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Board of Commissioners votes to limit public access to County government buildings at latest meeting

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In a meeting of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday night, the decision to limit public access to some of the Gordon County Government buildings was made to limit possible exposure of COVID-19.

"One of the issues we've been having is the security of our

buildings," Gordon County Administrator Jim Ledbetter told the Board on Tuesday night. "Other counties have all in some form restricted access to their public buildings. With our downtown campus, right now, in the courthouse, the judges have Probate Court, Magistrate Court and the Superior Court Clerk's Office. You walk in through security and you hit locked doors. You can do business through

the window at (Superior Court Clerk's) office. The thing is, in order to get into the courthouse, you see a deputy. Then you run into locked doors. Is there a better way, since court business has been severely restricted by the Supreme Court to emergency functions, to prevent exposing a deputy, since you don't

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List of local business hours and closings in the Calhoun-Gordon County community due to concerns over COVID-19

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Over at the outlet mall, Calhoun Outlet Marketplace has announced temporary operating hours.

"In order to support our retailers, employees and local community, and in accordance with the latest CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19, we have temporarily modified our operating hours to 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday, effective Tuesday, March 17," said the outlet mall in a statement on its website. "Each store or restaurant's operating

hours may vary. Please check their websites for the latest information. We are closely monitoring the rapidly evolving situation with federal, state and local health officials and will provide any additional updates as they become available."

Bath & Body Works, which has a location in Calhoun Outlet Marketplace, announced Monday all stores in the United States and Canada will be closing as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The announcement was made in an email to customers. Employees will be paid during this time off. The company is working to stock their warehouses

for distribution purposes; online shopping is still available for those who wish to shop from home.

American Eagle, also located in Calhoun Outlet Marketplace, announced they have closed all stores effective Tuesday morning, March 17. Employees will be paid throughout their time off.

Nike has also announced that they are shuttering all stores in the United States, Canada, Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand from March 16 through March 27.

Chick-fil-A Calhoun has announced they have temporarily closed their

dining room to service. They are still operating out of their drive-thru and are offering curbside delivery via the Chick-fil-A app.

Bojangles' announced in a statement that all of their stores dining rooms are closed at this time.

"At Bojangles', our priority will always be the health and safety of our team members and customers. We wanted to give you an update on our plans to ensure the well-being of everyone involved in our restaurants," said the company in a



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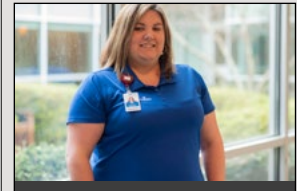
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Chick-fil-A Calhoun will continue to serve customers through their drive-thru, and offers the option of curbside service at this time. Their dining room is closed to the public due to COVID-19 precautions.

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City and County announce operational procedures during COVID-19 pandemic

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The City of Calhoun and Gordon County have both announced operational procedures for the government and departments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CITY OF CALHOON:

The City of Calhoun continues to monitor and assess the COVID-19 situation relying on information being passed down from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). Based on this information the following items have been put into action in our community:

Calhoun-Gordon County COVID-19 Task Force

Local Government, Public Safety, Public Health, Faith Based Organizations, VAC and Public School officials formed a task force to address the concerns and to form a plan in the response to the COVID-19 situation.

The Task Force has been meeting weekly.

The Task Force has developed a protocol to protect first responders who may be responding to emergency calls pertaining to COVID-19 risks.

Gordon County Senior Citizens Center

Senior Center is closed to public access.

Nutrition will be delivered.
Welfare calls will be made.

Calhoun Recreation Department and Gordon County Parks and Recreation

Recreation Departments are closed to public access.

Gyms are closed to organized activities, games, practices, and all gatherings.

Parks to remain open for walking and passive activities, but the intention is to limit social interactions.

General Government and Utility Departments

Key staff with laptops and necessary software to work remotely if needed.

Calhoun Utilities at 700 West Line Street has been closed to public access. Drive-thru services are available for utility customers.

City Hall is open and staff is on duty, but we strongly encourage all non-emergency business to be delayed or call 706-629-0151 for assistance. Please visit www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com for additional contact information for all city services.

The Calhoun Depot has been closed to public access and no rentals are being booked at the Calhoun Depot or McConnell Center. Call 706-602-5570 for assistance. Most Downtown Calhoun shops and restaurants are offering curbside services.

Highlighted online services on social media and websites.

Monitoring CDC and Department of Public Health websites for updated information.

Continue to monitor the situation via briefings from the Governor's office, the White House, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Supporting first responders.

Working closely with Calhoun Police Department and Calhoun Fire Department.

Pushing notifications to departments and the public.

Administration has been



personally checking in with departments and officials to determine needs.

Coordinating with other cities by telephone and email.

Tracking meetings and time for federal/state reimbursement opportunities.

Calhoun and Gordon County leadership remain in contact and cooperation on many levels that include administration, fire, law enforcement, EMA, EMS, E9-1-1, recreation, and senior center.

Local Schools

Both city and county schools are closed pursuant to the Governor's Order.

Staff is calling students and families to ensure that they have the resources needed.

Food programs have been put in place for all students.

Elections

Early/Advance Voting was ceased at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The Presidential Preference Primary has been postponed until May 19, 2020.

If someone has already voted for their presidential preference, then

only the general primary election will be on the ballot.

If someone has not already voted for their presidential preference, they will have the general primary election and the presidential preference on the ballot.

Municipal Court

Calhoun Municipal Court has postponed all court proceedings through March 23rd, with additional court date delays expected.

Police Department

Calhoun Police Department will conduct services as usual for all emergency situations.

All non-essential fingerprinting has been discontinued until further notice.

Availability to file non-emergency incident reports over the phone by calling E911's non-emergency numbers at (706) 629-0911 or (706) 602-0911. Callers will be connected to an officer who will determine if the event in question qualifies for an over the phone incident report.

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Second Front

Kim Kirby recognized with Extra Mile Award

ADVENTHEALTH GORDON

Kim Kirby was recently awarded AdventHealth Gordon’s prestigious Extra Mile Award.

This special award was created by members of the hospital’s Employee Engagement Committee to recognize employees who go above and beyond the call of duty on a regular basis. It is awarded monthly to deserving employees selected by the hospital’s directors.

Kirby, who works at AdventHealth Medical Group Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Calhoun, was nominated by a coworker with the following words: “This morning, I witnessed an act of kindness that is so deserving of this award. My daughter had a doctor’s appointment this morning, and while we were in the lobby waiting, I saw an elderly couple walking up the sidewalk. The husband was on crutches and his wife had a cane and could barely able to walk. They finally made their way into the lobby and stopped at the first desk and then slowly made their way to Kim’s desk. The gentleman explained that he had an appointment. I could not hear the rest of the conversation

as my attention turned elsewhere until I heard Kim tell him that he was at the wrong office. The couple looked so confused and perplexed, and he was heard saying ‘I don’t think I can make it back to the car.’ Kim very kindly asked him if he would like a wheelchair, and when he agreed, she told him she would be right out.

“She smilingly came out and assisted him into the wheelchair and helped them both out of the building. I watched as they left the building, and Kim turned to the wife and held her hand to help her off the sidewalk. She could easily have given them the information and left them to cope on their own, but she did the right thing and took care of them both by seeing them out safely.

“I would like to thank Kim for taking care of these two individuals through keeping them safe, loving them with this act of kindness, making it easy, owning it, living out our values and showing them the true mission and vision of AdventHealth.”

