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City of Calhoun, Gordon County approve Joint Resolution declaring State of Emergency

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The Calhoun City Council, during a regularly scheduled meeting, and the Gordon County Board of Commissioners, in a special called meeting, approved a joint resolution Monday night, declaring a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The State of

Emergency establishes the following in Calhoun and Gordon County:

-Gordon County and the City of Calhoun hereby declare that all bars, restaurants, private clubs, breweries, tasting rooms or businesses that sell food or beverages for consumption on premises or that provide entertainment on premises shall be closed to all in-person dining, consumption of alcohol,

or entertainment until the expiration of this resolution.

-Bars, restaurants, private clubs, breweries, tasting rooms and other businesses that sell food for "take-out," "drive-thru" service, "carry-out" for consumption somewhere other than at the establishment,

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CCS Board of Education approves contractor for construction of Early Learning Academy on Barrett Road

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The Calhoun City Board of Education met on Monday, and approved a contractor for the construction of the Calhoun Early Learning Academy, which will replace the current Calhoun Pre-K, the old Eastside Elementary School on Barrett Road, which was constructed in 1967-1968.

Ra-Lin Associates, a well-known commercial contractor throughout the southeast, was the low bid at \$14,591,663.

According to Superintendent Dr. Michele Taylor, Calhoun City Schools has worked

with Robertson, Loia Roof Architects and Engineers to design an Early Learning Academy for the Junior Jacket Preschool Program, Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. The 81,706 sf facility will provide 41 individual units to include regular classroom spaces, an art room, music room, gym and media center. The Early Learning Academy is part of Calhoun City Schools' Five Year Facilities Plan, which was also approved by the City BOE on Monday night.

Three other bids were made on the project: Cooper and Company for \$14,820,000; R.K.

Redding for \$15,079,400 and T.U. Parks for \$17,020,000.

Now that the bid has been approved, a contract will be composed but the system plans to wait until July before proceeding.

In other news from the meeting:

Superintendent Dr. Michele Taylor commended all school staff for their efforts this past week to support the students during the evolving COVID-19 situation. She shared information about the school closure feeding plan, the distribution

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The new Calhoun Early Learning Academy will replace the current Pre-K building on Barrett Road in Calhoun, which was built in 1967-1968.

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Picturesque Saddle Rock Farms offers riding lessons for variety of ages, IEA team



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Surrounded by lush green pastures, Saddle Rock Farms is a picturesque horse boarding, training and lesson facility located at 112 Arnold Road off of Slate Mine Road in Fairmount. Owned by Lauren Parker, Saddle Rock Farms offers a first-class riding lesson program, and also offer clinics.

"We do riding lessons for ages 5 and up; we also have a toddler program for ages 3 - 4," said Sara Benson, assistant trainer at the farm.

In addition to riding lessons and clinics, the farm has their

own Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) competition team for middle schoolers and high schoolers.

IEA, according to their website, was formed and organized to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction available to middle and secondary school students. Its purpose is to set minimum standards for competition, provide information concerning the creation and development of school associated equestrian sport programs, and to

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Second Front

Northwest Georgia Awarded \$1.4 Million to Resurface Portion of Highway 53 in Fairmount

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WHITE, GA –Georgia Department of Transportation awarded a \$1.4 million contract to resurface part of Highway 53 in Gordon County. The project was included in the \$127 million in contracts awarded for projects across the state last month.

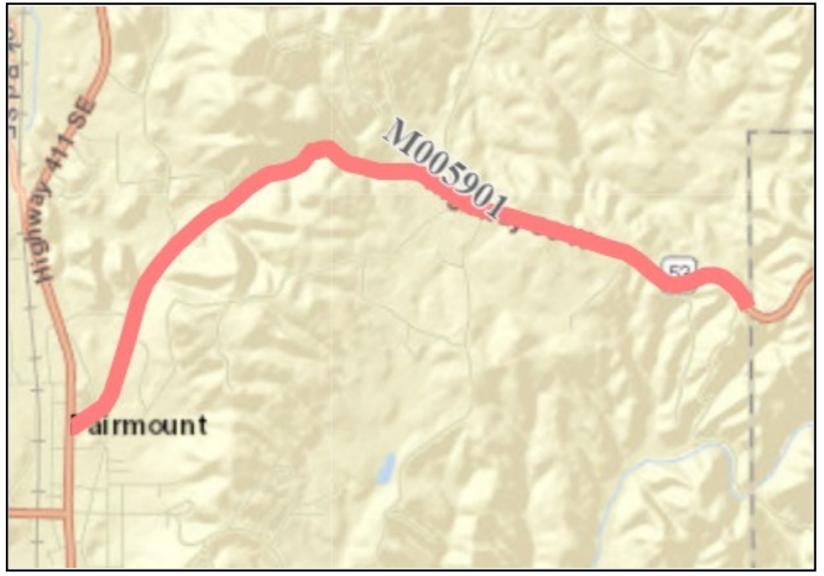
The resurfacing project will start at the intersection of Highway 53 and Highway 411 and stretch 4.66 miles east on Highway 53 to the Pickens County line. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2021.

“Resurfacing this particular section of Highway 53 will improve the roadway for motorists, providing a smoother driving surface that will last for years,” said District Six Engineer Grant Waldrop.

In addition to the Highway 53

resurfacing, northwest Georgia was also awarded more than \$245,000 to upgrade signage and pavement markings at railroad crossings in Bartow and Polk counties. The railroad crossing improvements will be completed in the first quarter of next year.

Advisory: Motorists are advised to expect delays, exercise caution, and reduce their speed while traveling through work zones. Before heading out, get real-time information on work status and traffic conditions. Call 511, visit 511ga.org, or download the Georgia 511 app. Our maintenance team members who repair roads and bridges and our project teams who oversee construction projects are continuing their work while following sanitary work practices prescribed by health agencies to protect themselves and the public from the coronavirus.



