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Part of Hedgewood project in foreclosure

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A widely praised mixed-use development credited with spurring the revitalization of downtown Woodstock is in a financial pinch.

A foreclosure notice has been filed against the developer of Woodstock Downtown over a \$5.7 million bank loan for a portion of the project's landmark six-story building towering over Main Street.

According to the notice, the sale of

the property under a 2007 loan from Republic Bank of Georgia is scheduled to take place on the courthouse steps on May 6 in downtown Canton.

However, a company executive of Hedgewood Properties Inc. said Monday that the developer is optimistic that an agreement will be reached to keep foreclosure from proceeding, and the company is working with other lenders as it deals with challenging economic conditions.

"We're continuing to reposition

all the loans involved with the project, including Republic Bank," said David Smith, a development partner of Hedgewood Properties.

The foreclosure notice involves only the ground floor; a retail level of Building B, Smith said. The top four floors include condominiums.

The Suwanee-based bank filed the foreclosure notice against Woodstock Downtown LLC, according to the legal ad published April 18 in the county's legal organ.

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GERRY YANDEL | LEDGER-NEWS

The ground floor of the landmark Building B in the Woodstock Downtown mixed-use community is included in a \$5.7-million foreclosure notice pending against its developer.

Bomb threat shuts down Canton courthouses



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Multiple jurisdictions responded to a bomb threat April 21 at the Cherokee County Justice Center and the historic courthouse in downtown Canton. A caller told police that a bomb would detonate in the courthouse at noon, however, no bomb was found.

TOP: Atlanta Police Officer Isiah Ricks and his bomb-sniffing dog, Sam, prepare to enter the historic courthouse.

LEFT: The command center was set up just off North Street, and courthouse employees had to work outdoors via cell phones.

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Pinholster resigns as interim DOT chair

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During a called meeting of the Georgia State Transportation Board April 21, acting Chairman Garland Pinholster, who assumed leadership after Mike Evans stepped down last week, resigned as interim chairman for an undisclosed reason, but he will keep his position as a board member.

Pinholster attended the meeting via a conference call from his second home in Florida.

State Department of Transportation spokesperson David Spear said that during the hours-long meeting Monday, the board voted 8-3 to reprimand Department of Transportation Commissioner Gena Abraham, allowing her to keep her job, but citing her for failing to report her relationship with former board member Mike Evans "in a timely fashion."

Pinholster had assumed the chairmanship last week, after Evans resigned his post. Evans said he resigned because he wanted to pursue a romantic relationship with Abraham.

Both Evans and Abraham are unmarried.

Also Monday, Spear confirmed that there is an investigation into a complaint under way at the agency, which was filed against an unnamed person.

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Man arrested after three-hour standoff

Cops seize military-style guns and literature on
hate groups, sniper tactics

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An almost three-hour standoff ended last week with the arrest of a Woodstock man and the confiscation of a slew of military-style guns and literature about hate groups and sniper tactics.

No shots were fired in the incident involving the arrest of Steven Whitfield, 31. Two days following the incident, Woodstock police

levied more charges against Whitfield.

Police responded to a home in the 200 block of Woodglen Drive, just off Main Street near downtown, at about 7 p.m. April 16, after receiving reports of a man pointing a firearm at another person.

Whitfield allegedly aimed a rifle



at two people driving through the neighborhood to visit a friend, said Police Chief Ric Moss.

Whitfield reportedly locked himself in his home with his wife and child and refused to surrender, said Lt. Dan King, commander of the Special Operations Unit.

Lt. Will Merrill, the police department's negotiator, spoke with Whitfield over the phone for about two hours while other officers had the home surrounded, Moss said.

Whitfield surrendered and was arrested without any further incidences.

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NOW REACHING MORE THAN **40,000 HOUSEHOLDS** IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

County reviews recreation funding

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Cherokee County officials say they intend to review a tentative plan in the works this spring that may lead to a voter referendum on a bond issue to expand parks, recreation and greenspace programs. The question may be presented to voters as soon as the Nov. 4 general election, officials say.

The topic of the option of seeking approval of a bond issue that would be paid through property taxes to meet the challenges of providing parks, greenspace and expansion of recreational offerings was raised during the April 15 county commission work session. The meeting was held before the county commission's regularly scheduled meeting.

The discussion came two months after an early February meeting of local county and city leaders dubbed the "recreation summit" in which officials talked about long-term recreation opportunities in the county and funding challenges.

Facing budget constraints,

county and city governments throughout the metro Atlanta region have weighed options for funding long-term recreation needs as populations grow while land and development costs increase, and new construction covers potential park sites.

County officials in last week's meeting held in the Justice Center in downtown Canton cited the approximately \$50 million identified by the Cherokee County Parks and Recreation Agency as long-term recreation funding needs beyond what is paid for through the current county Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) slated to expire in mid-2012.

County Manager Jerry Cooper told the county commissioners he would provide a report on options for moving forward on the recreation funding issue, including a possible bond referendum in November, to the elected officials within 30 days.

During the work session discussion, officials emphasized the talk is preliminary, while also citing advanced planning that has occurred in recent years. They said the targeted amount of funding that would be sought and the list of projects that could be funded would need to be ironed out within a few months.

The county parks and recre-

ation agency's master plan includes a "to-do list" of several projects, Cooper said.

"It's spread out through the entire county," Cooper said of the list of possible future projects. The elected officials said garnering support from the public from all areas of the county and from various recreational interest groups would be the key to winning approval.

"If you do it right," Post 3 County Commissioner Karen Mahurin said to Cooper of garnering support, "you can spread it out across the county real quick."

Keith Hammond, county parks and recreation director, said leaders of the effort to bolster recreational opportunities hope to have the summit group back together before the Memorial Day holiday, which falls on May 26. Similar ballot questions have won approval in counties neighboring Cherokee.

A \$100-million bond issue to fund Forsyth County parks, recreation and greenspace was approved in February. The Forsyth project list includes parks, greenspace, trails and buildings.

Cobb voters approved a \$40-million bond issue in 2006 for greenspace. Land purchases the Cobb County Commission reportedly has approved for the program includes a site near the Lost Mountain Park in the western end of the county that was approved this month.

STAFF WRITER CAROLYN MATHEWS contributed to this article.



Mahurin



Cooper

Ball Ground selected for ARC assistance

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The city of Ball Ground has been selected to participate in the 2008-2009 Community Choices Implementation Assistance program of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). The ARC will be assisting the city in revising its municipal sign and tree ordinances.