About AdventHealth Gordon
Founded in 1935, AdventHealth Gordon is proud to be a member of AdventHealth. With a sacred mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of



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Christ, AdventHealth is a connected system of care for every stage of life and health. More than 80,000 skilled and compassionate caregivers in physician practices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospice centers provide individualized, wholistic care. A shared vision, common values, focus on whole-person health and

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

Sheriff Continues To Take Measures Against the Spread of COVID-19/Coronairus, Protect Jail Population

GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Gordon County Sheriff Mitch Ralston released a statement concerning the measures his office is taking against the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the jail population at Gordon County Jail.

“As our country, and much of the rest of the world is in the grip of the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, I want to inform the public of measures we have taken, and are continuing to undertake, to protect the public, our staff, and the inmate population over whom we have responsibility. On Friday (March 13) I initiated measures whereby both the Jail lobby and the (Sheriff’s Office) business lobby will be closed to the public. Persons may still come to the jail to post bond for a anyone in custody, but should call the jail and advise the staff when they plan to arrive. All jail visitation has been suspended. All inmate work details (such as trash pickup) has been suspended. All detainees will be medically screened (in the jail

‘sallyport’) before being admitted to the jail. Jail staff are screened before beginning each shift.

I have undertaken these measures to protect not only the public, my staff, but particularly the inmate population which is, by nature especially vulnerable to the spread of disease.

I have initiated additional measures today regarding the spread of the virus, which include: New policies are in place between the Jail and the Magistrate Court regarding bond hearings to streamline the procedure and minimize inmate movement and contact between all parties. Mail/package delivery to the jail (with the exception of privileged legal communications and court documents) has been suspended. Internal sanitation/ disinfectant procedures have been doubled. Requisition/acquisition of personal protective equipment for staff is underway. Our vendors which provide inmate telephone / email services to the jail have agreed to my request to provide enhanced (free) services to facilitate communications



between inmates and the outside world. The service of warrants, writs, subpoenas, summonses, and civil actions is being prioritized. The response to non-emergency/non-life threatening calls is being modified and prioritized, and citizens are urged to use telephone and online resources for non-emergency matters. Deputies are being redeployed from other duties to patrol services on an as-needed basis. Sworn officers and other staff have been instructed regarding CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus, particularly “social distancing” when interacting with others. And any staff member symptomatic of viral infection will be immediately placed on sick leave. All of these directives are in place for your protection, as well as ours.

This is a time of trial for the world, our country, our state, and our community. There is an urgency for us to act, as individuals and together as a community, to do everything in our power to slow the spread of COVID-19/Coronavirus. I urge everyone, in the strongest possible terms, to follow the recommendations of the CDC and other medical professionals concerning hygiene, and “social distancing”. The danger is real, no one is immune, and the time for us to act is now. Lastly, we are a people of faith, and I ask you once again to join me in humble prayer for those affected by the virus, those working to defeat it, those protecting our communities, and everyone else at risk, wherever they may be. God bless.”

Gordon GOP restructuring Precinct Caucus, County Convention due to COVID-19 concerns

GORDON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Because of the coronavirus situation the Gordon GOP will be restructuring it’s precinct caucus and county convention. The main purpose of the convention is to elect Delegate and Alternates to District and State conventions. We are attempting to have the

smallest convention possible but still conduct the election of Delegates and Alternates to the District and State.

If you would like to be a delegate to one or all of the upcoming conventions, send an email to

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone Number

4. Birthday
5. Which conventions you want to be a delegate to.

•District Convention will be held on April 18 in Dalton, Ga.

•State Convention will be held May 29 through May 30 in Atlanta, Cobb County

For more information email charity.tidwell@att.net or kwthorman@gmail.com.

Food City to Hire 2,500 Associates

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Food City is committed to the communities we serve. Effective immediately, Food City plans to hire 2,500 additional associates to assist many of our friends, neighbors and area students who are currently seeking employment.

Food City store locations currently have both full-time and part-time opportunities available in key customer service and food service positions throughout our entire our market area. This includes Cashiers, Courtesy Clerks, Day/Night Stockers, as well as experienced/skilled positions, such as Meat Cutters, Cake Decorators, retail management.

Food City is a local, family owned and operated company with lots of growth opportunity and offers a generous benefits package, including competitive salaries, comprehensive training, healthcare coverage, with medical and dental plans, 401(k) with a 3% company match, vacation accrual, vision coverage, company paid life and disability plans, and an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. In addition to these great benefits, Food City also offers advancement opportunities to associates who wish



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to progress within a growing company.

Food City invites all interested candidates to apply online at FoodCityCareers.com or visit any Food City location to complete an employment application.

DON’T FORGET: Funds still available for Tallatoona CAP LIHEAP Heating Assistance

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.

Obituaries

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Henley Garlin

Mr. Henley M. “Sonny” Garlin, age 84, of Calhoun, departed this life Saturday evening, March 14, 2020 at Wellstar Tranquility Community Hospice in Marietta.

Mr. Garlin was born in Lindale, Ga. on July 27, 1935. He was a son of the late James Alfred McClellan and Stella Mae Carter Garlin. In addition to his mother and father he was also preceded in death by his sisters, Inez Kelly and Pauline Dyer; brothers, J.C. Garlin, Oscar Garlin, and Z.T. Garlin.

He was a 1952 graduate of Model High School in Floyd County. Mr. Garlin was retired from Galey & Lord Mills. He was a member of the Ball Creek Baptist Church.

Mr. Garlin is survived by his loving wife, Annie Ruth Patterson Garlin, to whom he was married to on June 21, 1958; daughters and son-in-law, Lydia Waters of Jasper, Charlotte and Keith Holmes of Calhoun; son and daughter-in-law, Stacey and Dawn Garlin of Resaca; brother, William Bill Garlin of Corning, California; sister-in-law, Margaret Garlin of Adairsville; grandchildren, Zachary and Amber Waters, Kyle and Rachel Waters, Jacob and Sarah Holmes, Joshua Garlin, Makayla Holmes, Garrett Hammonds, and Sarah Garlin; a number of great-grandchildren also survive.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Garlin will be held on Thursday morning, March 19, 2020 at 11 a.m. in Ponders Calhoun Chapel with Reverend Wallace Parks and Reverend Jason Phillips officiating. He will be laid to rest at Chandler Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 1 – 9 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 a.m. until the service hour of 11 a.m. at Ponders Calhoun Chapel.

Arrangements by Ponders Calhoun Chapel, Hwy 41 North, Calhoun, Georgia.



Shelly was born on July 7, 1973 in Minneapolis, Minn. to Jim Goodwin and Dottie Kueum Goodwin. Shelly worked at Floyd Medical Center as a Registered Nurse. She was a member of Rock Bridge Community Church.

Shelly is survived by: her husband, Doug Heath; son, Jayden Heath; daughter, Jocelyn Heath; father-in-law and mother-in-law Larry and Sara Heath; and sister, Sheila Boettcher.

A celebration of the life of Shelly Heath will be held 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 Shelly L. Heath.



Danny Hightower

Danny Lee Hightower, age 71, of Gordon County, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2020 at his residence.

Danny was born on Sept. 7, 1948 in Gordon County to the late Hubert Lee Hightower and Polly Jacks Hightower. Danny was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. Prior to his retirement, Danny was a Minister.

Danny is survived by: his wife, Joyce Hightower; two sons, Chris Hightower and Andy Hightower; brother, Tim Hightower; sister, Joan Booz; two grandchildren, Angel Timm and Zachary Hightower; and four great-grandchildren, Cohutta Pesak, Marlee Timm, Sophia Hightower, and Jabo Hightower.