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RAFFENSPERGER TAKES UNPRECEDENTED STEPS TO PROTECT SAFETY AND VOTER INTEGRITY IN GEORGIA

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(ATLANTA) -- Georgia Secretary of State Raffensperger is taking unprecedented steps to protect the public health of Georgia voters while also upholding the integrity of the vote. These temporary steps are being made because of the COVID-19 pandemic threatening public health in Georgia and around the world.

Secretary Raffensperger will be mailing absentee ballot request forms to every Georgia voter. This extraordinary effort to ensure all Georgians can vote without fear for their health will supplement extra measures to ensure those who rely on in-person voting to access the ballot can do so safely.

“Times of turbulence and upheaval like the one we Georgians face require decisive action if the liberties we hold so dear are to be preserved,” said Raffensperger. “I am acting today because the people of Georgia, from the earliest settlers to heroes like Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Congressman John Lewis, have fought too long and too hard for their right to vote to have it curtailed. Georgia has faced challenges before and overcome them, and we can do so again through the grit and ingenuity that has made America a shining

example for democracies around the world.”

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger is moving to increase Georgia voter access and protect the public health of voters and poll workers during the COVID-19 emergency through increased mail in voting. In the 2016 and 2018 November elections, around 95 percent of Georgia voters opted to cast their ballot in person versus the 5 percent who did so by mail. With social distancing as the most important tool for limiting the spread of coronavirus, providing alternatives to voting in person is crucial. All Georgia voters can request and vote an absentee ballot for any reason.

Raffensperger will send absentee ballot request forms to the Georgia’s 6.9 million voters in an effort to allow as many Georgia voters as possible to exercise their right to vote without leaving their homes. In doing so, Raffensperger will literally be dropping a way to vote in safety and security on each Georgia voter’s doorstep. They will simply have to fill out and return the application to vote by mail in the upcoming elections with no in-person risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Georgia’s most vulnerable, those over age 65 and those with a disability, can request absentee

ballots for the primary and general election as well as all elections through the 2020 election cycle with this one application. Other voters will need to submit another application for future elections. The elderly and disabled will be able to vote in safety and security.

While Secretary Raffensperger is encouraging as many voters as possible to vote by mail, some rely on in-person voting to exercise their right to vote privately and securely. People without internet or mail access, such as those experiencing homelessness; Georgians who need language assistance; and people with disabilities who rely on voting machines to cast their ballot will still be able to do so in person on the state’s new voting system. Additionally, research from the Brennan Center for Justice at the NYU School of Law shows that eliminating “in-person voting could disproportionately disenfranchise Black, Latino, and young voters”. Their right to vote too needs protection.

To that end, Raffensperger is taking extra steps to limit the threat of COVID-19 at the polling place. Poll workers will receive additional resources to clean the equipment regularly. In-person voters who show up to vote in person will be instructed to maintain a safe distance when waiting to vote.

These measures will protect poll workers as well. Understanding the extra risk Georgia’s generally elderly poll workers face, Raffensperger is working to help counties hire more and younger poll workers. Extra staff will allow those who feel sick to be absent from the polls without significantly impacting continuity while a younger pool of workers will increase resiliency in the face of the COVID-19 threat.

Senate President Pro Tempore Butch Miller commended Raffensperger for taking initiative to safeguard health and preserve voter access.

“I want to applaud Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and his office for taking decisive measures in this time of crisis,” Miller said. “These steps are critical in this temporary environment to protect our poll workers and give our counties time to successfully plan for the Georgia General Primary in May. Make no mistake about it, the members of the majority caucus and I remain committed to keep the General Primary on May 19th.”

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger is taking these unprecedented actions for the safety and security of Georgia’s voters. Through these decisive steps, Raffensperger is protecting public health and the right to vote in Georgia.

DON'T FORGET: Funds still available for Tallatoona CAP LIHEAP Heating Assistance; Deadline to apply is March 31

STAFF REPORTS

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

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

The following documents will be needed for

appointments: driver’s license or state issued photo ID; original social security cards for everyone living in household; proof of citizenship or immigration status such as driver’s license, US military ID, US passport, state issued photo ID, US permanent resident card, alien registration card, employment authorization document, certificate of citizenship; most current heating bill within the past 30 days. If your home is heated with natural gas, kerosene, propane or wood you MUST bring both your heating bill and electric bill to the appointment;

proof of income for the last 30 days for everyone 18 years or older living in the home including alimony, child support, disability, pension, rental income, retirement, social security, unemployment, wages from work, wages from self employment and workers compensation.

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

Opportunities to volunteer for COVID-19 response

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Atlanta, GA – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is receiving offers from medical professionals and other individuals looking for ways to help with the COVID-19 response. An effective response relies on volunteers who are pre-credentialed and organized. Georgia Responds is Georgia’s health and medical volunteer program which matches the skills and credentials of medical and non-medical volunteers to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Georgia.

Medical volunteers may be used to answer medical questions coming into the COVID-19 hotline or assist at test specimen collection sites. Non-medical volunteers may be used in administrative roles at either the call center or test collection sites

or provide interpretation or other skills as needed.

To volunteer, log on to <https://dph.georgia.gov/georgia-responds> and click on the “Register Now” box. Registration only takes a few minutes. Prospective volunteers will be asked for their name, address, contact information, and occupation type. In order to be eligible for some assignments, responders are encouraged to complete a profile summary, which includes skills and certifications, training, medical history, emergency contact, and deployment preferences. Once your skills and credentials are reviewed, you will be notified by a DPH representative.

All Georgians play a critical role in helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to the following guidance:

Practice social distancing by putting at least six feet between yourself and other people.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay home if you are sick. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water.

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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

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

For updates on the COVID-19 situation as it develops, follow @GaDPH, @GeorgiaEMA, and @GovKemp on Twitter and @GaDPH, @GEMA.OHS, and @GovKemp on Facebook.

For information about COVID-19, visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/georgia-responds> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.



