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## Gordon County Chamber of Commerce STATE OF INDUSTRY VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR

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Guest Speaker: **RUSSELL GRIZZLE**  
CEO of Mannington Mills



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## 14th District candidates to be on hand at Thursday's meeting of the Gordon Republican Party at BB&T Park

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The election for the runoff in the 14th district Congressional race between Republicans John Cowan and Marjorie Taylor Greene is set for Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. Early voting begins Monday, July 20 and runs through Friday, Aug. 7.

The seat is currently held by Rep. Tom Graves, R-Ranger, who announced earlier this year he would not be seeking re-election. One of these nine will face Democrat Kevin Van Ausdal in the General Election in November.

Early Voting for the Republican Party Primary Election Runoff will begin on July 20th and will end on August 7, 2020. To cast your ballot Early you will go to the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office, office hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

All Voting Precincts will be open on Election Day on August 11, 2020, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

This Thursday, July 16, the Gordon County Republican Party is hosting both candidates at their meeting at BB&T Park, located on North Wall Street in downtown Calhoun. The event begins at 6 p.m. The public is invite to bring their lawn chairs to meet the candidates and hear from the candidates.

The Gordon Gazette had both Cowan and Greene answer a set of questions to help the public learn a little more about them.

**Dr. John Cowan**  
**City: Rome, Georgia**

**Bio:** I grew up on a cattle farm in northwest Georgia. After high school, I played football at Davidson College and graduated with honors with a Physics degree. I earned a medical degree from Johns Hopkins School

of Medicine, where I met my wife, Dr. Annie Cowan. I completed my Neurosurgery residency at the University of Michigan, where I studied under now-Housing and Urban Development Secretary Dr. Ben Carson. Today, I work as a neurosurgeon with the Harbin Clinic in Rome. As a Christian, doctor, and small businessman, I'm devoted to serving the northwest Georgia community where Annie and I are raising our four children.

**Why are you running for the 14th Congressional District?**

I was born and raised ariin northwest Georgia, and I'm committed to being a servant leader for our communities. I believe our children should have even better opportunities to learn, grow, succeed right here where they grew up. Strong conservative principles and smarter government will deliver results for the people,

and I have the experience to tackle America's most pressing issues. President Trump needs strong allies in Washington, and I'm running for Congress to stand with him in Making America Great Again and protecting our Constitutional rights. I refuse to stand by while the radical left attempts to rebrand socialism and the Swamp seeks to undermine the President, to the detriment of the American people.

**What is the one hot button issue you want to address if elected?**

America's healthcare system is broken. Even as the nation has rallied behind healthcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen that significant improvements are still needed to keep our communities healthy now and in the future. Today, healthcare costs are a leading driver in our increasing national debt, while many Americans of all backgrounds still face issues while trying to



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Dr. John Cowan and Marjorie Taylor Greene

access care. As a doctor in Congress, I'll lead the way in crafting and introducing conservative healthcare proposals to strengthen our healthcare system, lower the costs of care for individuals, and end the liberal agenda for socialized medicine. Now more than ever, we need representatives in Congress with the experience to find conservative solutions for America's healthcare

system.

**What are your goals if elected?** Stand with President Trump: President Trump needs allies in Congress to support his plans to Keep America Great. In Washington, I will stand up to the radical left and weak Republicans who

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## 'Mohawk Presents Dancing with the Stars Gets Schooled!' introduces fourth team: Govignon, Bingham

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"Mohawk Presents Calhoun's Dancing with the Stars Gets Schooled!" will put eighteen local high school students onstage for back-to-back shows at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Calhoun Performing Arts Center. Nine dance teams will vie for trophies, bragging rights and college scholarships as they compete to raise funds for United Way of Gordon County.

"Planning an event like Dancing with the Stars truly takes a village. We have a planning committee that consists of Andy Baxter with Andy Baxter Photography, Jennie Coker with Calhoun City Schools, Kristy Brown with Greater Community Bank, retired educator Michelle Frix Ward, and Dr. Amy Parker with Gordon County Schools that has been working to put the 2020 show together. This committee is a hands-on group of local professionals who are fully committed to the success of the

event and United Way," said Jennifer Latour, Executive Director of United Way of Gordon County.

"Several of our committee members - Andy Baxter, Kristy Brown and Michelle Frix Ward - have competed in previous shows. Joni Harbin will return as event emcee along with her daughter Olivia Harbin - Their duo-gig is sure to be a blast! Michelle Frix Ward is volunteering her time and talents by providing the choreography for the group dance while Andy Baxter Photography is donating his time to offer free photography for all the dancers and for digital content promotion," Latour continued. "I would like to thank Mohawk Industries for being the Premier Sponsor of Dancing with the Stars! If you are sponsoring a couple or are an event sponsor, you are directly helping United Way make a difference in our community."

The planning committee is central to the success of the show,



PHOTO: ANDY BAXTER

Catherine Govignon and Ben Bingham

but the group that really matters consists of the 18 students who will hit the stage to compete in August. The dancers, listed alphabetically by last name, are Ben Bingham, Isaac Brackett,

Hayes Carpenter, Ethan Crump, Jayce Derryberry, Aubrey Dorsey, Madeline Erwin, Caitlyn Glaze, Catherine Govignon, Will Holden, Marlee Jackson, Mariah Key, Aavyn Lee, Jackson

Murray, Sierra Scott, Cameron West, Megan Wright, and Meghan Young.

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# Second Front

## AdventHealth Gordon replaces waiting rooms, paperwork with curbside check-in, touchless registration

### AdventHealth Gordon and AdventHealth Medical Group have eliminated paper intake forms and shared waiting rooms to accommodate social distancing

#### ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

As the country reopens and health care providers welcome their patients, new workflows and processes are being implemented to prevent the spread of viruses and infectious diseases like COVID-19. In addition to expanding video visit capabilities for its providers, AdventHealth is swapping the waiting room for a curbside waiting lot and replacing paper intake forms with online check-in at its hospitals and physician offices. Patients will no longer need to enter a waiting room worrying that they or their companion will sit near someone who is sick.