Ball Ground plans to revise and improve its sign and tree ordinances to enhance the city's built and natural environment, offi-

cials say. The ARC approves cities and counties for the program that are committed to quality growth concepts, officials say.

The ARC Community Choices team is slated to meet with Ball Ground's elected officials and city staff to develop details of the project proposal and work schedule. The program will begin the week of May 5.

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Wilhite seeks to unseat Jerguson

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Sixes resident Mary Wilhite announced last week she is launching her third bid for a seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Wilhite is slated to face incumbent State Rep. Sean Jerguson, R-Holly Springs, in the July 15 Republican general primary for the District 22 seat.

The qualifying period for Democratic and Republican candidates seeking state offices will be open from April 28 at 9 a.m. until noon on May 2.

Jerguson, a freshman lawmaker, defeated Wilhite by a 35-vote margin, 1,737 to 1,702, in the 2006 primary runoff, state election returns show. Jerguson defeated Democratic candidate Kevin Bailey in the 2006 general election.

The contest would be the third time Jerguson and Wilhite have faced each other in a Republican

primary election. The first was in 2004 in the race won by former State Rep. Chuck Scheid, of Woodstock.

Wilhite and Jerguson were locked in a heated contest in 2006. After Jerguson won the primary, Wilhite appeared in the Cherokee County Magistrate Court under an allegation raised by a Jerguson campaign worker that she pushed the man while campaigning at a roadside interstate exit on the eve of the runoff.

The misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge – which Wilhite said was a political smear – was later dropped.

Wilhite said she is running to offer a change in leadership for the district, which includes portions of central and southeastern Cherokee.

Wilhite said Jerguson backed the General Assembly's policies of "tax gimmicks and creating a bigger state government instead of working to improve traffic or education or things that impact

people's lives." She alleges that Jerguson supported changes in tax policies that would be costly to "local control of schools," Wilhite said.

"I will never try to take money away from our schools just to pander to property owners during an election year," she said.

Jerguson said he is ready for an issues-focused campaign.

"I look forward to discussing the issues facing Cherokee County," Jerguson said.

SEE RELATED ARTICLE on election qualifying, Page 13A.

QuickINFO

Jerguson defeated Wilhite in 2006 by a 35-vote margin.

Wilhite's first bid in 2004 against former Rep. Chuck Scheid was unsuccessful.

The 2006 race led to charges filed against Wilhite. The charges were later dropped.



Jerguson



Wilhite

Candidates announce race against U.S. Rep. Tom Price

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U.S. Rep. Tom Price is facing a challenger in the 2008 primary election as the incumbent Republican lawmaker seeks to return to Washington for a third term to represent Cherokee County and other northern metro areas.

And, a Democratic candidate last week entered the race for the 6th Congressional District seat that will be decided in the Nov. 4 general election.

Price, a Roswell resident, is slated to face Republican Mike Boyce of Marietta in the July 15 primary election for the 6th District seat. Boyce is a retired Marine colonel who has worked as a contractor in Iraq.

Democrat Bill Jones announced last week that he is entering the race for the seat. Jones, a former Delta Airline pilot and Air Force veteran, is a Marietta resident.

"Voters in Georgia's 6th District and everywhere in this country are ready for change and new leadership," Jones, an executive of a Marietta-based technology business, said in his campaign announcement.

Price spokesman Brendan Buck said Price is "looking forward to a spirited and positive campaign."

"In the meantime," Buck said, "he's going to continue his fight to keep our taxes low, control our borders and ensure access to quality health care."

In 2006, Price, an orthopedic surgeon who served as the majority leader in the Georgia Senate, defeated Republican challenger John Konop and Democrat Steve Stinson.

The 6th District includes Cherokee in its entirety, and also portions of eastern Cobb and northern Fulton counties.



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Bomb threat forces Canton evacuations

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Downtown Canton was disrupted for most of the day Monday after someone called in a bomb threat, causing the evacuation of the Cherokee County Justice Center and the Historic Canton Courthouse.

An anonymous male called in the threat from a pay phone around 9:05 a.m. saying there was a bomb planted in the courthouse that would explode before noon Monday, according to Sgt. Jay Baker, public information officer for the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office.

Because the caller did not specify which building, both buildings were evacuated beginning around

9:15 a.m., and the area around them, including Main Street in front of the Justice Center, was cordoned off. By mid-morning, the perimeters of the buildings, as well as the parking deck behind the Justice Center, had been searched.

Police decided to wait for the noon deadline to pass before sending K9 officers and their handlers into the buildings to search the interiors. K9s from four other jurisdictions – The Atlanta Police Department, MARTA, Cobb County police and Austell police – joined Sheriff's Deputy Olen Boughner, and his dog Nitro, and Cpl. Matt Azaroff, and his dog Marco, all of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office.

The bomb threat disrupted work of the county government, includ-

ing the offices of Clerk of Courts Patty Baker and Cherokee County District Attorney Garry Moss.

In addition, some 80 jurors who had been called to duty were also sent off-site to await the search and outcome.

Hundreds of employees from offices in both buildings were forced to wait outside for the duration of the search operation, and people could be seen milling around downtown Canton watching the event unfold. In addition, traffic through downtown was re-routed around the gazebo area causing minor traffic delays.

At about 12:30 p.m., the dogs and their handlers began searching inside the buildings. By the time they finished around 2:30 p.m., no explosive device had been found.

Mail fraud suspects caught, charged

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Cobb County police arrested three women for mail fraud, and two of them are also facing charges in Cherokee County.

Three women were arrested in Cobb County earlier this month for stealing mail from about 20 Cobb homes and 15 Cherokee homes, said Sgt. Dana Pierce, spokesman for Cobb Police. Investigators say more than 50 people were victims of the alleged crimes.

Sgt. Chris Sims, of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, said two of the three women charged in Cobb's case have been charged in Cherokee.

Rebecca Harkins, 42, of Acworth, is charged in Cherokee County with seven counts of theft by taking, identity fraud, obstruc-

tion, open container of alcohol and violation of probation, Sims said.

Kasey Lynn Harkins, 23, of Kennesaw, is charged in Cherokee with eight counts of theft by taking, he said.

Sims said more charges could be forthcoming.

Amanda Leighann Harkins, 24, of Acworth, and the other two women face charges of credit card fraud, financial card theft, forgery, identity theft, counterfeiting and theft by receiving in Cobb County, Pierce said.

Police say the women drove from house to house in several counties stealing mail from mailboxes.

The Cherokee County areas affected include the Bells Ferry area and neighboring side streets of Woodstock and Acworth, Sims said.