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Obituaries

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David Bell

Mr. David R. Bell, 64, of Centre, Ala., died March 18, 2020, at his residence following declining health.

Mr. Bell was born in Paulding County on March 21, 1955, son of the late, Ralph Henry Bell and Dorothy Janell Rainey Bell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David R. Bell Jr. and by two brothers, Jimmy Bell and Joey Bell and son-in-law, Jimmy Hales. Prior to his illness, he was a self-employed contractor and was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his daughter, Tammy Lynn Hales of Calhoun; two grandchildren, Taylor Hales (Evelin) and Ana Grace Hales; two sisters, Muriel Bell and Tina Bell; brother, Robin Bell, along with other relatives.

It was David's wishes to be cremated and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a service to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be expressed and the guest register signed at www.maxbrannonandsons.com.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the Bell family.



husbands, Carl Clifford Collins, Ambrose Bowling; daughter, Peggy Marie Clark; brothers, Luke, James, Gene and Robert Rogers; sisters, Lillian Greeson, Edith Huither, Dorothy Rogers, great grandson, Isaac McFalls.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Melissa Collins of Ringgold; daughter, Shirley Ann Smith of Chatsworth; sisters, Mattie Sue Robbins, Tommie Frix of Calhoun; ten grandchildren, several great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews

Private graveside service will be held at the West Hill Cemetery.

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



Tommy Curtis

Tommy Curtis, age 68 of Calhoun, passed away on March 19, 2020 at AdventHealth Gordon.

Tommy was born on March 29, 1951 to the late Thomas Newton Curtis and Polly Tate Curtis. He was a member of Calhoun First Baptist Church. He served in the Headquarter Company 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, Georgia National Guard. Tommy spent his later years as a Human Resource Consultant for various companies.

He is survived by his wife, June White Curtis; two sons, Boone Curtis (Tina) of Cincinnati, Sam Curtis of Calhoun; daughter, Jayne Maupin (John) of Cleveland, TN; brother, Cale Curtis (Robin) of Calhoun; sister, Lynn Rutledge (C.L.) of Calhoun; grandchildren, Audrey Grace Curtis, and Ruby June Curtis, Addison Jane Maupin, Jackson Thomas Maupin, and Anniston June Maupin.

Due to the recent concerns over Covid-19 the family will have a private ceremony with Dr. Bert Vaughn and Dr. John Barber officiating. Interment

will be held at Chandler Cemetery.

A public memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

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

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Tommy Curtis.



Harold Lanyon, Jr.

Mr. Harold Richard Lanyon, Jr., 59, of Ranger, died Monday, March 23, 2020, at the residence of his brother.

Mr. Lanyon was born in Huntington, W.V. on Aug. 16, 1960, son of the late, Harold Richard Lanyon Sr., and Wilma Jean Blower Lanyon. Prior to illness, he was a machinist.

He is survived by his daughter, Priscilla; and his brother, Danny H. Lanyon and his wife, Joyce of Ranger.

The family would like to thank Cindy Talley, RN and all the staff of Tapestry Hospice for their care and concern.

It was Mr. Lanyon's wishes to be cremated.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family.



Grace Bowling

Mrs. Agnes Grace Bowling, age 88, of Chatsworth, departed this life, Monday March 23, 2020. She was born Aug. 14, 1931 in Sugar Valley, a daughter of the late Thomas Franklin and Mary Callie Cowart Rogers. She was also preceded in death by her



Help for the Hurting

-The Life Choice Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The support group is open to anyone in the community who would like to attend. The office and support group are located at 189 Professional Court, Suite 300, Calhoun. For Information, contact Jennifer at 706-602-9001.

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

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

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

-The Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a monthly support group at Morning Pointe Assisted Living, 660 Jolly Road, on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information or directions, call Mary Braden at 770-548-4683 or Karen Parrott at 706-346-5220. For more information about dementia and Alzheimer's disease, call 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/georgia.

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

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

-The Alzheimer's Association's Caring Closet was created to help offset the high cost of incontinent products and give the families support they often

desperately need. If you would like to visit the nearest Closet, call the chapter office to receive a flier with locations and hours. Morning Pointe in Calhoun has a Caring Closet; call Mary Braden at 706-629-0777.

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

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

-Community volunteers are needed at Countryside Hospice

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

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

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

-The Compassionate Friends of

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



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Church News

THE BAD DAD MISTAKE OF ABANDONMENT



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I'm certain of one thing: If not for the mistakes of the fathers, of the families served, there wouldn't be near as much need for the children's home ministries as there is.

This brings me to today's topic, which is the mistake dads make by abandoning their children. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, in 2011, about twenty five million children—one out of three in the United States—lived in homes apart from their fathers. I'm sure this statistic hasn't improved since then. Most often, when the relationship with the child's mother ends, the relationship with the

child does, too. One example of fathers abandoning their children is found in the story of Abraham and his first son Ishmael. God had promised Abraham many descendants. As Abraham and Sarah got older, Sarah became doubtful of God, and encouraged Abraham to have a child with her servant, Hagar. This was a common practice for a barren wife to offer her servant to her husband, and the child would belong to the wife. Once Hagar got pregnant she started rebelling against Sarah, and Sarah began to be really hard on her. Hagar fled to the wilderness, but an angel of the Lord told her to

return. Hagar gave birth and Abraham treated Ishmael as if he was the child of the covenant. Later on, Sarah became pregnant, with Abraham's son Isaac. At a feast to recognize Isaac, Sarah witnessed Ishmael mocking Isaac. Sarah demanded Abraham to get rid of Hagar and Ishmael. Even though he didn't really want to, Abraham sent them away into the desert. Eventually Ishmael would even lose his mother there. I'm sure that Ishmael had to think to himself... "What is it that's so bad about me that my father would abandon me?" Unfortunately, boys and girls, even

into adulthood, struggle with the consequences for their father's sins of abandonment. Abandonment isn't limited to the physical aspect. Even the founder of Chick-fil-A, Truett Cathy, wrote in his book It's Better to Build Boys Than to Mend Men: "In a real sense, I had been fatherless." Furthermore, he explained that his father was home every night, and to his knowledge lived a good, clean life; but he felt abandoned in that his father never told him that he loved him. Truett also said that he and his father "never discussed the difficult issues in life." It's possible for a father to physically

be there for their kids, but emotionally and spiritually absent. This abandonment is just as painful for children. So how can abandonment be corrected? First there has to be repentance. This is difficult for men, as we struggle so much with pride. However, reconciliation has to begin with repentance. Proverbs 15:1 reads, "A soft word turns away wrath." Only after repentance and reconciliation occur, can restoration take place. The same is true regarding our relationship with God the Father. I hope you have a meaningful relationship with 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.