These changes aim to reduce unnecessary points of contact with others and remove the risk of exposure in a shared waiting

room. To enable this touchless registration and check-in experience, AdventHealth Gordon now offers online check-in and invites patients to wait comfortably in their car until their care team is ready to see them. This may also reduce wait times in the process, meaning patients spend less time waiting and more time focusing on their care. Since rolling out this process across the country, the health system is seeing 95% patient satisfaction from those who have chosen to use online check-in.

Five days before a scheduled appointment at AdventHealth, patients can complete their intake forms online. An hour prior to the appointment, the patient will receive a link allowing them to check in once they have arrived at the parking lot. When their care team is ready for

them, the patient will be notified to enter and will be greeted at the door with a temperature check and face mask before being escorted to their appointment. For patients who opt out of online check-in, a team member will complete their registration over the phone or once the patient is safely inside their room.

“Keeping our patients, team members and community safe continues to be our top priority,” said Mike Murrill, president and CEO of AdventHealth Gordon. “Among numerous other ways we are making our facilities safe to visit, offering curbside check-in and touchless registration is a great way we can provide safe, whole-person care to our community.”

About AdventHealth Gordon

Founded in 1935,



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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

caregivers in physician practices, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care. A shared vision of common values, focus on whole-person health and commitment to making communities healthier

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

## Calhoun City Schools Amends FY21 Budget Planning Calendar

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Spending Resolution and Second Budget Hearing)

Calhoun City Schools has amended the FY21 Budget Planning Calendar to include the following Budget Work Sessions and Hearings:

Monday, August 10th - 6:00 p.m.: Called Board Meeting (Adoption of Final Budget by Board)

Friday, July 10th - Noon: Budget Work Session

All meetings will be held at the Board of Education Office Building at 334 South Wall Street.

Friday, July 24th - Noon: First Budget Hearing (Adopt Tentative Budget)

The Final FY21 Budget will be presented to the Mayor and City Council following the Adoption from the Board of Education on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the August City Council Meeting at the Calhoun Depot.

## GDOT Seeks Public Input for Draft Statewide Transit Plan

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The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is seeking public input on the results and recommendations of the draft Statewide Transit Plan (SWTRP) until July 30, 2020. The SWTRP is a result of a comprehensive review of Georgia’s public transit needs that charts the future direction of transit programs, aiming to improve access and mobility for all Georgians.



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The SWTRP plan is a result of extensive coordination over the course of 2019 and 2020 with transit providers, local governments, regional commissions, metropolitan planning organizations, the ATL Authority, other transit stakeholders, and the public. The SWTRP incorporates all existing urban and rural transit plans, plus identifies statewide near-term and long-range recommendations. Highlights include:

service hours and more commuter routes.

Improving safety, system reliability and performance by leveraging technology.

Enhancing coordination among transit providers, employers, healthcare and education providers.

“Public transit is an important part of GDOT’s multimodal planning efforts,” said the GDOT project manager, Kaycee Mertz, AICP. “This plan helps us to identify needs and recommend strategies to improve access to transit, with a focus on rural transit, regional collaboration, and innovation. Input from transit agencies and the public has been vital throughout this process.”

To learn more about the plan and provide input, visit [GDOT’s Transit Plan](http://GDOT’s Transit Plan)

webpage. Click through to the Virtual Open House to leave comments by July 30.

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](http://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 essential work, while following sanitary work practices prescribed by health agencies to protect themselves and the public from the coronavirus, as are most state DOTs in the U.S.

## LOCAL VOICES: Keep America Great and FAIR

CONTRIBUTED - CARYN SIMS

Keep America Great and FAIR!

Even when it seems like someone else’s job instead of yours, you still have something within you that says, “something needs to be done.” That is exactly what happened to Calhoun resident, Caryn Sims recently.

After watching the Tucker Carlson Tonight show on Tuesday, June 30th, Sims decided it was time to do something. “They” weren’t going to do it this time, it was up to her and her husband, Joel.

“While watching the show,” says Sims, “I started taking notes. The topic was the ONLY hope for our society to stay great, successful and fair – the GOP Senators needed to grow a spine and start doing the job we elected them to do.”

Carlson shared three points the GOP Senators need to step up and tackle or we will lose the country we all love so much.

1. The GOP needs to defend total equality under the law. We are ALL equal, regardless of our skin color or economic status. The GOP Senators need to stand up for all Americans to make America FAIR AGAIN. The alternative is DISASTER! Any system that punishes people for how they were born is immoral. Ancestry, wealth, appearance cannot play any part in the law. Fighting to make this a colorblind society is a must because we are all citizens.

2. The GOP must defend our freedom of speech. If we can’t say it, then we won’t be ALLOWED to think it. The left doesn’t really want to control our speech, they want to control our minds. That’s what America is telling us now. No speech means no thought, no learning, no civilization, nothing! Consider who will be appointed to tell us what we can and cannot say! What we should believe and what’s right and wrong.

3. The GOP MUST work hard for the middle class. Right now, we feel as if we’re getting mindless junk from many of our representatives. The American dream has died with our generation. The only office holders who are successful are those who look out for us, those they were elected to work for and protect.

We are simply asking the GOP to DO THEIR JOB! We want change from our elected friends in the Congress asking that they fight for our JOBS, EDUCATION, FAITH AND FAMILY. Please stand-up to the opposition and help Donald Trump

“I once asked a friend, who was in the Georgia House of Representatives, why things never change,” says Sims. “He said our representatives (local to federal) never hear from us, even on the most important issues. However, they are bombarded with requests from the opposition. He also said the Democrats ALWAYS stand together on any given issue, whether they agree or not. The opposite is true of the Republicans – they almost never agree on anything – so nothing gets done. Case in point – Repeal and Replace! Thumbs down ladies and gentlemen.”

