In doing so, we develop the skills to recognize and let go of unnecessary distractions as they form. This technique involves calmly acknowledging and accepting our thoughts and feelings (both emotional and physical).

Reflection and the cultivation of a sense of self-awareness are important parts of mindfulness. These practices can lead to an enhanced sense of well-being, among other benefits.

Why Were Talking About Mindfulness

Outlook, the seventh pillar of our CREATION Life model, refers to how we create our reality. Our mind influences our body and our attitude impacts our health. Through the practice of mindfulness, we can come to see that our mind is filled with an array of thoughts,



some beneficial to our personal happiness and whole health, and others not so much.

Taking mindful pauses throughout the day allows us to reflect on our thoughts and be self-aware of how those thoughts might be affecting our behaviors as well as our emotional and physical health. Over time, practicing mindfulness can help you more calmly manage your thoughts and emotions. Eventually, this can promote a decrease in unproductive thoughts, less emotional reactivity, and boosts focus, to name a few.

A clouded mind makes it hard for us to find clarity in almost anything we do. Mindfulness enables us to weed through our distractions, resulting in clear focus and enhanced

potential.

Making Mindfulness Work

To practice mindfulness, start by increasing your awareness of who you are and your surroundings. Observe your behaviors, reactions and thoughts to recognize patterns. Acknowledge them as they are and try not to pass judgement or analyze them. Instead, let thoughts and feelings form organically; there are no wrong thoughts. Then, accept them, work through them and refocus.

If you practice some meditation using some guided apps or an exercise you develop on your own you can be better prepared to have a healthier outlook and a more productive, happy life.

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CANCER CENTER

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oncology and urologic oncology are in the medical office building that is connected to the hospital. The Edna Owens Breast Center is located across the lobby from the medical office building, and the AdventHealth Harris Radiation Therapy Center is located across the parking lot.

“Our program will be completely streamlined with the opening of the new cancer center,” said Karen Steely, chief operating officer of AdventHealth Gordon. “Providing easy access to care is one of our

top priorities, and it leads to better outcomes for our patients.”

AdventHealth Gordon’s Cancer Care physicians, nurse navigators and team members work together seamlessly to coordinate treatments between all areas of the Cancer Care program to elevate the level of care patients receive. In addition to treatment, the program also offers nutrition counseling, emotional and mental health counseling, support groups and weight management programming to cancer patients.

For more information on AdventHealth Gordon Cancer Care services, visit AdventHealthGordon.com/cancer.

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PEDESTRIANS

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Davis attempting to run across the road just before the collision occurred. Davis and the car behind her had the green light, and witnesses said that Davis ran across the road and struck McLaughlin’s vehicle.

Davis suffered visible injuries and was transported to AdventHealth Gordon via EMS. According to the CPD, Davis was treated and released that night. No charges are expected.

In a separate incident, a pedestrian died on Monday after walking into traffic on Dews Pond Road.

The Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT) continues to investigate

incident that happened in the 1800 block of Dews Pond Road, just east of Shenandoah Drive around 11:45 a.m. Monday morning, Oct. 19. According to the incident report, a 2003 Dodge Ram driven by William Dyer, of Calhoun, was traveling west on Dews Pond and was just east of Shenandoah Drive; a second vehicle, a 2017 Toyota Sienna driven by Ora Dixon of Calhoun, was stopped in the eastbound lane of Dews Pond, just east of Shenandoah Drive with another vehicle stopped in front of her in the eastbound lane. A pedestrian, identified as 62-year-old Robert Archer, of Lovebridge Drive in Calhoun, was on the south side of Dews Pond and entered the eastbound lane of Dews Pond traveling across the road. The man continued traveling north across Dews Pond Road and directly into the path of Dyer’s truck, which struck Archer with its front end, forcing the pedestrian to strike the front left corner

of Dixon’s vehicle. After striking Archer, Dyer’s truck continued west leaving the north side of Dews Pond Road, where it came to a final, uncontrolled rest.

Dyer told investigators that Archer entered his lane of travel and he was unable to avoid striking him. Dixon told investigators that Archer had raised his hand for her to stop, and after stopping, she said Archer entered the westbound lane of Dews Pond Road and straight into the path of Dixon’s truck.

Archer was taken to AdventHealth Gordon by EMS, where he succumbed to his injuries. The report states that the contributing factor of the incident was Archer failing to yield, and a blood alcohol/drug test was performed on Archer. Those results are pending, according to the report.

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process, where references are checked to identify loving and permanent homes for the animals, and to avoid adopting out pets to owners who are not equipped or prepared to care for a dog.”

Eastham said that for any of the dogs that a home cannot be found, the animal becomes a part of the ARL family.

In 2019, ARL rescued 197 dogs in Gordon County, and 2020 has been just as busy.

“This year has been a difficult year for business, families and non-profits,” said Eastham.

The non-profit does receive some funds as a United Way Agency, and also relies on generous donations from the community. The average monthly veterinary bills alone at ARL are \$1,900 per month. Add in food and other expenses, and the community’s help is greatly needed.

“And when we receive dog food that we do not use to feed our dogs, such as canned dog food, it is given to the Voluntary Action Center, another United Way Agency,” said Eastham. “Due to the number of dogs, we just cannot feed with canned dog food. The Voluntary Action Center will take that and distribute it to low income and homeless pet owners in the area.”

Recently, both associates and customers at Kroger in Calhoun held donation drives for ARL, who received donations of dog food. Also, ARL has donation boxes placed at various businesses across Calhoun-Gordon County where patrons can donate change to the cause.