-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

begin, belong and become." 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

-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.

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

CEF Good News Clubs 5K



5K FEES

\$15 students ages 6-18
\$20 before April 3
(guaranteed t-shirt)
\$25 between April 3 - May 1
\$30 Race Day

REGISTRATION / LOCATION

Race day check-in and registration begin at 7:00 am at the black and gold pavilion and playground.

May 2, 2020
8:30 AM

Calhoun City Recreation Department

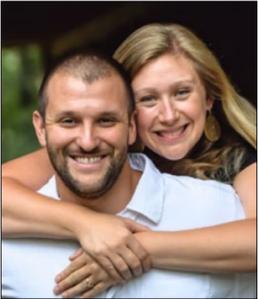
*****CEF of NWGA is monitoring the COVID-19 situation. Should the Good News 5K be postponed, an announcement will be made toward the end of April.*****

You may register and pay online at
www.cefofnwga.com



For more information contact Tundra Taylor 770-548-8068 or Daniel Worley 770-881-0103

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I think that you will agree with that me that there's a lot of uncertainty going on right now. And people do some strange things when they get scared. If you don't believe me, go check out the toilet paper aisle at the grocery store. Now, I've had to make a run, or perhaps more of a waddle, for toilet paper

before. But I've never seen a "run" on toilet paper. But people do irrational things when they are in fear.

With that in mind, what is fear?

I have heard it said that fear stands for "false evidence appearing real." And the only way I know to fight fear is to define what is real and what is not real.

Before I get into that, I need to confess something. I have some uneasiness in my being. The reason for this is that I'm a problem solver. And in order to be a problem solver, you first have to know what the problem is and be able to define your variables so you can work on it. And yesterday, I got hit with a bunch of unknowns from many different problems that affect our livelihood and are outside my control. The first one happened

while Ashely was at the grocery store. She was talking to a Realtor who was worried their closing might not happen if the government shuts down. That is a multifaceted problem. If the courthouse closes, title searches can't be performed which means attorneys can't insure the property titles for the lenders. That would delay closings.

Another issue that would happen if the government closed down is that federally insured mortgages like FHA, USDA and VA loans wouldn't be being worked on — again, delayed closings.

I can't tell you the last time we sold a flip that was purchased with a conventional loan. Currently, we have two houses that are supposed to sale in April that both

have government-insured loans. So, all of a sudden, I'm afraid that these won't close on time. And that can severely hurt our company.

So what's real, and what is not?

I called my attorney to ask these questions. They told me that they got emails from their title insurance companies saying that as long as our attorney could search titles online and e-file at the courthouse, title insurance companies would continue to insure titles. They also told me mortgage companies would be trying to work remotely and would hopefully keep doing business as usual.

That knowledge helped to relieve some of the false evidence appearing as real in regard to the flips.

But later that day, I got a call from a friend talking about a petition he had read on Governor Kemp's

desk asking to suspend all mortgage, rent and utility payments for the next two months.

That's a scary scenario. Two months of no rental income would be very difficult for us, but it could have devastating effects on elders who depend on that rental income for their daily needs.

Even though this is possible, it hasn't happened yet and is therefore not real. So what do you do?

I asked this very question of my mentor, Bill Cook. He told me to be proactive in talking with your tenants. You have to remember that they are scared, too. If they are missing two weeks' worth of work, they are probably afraid that they won't have enough to make the rent payment and are going to get kicked out in the middle of all this.

What we plan to do is get in front of that fear. Now, I'd love to meet with our tenants face-to-face to see how they are doing, but just incase one of us is sick and doesn't know it, I don't think that is a good idea.

Instead, we are setting up times to video call with them to talk. During the call, I plan to check on them personally to see how they are doing and alleviate any fears they have about their rental circumstances. I just want to make sure they know that we will work through this together and then see what we can do to help.

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.

Know the Four Uses of Cash



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It's important to have cash available for your everyday spending and the inevitable rainy day. However, you also need to develop a cash strategy that can contribute to your long-term financial success. But just how

much cash do you need? And in what form?

To answer these questions, it's useful to look at the four main uses of cash:

- **Everyday spending** – Your everyday spending includes the cash you use for your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. As a general guideline, you should have one to two months of living expenses available during your working years, and perhaps a year's worth of living expenses when you're retired. (The latter can be adjusted higher or lower based on your income from Social Security or a pension.) You'll need instant access to this money – and you need

to know your principal is protected – so it may be a good idea to keep the funds in a checking or cash management account.

- **Unexpected expenses and emergencies** – If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or if you incurred a big bill from a doctor or dentist, would you be able to handle the cost? You could – if you've set up an emergency fund. During your working years, this fund should be big enough to cover three to six months of living expenses; when you're retired, you may be able to get by with one to three months' worth of expenses, assuming you have additional sources

of available cash. You'll want your emergency fund to be held in liquid vehicles that protect your principal, such as savings or money market accounts or short-term certificates of deposit (CDs).