At this time, the GOP is the only institution we can depend on in our society. We feel there are NO other options. The Democrats are still suffering from “Trump Derangement Syndrome,” and they are taking it out on those of us who support our President. Sims wants our elected officials to stand up with PRESIDENT TRUMP against the left.

Sims has composed a letter including much of this information and plans to send it to all fifty-three GOP senators, President Trump, and Tucker Carlson. “So far, we’ve collected about fifty signatures on the letter, but we’d love to have a lot more!” says Sims.

If you’d like to read and/or sign the letter, you can email Sims at [simsjc4@bellsouth.net](mailto:simsjc4@bellsouth.net) with your name and zip code. The letter is also being emailed to local Republican Party Chairpersons in counties all over the country.

Once all the signatures are collected, the letters will be mailed in bright blue envelopes with handwritten addresses and printed on colored paper. Sims is confident no one will be able to overcome their curiosity of what could be in a bright blue envelope, and the colored paper will stand out prominently in a sea of white paper mail.

“We’ve had a lot of positive feedback from our efforts, but we’d love to have more people join us to stand up for our country,” says Sims’s husband.

Joel and Caryn will be at the Republican Forum at the BB&T Park on Thursday, July 16 at 6 p.m. where you will be able to meet John Cowan and Marjorie Greene, the two candidates in the run-off for the 14th district congressional seat, as well as obtain more information from the Sims and others.

Send Letters to the Editor to: [staff@gordongazettega.com](mailto:staff@gordongazettega.com)

# Obituaries

## July 11, 2020

### Catherine Earnest

Catherine King Earnest, age 83 of Calhoun, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Gordon Health & Rehabilitation.

Catherine was born on Nov. 17, 1936 in Anniston, Ala. to the late Lamar Henry King and Jewell Daniel King. In addition to her parents, Catherine was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles B. Earnest.

Catherine was a member of Calhoun First Baptist Church and active member of the W.M.U. and bible study groups. Catherine enjoyed watching old movies, reading, and was a reading volunteer at Tolbert Elementary School.

Catherine is survived by: her son, Michael Earnest and his wife, Cindy; three daughters, Karen Mizell and her husband, Malcolm, Jennine McDaris and her husband, Greg, and Mary Catherine "Kitty" Rabun and her husband, Ben; brother, Charles G. King; eight grandchildren, Mary Beth Gable and her husband, James, Myles Earnest, Micah Earnest, Dean McDaris, Christopher McDaris, Jana McDaris, Katie Rabun, and Benjamin Rabun; and three great-grandchildren, Burch Gable, Laurel Gable, and Reed Gable.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 from 3 p.m. until the service hour at 4 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

A Celebration of the Life of Catherine Earnest will be observed on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 at 4 p.m. for the immediate family. It will be held at the Chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Dr. John Barber officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations, in memory of Catherine, may be made to the Judy Earnest Scholarship Fund at Calhoun First Baptist Church.

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

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Catherine King Earnest.



### Wanda Frix

Wanda Hasty Frix, 87, of Calhoun, died Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at Gordon Health Care following several years of declining health.

Mrs. Frix was born in Crab Orchard, KY on March 19, 1933, daughter of the late, Carl and Verlin Helton Hasty. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; Charles R. Frix in

1989 and by four brothers; Albert, Delbert, Delmus and Lonnie Hasty. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Klopman Mills.

Survivors include; three sisters, Imogene Dockery of Gaylesville, AL, Augusta Manuel and her husband James of Crab Orchard, KY, Janet Swanson of Calhoun, two brothers; Ralph Hasty of Marshall, NC and Michael Hasty and his wife Elda of Sugar Valley, GA, two brothers-in-law, Eric Frix and Harry Frix and his wife, Tommie of Calhoun, eighteen nieces and nephews along with other relatives also survive.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the family has chosen to have a private service with interment to follow in Gordon Memorial Gardens. The family request that flowers be omitted.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Wanda Hasty Frix of Calhoun.



### Charles Richards, Jr.

Charles Kenneth Richards, Jr., age 72, of Cumming and formerly of Calhoun, died Wednesday, July 8 in Cumming.

Kenneth was born in Chattanooga on June 1, 1948, oldest child of Dr. Charles K. Richards, Sr. and Betsy Martin Richards. He spent his childhood in Calhoun and was an alumnus of Calhoun High School., Class of 1966, where he excelled in basketball. He later attended the Martin Methodist College at Pulaski and completed his education at Shorter University where he also excelled in basketball.

As a young man, Kenneth is best remembered as a person of good fun and wit. He was affectionately known as "Brother Ken." Kenneth is descended from the early medical community of Calhoun; his father, grandfather, great grandfather were formerly in medical practice here. The Richards ancestral home now houses the executive offices for the Gordon County Commission and is one of the most significant architecturally constructed private homes in North Georgia. Kenneth enlisted in the local Georgia Army National Guard during the Vietnam era. He was accepted in the State's Officer Candidate School near Milledgeville and was commissioned after about a year of intensive training. He completed his service in the First Battalion, 108th Armor, Georgia Army National Guard Headquartered in Calhoun.

Kenneth is survived by his partner, Henrietta

McLennan of Cumming; two daughters, Jenn Cain of Naperville, Ill. and Liz Richards Coble of New Bern, N.C.; one brother, Bill Richards of Apison, Tenn.; two sisters, Julie Richards Smith of Cumming and Martie Richards of Calhoun.