A celebration of the life of Danny will be held 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 Danny Lee Hightower.



Guy Kent

Guy H. Kent, age 78, of Calhoun, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Guy was born on Dec. 16, 1941 in Dekalb County to the late Charles Kent and Martha Matheson Kent. In addition to his parents, Guy was also preceded

in death by his wife, Rita Lynn Ellis Kent. He was a Methodist Minister and was Pastor of Farmville United Methodist Church.

Guy is survived by: two sons, Scott Kent and his wife Denise of Roswell, and Matt Kent and his wife Emily of New Milford, Conn.; one daughter, Christi Kasha and her husband Terry of Marietta; brother, Bill Kent and his wife Lisa of Brunswick; seven grandchildren, Ansley Kasha, Faith Kasha, Kylee Kasha, Alma Kent, Al Kent, Owen, Kent, and Sam Kent; and many loving cousins also survive.

A celebration of the life of Guy Kent will be held 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 Guy H. Kent.



Tim Walraven

Mr. Timothy (Tim) Walraven, 63, of Calhoun, died March 12, 2020, at his residence following an extended illness.

Tim was born in Gordon County, on April 23, 1956, son of the late Grady Walraven Sr. and Lucille Sitton Walraven. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Steve Walraven in 2008.

He was retired from Ford’s Super Market where he started when he a young boy 14 years of age and remained there until the store closed and was a member of the 1974 graduating class of Red Bud High School.

Survivors include a brother, Grady Walraven Jr. and his wife Nena of Lindale, sister-in-law, Deborah Walraven, niece, Stephanie Walraven Lathem, nephew, Bryan Walraven, great-nieces, great-nephew, and other relatives also survive.

A service to honor and remember the life of Timothy (Tim) Walraven was held Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 2 p.m. from the graveside at Crane Eater Cemetery with Eddie Brannon officiating.

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

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



Shelly Heath

Shelly L. Heath, age 46 of Calhoun, passed away on March 15, 2020 at AdventHealth Gordon.

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.

-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.

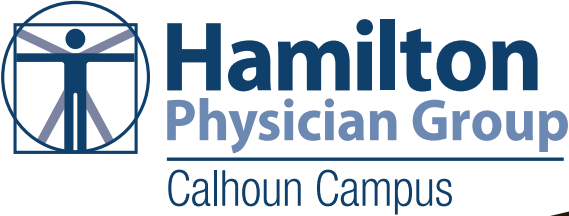
-Caring for a loved one who is suffering from late-stage cancer is certainly one of life’s hardest experiences. But you do not have to go through this alone. The Harris Radiation Therapy Center at Gordon

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.



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Church News

COMPETITION FOR AFFECTION



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Today we continue with our Bad Dads of the Bible series. This is based on the book written by Ronald C. Warren. It gives examples of biblical dad’s who blew it at some point(s) in their lives that had devastating effects on their family.

The second mistake that we will look at is dads making their children compete for their affection. This behavior can be seen in the relationships dads have with both sons and daughters. When I think about the importance of fathers being ‘dads,’ I often think of the relationships of dads with their sons. After all, it’s hard for young men to grow up to be great husbands and dads, when it wasn’t modeled in front of them. In Warren’s book, he tells of how the mistake of dads making their children compete for their affection can cause ‘daddy issues’ that often carry over into the relationships and marriages of the

daughters. A good father gives his daughter security confidence to know that she is ‘love worthy’ by the opposite sex. This is illustrated in the book through the example found in Genesis 29, of Laban and his daughters, Leah and Rachel. Leah was the oldest of the two daughters, and she less attractive than Rachel the younger. You have to remember in those days things were a lot different. In a huge way, it seems that family trees didn’t branch as much as they do today. Soon this family turned into a “Jerry Springer” episode. The Bible says that one day Laban’s nephew Jacob came to his home and fell in love with

his youngest daughter, Rachel, and wanted to marry her. Laban worked out a deal with Jacob, in that he could marry Rachel after he worked for him for seven years. Jacob kept his end of the bargain. However, on the wedding night, Laban switched Leah for Rachel. Of course Jacob was furious, when he found out he was married to Leah instead of Rachel. Laban told him that it was customary for the older daughter to marry before the younger. But he made him a second offer. He told Jacob that if he would work an additional seven years, that he could also marry Rachel. Jacob agreed, and after seven more years of intense labor, he married Laban’s second

daughter. Pretty soon, the two daughters started competing for Jacob’s love and attention, by bearing children to him. Leah had the first four sons. When Rachel failed to conceive, she blamed Jacob for not giving her children. She even demanded him to have children for her through her maidservant. Years of dysfunction continued, not only through the two sisters, but also through their sons. Their sons would ultimately become the twelve tribes of Israel, and Leah’s sons would one day conspire to sell Rachel’s son Joseph, Jacob’s favorite, into slavery. All of this came about because Leah and Rachel learned from their

dad, that love wasn’t something you received for who you were, but for what you did. This was illustrated to them by Laban’s shady dealing with Jacob. Even if a dad doesn’t plan to play favorites, the desire of his children to please their dad and be loved will often lead to an unhealthy competition between them. This is not God’s plan. True love can’t be earned by what someone does for us. God loves us not because of what we do or don’t do for Him, but because we are His. If you need to fix this mistake in your family, do it today before it leads to destruction in future generations. Be Blessed.

Church Calendar

ONGOING

-Philadelphia Christian School is located off Highway 41 between Calhoun and Adairsville. The school offers 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade, using the A-Beka curriculum. To find out more about the school, call the office at 706-625-3233.
-Faith Deliverance Ministry and Outreach will be taking donations of clothes, shoes, also all house hold items to help needy families. Call Minister Evelyn Adams at 706-671-7988.
-Celebrate Recovery, a faith based 12-step program, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Relevate Church in Ranger off 411. Call Nicole for information: 706-979-4713/706-290-8028.
-East Calhoun Church of God, at 401 Peters Street, gives out groceries and clothing through the “Feed the Needy” ministry each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The church hosts a miracle healing service every first Friday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact “Feed the Needy” ministry director Florence Jones at 706-409-1981. Senior pastor is Keith Reid.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Fairmount United Methodist Church-Loving One Another To Christ. Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m. Children’s Church provided. New Minister now Leading. New programs and community outreach coming soon.
-Pastor Terry Reisner invites everyone to the Vision Pentecostal Ministry located at 401 South Wall Street in Calhoun. Come hear the truth of God’s Word Sundays at 11 a.m.
-Faith Deliverance Church & Outreach Ministry Welcomes Everyone to an Anointed Church Service at 1320 Dawnville Road in Dalton every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. Pastor and Evangelist Evelyn Adams, also an Anointed Gospel Singing. Come expecting Jesus to move for you. Miracles, Healing, Deliverance, Salvation. For more information or directions, call Minister Evelyn Adams (706) 671-7988
-Pine Chapel United Methodist Church, located at 2232 Pine Chapel Road in Resaca, “A place to

begin, belong and become.”
Calhoun First 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
-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.

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

Cash Flow with Joe: Investing, family and footprints



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Real estate investing is our family business, and I'm not just talking about Ashley being my partner. Our kids have also been involved their entire lives. You see, Ashley was closing a short sale and fielding calls while giving birth to our first born. I'm not joking. I have the video to prove it. She was on the

phone talking to a seller while 8 centimeters dilated. You can literally see her having a contraction on the monitor while talking to those folks. She's a tough woman, isn't she?