- **Specific short-term savings goal(s)** – At various points in your life, you may have a specific goal – a new car, vacation, wedding, etc. – that you'd like to reach within a year or two. Your first step is to identify how much money you'll need, so think about all the factors affecting the final cost. Next, you'll need to choose an appropriate savings vehicle. You could simply put more money in the accounts you

use for everyday cash, or even in your emergency fund, but you would run the risk of dipping into either of these pools. Instead, consider opening a separate account – and tell yourself this money is for one purpose only.

- **Source of investment** – You can use cash in two ways as part of your overall investment strategy. First, cash can be considered part of the fixed-income allocation of your portfolio (i.e., bonds and CDs). Because cash behaves differently from other asset classes – such as stocks and bonds – it can help diversify your holdings, and the more diversified you are, the less impact market volatility may

have on your portfolio. (However, diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.) The second benefit of cash, in terms of investing, is it's there for you to purchase a new investment or to add more shares in an existing investment. In any case, you probably don't want to be too cash heavy, so you might want to keep no more than 10% of your fixed-income assets in cash.

As you can see, cash can be valuable in several ways – so use it wisely.

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GORDON GROWN

Importance of 4-H Judging Teams



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As everyone knows, the COVID-19 has caused postponing of events, schools and basically everything we do in our normal routine of life. Gordon County Extension is having to adjust to a different way of doing work also. Right now, the Gordon County Agriculture Service Center is closed to public access.

At this moment, you can still reach our office by calling 706-629-8685 or by emailing staff. We are still taking soil samples, but you will have to drop them off at the door with your check payment. You can visit

our Gordon Extension website or check us out on Facebook for up-dates.

Today, I would like to talk about the importance of 4-H judging teams. This time of year would normally have our office full of activity with 4-H'ers preparing for judging competitions in areas such as livestock, dairy or poultry. With school cancelations and limitations on public gatherings, these judging events are not happening right now. Hopefully in the near future, these important judging events will start up again.

Why are judging teams important? I could easily type more than space allows on the benefits of being on a 4-H judging team.

Many moons ago now, I was a Gordon County 4-H'er. In fact, I was a member of a livestock judging team that finished 2nd and 4th at two national competitions. I can still remember classes and events from our trips to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to compete at the Keystone and also

traveling to Kansas City, Missouri to represent Georgia at the American Royal. It was just not the actual competition, but seeing different parts of the country. Being on that judging team not only taught me how to evaluate livestock, but it taught me life skills that I use everyday plus it opened a big world to me.

After competing for Gordon County 4-H, I was able to be on one of the best college judging teams at the University of Georgia. When I started out as a county agent in Bartow County, I was able to coach six state winning 4-H senior and junior livestock judging teams. A good portion of the youth on the Bartow teams were Ag-based youth, but many would only visit a farm when we had a practice. Some had Ag-based goals for a career, but the majority had a non-Ag plan for a job. Still, the life skills learned by participation can help you no matter what you do in adulthood.

I will add that in Gordon County 4-H,

many of our judging teams have an Ag flavor such as livestock, poultry, dairy and horse judging, but we do have consumer judging in the fall. Consumer judging, just as the name implies, tries to teach youth how to be a wiser consumer and be more knowledgeable in making financial decisions in a competitive setting.

What are life skills that can be enhanced by being a part of a 4-H judging team? No matter the team, the skill of decision making is developed.

For example, in every judging event you will judge classes. The class may be four Angus heifers, maybe a class of four hens or you could have to make a best to worse ranking of which jeans to buy in consumer judging. In many classes, the youth are put in a scenario or situation and then are given data to help them make their decisions. True, in a live animal judging event, you will do a visual appraisal of the four animals in a class, but you may also

have performance data or expected progeny differences (EPDs) for those animals too. You have to take the scenario, the live animal evaluation plus data and make an educated ranking of those animals. You may be saying that is tough and do not see how a youth can do that. In a 4-H judging program, they learn that skill.

For example, we have youth from Gordon County that have won at the highest national levels in colligate livestock judging. Plus, we have several Gordon 4-H alumni that are now college coaches.

We strive to be the best team at a particular contest, but helping a youth learn skills that can be used as an adult is the end goal. As adults, we have to look at the situation, use the information given to us and make decisions in our job and personal life daily.

Another life skill obtained is public speaking. At all 4-H judging events, there is a part of the contest called

oral reasons. There will be classes at contests that are designated for reasons. This is where the youth will prepare one to maybe four sets of reasons and give that set to a qualified judge for scoring. This is where a youth learns to defend their decision verbally. The young person can conquer the fear of public speaking and built self-confidence.

A youth can also develop the skill of working as a team. It is true that you compete as an individual at a contest, but your individual score will count to the team score which will determine team placings. You learn to support and encourage your teammates which is something we all need to do in our daily lives.

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

Agriculture recognized as critical to COVID-19 response

GEORGIA FARM BUREAU

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has identified the food and agriculture sector as being essential and critical to the United States' COVID-19 response. On March 19, the Homeland Security Department's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued a memo identifying industries and workers who are essential to maintaining our country's infrastructure by contributing to the public health and safety, economic and national security of the U.S.

Per the CISA memo, its guidance list is intended to support state, local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and their essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

The CISA still maintains that everyone should follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, as well as state and local government officials, regarding strategies to limit disease spread. Workers should be encouraged to work remotely when possible and focus on core business activities. In-person, non-mandatory activities should be delayed until the resumption of normal operations. When continuous remote work is not possible, businesses should enlist strategies to reduce the likelihood of spreading the disease. This

includes, but is not necessarily limited to, separating staff by off-setting shift hours or days and/or social distancing.

Industries the CISA recognized as critical to the COVID-19 response include medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement and public works.

Per the CISA memo, the list is advisory in nature. It is not, nor should it be considered to be, a federal directive or standard in and of itself.