A reception and service of remembrance will be announced later by the Richards family. Thomas Funeral Home makes this announcement for the Richards family.



### Jeanette Williams

Jeanette Mulkey Williams, 84, of Calhoun, died Wednesday, June 8, 2020, in Hospice of Chattanooga following a brief illness.

Mrs. Williams was born in Bartow County on May 25, 1936, daughter of the late Frank and Melonese Burgess Mulkey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Williams; two daughters; Robin Hall and Ruby Lindsey, two sons; Jimmy and Roy Williams, four granddaughters; Annie Carringer, Timothy Williams, Adam Williams and Nicole Williams, three sisters; Birdie Lee Mulkey, Eloise Wilson, Betty Faye Coleman, four brothers; Donald Lee, Tommy, Frank and Albert Mulkey.

Prior to her retirement, she was a nurse for more than 40 years at Calhoun Health Care and she attended Northgate Church of Jesus Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine Hall; sons, John Williams and James and David Williams; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A private family service to celebrate the life of Jeanette Mulkey Williams will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home with Rev. Frank Bramlett and Rev. Burnan Hall officiating. Interment will follow in Chandler Cemetery. Pallbearers serving will include Burnan Hall, Duke Young, Rex Evans, Bo Shepherd, Rick Camp, Steven Cornwell and Christine Hall.

The family received friends on Friday, July 10, 2020, between the hours of 5 – 8 p.m. at Max Brannon & Sons Funeral Home. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, social distancing guidelines will be observed.

The Brannon family and staff are honored to serve the family of Jeanette Mulkey Williams.



## 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](http://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](mailto:megan.guthrie@tapestryhospice.com)

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

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

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

Wednesday Bible study at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**-First Presbyterian Church,** located at 829 Red Bud Road N.E. in Calhoun. Pastor David McDonald invites you 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, Fine us on Facebook or email [pvbccalhoun@gmail.com](mailto:pvbccalhoun@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 Dwayne Smith, holds weekly services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., Sunday; morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday; night service at 6 p.m.; and Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

# Consumer Alert: How to Buy a Car Without Getting Taken for a Ride

**OFFICE OF STATE OF GEORGIA ATTORNEY GENERAL CHRIS CARR**

ATLANTA, GA – Are you ready for a new set of wheels? Next to buying a home, a vehicle is the biggest purchase most people will make, and once you sign a contract, there is typically no turning back. So, it's crucial that you do your homework up-front. This is even more critical when you're purchasing a used vehicle, since most used cars in Georgia are sold "as is," meaning that once you sign the contract, the dealer is not required to repair the vehicle or allow you to cancel the contract if you encounter problems with the car.

"We want consumers to be educated and confident when they make a purchase of this magnitude," says Attorney General Chris Carr. "Doing some planning before buying can save consumers money and a lot of headaches."

These days you can do a lot of research and negotiating online before you ever step foot inside a dealership. This can save you a lot of time and minimize the time you'll have to spend at the actual dealership. With Georgia dealerships open for business, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division offers the following tips on how to find a reliable car from a reputable dealer at a reasonable price.

**Know Your Budget.** Figure out what your budget for a car is. Don't forget to factor in Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) and the interest rate (if you'll be financing all or part of the cost). Also remember to contact your insurance company to get a quote on car insurance based on the year, make, model and mileage of the vehicle and include that cost in your overall budget. Consider the amount of your down payment, the trade-in value of your old car, the length of the loan, the interest rate, and what the amount of your monthly payment will be. Here are two helpful calculators: How much car can I afford? and Estimate monthly payment.

**Research makes and models.** Do some online research to see which vehicles are rated high for reliability, safety, performance. You might want to check out websites like Consumer Reports, Edmunds, and Kelley Blue Book.

**Choose a car dealership with care.** Ask friends or family members if they can recommend a dealership with which they had a positive experience. Go to the Better Business Bureau's website (www.bbb.org) to see how they rate the dealership, how many consumer complaints have been made against the dealership, and how many of those have been resolved.

**Get pre-qualified**

**for a loan from your bank or credit union.** Contact your financial institution before going to the dealership to see the amount of loan you qualify for and what loan terms (interest rate and length of loan) you qualify for. Often, your bank can offer you a better deal on financing terms than the dealership. It can also give you a basis for financial negotiations with a dealership.

**Find a few vehicles you're interested in.** Once you have found a reputable dealership(s), go to their website and find a couple of vehicles you are interested in buying. (Note that when dealers know you are shopping around at other dealerships, they may be more willing to negotiate a lower price.)

**Vehicle History Report.** Get the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) of the cars you are interested in and pull a vehicle history report from a website such as AutoCheck.com or CarFax.com. The report will show whether the car has been in any accidents, whether it is a flood-damaged, salvaged or repurchased Lemon vehicle, what the odometer reading was at last service, whether it was previously a leased or Fleet vehicle, whether the car was sold at auction and how many previous owners there have been. Keep in mind that occasionally the reports may lag or not contain complete

information, however, they are useful resources for better understanding a vehicle's history.

**Find out the actual market value of the vehicle.** Check Kelly Blue Book, National Automobile Dealers Association or Edmunds for the market value of the car you want to buy. You'll need to know the year, make, model and mileage. Print that out and bring it with you to the dealership so you can use it in your negotiations.

**Personal Inspection/Test drive.** This step is especially important if you're buying a used vehicle. You'll want to inspect the vehicle thoroughly inside and out. Do the tires look good? Is there rust? Do all the buttons/signals/indicators work? Ask if the car is still under the manufacturer's warranty. Take it for a test drive on both city streets and the highway. Drive with the radio off so you can listen for any unusual sounds.