The women allegedly used checks and credit cards that did not belong to them to purchase items in Cherokee and Cobb

stores.

Sims said some of the stolen checks were taken to a bank in Canton where one of the women attempted to cash them.

The women were caught after one of them tried to take ownership of her towed vehicle. Kennesaw police impounded a vehicle that matched a be-on-the-lookout for report April 8. A Cobb County detective went to the towing company to process the vehicle, and Kasey Harkins called about the car during that time, K. Harkins Pierce said.

After arriving at the towing company's impound lot, police took Kasey to a precinct where she was interviewed. Following the interview, the three women were arrested, Pierce said.

Other investigative agencies involved include Canton police, Kennesaw police, the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Secret Service.



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Woodstock OKs impact fees

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After years of debate, Woodstock officials have OK'd impact fees for new development. At its April 14 meeting, the city council approved a 50 percent parks and recreation impact fee for residential development.

The fee, which is used to offset the burden of new development on existing residents, was set much lower than originally expected. The city council was mulling a 100 percent parks and recreation fee, as well as a transportation impact fee.

After debating the issue and hearing from the development community, officials opted to eliminate the transportation fee and implement a scaled down version of the parks fee.

The cost per single-family unit will be \$1,510, said Richard McLeod, director of planning and economic development for the city.

He said the fee included a 3 percent administrative cost.

The impact fee will not be charged to commercial development, and it will not be implemented until January 2009.

"We can always postpone implementation if the economy is still bad," Mayor Donnie Henriques said.

The city council also approved a project list for the parks and recre-

ation fee, which includes acquiring more park land and building pools, pavilions and shelters, ball fields, tracks, trails and playgrounds.

During two public hearings held within the last month, the development community loudly voiced their opposition to the impact fees during the slowing economy.

Joe Padilla, president of the Georgia Homebuilders Association, told the city council at both public hearings that he and the homebuilders association did not believe the current market could sustain the added cost.

"Now is not the time," Padilla said, adding there isn't enough development in the city to bring in a significant amount of impact fees. "Don't put this on a struggling economy and a struggling industry."

Local homeowners' advocate and Cherokee County resident Thais Escondo said while the 50 percent fee implementation is good—she doesn't feel it's enough to sustain the level of service inside the city, as development continues.

"What the city did was a drop in the bucket," Escondo said. "It is a start, but not good enough. The city residents should be upset that old residents continue to bear the bur-

den of supporting the new growth. Impact fees are designed for new development to pay its own way."

Woodstock resident and city planning commissioner, Jeff Wood, said he felt the city should implement both categories of the fee.

"We need to move forward with parks and recreation impact fees and the transportation fee in some capacity," Wood said, adding he feels the city would get more business with improved roads.

Local developer Hall Fowler, who owns and operates several commercial properties in the city, said the added fees would be too much on top of the already high cost of doing business in the city.

He said he's hit with higher sewer tap fees, large permit fees, a stormwater fee and the requirement to use a particular trash hauler. He said the new trash hauler costs him more than \$50,000 a year extra for Dumpster services.

Jerry Pressley, of the Counsel for Quality Growth, said normally the council would support the fees, however, the economy is just too poor at this time for them to support a decision to implement impact fees.

"We fear it will harm the development and banking community," he said. "The time has passed. You must reconsider moving forward. You can review them again in the future."



Henriques

NEWS BRIEFS

Broken sewer pipe causes 9,000-gallon spill

A broken sewer pipe at the Pinehill pump station in Woodstock caused a 9,000-gallon sewer overflow April 19 at about 10:40 a.m. city officials said.

The sewerage overflow spilled into an unnamed tributary leading into Noonday Creek, according to the report, and the spill was corrected at 11:30 a.m. A maintenance crew repaired the broken pipe and cleaned

and limed the spillage area.

MUST Ministries in need of food donations

MUST Ministries, the nonprofit organization that provides food and other resources for Cherokee families in need, is asking for help to replenish its food supply. MUST distributes 2,000 pounds of food every day to residents of Cobb and Cherokee counties.

The organization said its supplies are nearly depleted due to a record drop in donations and an increase of residents who are in need. The group particularly needs canned goods, such as beef stew, tuna, mixed vegetables, chicken, ham and salmon, pork and beans, refried beans and fruit, as well as dry goods, such as oatmeal and ramen noodles.

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"The yard – cleaning up dead stuff."

Kathy Botti
Woodstock



"Washing windows."

Deanna Grier
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"The gutters."

Joe Robinson
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"Cleaning the inside of the garage."

Lynn Galloway
Acworth



"Cleaning out my closet."

Sarah Steadham
Woodstock

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Spring can be deadly for teen drivers

Many things have changed since I went to high school a few, um, decades ago.

For instance, we can communicate instantly with anyone around the world with e-mail, we can talk on the phone while we drive, and we now have to take out a small loan to fill up our gas tanks.

But, some things never change. Sadly one of them involves high school proms, teen drivers and alcohol.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), alcohol fatalities increase between the middle of April and the middle of June, which also coincides with high school proms and graduation parties.

Data in the NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System reveals that in 2000, 58 percent of traffic fatalities were alcohol related during this time period, as compared to 41 percent during the rest of the year.

Of the alcohol-related traffic deaths, 36 percent are of people between the ages of 15 and 20, which is also below the legal age to consume alcohol.

Seeing these statistics made me think about my own proms and graduation parties.

Back in those ancient times, the drinking age was 18, but that did nothing to stop us, none of whom were yet 18, from easily obtaining as much, or as many kinds of, booze as we wanted.

The after party for my senior prom was held in a suite at a hotel near downtown, and there was a huge bucket of hunch punch: fruit punch laced with grain alcohol. There was also plenty of beer on ice and dozens of bottles of liquor and mixers on hand.

Thankfully, I survived that party without any incidents, but some of my friends were not so

lucky. Although no one died, one friend passed out at the wheel and came to in the woods, where he said he saw his guardian angel in the rear-view mirror.

Another friend lost control of his car, and tried to stop the spinning steering wheel by his arm through the middle, cracking his wrist and arm in two places and needing surgical pins to heal.

Our graduation party was held at the home of one of the students, a star football player, whose parents allowed a couple of kegs of beer to be available, even though only a handful of people, including their son, were of legal drinking age. Remarkably, there weren't any incidents as the result of that party.

At the time, I believe every one of us knew and understood that drinking and driving was dangerous, stupid and possibly fatal. We all also understood that what we were doing was illegal and that none of our parents would have approved of it if they knew.

Nonetheless, I don't think a single one of us gave it a second thought before tilting back that first drink, or from getting pretty drunk in the hours that followed.