We have a picture of my son at the foreclosure auction four weeks later helping Mommy buy two properties.

Our kids have been with us door knocking pre-foreclosures. And they really have a keen eye for pointing out vacant properties.

They've gone with me to do in-homes on potential tenants and have seen how we take care of our rental houses. They understand how important it is to take care of our tenants because they are the ones who pay for us to live.

There have been multiple times that Daddy has had to get up from the

dinner table to go on a service call because one of "our people" as we call them has a broken water main or some other emergency. They understand that it's our job to make sure that those families are taken care of, too.

My kids are no strangers to rehabs, either. They've been in houses where we are doing nothing more than paint and floor covering, and they've also seen complete gut jobs. And they're always willing to help.

I just got through listening to a book called "Intentional Living" by John C. Maxwell. In the book, John challenges the reader to choose to live every day with purpose and intentionality. He points out that living this way doesn't just happen. It takes effort and planning.

One of the quotes I

enjoyed in the book goes something like, "You are supposed to leave footprints in the sands of time. Unfortunately, many people just leave butt prints." John was using this point to say that people sit around waiting for purpose to strike them. When in reality, you have to go and pursue an intentional life.

I want to live a life that matters. I want it to matter to my Father above and to His cherished possessions. He put me in charge of — my wife and children.

One of the things I want to impart to my children is that everything we have belongs to Yahweh. And in accordance with Deuteronomy 8:18, it is Yahweh who has given us the power to gain wealth. Without Him, we are nothing. But with Him, we find everything. We are to be good stewards of what

Yahweh gives us and use it to do good in the world.

The only way I know how to intentionally show our kids this concept is by being a good example at home and then bringing them to work with us. This allows them to see visions of what could be in a property, how to plan well and what hard work and dedication really look like.

Take a flip project we have going on in Calhoun. My kids got to see — and smell — what the house looked like from the beginning. They got to hear Mom and Dad strategizing about changes to be made. They got to see the house as it moved through the rehab process.

And last week, they got to help on the work. You see, it has been raining a bunch with cold temperatures, and we still needed to paint the back deck. On Sunday, we

got our chance.

Now, I could've had guys come in and do it for us, but I wanted me and my boy to and work together. And it was awesome. My seven-year-old worked tirelessly to get his portion done. As he did, we talked about all kinds of things ranging from comics to economics, family and faith.

Did I have to go back and fix runs in the paint? You bet. But I was there working with purpose, intentionally leaving footprints in the sands of time with my son, and I wouldn't trade it for the world.

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.

What's the Difference Between Short- and Long-term Investing?



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As you go through life, you'll have many financial goals. Fortunately, you don't need to achieve them all at the same time. But when you have a mix of short- and long-term goals, you will need to

pursue some different investment strategies simultaneously.

Your short-term goals may depend somewhat on your stage in life. For example, when you're starting out with your career and you're beginning to raise a family, you may well have a goal of saving enough money for a down payment on a home. Later on, though, you may decide you want to travel the world for a year.

Because you know about how much money you'll need, and when you'll need it, you can choose the appropriate investments, with these characteristics:

- Low risk – Above

all else, you want the right amount of money to be there when it's time to use it. So, you'll need low-risk, high-stability investments. You won't see much in the way of growth from these types of investments, but you also won't be sweating every single market downturn in fear of not reaching your goal.

- Liquidity – You won't want to worry about trying to find a market for your investment when it's time to sell it and then use the proceeds for your short-term goal. That's why you need to pick short-term vehicles that are highly liquid.

Now, moving on to longer-term goals, the

situation can be quite a bit different. Suppose, for instance, you're saving and investing for a retirement that may be three or four decades away. For this goal, you have one overriding motivation: to end up with as much money as possible. And since you have so many years until you need this money, you may be able to take on more risk than you could with the investments you counted on for your short-term needs. This isn't to say you should be reckless, of course – you still need to pay attention to your individual risk tolerance. Overall, though, there's a big philosophical difference, in terms of risk capacity,

between investing for the long term versus the short term.

When you're saving for a long-term goal such as retirement, you may need to rely primarily on your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And within these accounts, you'll need a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments. It's true that growth investments are volatile, with sometimes sharp price declines. But in exchange, you have the opportunity for greater growth potential.

Once you do retire, you'll still have long-term goals. For one thing, even during retirement, you'll need

your portfolio to have some growth potential to keep you ahead of inflation. And you'll also need to address perhaps the longest-term goal of all: leaving the type of legacy you desire for your loved ones.

A financial professional can help you clarify and prioritize your short- and long-term goals, as well as assist you in choosing the appropriate strategies for helping meet these goals – whether they're three years or three decades away. *This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

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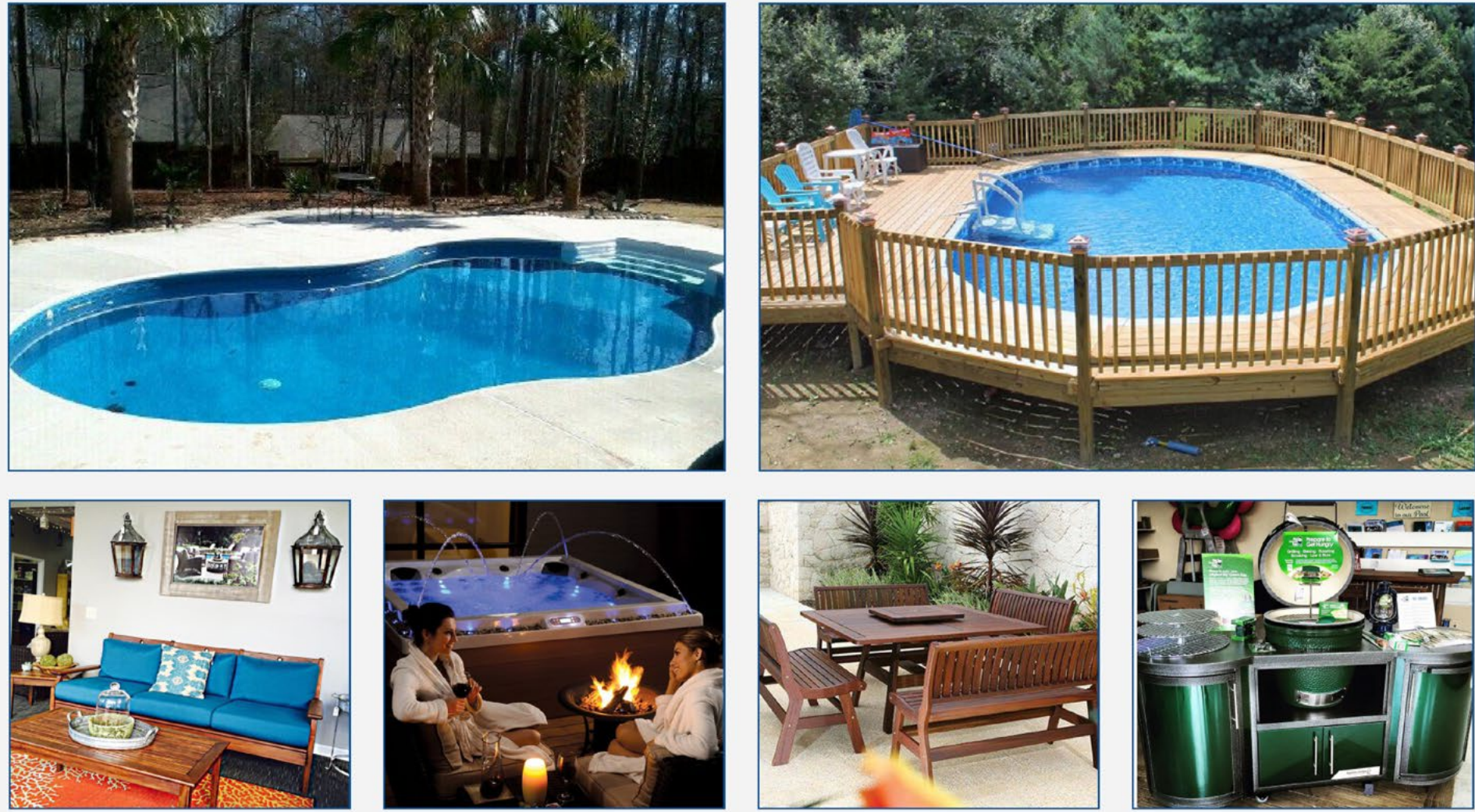
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GORDON GROWN