**Pre-Purchase Inspection by a Trusted Mechanic.** When buying a used vehicle, this may be the single most important thing you can do to ensure you are getting a vehicle that's in good condition. You'll want to have the car thoroughly inspected by a trusted mechanic that has NO affiliation with the dealership. This may cost around \$75-\$100, but it can save you thousands of dollars and

lots of headaches in the long run. If the mechanic finds something wrong with the car, but which isn't a deal-breaker, you can use that to negotiate a lower price.

**Negotiate for a good price.** These days you can negotiate a price online and over the phone. This may give you an advantage since you have more time to consider an offer and make a counter-offer without feeling pressured.

For a used car, remember to refer to the Kelly Blue Book, or other value books such as Edmunds or National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) in your negotiations.

If you're buying a brand new vehicle, find out the invoice price, which is the amount the dealer actually paid for the vehicle. This can be a good starting point for your negotiations. Some dealers will sell a vehicle for near (and sometimes even below) invoice price, especially if they need to move old inventory off the lot or if they will receive cash incentives from the manufacturer for selling a particular vehicle.

Negotiate the purchase price separately, and prior to, negotiating the trade-in value of your current car. Better yet, consider selling your current vehicle on your own, separate from your new transaction.

While advertised vehicle prices are supposed to include

everything except for tax, tag, title and Lemon Law fees, many dealerships nevertheless state prices that do not include the dealer fee or certain add-ons. So, in your negotiations, always insist that the dealer give you the out-the-door price and show you the breakdown of that price. In addition, make sure that the price given is the one that corresponds to the financing terms you want.

Review contract carefully. Get all verbal promises in writing. Read over your contract and paperwork thoroughly and make sure you understand everything before you sign. Don't buy what you don't want or need. Additional options (such as paint sealants, additional undercoating, fabric treatments and anti-theft parts etching) and additional services (such as extended warranties or service contracts, routine maintenance packages, credit life or credit disability insurance) should be evaluated carefully as they may not be necessary or worth the price.

Take your time. Don't give in to high-pressure tactics. You can walk away. You can sleep on it. You can go look at another car at another dealership and then come back (or not). There will always be good cars/good deals. Relax, breathe and remember to listen to your gut.

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# GEORGIA HEALTH NEWS COVID-19 numbers show alarming jumps in state

ANDY MILLER,  
Georgia Health News

If you haven't been shocked by the COVID-19 numbers in Georgia, Friday's figures may do it.

The state easily broke its record for daily cases reported, with 4,484 new infections, more than 1,000 higher than the previous mark. The hospitalization number took an ominous leap, with 331 new admissions for COVID-19 reported Friday across the state.

Many hospitals this week have already reported high numbers of virus patients.

Marietta-based Wellstar Health System, with 11 hospitals, said several locations "are at full capacity due to an influx of patients, and we are working to actively manage capacity across our system and still have a limited number of staffed ICU beds available within our hospitals at this time."

There are other alarming data on the pandemic.

Georgia is hitting only 25 percent of its testing target considered necessary to mitigate the spread of the virus, according to data published by the New York Times. That's the seventh-lowest percentage in the nation, after other hard-hit states: Arizona, Mississippi, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Texas.

At the same time, the percentage of positive tests for COVID-19 has been increasing in Georgia, and is now at 14 percent, according

to Covid Exit Strategy.

"Needless to say, the numbers are frightening," said Dr. Harry Heiman, a health policy expert at Georgia State University.

The state's critical care bed availability is shrinking, and now stands at just 17 percent, as more patients are being hospitalized.

With that in mind, Gov. Brian Kemp's office said Friday that the temporary hospital at the Georgia World Congress Center, which opened in April and closed a month later, will be reactivated to relieve hospitals struggling to handle the COVID-19 load.

The facility in Atlanta will hold 200 COVID-19 patients from across the state and can expand to 400 patients if needed. The patients taken to the GWCC will be those with less severe cases, who do not require a ventilator.

The state also plans to strike a deal with a hospital system, believed to be Piedmont Healthcare, to add roughly 100 intensive care and surgical units to Georgia's medical infrastructure, the AJC reported.

"Over the past two weeks, we have experienced an increase in cases and hospitalizations, and following a drop-off in specimens collected over the holiday weekend, we now expect a trend of higher case numbers as new results arrive," the governor's office said in a statement Friday. State officials also said they are "negotiating new solutions to increase its own capacity to process specimens."

Dr. Melanie Thompson, an Atlanta physician who collaborated on a recent letter to Gov. Brian Kemp urging him to require masks in public, said Friday's daily toll "is the increase that health providers have been fearing, but expecting."

Kemp and the Department of Public Health, Thompson said, "made a political decision to open too soon, and have been unwilling to rise above politics to do things that have been proven to work: require masks, tighten social distancing requirements, allow local officials to manage their epidemics. Testing and contact tracing have increased but are way behind. It will get worse, including more deaths, but it's not too late. We can still save lives but it is going to take courage."

### A different kind of patient

WellStar said it would continue to monitor and actively manage staffing levels, capacity, and the supply chain across its system "to ensure we have adequate, continued access to beds, equipment, and personnel needed to care for patients."

Kemp's office said current COVID-19 patients tend to be younger and with less acute cases than in the early stages of the pandemic. It said improved treatment – such as advances like remdesivir – has cut the average hospital stay for coronavirus patients from 14 days to seven (or fewer).

"Based on the governor's most recent call with hospital



executives earlier this week, there is strong consensus among health care facilities that they wish to continue elective procedures to promote Georgians' health and well-being while avoiding more financial distress and potential furloughs."

But Georgia State's Heiman said "strong policy action is needed now from our state political and public health leadership to protect our state from further health and economic harm. Our house is on fire and our state leadership appears to be waiting to see if the fire will go out on its own."

Meanwhile, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms is sticking to her order making mask-wearing a requirement in the city. She said the order has met with wide approval from health care workers.