I also think that that remains true today for our current high school students. No one thinks it is OK or safe, yet that knowledge probably doesn't serve as much of a deterrent to having a good time, just as it didn't back in my youth.

And, the NHTSA report seems to illustrate that teen attitudes about drinking and driving remain constant.

So, as parents, we need to step up and provide the common sense and safety that seems to desert our children sometimes. And, as parents, we know this isn't always easy to do... particularly when it's one of the most memorable times of a teenager's life and we want them to enjoy it as much as possible.

Fortunately, one thing that IS different about proms than in my day is that so many kids use limousines to get to the dance and back. Although my own daughter's prom is still a few years away, a limo is probably how I'll handle it, too.

But, not everybody can afford to hire a limo, and there's also the issue of graduation and end of school parties, when people drive to get there.

Again, even though it's a few years off for my oldest, I have begun thinking about how I'll handle it, and the best approach seems to be in a straight up and realistic manner.

Of course, I plan to continue instilling in them the responsibility and accountability for their actions that all parents should be doing all through their children's pre-adult lives anyway.

While I hope drinking isn't an issue for my kids, and although I don't expect it to be, I also don't want to be clueless and close my eyes to the possibility. To that end, I will make sure that my daughters have a cell phone and the knowledge that if alcohol is a factor for them or the person they rode with, there will be no repercussions as long as they call me or their mother for a ride home.

Because, while it may not be the best-case scenario, they can always recover from a hangover.

DIALOGUE

Gerry Yandel

LETTERS

McCain is too old and confused

Dear Editor,

When is the Republican Party and all those who support John McCain going to admit that McCain is too old, and too confused, to be in politics, let alone be our next president?

Recently, while questioning Gen. David Petraeus, he again confused the difference between Shiite and Sunni Muslims.

While campaigning as a candidate, he has misspoken at least five times stating that Iran (a Shiite nation) is supporting Al-Qaeda (a Sunni group) in Iraq.

While some might see this as a

"minor mistake," and, while others have chalked it up as a "senior moment," he clearly does not un-

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derstand the sensitive political dynamics in that region of the world.

If McCain can't remember such a simple fact at crucial times, how will he be able to do it as presi-

dent?

Saying it once is misspeaking; saying it five times is a dangerous lack of understanding.

We have to stop McCain from taking control of the White House and stop him from taking over George Bush's war in Iraq, which McCain has already said is justified.

Surely the American people can see that this old man, albeit a war hero, is not suited to be our next president.

Tina Geiger
Woodstock

Lap belts on buses are a good idea

Dear Editor,

The March 12 opinion on revisiting school bus seat belts was very interesting.

I go to Dean Rusk, and some of my friends were on the bus that overturned.

I think that buses could have seat belts. In the case of an emer-

gency, like the bus flipping over, a lap seat belt would be better than a harness.

For one thing, a lap belt would come off quickly for a bus emergency, like a fire or a crash, and you could also still fit many children on the bus.

Even though most kids don't

like seat belts and emergencies rarely ever occur, safety measures are the best way to protect us from injuries.

Hopefully, people will see that soon.

Michael Blankinship
Woodstock

LETTERS

Don't take soldiers for granted

Dear Editor,
A young soldier home on leave before shipping off to Korea went to a Woodstock store to ask if he could leave some recruitment brochures. An older gentleman thanked him for his service and mentioned that he too had served in Korea.
But, while in the line to ask customer service for permission to leave the brochures, the soldier was verbally assaulted by a customer. She commented "Don't go to Iraq to get killed. I don't know why you people sign up for a war with such an awful cause. The closest my kids will ever get to war will be with video games. But, I love America and I'm not going anywhere else."

The soldier bit his tongue. Then he inquired about leaving the brochures and was denied by the store's employee. The belligerent customer announced her pleasure at the employee's denial. No one in line said a word in defense of the soldier, so I'll say a few words now.
Shame on you who come to our country for all its opportunities, then insult the very people who voluntarily defend the nation that provides those opportunities. Shame on all the people who stood by and let the insults go unchallenged. Shame on you who know more about the "American Idol" contestants than you do about our American heroes.
Shame on all of you who buy in to the 30-second CNN soundbites

and absurd pronouncements from political candidates. It's all a money game to network executives who want to reel us in with controversy and drama rather than a rational accounting of the facts. It's all a power game to politicians who spout well-rehearsed lies as if even they believe them.
Shame on anyone who snuggles down in their comfortable safe bed at night without a moment's thought or prayer on behalf of our servicemen and women. Or worse, shame on you who wake to spend another day slandering the soldier and attacking the very soul of America.

**Karen Tweedy
Woodstock**

Rain prayers letter was one-sided

Dear Editor,
In a recent letter ("Governor's Rain Prayers Worked," April 2) the author regrets that there are those who still do not believe that prayer had anything to do with our recent rains.
What is really regrettable is that so many people still think the way the author does. That way of thinking started thousands of years ago, when people began to credit good things to supernatural beings or to blame them for bad things.
The main difference today is that God is less likely to be

blamed for bad things. The letter-writer, for instance, credits God for sending rain, but apparently does not blame him for the drought.
Ancient people had a good excuse for their thinking. Having no scientific explanations for droughts, storms, plagues, or other misfortunes, they just didn't know any better.
But today we do, so one might have expected that by now most people would think scientifically. Some do, but the older thinking still persists to a truly remarkable degree.

What would the letter's author have said if no rain had come? Would it have caused him to lose his belief in prayer? Of course not. He would have explained it away somehow. That's how it works: If prayer seems to work, God is credited, if not, some excuse is made.
Over time, people tend to forget the failures and to remember only the apparent successes, so the belief persists over the centuries.