The section of the CISA memo covering food & agriculture is as follows
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- Workers supporting groceries, pharmacies and other retail that sells food and beverage products
- Restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations - Carry-out and delivery food employees
- Food manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—to include those employed in food processing (packers, meat processing, cheese plants, milk plants, produce, etc.) facilities; livestock, poultry, seafood slaughter facilities; pet and animal feed processing facilities; human food facilities producing by-products for animal food; beverage production facilities; and the production of food packaging
- Farm workers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and

distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically

- Farm workers and support service workers to include those who field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs
- Employees and firms supporting food, feed, and beverage distribution, including warehouse workers, vendor-managed inventory controllers and blockchain managers
- Workers supporting the sanitation of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail
- Company cafeterias - in-plant cafeterias used to feed employees
- Workers in food testing labs in private industries and in institutions of higher education
- Workers essential for assistance programs and government payments
- Employees of companies engaged in the production of chemicals, medicines, vaccines, and other substances used by the food and agriculture industry, including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, minerals, enrichments, and other agricultural production aids
- Animal agriculture workers to include those employed in veterinary health; manufacturing and distribution of animal medical materials, animal vaccines, animal drugs, feed ingredients, feed, and bedding, etc.; transportation of



live animals, animal medical materials; transportation of deceased animals for disposal; raising of animals for food; animal production operations; slaughter and packing plants and associated regulatory and government workforce

•Workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products

•Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary to agricultural production and distribution

Visit www.gfb.ag/ COVIDessentialworkers to read the complete CISA memo regarding the industries and workers the Department of Homeland Security has deemed essential and critical to the COVID-19 response.

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- 24/7 Emergency



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Law & Order

Gordon County jailor fired, arrested for theft of bond money, violation of oath of office

GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

According to Gordon County Sheriff Mitch Ralston, on March 4, 2020, during the routine transfer of cash bonds from the Sheriff's Office to the court system, a discrepancy involving a cash bond from a traffic offense was discovered. This triggered an internal audit in which several other cash bonds were found to be missing. All of the missing cash bonds involved the same jail staff employee, Sergeant Jonathan Lovins, pictured.

On March 9, Lovins was suspended from duty and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation was requested to investigate the matter. On March 20, GBI agents executed a search warrant at Lovins' home. That same day, his employment was terminated. On Monday, March 23, warrants were issued by the GBI charging Lovins with four (4) counts of Theft by Taking by Fiduciary, and one (1) count of Violation of Oath of Office by a Public Official. All of these offenses are felonies. That same evening (March 23), Lovins turned himself in to the Gordon County jail where he was booked subsequently released on a \$25,000 bond. The investigation revealed that each theft incident involved cash bonds from out-of-state violators, and totals approximately \$6,000. Before his suspension and termination, Lovins



GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

was an ordinary employee with no history of disciplinary problems.

Sheriff Mitch Ralston said, "As Sheriff, my foremost duty is to police my own staff. It is a shame that Mr. Lovins made the very bad decisions that led to his termination and arrest. We moved swiftly and resolutely to resolve this problem. No law enforcement agency can maintain the trust of the people they serve if misconduct is tolerated. Mr. Lovins violated a position of trust, and is being held accountable for his actions."

Gordon County Jail Listings

Local law enforcement officials made the following arrests that were compiled from reports received recently from the Gordon County. Charges follow the names of those arrested. Law enforcement officials are in compliance with Ga. Law Code 50-18-72 of the Open Records Act in releasing reports of arrests. People with similar names may not be the same as those listed in reports. All people are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Billy Joe Jonathan Young, 40, Fairmount, Bench Warrant, Simple Battery FVA, Bond Surrender.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

No Arrests

Thursday, March 19, 2020

No Arrests

Friday, March 20, 2020

No Arrests

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Michael Jason Teague, 46, Ranger, Aggravated Stalking
Mark Anthony Vandyke, 29, Calhoun, Probation Violation

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Louis Dale White, 23, London, Ky., Possession of Methamphetamine
Felicia Danielle Tigner, 33, Calhoun, Battery (FVA)

Monday, March 23, 2020

Richard Lee Murphy, 32, Calhoun, Battery (FVA), First Degree Cruelty to Children, Probation Violation
Jonathan Wayne Lovins, 30, Calhoun, Theft by Taking, Violation of Oath by Public Officer

Carr Partners with Business Community to Combat Price Gouging and Scams

GEORGIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

ATLANTA, GA – Attorney General Chris Carr is stepping up the fight to rid the marketplace of price gougers and scammers by partnering with members of the Georgia and national business communities. This list of partners includes Amazon, eBay, Walmart, Facebook, Chevron, Publix, the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, the Georgia Retailers, the Georgia Food Industry Association and the Better Business Bureau, and it continues to grow.

"By establishing lines of communication with the business community specific to this crisis, our Consumer Protection Division is able to more effectively identify and combat price gouging and scams," said Attorney General Chris Carr. "These businesses and organizations are doing their part to stop Coronavirus scams, and I commend them for stepping up and joining us in this fight to protect Georgians."

The companies named above as well as others continue to provide information to our office about their efforts to combat scams and price gouging. Additionally, all have put in place procedures for remediating complaints. If we receive a complaint concerning activity on one of our partner-organization's platforms or at one of their establishments, we immediately let them know and begin

a dialogue about how best to address the complaint. We encourage more businesses to contact our office if they would like to get involved in the fight against price gougers and scammers.

Currently, our Consumer Protection Division (CPD) is reviewing 194 complaints. We have received the most complaints for the following commodities:

- Food
- Toilet Paper
- Water
- Hand Sanitizer/Disinfectants

CPD has received complaints concerning online sales and sales in brick-and-mortar stores. To file a complaint with our office:

CALL: 404-651-8600 inside the metro Atlanta area

CALL: 1-800-869-1123 toll-free outside of the metro Atlanta calling area

VISIT: consumer.ga.gov

CPD also works with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) to protect consumers from frauds and scams:

For BBB's information on the corona virus, visit <https://www.bbb.org/council/coronavirus/>

For small businesses needing assistance, visit <https://www.bbb.org/smallbusiness>

For more information on how to access BBB's help, visit <http://consumer.georgia.gov/consumer-services/checking-the-reliability-or-reputation-of-a-business>



GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From left: Amber Young, Devin Jones and Emily Thompson.