Attracting Birds to the Landscape



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Birdwatching is a favorite hobby of many folks. In fact, it can be a great way to stop and take a moment to enjoy nature. It seems that life moves quickly with many people seemingly on the go constantly thus making it hard to find ways to just slow down. By providing a home landscape that is more inviting to birds, you can enjoy them from your own backyard.

This article will center on how you can make your landscape

more attractive to birds so you can enjoy a larger population at home. I will be using information from a revised UGA publication by Bob Westerfield, UGA Extension Horticulturist.

There is one basic concept to keep in mind when wanting to make your backyard more attractive for birds. To attract and keep a bird population on your place, you have to provide the needed food, shelter/ nesting areas and water. That should be a simple thought process. Humans need food, water and shelter to survive and birds need those to be checked off the list for their survival too.

One favorite holiday memory is watching all of the cardinals and other bird species visiting the bird bathes and feeders at the home of my grandparents. The kitchen window gave a perfect view of all of the bird activity.

Keep in mind that

ornamental trees and shrubs on the property can give shelter and areas for nesting. Our information states that many ornamental plants can cover more than one habitat requirement for birds. If you have multi-stem plants, they can make a dense canopy that can give a place for nesting and cover.

The trees and shrubs as much as possible should help give the birds a food source also. This is where using native trees and shrubs in the landscape can help. These native items can provide fruits and berries for the birds.

If there are times where your trees and shrubs are not providing a food source, you can go the route of the commercial bird seed mixes to help keep the birds around the yard.

I will add that our information states that some birds eat a variety of seed while some bird species only like

one or two seed types. You should note that sunflower seeds, proso millet seeds and peanut kernels are enjoyed by the majority of birds.

Over the course of a year, landscapes in our area will see a wide range of weather conditions from cold, heat, wind, rain and snow for example. If you want birds to stay for a long time on a property, they will need cover or shelter to protect them from weather and even predators.

Note the dense canopy we discussed previously that multi-stem plants can provide. Keep in mind these type areas will provide needed nesting spots too. Shelter is needed year-round so you need to have a balance of deciduous and evergreen plants on the property. Our information adds that it is suggested to have at least 25 percent of the trees and shrubs in the landscape to be evergreen.

Do not forget the fresh water. This is another key in keeping a bird population in the landscape. The water source for the birds should be no more than 2 to 3 inches deep. You need to replace the water regularly. Many people will have a shallow fountain to keep the water running. This is more ideal. You need the water source to be elevated or in the middle of an open area to help the birds keep an eye out for predators. Do not forget to offer the birds water even in winter months.

We can provide you with a list of southeastern trees and shrubs that will help provide cover and/or food, the fruiting season for that tree or shrub, whether the item is deciduous or evergreen and the size category of that tree or shrub. We can email you the list if you want. Just let me know.

Finally, our information suggests to

do an inventory of the trees and shrubs on your place and make a list or table so you can determine the mix of evergreen and deciduous trees in the landscape. This can also help you determine time of fruiting and periods of time the birds will not have a food supply. Completing an inventory will help determine if you are providing the needed cover and nesting spots for a bird population too. You may run into a situation where you will need to add selected plants to your landscape in order to increase your bird population.

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

I will add to check us out on Facebook at Gordon County Extension/Agriculture and Natural Resources for latest information plus our weekly “Tip of the Week” articles.

COVID-19 prompts postponements of ag events

GEORGIA FARM BUREAU

The GFB Public Relations staff has compiled this list of ag-related events that have altered their schedules in response to the developing crisis associated with the novel coronavirus. Many of the events listed here are events whose organizers asked GFB to promote them. Other events with schedule changes will be added as we are made become aware of them.

GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS & AGRICENTER

The Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter is postponing or canceling all events scheduled from March 17 through April 1. GNFA is working with its show organizers to reschedule as many events as possible and will continue to update our events page at www.gnfa.com.

GEORGIA FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Originally scheduled for March 20-21 at UGA in Athens, has been postponed. Specific information regarding a date and location of the rescheduled event will be sent to local agriculture teachers after details have been confirmed.

At this time, no changes in the schedule for the State FFA Convention (set for April 23-25 in Macon) have been confirmed. Georgia FFA will send updates to its local chapters about the State Convention on April 1.

GEORGIA PECAN GROWERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Originally scheduled for March 24-25, The Georgia Pecan Growers Association annual conference is postponed to Sept. 10-11. The conference will remain in Tifton for the fall event and will essentially combine with GPGA’s annual fall field day. The GPGA uses the conference as its primary fundraiser to offset operating costs hroughout the year. Registration will remain open online until the event occurs in September. All planned events will proceed at the fall event, including the golf tournament, orchard tour, welcome reception, and annual awards luncheon. The GPGA will hold its reverse raffle on March 24 as an online event via Facebook Live through iots Facebook page @ GeorgiaPecanGrowersAssociation.


SOLAR ENERGY IN GEORGIA WORKSHOP

Originally scheduled for March 26 at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, the workshop has been postponed. Details TBA.


APPLE GRAFTING WORKSHOPS

Originally scheduled for March 26 at the Ball Ground Community Center in Ball Ground, the workshops have been canceled. County Extension Agent Josh Fuder is working to refund fees for people who have already registered.


CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION




WEAR A SURGICAL MASK




WASH HANDS WITH WATER AND SOAP/SANITIZER




AVOID CONTACT WITH ANIMALS




DON'T EAT RAW FOOD THOROUGHLY COOK MEAT AND EGGS




DON'T TOUCH EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH UNWASHED HANDS



COVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH WHEN SNEEZING



AVOID CONTACT WITH SICK PEOPLE



REGULAR SLEEP

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CHEROKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU AG EXPO

Originally scheduled for March 27 at Hickory Flat Fellowship Church in Canton, the Expo is postponed. Details TBA.

PEANUT PROUD FESTIVAL

Originally scheduled for March 28 in Blakely, the Peanut Proud Festival has been canceled.

Details about the Peanut Proud Store, vendors, and other topics will be posted on the Peanut Proud Facebook page as they become available.

GEORGIA CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AND BEEF EXPO

Originally scheduled for April 2-4, has been rescheduled for May 28-30 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter. Convention registration has been transferred to the correct dates. Hotel rooms booked by GCA staff have been moved to the correct dates. Individuals who booked their lodging will need to make sure it is moved to the correct dates.