**Charles V. Powell
Canton**

Happiness can be contagious

About a month after moving to this end of Atlanta from our pre-divorce home in Henry County, my girls and I made a friend.
It's not the most unusual thing in the world to make friends when you relocate, but this story has a twist: our friend has no idea who we are.
Our association with him began the first week my daughters started their new school. Every morning that week, we saw him walking his little girl to school, and on Friday, I pointed to him and said, "Wow, there he is again!"
He was kind of hard to miss. Aside from the fact that he was the only parent walking his child to the elementary school while the rest of us did damage to the ozone by driving our gas-guzzlers, this guy had a stride that was unique. He held his head high, had perfect posture and took each step with a seemingly satisfied air about him.
And because he always had a smile on his face, we named him Happy Guy.
Every morning, regardless of how cold or rainy the weather was, we would see Happy Guy walking with his daughter - who, naturally, became known as Happy Kid. On the rare mornings we didn't see Happy Guy, one of us would make note of it and we'd wonder where he was that day.
A couple of years later, Happy

Guy and Happy Kid were joined by a younger little girl who was obviously Happy Kid's little sister. Once or twice, Happy Lady (a.k.a. Happy Guy's wife) would accompany her family on their morning walk. Once, an older gentleman was added to the mix...you guessed it. Happy Grandpa.
These days, Happy Guy is usually seen at the other end of Happy Dog's leash as the Happy Family makes its way toward the elementary school. A little boy who apparently lives in the same neighborhood as our Happy Family has also joined in on the morning ritual. (He's Happy Neighbor Kid, natch.)
I have only spoken to Happy Guy once - earlier this year, on Science Day. I had to park the car and carry Jane's plaster volcano in to the school for her because it weighed a ton. As I walked up to the school after Jane had already gone into the building, I looked up and realized that I was about to bump into Happy Guy and



VIEWPOINT
Fauve Holihan

Happy Dog, who were on their way back to their Happy Home.
Happy Guy, who was his usual chipper self, was the one who broke the ice. "Hey, nice volcano!" he said with his signature Happy Smile in place.
"Thanks!" I said. "We're gonna have fun today blowing the top off of this thing!"
"Cooooooooool!" Happy Guy said. And that was it.
In a few weeks, Jane will graduate from the fifth grade, and our chances of seeing Happy Guy again will dim considerably, since his daughters appear to be much younger than my youngest. I'm fairly certain that his Happy Kids aren't going to overlap with my Jane in middle school -- perhaps the oldest one will for a year, but by the time she's in 6th grade, I doubt she'll still need her dad to walk to school with her.
Taking the girls to school each day won't be the same without our Happy Guy sightings, and even though he has no idea what a big role he's played in our lives, we'll likely never forget him and his Happy Walk...or his Happy Kids...or his ever-constant Happy Smile.
He made a very difficult transition for the three of us more enjoyable. Thanks, Happy Guy. We're going to miss you...whoever you are.

Fauve Holihan is a writer and public relations professional.

SOAPBOX

■ If you're on 575 and you think you're being tailgated, you're not. You're going too slow. Get in the right lane.
■ You think we don't have Sunday alcohol sales because we are in the Bible Belt? Do your research. Georgia and Connecticut are the only two states in the nation that do not allow it at all.
■ We real estate agents are quite aware that home prices are down 20 percent. It's the home sellers that won't be realistic. Every one of them thinks their home is worth more than it really is. Agents don't set the prices for homes, buyers do when they purchase a home.
■ Could you tell me where the swimming pools, baseball fields and soccer fields that are paid for by the taxpayers are located? That's where I'd like my children to be playing, instead we are playing on run-down ballfields that have been in this city for over 100 years.
■ It used to be that little boys wanted to be boy scouts, now they want to be cage fighters. At 6 years old? How far have we fallen as a society?
■ Why is Georgia Power having to increase the substation capacity in the city of Canton? Is it to meet the need of the new requirement of power for all the new streetlights?
■ The government of Cherokee County needs to stop spending money and not raise the millage rate. People are having a hard enough time as it is.
■ Most people have forgotten that buying anything on Sunday is a sin. The 10 Commandments teach us to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. It may be outdated in your mind, but God never revoked it.
■ OK, everybody, let's try it one more time together now: headlights-rain, rain-headlights.
■ There are people starving to death all over the world and people are pushing to put corn-eth in all the gas tanks. How stupid is that?
■ The more I read in the Soapbox, the more I realize why I want out of Cherokee County and out of Georgia.
■ You should know only 50 percent of families in America actually pay taxes, and the great majority of them are Republicans.
■ Taxing the rich is exactly the same thing as punishing your kids for getting good grades in school.
■ Wealthy people should pay more taxes. They benefit more from the system, so they should pay more.
■ To all the Georgia Republicans who are planning to sit out the election rather than vote for John McCain, I invite you to join me in a protest vote by voting for the Libertarian Party.
■ I live on 10 acres of land and I have three Chihuahuas, a chicken and two cats and I don't have any problem with coyotes. So, if you let coyotes eat your dogs and cats, then you don't love your animals.
■ When are we going to have an election for CCYB's elected officials?
■ So Woodstock has a \$2 million budget deficit, huh? Heck, I saw half that much worth of new stealth police cars in the parking lot of Appalachian Tech Friday. All the police that were driving them were probably being paid to go to school, too. Go figure.
■ Why is it OK that our young are dead or horribly maimed? Bring them home.
■ Don't boycott the Olympic Games in China, boycott all the goods that are made and come from China. That'll really destroy

their economy.
■ It's a sad time in Cherokee County when the mayor and city council take land from lifelong residents, condemning land with eminent domain so Cobb County can have water.
■ The Cherokee County School Board is corruption run amok at its finest. Just see how they're trying to block Sen. Chip Rogers and what he's doing to try and reform taxes.
■ I have very little respect for cops that use radar or laser. I have absolutely no respect for police that use radar or laser on a downhill slope. That's about as unethical as it gets. And, no, I didn't get a ticket.
■ The city of Woodstock is using the temporary loss of water income from restrictions last year as an opportunity to impose permanent rate and property tax increases. Ironically, from the drought comes bloated government.
■ The senators, congressmen, politicians, baseball, basketball, football players that are walking off with million dollar pensions and contracts while our troops are over in Iraq fighting for these people and cannot even get the bare necessities is a disgrace.
■ How did all those people from New York find out about our beautiful town, you ask? It's simple, we did not come here for a better way of life for our kids, more money, better weather or even Southern hospitality. We came here to see what we won in the war.
■ The reason the city of Canton has no money is because the previous mayor had to build a building using taxpayer money and name it after himself, and no one wants to pay an arm and a leg to join.
■ To all the people walking around with their pants half down: Pull them up. Get a belt. I don't want to see your underwear.
■ Is it better to have a presidential candidate whose morals are above reproach or one whose morals make us happy about our immorality?
■ Jimmy Carter was reported as hugging the leaders of Hamas, the terrorist organization. It makes us wonder who Democrats Hillary and Barack will embrace if they get into high office next year.
■ I was wondering why there is not a post office in Hickory Flat. Considering all the construction and growth over the last couple of years, it would seem that having a post office is well-merited and overdue.
■ If you are buying two bottles of alcohol on Saturday and would buy one on Saturday and one on Sunday, you are an alcoholic.
■ Not all of us run through the woods in camouflage clothes and blow away living things in the name of sport. Some of us are actually out there hunting nutritious meat for our families.
■ As long as we have so much water that we're letting extra water out of Lake Allatoona, can we let the citizens water outside for two days a week?
■ The ultimate rip-off: decorative concrete.