Calhoun Police arrests three on forgery, drug charges

STAFF REPORTS

The Calhoun Police arrested three Calhoun residents early Saturday morning after they attempted to pass counterfeit \$50 bills at local businesses.

According to the incident report, around 2 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, an officer was in the area of Hwy. 53 around McDonald's when an employee advised the officer that approximately 15 minutes prior, three subjects came through the drive-thru in a white car. The employee advised the officer that a black male with dreads was driving, that there were two white females; one in the front passenger seat and the other in the backseat. The employee said when the trio attempted to pay for their order, the man handed her a counterfeit \$50 bill. She advised the man that the money was fake and he told her he was going back to the store where he obtained the bill and drove off, without attempting to get the \$50 bill back from the employee.

Just before 3 a.m., the officer was dispatched to the Pilot on Highway 41 North in reference to a female attempting to pass a \$50 bill. While en route the officer had dispatch confirm the suspect's vehicle was white. Upon arrival, the officer observed the vehicle and observed three people inside the vehicle. The report states a white female was in the driver's seat, a black male with dreads was in the front passenger seat and another white female was sitting in the backseat behind the driver's side. Matching the same description as the subjects from McDonald's, the officer approached the vehicle and asked the driver to step out of the vehicle. While the driver was getting out of the vehicle, the officer observed two McDonald's cups in the cup holder of the center console, along with a ripped corner baggie, commonly used to store drugs, in the front driver side floorboard. The driver, identified as Amber Young, 19, of Sugar Valley Road, Calhoun, stepped out of the vehicle. The officer also asked the backseat passenger to step out of the vehicle, who was identified as Emily Thompson, 17, of Louise Lane, Calhoun. The front seat passenger, who also was asked to exit the vehicle, was identified as Devin Jones, 26, of Lovebridge Drive, Calhoun. The officer then spoke with the complainant from the Pilot, who said that Thompson entered the store and attempted to get change for a \$50 bill. The complainant told the officer that she observed the bill to be counterfeit, and gave the \$50 bill back to Thompson, then called 911.

The officer asked Young where they were coming from, and she told the officer they had been to Thompson's house and then to get food from McDonald's. The officer asked Young if there was anything illegal in her vehicle, and she advised there was not. The officer asked Young for her voluntary consent to search the vehicle and she advised the officer he could. Young then told the officer there might be a roach in the vehicle near the gear shifter.

While speaking to Thompson, the officer asked her if she knew why he was speaking to her and she told him

she did. Thompson stated that she had received the counterfeit bill from the Hi Tech and that it was in the backseat of the vehicle. The officer asked Thompson if she had any belongings in the vehicle and she advised that her purse was in the backseat and told the officer there was nothing illegal in the purse, giving the officer consent to search the purse.

While speaking to Jones, the officer was told he was coming from the Shell Station. The officer then asked Jones if he had been to McDonald's to which Jones replied he had not. The officer advised Jones not to lie to him due to there being two McDonalds cups in the center console and McDonalds having video. Jones then told the officer he had been to McDonalds but didn't realize the money he gave them was fake. Jones told the officer he had received the money from the Chevron earlier in the day.

While searching the vehicle, the officer found a white plastic corner baggie containing believed marijuana in the front passenger side door. The officer also located a white plastic corner bag containing believed methamphetamine on the center console near the emergency brake, which was in reach of all three subjects. While continuing to search the vehicle, Young advised that she forgot she had some marijuana in a checkered bag that was in the backseat. While searching the checkered bag, the officer found a plastic container with a Ziploc bag and a counterfeit \$50 bill. Inside the Ziploc bag were seven individual clear plastic corner bags containing believed marijuana that were packaged and ready to sell. While searching Thompson's purse, the officer located a \$50 counterfeit bill inside her wallet. There was another counterfeit \$50 bill in the passenger side front floorboard. While searching Jones' bag, the officer located a white grocery bag containing a pack of Newport cigarettes; inside the plastic wrapper there was a black plastic bag containing suspected methamphetamine.

All three subjects were placed under arrest. All three subjects were asked if there was anything illegal on their person; Young advised she had something in her pockets. Inside her left front pants pocket there was a plastic cigarette wrapper containing believed cocaine and a red straw containing a substance believed to be cocaine. The officer asked Young if she had anything else and she advised she did in her bra. The officer had Young retrieve the items and place them on the hood of the patrol vehicle. There was a store receipt that had been folded up and contained suspected methamphetamine.

Amber Young was charged with First Degree Forgery, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Drug Related Objects. Emily Thompson was arrested on First Degree Forgery and Possession of Methamphetamine. Devin Jones was arrested on First Degree Forgery and Possession of Methamphetamine. Only Jones remained in Gordon County Jail at press time.

To stay up to date on the latest community news, follow the Gordon Gazette on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

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of Chromebooks, the online learning schedule and information about Spirit Week. Teachers are connecting with students and families to assist them in any way. School field trips for the remainder of the school year have been canceled and special events have been postponed. The Board was in unanimous agreement that the graduation ceremony

for the Class of 2020 should be held if at all possible, recognizing that the date may need to be changed.

In reference to School Board Appreciation Month, Dr. Taylor thanked the Board and shared that many have offered notes of appreciation online and students have prepared thank you cards for the Board. Several were shared on the digital board in the Board Room. The Board was given gift cards to local restaurants and the Georgia School Board Association sent tokens of appreciation as well.

The Board approved a School Nutrition Fryer at a cost of \$29, 071.80. This includes delivery, set up

and two-year warranty.

The Board also approved the adoption of Policy JBD, which addresses student Absences and Excuses.