ABAC GEE HAW WHOA BACK RODEO

Originally Scheduled for April 3-4 in Tifton, has been postponed. The rodeo will be rescheduled to a date TBA.

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ANNUAL MEETING

Originally scheduled for April 5-7 in Pine Mountain, has been postponed. GACD annual meeting will be rescheduled and information regarding the new date of our

re-scheduled annual meeting and details regarding registration fees, etc. will be communicated as soon as possible. Current reservations made in the GACD

room block at Callaway Gardens will be rolled over to the re-scheduled meeting dates.

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COUNTY

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go anywhere after that due to the locked doors. Can we take it a step back so that you can control the doorway (to the courthouse) so that you would have to call before you expose that deputy to a potential virus situation? If we start isolating deputies and firemen, we’re going to be in trouble public safety-wise.

“The other place I’m concerned about is at the Tax Commissioners Office,” said Ledbetter. “We’ve ordered cough screens, but it’s going to be at least until the end of next week, at the very soonest, that we can have those installed. The Tax Assessors Office is pretty much self-isolated; at the Tax Commissioner’s Office, renewals can be done over the phone or by email. You’ve got to go in to register your car. What I would like the Board to consider doing is what they’ve done in Polk County; all of their government offices are open, but you’ve got to call in to be able to do business. That way, we can bring the public in one at a time instead of having groups, and also, when they call in, they can be screened and asked if they have a fever, have you been around somebody that’s tested (positive for COVID-19).”

“It’s just one more way to lower the curve and protect the spread of the virus,” said Ledbetter. “It will be inconvenient. If you can’t do much business in our courts anyway because of the Supreme Court order, why risk a deputy being exposed at the door; then that deputy go back to the sheriff’s office in the afternoon and potentially expose others.”

After approving the measure, Gordon County released the following formal statement:

CLOSINGS

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statement. “As additional precautionary measures and in an effort to protect the communities we serve, we are taking the following steps:

-Temporarily closing dining rooms in all restaurants and serving customers in the drive-thru, takeout and delivery where available.

-Continuing to reinforce our Standard Operating Procedures on restaurant cleanliness, including thorough handwashing, extensive sanitation measures and strictly prohibiting employees who are sick from reporting for work

-Requiring all restaurant crew members to wear gloves
-Ensuring stores are stocked with appropriate cleaning supplies

“We welcome you to continue to enjoy our delicious Southern food through our drive-thru, takeout and delivery, and want you to know we are doing everything we can to ensure your safety. We will keep you updated as plans evolve and appreciate your continued trust and support of Bojangles’.”

Family owned Yellow Jacket Drive in is currently operating inside seating as well as drive thru window and two walk up windows.

“We appreciate everyone and just know we are taking

GOVERNMENTS

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Fire Department

City of Calhoun firefighters remain at a constant state of readiness and training.

City of Calhoun firefighters are following CDC and Department of Public Health guidelines.

Protocols have been put in place to protect our firefighters from possible exposure to COVID 19.

Public entry to the firehouses has been restricted to impede unnecessary contact and increase social distancing.

GORDON COUNTY:

Gordon County continues to monitor and assess the COVID-19 situation relying on information being passed down from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). Based on this information the following items have been put into action in our community:

Calhoun Gordon County COVID-19 Task Force

Local Government, Public Safety, Public Health, Faith Based Organizations, VAC and Public School officials formed a task force to address the concerns and to form a plan in the response to the COVID-19 situation.

The Task Force has been meeting weekly.

The Task Force has developed a protocol to protect first responders who may be responding to emergency calls pertaining to COVID-19 risks.

Local Governments

Closed Senior Center.

Nutrition will be delivered.

Welfare calls will be made.

Closed Recreation Department.

-The staff is being crossed-trained.

-The Sonoraville gym is being sanitized to be ready if needed for other uses.

Equipped key staff with laptops and finance software to work remotely if needed.

Highlighted online services on social media and websites.

Monitoring CDC and Department of Public Health websites for updated information.

ontinue to monitor the situation via briefings from the Governor’s office, the White House, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Supporting first responders

Providing sanitation stations as available at the tax commissioner’s office.

Submitted a Continuity of Government Plan to departments to fill out.

Working closely with Gordon EMA and Georgia Emergency Management Agency

Has met in person with Calhoun to coordinate responses and phone calls with Resaca and Fairmount.

“As Gordon County Officials continue to monitor the evolving situation surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we believe that it is in the best interest of our employees and the public to implement the following action.

“Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, as a precaution, and to limit exposure from person to person contact, Gordon County Government will restrict public access to public County buildings and facilities. Gordon County will continue to provide services and encourages the use of online services at gordoncounty.org. All County employees will be required to report daily as normal. As this situation continues to develop, adjustments may be made, if necessary, to facilitate the delivery of services.

“Residents needing to conduct business with a County department, after an attempt to use online services, should contact that department by phone or e-mail. Contact information for County departments is available on Gordon County’s website: www.gordoncounty.org.

“This action will remain in place for at least the next 14 days and may be extended as necessary.

“Again, we urge all residents to remain calm and follow the advice and recommendations of public health professionals which includes:

-Washing your hands regularly with soap for at least 20 seconds

-Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands

-Staying home when you are sick

-Avoiding close contact with people who are sick

-Cleaning/Disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces

-Calling your healthcare provider if you experience any flu-like symptoms

“If you are scheduled to appear for court, PLEASE contact your lawyer, Public Defender, or the court

all measures to make sure you are taken care of,” said the restaurant in a statement. “Feel free to call your order in at 706-629-4347 and pick up at any of the above.”

Gaby’s Home Cooking, which recently opened up in the old B&J’s Diner location on South Wall Street, said that they are offering pickups, simply call 762-204-2004 or visit their Facebook page at Gaby’s Home Cooking.

High Point Nutrition, located at the corner of Dews Pond and Harmony Church, is also offering curbside pickup. You can text/call in your order to 706-506-2184 with your make/color of your vehicle and estimated time for pick up.

Many of the local gyms are also taking local precautions.

Planet Fitness Calhoun also announced a temporary closing effective Tuesday, March 17.

“Out of an abundance of caution, this Planet Fitness will be temporarily closed effective Tuesday, March 17th. We recognize that you were recently billed for your monthly dues and we will credit your payment for our closed days on your next monthly bill upon reopening,” said the company in a social media statement. “We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will reopen as soon as permitted. And don’t forget, tune-in to our daily Facebook Live for FREE at-home workouts for anyone and everyone. Get moving with our trainers and even some surprise celebrity guests for a 20 minute or less workout because we know to stay healthy, we need to stay active. No equipment needed!”

Workout Anytime Calhoun is still open at this time

All county staff department heads met for a round table discussion and planning regarding needs and responses.

Reviewed a Gordon County Pandemic Plan.

Pushing notifications to departments and the public.

Administration has been personally checking in with departments and officials to determine needs.

Vulnerable employees to stay home and telecommute if possible. Could be assigned to call elderly to provide social contacts.

Coordinating with other counties by telephone

Tracking meetings and time for federal/state reimbursement opportunities.

Human resources are accepting applications by email only at this time.

Cities in Gordon County

County Administration has personally called on all cities to ascertain if they have any special needs that have arisen and to offer continuing assistance.

Calhoun and Gordon County leadership remain in contact and cooperation on many levels that include administration, fire, law enforcement, EMA, EMS, E9-1-1, recreation, and senior center.