But Kemp's office said such actions by mayors are "merely

guidance — both non-binding and legally unenforceable. As clearly stated in the governor's executive order, no local action can be more or less restrictive, and that rule applies statewide. Once again, if the mayor actually wants to flatten the curve in Atlanta, she should start enforcing state restrictions, which she has failed to do. We ask citizens and businesses alike to comply with the terms of the governor's order, which was crafted in conjunction with state public health officials. These common-sense measures will help protect the lives and livelihoods of all Georgians."

Also Friday, the mayor of Augusta issued an order requiring wearing a mask in public.

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

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# Georgia's Red Cross needs more local volunteers for hurricane season due to COVID-19

## GEORGIA RED CROSS

Experts say we are in for a busy hurricane season this summer and Georgia's Red Cross needs volunteers to help in local communities.

"The coronavirus pandemic will make it challenging to deploy trained disaster volunteers from other parts of the country should an emergency occur. In light of this, the Red Cross is asking you to be ready to help your community," said Danella Hughes, Disaster Officer for Georgia.

"Train now to be a Red Cross volunteer and answer the call to help if the need arises here in our region."

Full information on volunteer opportunities is available here.

**SHELTER HELP NEEDED** There is a special need for volunteers to support sheltering efforts. Because of COVID-19, the Red Cross is

placing those needing a safe place to stay in emergency hotel lodging when possible. If hotel stays aren't possible, then the Red Cross will open traditional shelters. To help keep people safe, we have put in place additional precautions and developed special training for our workforce.

We need volunteers to help staff shelter reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, information collection and other vital tasks to help those we serve. We have both associate and supervisory level opportunities available.

**HEALTH SERVICES SUPPORT NEEDED** If you are an RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with an active, current, and unencumbered license, the Red Cross needs your support. Volunteers are needed in shelters to help assess people's health. Daily observation and health screening for COVID-19 like illness among shelter

residents may also be required. RNs supervise all clinical tasks.

Roles are also available for Certified Nursing Assistants, Certified Home Health Aides, student nurses and medical students. We need volunteers who can provide care as delegated by a licensed nurse in shelters. This could include assisting with activities of daily living, personal assistance services, providing health education, and helping to replace medications, durable medical equipment or consumable medical supplies.

## FURRY FRIENDS NEED HELP TOO

When people leave their homes during an emergency, they take their pets with them. The Red Cross is looking for established partner organizations to support the pet sheltering effort.

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING** If you are interested in



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helping our community should a disaster occur, please go to [redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://redcross.org/volunteertoday) or contact our area offices at (404) 575-3749 or email [GARecruit@redcross.org](mailto:GARecruit@redcross.org).

Be sure to review the CDC guidance for people who are at higher risk for severe illness, consult your health care provider, and follow local guidance. Our

number one priority is the health and safety of our employees, volunteers and the people we serve.

## About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international

humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red

Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [cruzrojaamericana.org](http://cruzrojaamericana.org), or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

## Support Groups

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

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

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

**-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.

**-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.

**-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 Calhoun Pregnancy Center Inc., located on the corner of Peters Street and East Belmont Drive, is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from noon until 4 p.m.** The center is also open each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday available by appointment only. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. To visit the center, call 706-625-5768 to make an appointment.

**-La Leche League of Calhoun and Rome offers free breastfeeding support and information. The meetings are open to all mothers (children also welcome), expectant mothers and women interested in breastfeeding.** Calhoun location meets the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Leaders are available to answer questions. For more information, call Erin at 706-234-3980 or email at [LLLCalhounRome@gmail.com](mailto:LLLCalhounRome@gmail.com).

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

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

**-The 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**-United Hospice is seeking volunteers who**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# ELECTION

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refuse to put Americans first. Every day, I'll always support President Trump's work to protect our God-given rights, and join his fight to stop the socialists who want to end private healthcare and stop the American Dream. Fix America's Healthcare System: As a doctor, I know firsthand the issues facing our broken healthcare system. I will use my background and experience in the healthcare industry to improve delivery, lower costs and ensure we never endure another crisis such as the Coronavirus pandemic. Defend our Second Amendment rights: Radical liberals have seized upon the COVID-19 pandemic to once again try to take guns away from law-abiding citizens. In Congress, I will always protect our Second Amendment rights – regardless of circumstances. I will oppose unconstitutional "red flag" laws and lead the fight to pass legislation such as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act. Secure our Border: I will fight to end illegal immigration and stand with the President to secure our borders and finish the wall. I've been endorsed by several sheriffs who represent counties of the 14th District, and I look forward to working with state and local law enforcement to crack down on gang violence and protect northwest Georgia's communities. Grow the Economy: As a small business owner and entrepreneur, I know how to balance a budget, create jobs and meet payroll. In Washington, I will work with President Trump to return the economy to normal, cut burdensome regulations and lower taxes to put hardworking Georgians first.

**Additional Info?** Unlike other candidates in this race, I didn't go shopping for a district to run for Congress. I want to represent the 14th District – this is my home. I will always put the citizens of

Northwest Georgia first. I work here, I own a small business here, and I'm proud to raise my children here. Northwest Georgians deserve a representative in Washington who understands the issues we face. If elected, I will fight for our communities, and I will stand up to any Washington Democrat who wants to infringe on our Constitutional rights, implement socialist healthcare, or push an open borders agenda.

**Marjorie Taylor Greene**  
**City: Rome, Georgia**

**Bio:** My name's Marjorie Greene. I was born and raised in Georgia. I graduated from University of Georgia where I met my husband of nearly 25 years. I've spent the last two decades building my businesses and raising my three children alongside my husband, Perry.