A request for an expansion of Remind 101 Accounts for Fiscal Year 2021 was approved by the Board. Currently only CMS and CHS utilize the upgraded version of Remind 101. CPS and CES use the free version but are limited to how many accounts they can have. This will provide the upgraded version of Remind 101 to be used district wide for the year 2020-2021 at a yearly cost of \$13, 500.

RESOLUTION
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provided that cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities shall not be subject to these restrictions and may continue normal operations.

-Businesses affected by these closures shall establish systems that restrict in-person contact as much as possible, to include not permitting more than 10 customers at a time to be inside the premises. Such processes may include the business taking the food to the customer's vehicle rather than the customer coming inside the business.

-Furthermore, business shall ensure that all onsite consumption of food is prohibited, and that employees and contractors of the business maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises.

-If a restaurant is licensed to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption, such business during the efficacy of this resolution only shall be authorized to sell unopened bottles, cans, or other sealed containers of beer or wine for take-out consumption off-premises.

Also included, Gordon County and the City of Calhoun suspended the use of any County and City Parks and other recreation properties as follows:

-All individuals shall be prohibited from the use of any and all facilities by more than 10 persons in a group, gathering or function

-All individuals shall be prohibited from the use of any and all facilities, fields or grounds for any

"team" activities or other forms of group play

-All individuals shall be prohibited from the use of any and all playground or outdoor fitness equipment of any kind. However, this suspension and these prohibitions shall not include the use of walking trails which are expressly exempted from this suspension.

In addition, Gordon County and the City of Calhoun suspended the bid and competitive portions of the respective Procurement Policy and authorize the respective Managers or Mayor to utilize the single-source policy and to require departments to provide a written justification for the procurement during the effective dates of this Resolution.

Other businesses affected include bowling alleys, gyms, fitness centers, nail salons spas, beauty salons, barbers or other establishments offering personal grooming services, which have to reduce maximum occupancy to 10 persons. All employers and businesses which remain open for use by the public must take the necessary steps to restrict in person contact and maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals while in the establishment.

The resolution was effective upon approval, and expires on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Calhoun Mayor Jimmy Palmer mentioned in the city council meeting that in a phone conference early Monday with Emory's Dr. Carlos Del Rio, who told the participants on the call that how severe the situation was, but additionally, how severe the situation can be if there were no actions taken.

"He urges everybody, just as I and the Council do, to become familiar with the CDC guidelines and recommendations that are available very readily, and to follow them as closely as you can," said Palmer. "One of the statements that Dr. Del Rio

made today, and I know that we are all in the same situation concerning the economic impact that is affecting everybody, while severe for the next two weeks, doesn't compare to what it could be if we do nothing."

"I know this is difficult for the businesses affected by this, but if we don't this, we'll be more adversely affected," said Mayor Pro Tem George Crowley. "It's a difficult decision, but will be more difficult if we do nothing."

After the State of Emergency was approved, City Administrator Paul Worley then brought a policy before the Council to adopt for City employees. The policy lays out a policy setting procedure for absences. The policy allows for continued pay for employees that have contacted or have been in contact with a person having COVID-19. Worley said that he felt this would take pressure off those people, and allow them to self-quarantine when needed. It covers a span of 14 days and would help prevent the use of sick days and vacation days in the event of a COVID-19 diagnosis or quarantine due to exposure. The Council approved the policy.

In other news from the City Council meeting: Mayor Palmer read a request from the Community Development Department to surplus a 2008 F-150 and a 2008 Sport Trak. The request was approved by the Council.

Mayor Palmer read a recommendation from the Downtown Development Authority Board to appoint Andy Baxter to replace Lorene Potts, whose term expired August 1, 2018. This is a four year term expiring March 31, 2024. The Council approved the recommendation.

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generally promote the common interests of safe riding instruction and competition, and education on matters related to equestrian competition at the middle and secondary school levels.

"It's set up just like a collegiate program but is for the middle and high schoolers," said Benson. "You don't have to have your own horse to compete; you don't have to have any special equipment. Each student can compete in five shows during the season, which runs from September until February. Signups are in June and July with showing beginning in September."

IEA has competition offerings in three disciplines: Hunt Seat, Western and Saddle Seat.

Hunt Seat consists of flat and fence classes, while Western focuses on horsemanship and reining classes. Saddle Seat consists of rail and pattern classes.

There are both individual and team competition in IEA, with four ability levels: beginner, novice, intermediate and open.

Benson said that IEA offers scholarship opportunities, and has affordable competitions to enter.

Even though the Coronavirus put a damper on the end of the 2019-2020 season, according to Benson, the team performed well.



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"We had one rider that was supposed to ride in zones, which is a step before nationals, but she didn't go to zones due to the Coronavirus outbreak," said Benson. "She had a really good chance of making nationals. Every year, we get better. We have kids that are really putting time into practicing, which has really helped."

At this time, the entire program has 15 students, with seven on the IEA team this year, but the farm is always accepting more students.

For more information on riding clinics, lessons or the IEA Team, contact Sara Benson at 716-345-7870 or saraurban92@gmail.com.



Community Events

Notices

-TALLATOONA BEGINS LIHEAP HEATING ASSISTANCE. Nov. 1 is the date Tallatoona will begin accepting appointments for the heating assistance program. Schedule an appointment online at www.tallatoonacap.org and click on Book Now, or by calling 770-773-7730. The following documents will be needed for appointments: driver's license or state issued photo ID; original social security cards for everyone living in household; proof of citizenship or immigration status such as driver's license, US military ID, US passport, state issued photo I, US permanent resident card, alien registration card, employment authorization document, certificate of citizenship; most current heating bill within the past 30 days; if your home is heated with natural gas, kerosene, propane or wood you MUST bring both your heating bill and electric bill to the appointment; proof of income for the last 30 days for everyone 18 years or older living in the home including alimony, child support, disability, pension, rental income, retirement, social security, unemployment, wages from work, wages from self employment and workers compensation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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