Local Schools

Both city and county schools are closed pursuant to the Governor’s Order.

Staff is calling students and families to ensure that they have the resources needed.

Food programs have been put in place for all students.

Elections

Early/Advance Voting was ceased at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The Presidential Preference Primary has been postponed until May 19, 2020.

-If someone has already voted for their presidential preference, then only the general primary election will be on the ballot.

-If someone has not already voted for their presidential preference, they will have the general primary election and the presidential preference on the ballot.

Courts

Are following the Order of the Supreme Court

Sheriff’s Office

Suspended in-person visitation

Jail lobby will be closed except for bonds

The Sheriff’s Office business lobby will be closed to the public.

Detainees are being screened outside of the building

Suspended inmates from working outside of the building

Fire Department

The firefighters of Gordon County remain at a constant state of readiness and training.

Protocols have been put in place to protect our firefighters from possible exposure to COVID 19.

Public entry to the firehouses has been restricted to impede unnecessary contact and increase social distancing.

Building and Grounds

office that pertains to your case to determine when / where to appear.

“For more information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, please visit the Georgia DPH website and the CDC website.

“As of March 18, 2020, Gordon County still has only two confirmed cases of COVID-19 and those citizens have been isolated and treated with appropriate care.

“We apologize for any inconvenience, but we feel this action is necessary to comply with the actions and directives of the President, Governor, and Georgia Supreme Court to maintain social distancing and slow the spread of COVID-19.”

In other news from the meeting:

The Board approved a Request to Rezone for a property located at 1506 and 1532 Erwin Hill Road from A-1 to RA-1 to build a home on a two acre tract of line.

The Board approved a Request to Rezone for a property located on Erwin Hill Road from A-1 to R-1 to build a 1200 – 1400 sq. ft. home as a rental property.

The Board approved a request from Resaca Church to use the Pavilion at the Resaca Battlefield Park for a Community Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 12.

The Board awarded a bid for paving materials for the Public Works Department, including:

Culverts: Cherokee Culvert Co.

Right of Way Chemicals: Calhoun Farm Supply

Teeth and Blades: TEC

Paving Marking: Peek Pavement Marking LLC

The next scheduled meeting of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at the Gordon County Administration Building on North Wall Street in downtown Calhoun.

and are taking extra precautions to make sure all gym equipment and the facility is sanitized.

The Rock Fitness Center Sonoraville has cancelled group fitness classes.

“In keeping up with the latest guidelines from the CDC, we will be suspending ALL GROUP FITNESS classes,” said the gym in a Facebook statement. “Classes are set to resume on March 30 in line with childcare. We will be reaching out to our group fitness instructors about potential videos for our group fitness crews (on social media). Please note: all locations are still running on a 24/7 basis with the same office hours.”

Firehouse Gym, located on Curtis Parkway, has put their group fitness classes on hold until April 1 but said in a statement on Facebook that they are open for equipment use.

“Your safety and the safety of our staff are of the upmost importance to us! Please rest assured we are taking ALL MEASURES to minimize any risk to you and our staff at this time to be able to maintain normal operations,” said the gym in a statement. “PLEASE take advantage of the extra wipes, sanitizing stations on the equipment, and located on the walls as well. We appreciate your continued support during this time, as we closely monitor along with our local government to keep you SAFE and informed!”

For all of the local news on COVID-19 outbreak, visit the Gordon Gazette’s free COVID-19 Community Page at www.gordongazettega.com/community-response-covid-19

The staffs are providing a higher level of sterilization and wipe downs in high traffic areas.

Hand cleaning stations are set up in Gordon County Government Plaza as long as supplies of sanitizer last. Inventory of hand sanitizers and disinfectant is running low.

Notices are being posted on entries telling people to stop and do not enter if sick or exposed to someone who is sick.

Other Departments

Building Inspection, Public Works, and Animal Control are open at this time.

Hospital

Entrance points have been limited and screening station are open at all available entrances

Visitation has been limited

Other Organizations

Chamber of Commerce has canceled all events and meetings

George Chamber Resource Center will be closed until March 30, 2020

Boys and Girls Club is closed

Library is closed

Tax Assessor

Encouraging e-filing and reminding public of April 1 dead line for returns and providing forms by mail on request.

Has arranged office for social distancing

Making a drop box available

Tax Commissioner

Hand cleaning stations in use

Installing “cough shields” at teller stations

Drop box is installed and operational. It is located at the front door of the building at the North entrance.

Ag Center

Meetings at conference room are canceled

Redbone Ridges Landfill

Santek Environmental confirms that the landfill and convenience centers remain fully operational and fully staffed. They will continue to operate on normal hours.

According to the DPH website update at noon on March 17th, confirmed cases in the state of Georgia increased in the last twenty four hours by twenty five cases bringing the total number in the state of Georgia to one hundred and forty six. However, Gordon County confirmed cases remains at two.

Gordon County will continue to work diligently to evaluate measures that will assist in protecting our citizens and visitors during this difficult time. We will update if and as changes are made to our government operations and public buildings. Please continue to monitor CDC and DPH websites for the latest information on how to protect yourself and your family.

Gordon County, according to state reporting, still only has two reported confirmed cases of the virus; the first one reported on Thursday, March 12 and the second case reported on Friday, March 13.

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Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Gordon Gazette has a special, free section on their website to keep the public informed of the latest local information and closings at [www.gordongazettega.com/ community-response-covid-19](http://www.gordongazettega.com/community-response-covid-19)

Barbie Birthday Bash hosted by Delta Nu Chapter 5552 raises funds for St. Jude Children’s Hospital

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On Monday, March 9, 2020, Barbie turned 61 years old! She looks good for a “sexagenarian.” To celebrate, the Delta Nu Chapter 5552 of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International based here in Calhoun held a Birthday Party. The Chapter would like to thank the Sonora Masonic Lodge for allowing the use of their space for this event. Attendees were invited to be glam and glitzy for the evening. Party décor was of course all about “Barbie” and in Hot Pink, Black and White. A backdrop featuring Barbie’s vintage silhouette was used for photo shoots and another behind the food bar. Tables featured white cloths, black satin table runners, white candles, fuchsia rose petals and hot pink linen napkins folded as a rose bud Delicious party finger foods of sandwiches, charcuterie trays, chips and crackers along with desserts of champagne cake

bites and mini brownie bars, various wines and a strawberry punch were enjoyed by all. The centerpiece for the bar was a Barbie cake. The icebreaker was “The Purse Game” where everyone pulled items from their handbags, checking them off from a list. It was amazing what some ladies carry around every day. Sherry Presley of Dalton won with an overabundance of items that included deodorant and a toothbrush. She is prepared for anything! Items were available in both a Chinese and Silent Auction and breaks were spent perusing the items and placing bids. Mary Kay consultants, Tammy Brown and Alison Hall attended and kindly donated a gift certificate as a door prize. They provided a brief presentation with demonstration about skin care and how to help our skin age gracefully. The Chapter appreciates their participation. Attendees then all enjoyed a game of “Barbie Bingo” with small prizes pulled with a ribbon from

a basket. The party was a fund-raising event for St Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The evening was a wonderful success. Everyone enjoyed the time together for a “Ladies Night Out” with a purpose. Seventy-five percent of St Jude’s funding comes from public events like this one. About \$400 was raised for St Jude and the Chapter is thankful to those who attended and the merchants who supported the event with donations of prizes or gift certificates. The chapter would like to recognize: Tommy Hall at Big John’s Treat Shoppe and Kool at Professional Car Cleanup for their contributions. Epsilon Sigma Alpha is a premiere leadership and service organization with nearly 1,000 chapters and 10,000 members who volunteer over 650,000 hours of service annually. Founded in 1929, Epsilon Sigma Alpha supports local causes, and support our veterans, active military and their families. The primary international