**Why are you running for the 14th Congressional District?** Like President Trump, I'm a business owner in the construction industry. I've created thousands of jobs in 11 different states. I also started and built one of the most successful CrossFit gyms in the entire country. As a business owner, I cannot sit by while Nancy Pelosi, AOC, and Ilhan Omar roadblock President Trump and the American people. I'm running to fight against Nancy Pelosi and the socialists in Congress.

**What is the one hot button issue you want to address if elected?** It's not just one issue that needs to be addressed. The Republican Party can't afford more Mitt Romney-type Republicans who care more about being liked by the Fake News Media than they do about standing firm for conservative values. I will fight to DEFUND abortion mills like Planned Parenthood. I will NEVER vote for gun control, and fight against "Red Flag Gun Confiscation." I will pass TERM LIMITS on Congress. The American

people are sick of the career politicians. We need to pass Term Limits to get them out! I will fight to Secure the Border: Build the Wall, Fully Fund Our Border Patrol, Defund Sanctuary Cities.

**What are your goals if elected?** Save America, Stop Socialism! I'm going to stand with President Trump and fight back against the left-wing socialists who want to wreck our country.

**Additional Info?** To Save America and Stop Socialism, we must take back the Senate, kick Nancy Pelosi's Congress to the curb, and re-elect Donald Trump for four more years in 2020. I've been endorsed by Congressman Jim Jordan, Congressman Matt Gaetz, Gun Owners of America, Debbie Meadows' (Mark Meadows Wife) Right Women PAC, and the House Freedom Caucus.

A few reminders for runoff includes:  
The last day to register to vote or to change your name or address on your voter registration is Monday, July 13, 2020. You can register to vote in person at the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office located in the Gordon County Annex Building at 101 S Piedmont Street, Calhoun or you can register to vote online at [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov) or <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov>

If you cast a Republican Ballot in the General Primary Election on June 9, 2020, then you will be eligible to vote in the Republican Party Primary Election Runoff.

If you did not vote in the General Primary Election, you will be eligible to vote in the Republican Party Primary Election Runoff.

If you voted a Nonpartisan ballot in the June 9, 2020 Nonpartisan Election, you will be eligible to vote in the Republican Party Primary Election Runoff.

Anyone with questions can call the Gordon County Board of Elections Office at 706-629-7781.

# DWTS

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Two of Calhoun High School's most accomplished students will hit the stage as the fourth dancing duo. Both very active and talented students, Catherine Govignon and Ben Bingham are partnering in the contest.

Govignon just finished her freshman year at Calhoun High School, where she quickly made a name for herself. Govignon is the daughter of George and McCall Govignon and has one sister, Campbell. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Sherry Campbell and George and Sheila Govignon. A talented performer, she is involved with the school drama program and is a member of the Calhoun Marching Band Color Guard. She dances with Rome Civic Ballet and works with Callback Company Theater in Cartersville, Georgia. Govignon has appeared in several Calhoun drama performances and had one of the lead roles in last year's presentation of "Matilda".

Govignon served on the Student Advisory Council for the State Superintendent, Auburn University's Honor

Band-Danceline, was a Freshman Class Representative and Thespian Freshman Class Officer. She is a member of the Junior Beta Club, and participated in the Leadworthy Leadership Program-Capturing Kids' Hearts. A member of Calhoun First Baptist Church, she participates in the student worship choir and youth programs, and volunteers in the Good Samaritan Christmas project. Govignon also volunteers for the Literacy Council's annual backpack project. She participates in Relay for Life fundraisers as a way of honoring her grandfather, known to her as "Papa Joe" but to Gordon County as Joe Campbell, retired District Attorney of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit.

Ben Bingham will partner with Govignon. He will begin his senior year at Calhoun High School in August. Bingham is the son of Doug and Shay Bingham and he has one sister, Anna Grace. He is a member at Central Church of Christ in Dalton, where he participates in its youth programs.

Bingham is involved in the drama program and has been in the Calhoun Ensemble that was nominated for Shuler Awards two years running. He was the Calhoun High School Junior Class Representative for its Thespian Troupe. He has appeared in several high

school shows, including "Sister Act" "The Greatest Show on Earth", and "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

As a sophomore, Bingham escorted thirteen girls to the Homecoming Dance. He is a huge fan of the Disney movie "CARS" and can recite the entire script. He has a very popular Instagram account about the movie.

This year, only the winners and runners-up of the People's Choice and Judges' Choice will receive scholarships. The first-place team will receive \$1,000 per student; the second-place team will receive \$750 per student and the third-place team will receive \$500 per student.

This will be the fourth student show, which spun off the adult version that ran for five years at the historic GEM Theatre. The dancers are learning more about United Way, its agencies and programs. As details unfold and plans are finalized, additional information will be made available through social media and the United Way website.

The mission of United Way of Gordon County is to accurately assess the needs of Gordon County and to mobilize available resources to meet those needs. It serves eighteen local agencies in Gordon County, as well as serving as a referral source for the community.



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# Quick Grilling Recipes to Try This Summer

The best grilling recipes are often easier than you think. Combine the right ingredients for the sauce, seasoning, or marinade and you've got a winning dish you'll be serving during grilling season for years to come. Simple and can be the star of the show with the perfect sear, and you'll never regret finding the perfect grilled fruit method for summer desserts. Here's a round up of quick and easy recipe options for your pleasure. Read on for some of our favorites.

## Chipotle-Marinated Flatiron Steak with Avocado-Corn Relish



CONTRIBUTED

The flatiron steak, a.k.a. the top blade steak, is a marbled cut of beef from the shoulder. Uniform in thickness and rectangular in shape (just like an old-fashioned iron), it's easy to butterfly for quick cooking on the grill. Here, Melissa Rubel Jacobson flavors the meat with a bold Southwestern-style marinade made with smoky chipotle and fresh orange juice.