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LETTERS

Woodstock alert: Taxes going up

Dear Editor,

You are being scammed by the current regime at Woodstock City Hall. In the April 2 issue of the Ledger-News, Chief Financial Officer Henry Bucci, on the job not quite four months, said, "It's a tough economy out there."

Yes, Mr. Bucci, it is a tough economy out there, but that's not the complete story. You see, the mess in Woodstock started two years ago with a new mayor and council that have not been watching the city checkbook. The mantra became, "let the staff do their jobs" and "we shouldn't micromanage." Those repeated statements, combined with the roadblocks to good commercial growth created by the elected officials, have now led to a financial cri-

sis at city hall that we have never seen before.

When then-Councilman Bill

'To paraphrase the quote from Plato, "Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."'

Long and myself left office, there was a nearly \$6 million surplus. We both warned the remaining council members and the new mayor to watch the checkbook closely because of an impending decline in the

economy. The spending increased, and the hiring increased to proportions never before seen in the history of the city. I ask you, who has been watching the store?

While the families of Woodstock cut back, tighten their belts, and do more with less, the mayor and council are going to raise taxes on us to cover their poor money management.

I ask you to get involved, attend meetings, and hold them accountable for their actions in the election next year.

To paraphrase the quote from Plato, "Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."

**Bill Dewrell
Woodstock**

Woodstock caught in pyramid scheme

Dear Editor,

We read that the City of Woodstock faces a \$4 million shortfall in the general, water and sewer funds.

Planned growth is good. Unfortunately, fast growth communities tend to yield to those benefiting from short term gains, while deferring the financial realities of public requirements.

The beneficiaries make hollow promises and then blame "other parties" or "circumstances."

The guarantors (taxpayers in this case) can run or suffer and

pay up. This is a classic pyramid scheme requiring more and more new activity to stay afloat.

Most growing communities fail to require new development to fund the resulting infrastructure capital needs. Give Woodstock credit for 'fessing up to a problem but not for the proposed solution.

And, this shortfall does not reflect costs that are shared with other taxpayers, as in the school system. The city should consider collecting their shortfall via impact fees, development requirements or whatever method

they have to minimize the burden on current taxpayers.

Suggestions of increased taxes and water fees from any public agency in Cherokee County should be strongly rejected, at least until there is a plan to significantly raise revenues directly from activities that cause new infrastructure needs.

The action required to reverse poor fiscal behavior will cause howling, but it should come from the cause.

**Dennis Jane
Hickory Flat**

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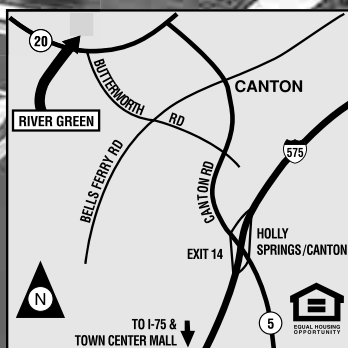
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Delegation secures money for local projects

Funding includes cash for Appalachian Tech, airport and water system improvements

BY CAROLYN MATHEWS

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Cherokee County legislators were able to secure funding, pending the governor's signature, in the 2009 state budget for the final \$7.9 million needed to construct the Canton campus of Appalachian Technical College during this year's legislative session. The campus will be located in the Bluffs at Technology Park near Riverstone. Half of the funding for the \$14 million project was secured last year.

The college received \$7 million in last year's state budget, although local legislators had requested the entire \$14 million necessary to build a campus in The Bluffs at Technology Park, which would serve an additional 2,300 students.

The original budget proposed by Gov. Sonny Perdue included the Appalachian Technical Institute funding, but state Rep. Calvin Hill, R-Canton, said the challenge was keeping the appropriation in place through the Legislature's formulation of the final budget.

During the legislative session, Perdue's spokesman, Bert Brantley, said, the governor reduced the revenue estimate for the budget by \$245 million, after seeing tax collections slow.

"The Legislature modified the budget, and we're pleased they held it in line and didn't spend more in light of slowing revenue," Brantley said. Brantley said Perdue has until May 14 to analyze the version of the budget passed by the Legislature and exercise his line-item veto power, if necessary.

"The vast majority he will probably agree with," Brantley said.

Hill said he hopes the Appalachian Tech funding will stay in place and anticipates that the House of Representatives made preventive changes in the way the budget is structured so that it will.

Rep. Sean Jerguson, R-Holly Springs, who serves as secretary of the local delegation, and Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, who serves as the chairman, agreed that the Appalachian Tech funding is a step toward improving the economic development climate in Cherokee County.

"Calvin Hill and I worked tirelessly, and I am ecstatic," Jerguson said. "This will bring major business to all our

residents and increase higher education availability." Jerguson said a partnership at the new Canton campus with Kennesaw State University that will educate nurses will dramatically improve the shortage of healthcare professionals in the area.

Appalachian Technical College currently has campuses in Woodstock and Jasper, as well as learning centers in Fannin and Gilmer.

Twenty-five acres, located in The Bluffs in Technology Park, were donated by TPA Realty Services to Appalachian Technical College for the campus. The allocation of the project funds in the FY 09 Budget will allow for college officials to look at completing the initial concept of the facility enabling them to offer more programs, college President Sanford Chandler said.

"I am thrilled with the response of every member of the Cherokee delegation in helping to secure the remaining funds for the college's Canton campus. They have diligently worked the past two years to make sure the Canton campus project of \$14.855 million was completely funded," Chandler said. "The architect to be used for designing and building the facility is scheduled to be selected next week. Construction is anticipated to begin sometime this fall pending the governor's signature on the bill."

Rogers said the addition of a Woodstock campus of Appalachian Tech has already had an enormous impact, and that the "brand-new campus," with students not having to go out of Cherokee to get a quality technical education, will "do wonders for Cherokee County." Completion of the new campus will take 14-24 months after construction starts, college officials said.

Legislators also were excited about funding appropriated for finishing the Cherokee County Airport, of which the majority will come from a fuel tax paid by private pilots.

"The airport authority put up \$2 million and the state rounded that out with \$700,000 to make it a first-class operation," Hill said.

"Economically this is the best thing that Cherokee's done (expanding the airport) in quite some time," Rogers said. "For every dollar spent, there's an economic return of around \$40. With other municipal airports in the area being full, having an airport that can handle small jet traffic will have an enormous economic impact over the next two decades."