“We are very appreciative of Kroger and the donation drives they hold for ARL,” said Eastham. “These donations help us to be able to continue to take care of some of the most vulnerable animals in the community.”

For more information on ARL, or to find out how to apply to adopt one of their animals, visit their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Arlofnwga1/?ref=page_internal or visit



Kroger associates pose with ARL’s Lucia Eastham, far right, during a pick-up of items donated to the animal rescue earlier this month. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

their Pet Finder page to see the animals they have available for adoption at <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/ga/calhoun/animal-rescue-league-of-northwest-georgia-ga338/>

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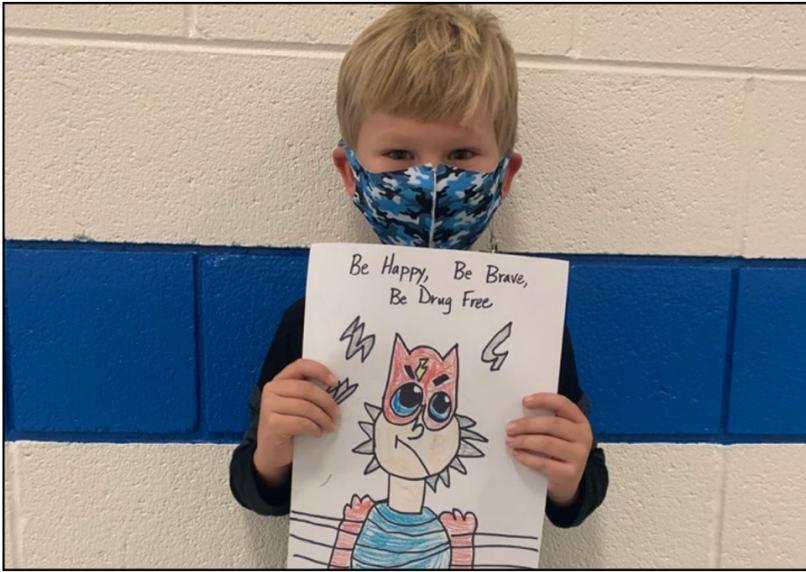
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Education

Calhoun Primary and Elementary School Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest Winners



The winners of the Calhoun Primary and Elementary School Red Ribbon Week poster contest are Grayson House (Kindergartener) and Saydi Prokop (5th grade). This year's theme is "Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free." Congrats Grayson and Saydi!!

Calhoun Middle and High School Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest Winners



The winners of the Red Ribbon Week poster contest are Caylon Trundle (7th grade) and Katie England (11th grade). This year's theme is "Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free." The students' posters will be displayed on the 2020 Drugs Don't Work poster and distributed to the schools for Red Ribbon Week. Congrats Katie and Caylon!!

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GORDON COUNTY

110-Sugar Valley

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT

OFFICIAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA NOVEMBER 3, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS:

To Vote

1. Use black or blue ink to mark the ballot
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote
3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided

Warning

- Do **NOT** use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot
- Do **NOT** circle, underline or mark through choices
- Do **NOT** use check marks or X to mark ballot
- Do **NOT** mark more choices per race than allowed
- Do **NOT** sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot

If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:

- A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write **"Spoiled"** across **the ballot and across the return envelope**
- B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you

If you decide to vote in-person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

For President of the United States (Vote for One)

- Donald J. Trump - President
Michael R. Pence - Vice President
(Incumbent) Republican
- Joseph R. Biden - President
Kamala D. Harris - Vice President
Democrat
- Jo Jorgensen - President
Jeremy "Spike" Cohen - Vice President
Libertarian
-

Write-in

For United States Senate (Vote for One)

- David A. Perdue
(Incumbent) Republican
- Jon Ossoff
Democrat
- Shane Hazel
Libertarian
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Write-in

SPECIAL ELECTION

For United States Senate (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Johnny Isakson, Resigned) (Vote for One)

- Al Bartell
Independent
- Allen Buckley
Independent
- Doug Collins
Republican
- John Fortuin
Green
- Derrick E. Grayson
Republican
- Michael Todd Greene
Independent
- Annette Davis Jackson
Republican
- Deborah Jackson
Democrat
- Jamesia James
Democrat
- A. Wayne Johnson
Republican
- Tamara Johnson-Shealey
Democrat
- Matt Lieberman
Democrat
- Kelly Loeffler
(Incumbent) Republican
- Joy Felicia Slade
Democrat
- Brian Slowinski
Libertarian
- Valencia Stovall
Independent
- Ed Tarver
Democrat
- Kandiss Taylor
Republican
- Raphael Warnock
Democrat
- Richard Dien Winfield
Democrat
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Write-in

For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One)

- Jason Shaw
(Incumbent) Republican
- Robert G. Bryant
Democrat
- Elizabeth Melton
Libertarian
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Write-in

For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.) (Vote for One)

- Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.
(Incumbent) Republican
- Daniel Blackman
Democrat
- Nathan Wilson
Libertarian
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Write-in

For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 14th Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One)

- Marjorie Taylor Greene
Republican
- Kevin Van Ausdal
Democrat
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Write-in

For State Senator From 52nd District (Vote for One)

- Chuck Hufstetler
(Incumbent) Republican
- Charles DeYoung
Democrat
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Write-in

For State Representative In the General Assembly From 5th District (Vote for One)

- Matt Barton
(Incumbent) Republican
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Write-in

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>PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</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 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>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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