### INGREDIENTS

One 1 1/2-pound flatiron steak, about 3/4 inch thick  
1/4 cup fresh orange juice  
1 canned chipotle in adobo, plus 1 tablespoon adobo sauce from the can  
1 large garlic clove  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
2 Hass avocados, cut into 1/2-inch dice  
1/2 cup fresh corn kernels (from 1 ear of corn)  
1/4 cup minced red onion  
1 small jalapeño, seeded and minced  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

### DIRECTIONS

Light a grill or heat a grill pan. Set the steak flat on a work surface. Using a sharp knife, carefully cut through the center of the steak (parallel to the work surface), leaving 1/2 inch of the meat attached at the side so it can be opened like a book. Set the butterflied flatiron steak in a medium bowl or baking dish.

In a blender, combine the orange juice with the chipotle, adobo, garlic and 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and puree until smooth. Pour the marinade over the steak and let stand for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in another medium bowl, gently mix the avocados with the corn, red onion, jalapeño, lime juice and the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.

Remove the steak from the marinade, letting the excess drip back into the bowl; do not wipe off the marinade. Season the steak with salt and pepper. Grill the butterflied steak flat over moderately high heat, turning once, until medium, about 6 minutes on each side. Transfer the steak to a cutting board, cover with foil and let rest for 5 minutes. Thinly slice the steak across the grain and serve with the avocado-corn relish.



## Grilled Chicken Breasts with Lemon and Thyme

CONTRIBUTED

A bold mixture of red-pepper flakes, garlic, thyme, lemon juice, and olive oil serves as a spicy marinade for bone-in chicken breasts. If you want your chicken spicier still, increase the red pepper or leave the breasts in the marinade for an hour or two.

### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/2 teaspoon dried red-pepper flakes  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper  
4 bone-in chicken breasts (about 2 1/4 pounds in all)

### DIRECTIONS

Light the grill or heat the broiler. In a shallow dish, combine the lemon juice with the thyme, red-pepper flakes, garlic, oil, salt, and black pepper. Coat the chicken with the mixture.

Grill the chicken breasts over moderately high heat or broil them for 8 to 10 minutes. Turn and cook until the chicken is just done, about 10 minutes longer.

### VARIATIONS

- Try any dried herb you like in place of the thyme. Marjoram, oregano, rosemary, or sage are all good choices.
- Use boneless, skinless chicken breasts instead of bone-in breasts. Grill them until just done, about five minutes per side over moderately high heat.
- Use a quartered chicken instead of bone-in breasts. Cook the breast sections as directed in Step 2 and allow thirteen minutes per side for the leg quarters.

## Corn on the Cob with Seasoned Salts



CONTRIBUTED

"Walk to pick it, run to cook it," was the mantra back in the days when corn turned starchy within hours of harvesting. New varieties stay sweet and tender longer. Flavoring the ears here is a trio of seasoned salts.

### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 tablespoons Maldon or Halen Môn Welsh sea salt  
2 teaspoons finely grated orange zest  
1 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon hot smoked paprika  
1 1/2 tablespoons coarse smoked salt  
1 tablespoon coarsely ground black pepper  
8 ears of corn, shucked  
Vegetable oil, for drizzling  
Unsalted butter, for serving

### DIRECTIONS

Prepare the salts in 3 small bowls: Mix the Maldon salt with the orange zest, the kosher salt with the paprika and the smoked salt with the black pepper.

Light a grill. Drizzle the corn with vegetable oil and rub to coat the corn thoroughly. Grill over moderate heat, turning often, until the corn is lightly charred all over and just tender, about 15 minutes. Transfer the corn to a large platter and serve with butter and the seasoned salts.

### MAKE AHEAD

The salts can be stored separately in airtight containers for up to 1 week.

## Grilled Garden Vegetable Salad

CONTRIBUTED

Chef Ludo Lefebvre says the key to perfect vegetable salads is properly cooking each vegetable. Blanching and shocking the green and wax beans before grilling gives them an evenly tender bite with delicious flavor from the grill. Grilling without blanching first leads to leathery skins and undercooked beans, so don't skip the blanching.

### INGREDIENTS

**SALAD**  
1/2 pound green beans  
1/2 pound yellow wax beans  
Grapeseed oil or other neutral oil, as needed  
1 pound cherry tomatoes or grape tomatoes  
1/3 cup walnuts  
2 heads lettuce (such as red oak or Bibb), washed and torn  
1/4 cup Niçoise olives, for garnish

**VINAIGRETTE**  
1 shallot, very finely chopped  
1 garlic clove, finely chopped  
1/3 cup white balsamic vinegar or balsamic vinegar  
2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
2 thyme sprigs, leaves picked  
Kosher salt and freshly ground white pepper, to taste

### DIRECTIONS

**Step 1 Make the salad**  
Prepare an ice bath in a large bowl, and bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil. Snap the ends off the green beans; place green beans in ice bath. Remove green beans, and add to boiling water; blanch until just al dente, about 1 minute. Shock the blanched green beans in the ice bath to stop the cooking process and set the bright color. Repeat



process with the yellow wax beans.

### Step 2

Preheat grill to high (about 450°F). Drizzle grapeseed oil on the beans, and grill in a grill basket, covered, until nicely charred, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from grill basket. Add tomatoes to grill basket, and grill, covered, until nicely charred, about 5 minutes.

### Step 3

Toast the walnuts in a dry nonstick pan over low, or toast them in an oven at 350°F until fragrant and golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes.

### Step 4 Make the vinaigrette

In a small bowl, combine the shallot, garlic, and white balsamic. Slowly whisk in the olive oil to make an emulsion. Add the lemon juice, thyme leaves, and salt and pepper to taste.

### Step 5

Assemble the salad: Combine the beans, tomatoes, walnuts, and lettuce in a large bowl, and toss with the vinaigrette. Add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with Niçoise olives.

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