Jerguson said he's proud of the Legislature's effort to lessen its involvement in some areas while increasing its involvement in providing funding for infrastructure. He said more than \$55,000 appropriated to Ball Ground for



The Rev. Carl Moore, center, pastor of Allen Temple in Woodstock, served as Chaplain of the Day for the last day of the 2008 legislative session. He is pictured with Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, left, and Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle.

capital improvements will help it improve its leaky water system.

Hill said the water system funding is crucial, especially in time of drought. "Ball Ground's water system is ancient – it was built in the 1930's," he said. "They are leaking up to 20 percent of their water due to old pipes."

Rogers said he was happy with the funding potentially secured this year by the delegation.

"In the six years I have served in the General Assembly, I have not seen a more successful year for funding projects in Cherokee County," he said. "When one considers the recent state budget growth reductions, it makes the success even more remarkable."

Rogers said procured funding also includes \$20,000 for the Cherokee Day Training Center; another \$36,000 for Ball Ground water service delivery and infrastructure improvements, and \$20,000 for emergency operations equipment in Holly Springs.

The delegation had anticipated \$40 million in road improvement money to widen Ga. 92 and improve intersections on Ga. 140 by next year, but in light of recent Georgia Department of Transportation shortfalls, both Hill and Rogers said all proposed transportation projects in the state will be up for further review.

The Cherokee County Legislative Delegation includes Rogers; Rep. Charlice Byrd, R-Woodstock; Jerguson; Sen. Jack Murphy, R-Cumming; Hill; and Rep. Mark Hamilton, R-Cumming.

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Longtime Waleska water inspector dies

BY CAROLYN MATHEWS
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Bobby Townsend, Waleska's longtime water system inspector, died April 16, 2008, at Northside Hospital-Cherokee. He was 73.

Waleska City Manager Debbie McEntyre said Mr. Townsend worked on the city's water system for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Townsend was the owner and operator of Townsend Pipeline Construction, a past master of Waleska Masonic Lodge No. 57, and a member of Greely Baptist Church.

Mr. Townsend was preceded in death by his son, Phillip "Rowdy" Townsend.

Waleska Mayor Marguerite Cline said Townsend's death is a tremendous loss to the city of Waleska and to the area.

"He did everything with the water system," Cline said. "He knew where every pipe and valve is, without looking at a map.

"Most problems he took care of before anybody even called city hall. He was quiet and kind, and one of the most respectful people I've ever known," she said.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Becky Townsend, Waleska; sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Kim Townsend, Canton, and Stanley and Dottie Townsend, Waleska; daughter and son-in-law, Debo and Junior McCurry, Canton; brothers, G.W. "Duck," Earl, Bruce and Perlie Townsend, all of Fairmont; sisters, Marcelle Mulkey and Odelle Crowe, Fairmont; grandchil-



Bobby Townsend, a longtime resident and employee of the city of Waleska, died April 16.

dren, Jason, Joshua, Mitchell, Clint, Jennifer, Amanda and Anna Grace Townsend and Elise White; great-grandchildren Jordan, Madalyn and Beau Townsend; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held April 19 at the chapel of South Canton Funeral Home. The Rev. Eric Mayor and the Rev. Trammel Rhodes officiated. Burial followed in Mt. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery in Waleska.

South Canton Funeral Home and Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Hickory Flat case postponed in Ga. Supreme Court

The civil lawsuit of Cherokee County vs. the city of Holly Springs has been postponed until May 20 at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The county seeks to have the land annexations by the city in the Hickory Flat community declared null and void.

The case was originally to be heard April 29.

In October, Judge Harris ruled against the county's request for the TRO, which allowed the Holly Springs City Council to move forward with the annexation of about 460 acres along East Cherokee Drive, Stringer Road and Ga. 140, also known as the Hickory Flat triangle.

Last November, Cherokee County filed an application to appeal Superior Court Judge Jackson Harris' denial of the temporary restraining order against the city of Holly Springs.

Senior Extravaganza set for May 3

Cherokee County Senior Services will hold a "Senior Extravaganza" May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee County Recreation Building in Woodstock.

Admission is free to all seniors, their families and caregivers for the event, which will feature all-day bingo and door prizes given away every half-hour.

More than 60 exhibitors will have booths set up to offer information about health, lifestyle, wellness activities, and county

and community services. There will also be free health screenings for blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, skin screening and balance assessment.

Other activities include a fashion show, line dancers, singing, tai chi classes and exercise demonstrations. Barbecue lunches will also be available for purchase.

For more information, call Deborah Haezebrouck at (678) 230-8350.

Woodstock concert series' performers set

The Woodstock Parks and Recreation Authority and the

city's department of community events recently announced the tentative schedule for its Summer Concert Series.

A Cappella African American Gospel group Fairfield Four is expected to play May 3.

The Screaming Orphans, an all girl Irish Euro pop group is scheduled for June 7; bluegrass group, The Lovell Sisters, will perform July 12; and the New England jamband The Assembly of Dust is scheduled to play Aug. 2.

Chuck Leavell, formerly the keyboardist for the Rolling Stones and the Allman Brothers Band, will play Sept. 6.

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ARRESTED: Not the man’s first encounter with police

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“Fortunately this incident was resolved without shots being fired by anyone,” Moss said. “I don’t want there to be a next time.”

After the arrest, police executed a search warrant and found several tactical rifles commonly used by police and military personnel. They confiscated a KelTel .40-caliber carbine rifle with folding stock, a Colt AR15 .223-caliber semi-automatic rifle, a Remington Model 700 Police Sniper Special .308-caliber bolt action rifle with a tactical scope, a Glock Model .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol and a tactical load bearing assault vest with six loaded magazines for the Glock, three loaded magazines for the Colt AR15, a fixed blade tactical knife and an asp baton, police said.

“These are not weapons used for recreational hunting,” said Detective Sgt. Kevin Culpepper, of the department’s Investigative Services Division.

Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are being consulted to determine how Whitfield acquired the weapons and why he had them.

“Mr. Whitfield is someone who



SPECIAL

Officers with the Woodstock Police Department seized several military- and police-style weapons at a Woodglen home after executing a search warrant. The homeowner, Steven Whitfield, was arrested and charged after a three-hour standoff with police.

the police department has dealt with before and causes us great concern,” Moss said. “Literature found in the home and other information cultivated during our investigation suggests he has interest in subversive groups operating in the United States.”

Moss said police are also looking into how and why Whitfield was issued a carry permit by the Cherokee County Probate Court.