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Seated: (L to R) Debbie Glore, Vicki Warren. First row standing Mary Cooper, Pat Miolen, Celina Locke, Jackie Jones, Brittany Petty-Rogers, Angela Martin, Elon McClesky. Back row: Linda Reynolds, Jan Deems, Megan Watson, Kathy

philanthropic project is the support of St Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Epsilon Sigma Alpha first partnered with St Jude in 1972 when Danny Thomas spoke at their national conference and asked for their help. In 1972, the survival rate for all leukemia was

50 percent. Today, it is 98 percent. Since 1972, ESA has contributed almost \$300 million to St Jude. Delta Nu meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Their motto is “Good Friends, Good Works and Good Times” or as the

Chapter likes to say “Sisters having fun with a purpose!” If you would like to learn more about the Chapter and/or are interested in becoming a member contact debbiejglore@yahoo.com.

AT THE MOVIES: ‘I Still Believe’ a standard tearjerking romance with far greater potential



COOPER HUNT
Movie Reviews at The Hunt For Film

The true story of Christian music artist Jeremy Camp and his spiritual journey of love and loss with his college sweetheart Melissa Henning in the early 2000’s.

FACTUAL ACCURACY

After viewing the film, I researched the true story to see how accurate the film was to Jeremy Camp’s story. Overall, the main plot lines and character arcs hold up to what happened in real life, an impressive feat that most true-story films fail to accomplish. My only concern with this is the character of Jean-Luc. I can’t find much about this person or the role he played in Jeremy and Melissa’s relationship online. Perhaps this man really did play an important role of adversity for their romance, but the way the character and the subplot surrounding him is written, it comes off as very forced, unnecessary, and frustratingly cliché melo-

drama. **LEAD ACTING** Though I’ve never seen K.J. Apa in Riverdale and have only seen a small amount of Britt Robertson’s work, I was generally pleased with both actors’ performances, more so as the film progressed. Early on in the movie when Jeremy and Melissa first meet, I found both the writing and performances to be dwindling on uncomfortableness, making Camp seem rather creepy and awkward while Melissa was somewhat dismissive or rude. However, once the story picked up steam and became more emotionally charged, both actors, especially Apa, stepped up to the plate.

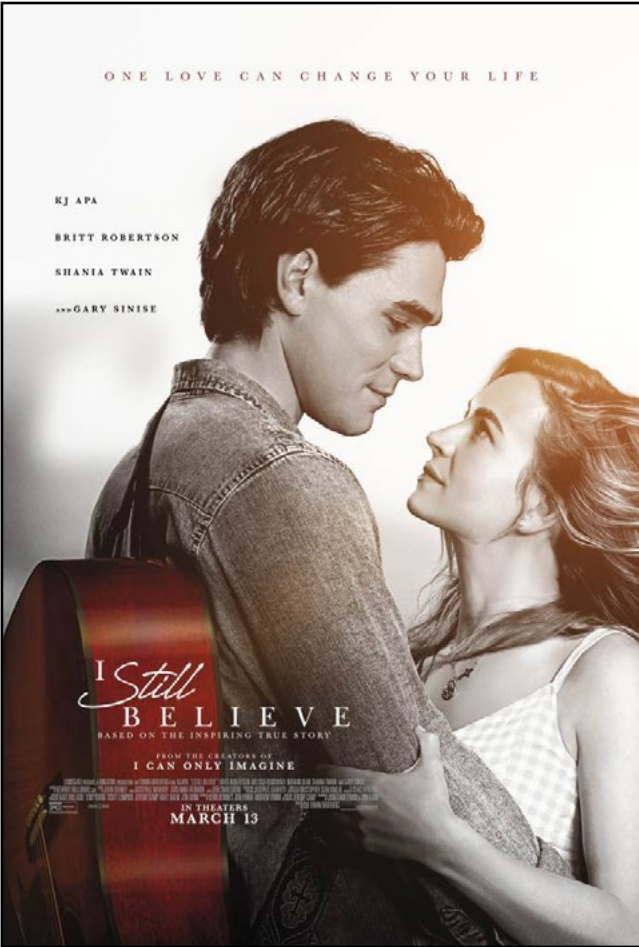
SONGS & SCRIPT There are different kinds of historical biographical films. There are dramas such as Lincoln or Bohemian Rhapsody, musicals such as Rocketman, romances such as The Theory of Everything, or films that walk the line between all three as seen with, well, Walk the Line. This film seems to strictly be a romance and drama with very little musicality which I found incredibly odd given that it’s about a popular musician. I expected Jeremy Camp’s music to be a much larger, thematic presence in the film, using the lyrics to convey internal emotion and grand ideas to the audience and thus giving

us deeper insight into the mind and soul of the artist. Instead, Apa’s Camp plays a couple songs at the beginning, has a few concerts in the middle, and has a concert at the end. There are no major songs repeated throughout the film to demonstrate narrative connectivity, there’s no memorable original score, etc. For a film centering on the highest highs and lowest lows of a faith-focused musician, the screenplay does very little to utilize music to elevate the story and convey its message. Instead it relies entirely on emotional investment in Jeremy and Melissa’s romantic and spiritual relationship to deliver any impact to the audience in the third act. The writers and directors fail to make good use of their best storytelling device: an entire career’s worth of Christian music. I was also disappointed that the script didn’t maximize its efforts to get the producers’ money’s worth out of big name, Oscar-nominated talent Gary Sinise. He weaves his way in and out of the film in a handful of scenes with only one that gives him any dialogue worthy of his skill. I was intrigued by the inclusion of Jeremy’s youngest brother with special needs, hoping that they would incorporate his story into the film, but he’s largely left in the dust after the opening scene. I also thought that

there was much more potential with what could be done character-wise with Jeremy after Melissa’s passing towards the end of the film. Perhaps such a dark, turbulent time could expose some of the truths behind what it’s like to live as a Christian in modern society and raise some truly important, challenging faith-based questions for audience members, especially those who aren’t Christians. Instead, the film shows Camp break down once, destroy his guitar, then find a note from his wife and everything becomes better again. Hardly a realistic depiction of the grieving and mourning process, let alone the existential questioning of one’s personal faith.

CONCLUSION

I relatively enjoyed I Still Believe, however, like the majority of modern faith-based religious films, I feel it doesn’t live up to its grand potential. With such a powerful story of faith, heartbreak, and endurance among humanity, this could’ve been a film that served as a strong beacon of hope for Christians and non-Christians alike, especially amidst such times of international turmoil. Yet due to an average-to-unimpressive screenplay that doesn’t prioritize utilizing the musical works of its central musician character, the movie fails to offer



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any significant answers or reassurance to its viewers. The film still remains enjoyable thanks to the work done by its two leading actors who manage to carry it to the end, but I doubt that anyone outside of Christian audiences would gain much satisfaction or fulfillment from seeing this movie, much less experience any life-altering spiritual changes. So I recommend I Still Believe for those who love a solid tearjerker romance since those are the people who will receive exactly what

they’re expecting. Go see it for the tears and for the feels, not for a large-scale spiritual revival.

Personal: C

Critical: 50%

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