“He has clearly demonstrated he does not appreciate the intention of the legislation,” Moss said.

Whitfield is charged with two counts of assault, pointing a firearm at another and reckless conduct.

Police believe more charges will follow as further investigation reveals Whitfield allegedly pointed the firearm at more people.

FORECLOSURE: Mayor is confident

FROM PAGE 1A

Woodstock Downtown has garnered praise as a high-quality community since it was announced.

Building B was featured in a stop on April 18 in the Georgia Cities Heart and Soul of Georgia tour that included business leaders, state lawmakers and others.

The project received a Charter Award from the Congress for New Urbanism in March as an international honor given to 15 honorees in the world for design and planning excellence. In 2006, Woodstock Downtown and the city of Woodstock received the Develop-

ment of Excellence Award of the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Woodstock Mayor Donnie Henriques said he is confident Woodstock Downtown and Hedgewood Properties will successfully deal with the project’s financial challenges.

“I think they have the reputation; I think they have the product; and I think they have the knowledge and background to weather this storm,” Henriques said.

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Election qualifying starts next week

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With the candidate qualifying week on the horizon of Cherokee County's political universe, speculation is certain to intensify concerning who will run in the summer and fall elections for local and state offices.

Much of the field of candidates vying for offices has already taken shape ahead of the April 28-May 2 qualifying period for candidates in the July 15 general primary – and Aug. 5 primary runoffs, if needed – and the Nov. 4 general election.

Although several candidates have announced candidacies, especially incumbents, Janet Munda, Cherokee County supervisor of elections and voter registration, said last Thursday that little news about the candidates had surfaced recently.

"It's been very quiet," Munda said.

All seven Republican members of the Cherokee County delegation to the Georgia General Assembly say they are seeking re-election: State Sens. Jack Murphy, of Cumming; and Chip Rogers, of Woodstock; and State Reps. Charlice Byrd, of Woodstock, Mark Hamilton, of Cumming, Calvin Hill, of Canton, and Sean Jerguson, of Holly Springs.

Mary Wilhite, of Sixes, announced last week she is going to challenge Jerguson in the Republican primary.

The two incumbent Cherokee County commissioners and two of the three county school board members say they intend to seek re-election in the July 15 general primary.

Post 2 County Commissioner Jim Hubbard and Post 3 County Commissioner Karen Mahurin say they're running for re-election.

Woodstock resident Quentin Thomas, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, has announced he is seeking the Post 2 county commission seat.

Post 7 School Board Member Janet Flint, of Waleska, has announced she isn't seeking re-election. Post 2 Member Mike Chapman, of Canton, and Post 4 Member Janet Read, of Woodstock, say they are seeking re-election.

Kim Cochran, a former high school teacher who lives in East

Cherokee, announced last week that she is seeking the Post 7 School Board seat.

As of the start of this week, only one incumbent had announced plans to leave office.

Incumbent Probate Court Judge Kipling "Kip" McVay announced earlier this year she plans to leave office she has held since 1993 at the end of her term to accept senior judge status. Associate Probate Court Judge-Chief Clerk Keith Wood announced he is seeking the post held by McVay.

Cherokee County Sheriff Roger Garrison, of Canton, is seeking re-election. Former Sheriff's Office Cpl. Nicole Ebbeskotte is challenging Garrison.

Cherokee County District Attorney Garry Moss has announced his re-election bid.

Chief Magistrate Judge Benjamin Abney, of Canton, said earlier this year he would seek re-election. Former Chief Magistrate Judge Charles Robertson, who was ordered off the bench under a Georgia Supreme Court ruling in 2004, said he is seeking the judgeship again.

The high court ruled that Robertson's military court-martial convictions between 1978 and 1980 were "analogous" to felonies and that he lied in 2000 about his past when signing up for his first run for the judgeship.

County Tax Commissioner David Fields declared his intention to seek re-election earlier this year.

County Clerk of Courts Patty Baker said she is running for a new term.

County Coroner Earl Darby is seeking re-election.

County Surveyor Ron Wikle couldn't be reached for comment on his intentions by press time.

Non-partisan races for 2008, including the elections for Superior Court judgeships are to be decided in the Nov. 4 general election, Munda said. Those include Cherokee County Superior Court Chief Judge Frank Mills and Judge Ellen McElyea, as well as Chief State Court Judge C.J. Gober.

The candidate qualification period for the 2008 general primary election starts at 9 a.m. April 28 and ends at noon May 2, and local political parties will have separate sign-up centers in downtown Canton, officials announced.

Republican candidates will sign up in the Grand Jury Room on the third floor of the Justice Center, 90 North St., Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Democratic candidates will sign up in the Historic Courthouse, 100 North St., Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

After the qualifying period, the office Munda leads will verify candidate qualifications and move rapidly to prepare for absentee voting that is scheduled to begin on June 2, the county elections chief said.

"We will be working very quickly on getting our ballots ready for print review," Munda said.

Schedules of qualifying fees and other information for local offices are posted online at the county elections and registration's Web site at voter.cherokeeega.com or by calling (770) 479-0407.

Information is also available from local political party offices by calling Sheila Auffrey of the Republican Party at (770) 345-2677 or Bill Haffner of the Democratic Party at (770) 720-9671.

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Ball Ground mulls 2009 budget

BY TOM BROOKS
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A public hearing on the city of Ball Ground's proposed budget for the government's 2009 fiscal year is scheduled for April 24.

The budget under review is almost \$2.8 million, a decrease of almost \$600,000 from the nearly \$3.4 million budget of the current fiscal year.

"I think we're presenting a conservative budget," said City Manager Eric Wilmarth, who cited anticipated decreases in new water and sewer capacity connections, and in building permit activity, as three key factors leading to the proposed budget decrease.

The public hearing is slated for 7 p.m. on Thursday in Ball Ground City Hall, 210 Valley St. A Ball Ground City Council work session is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., and is to resume after the public hear-

ing, Wilmarth said.

The city council is scheduled to vote on the budget during its May 8 meeting, which is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in city hall.

The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The city's new millage rate, which was set last year at 5.12 mills, is to be approved later in the year after the city receives the tax digest report from the county, Wilmarth said.

A significant factor for explaining the differences in the current and proposed budgets is big items were handled in the current fiscal year, Wilmarth said.

The 2007-08 fiscal year set to close at the end of June includes funding and expenses related to the new \$1.8 million city hall and other major projects, Wilmarth said.

The proposed budget includes \$720,000 of grant funding for the downtown streetscapes project,

which accounts for the bulk of the budget placed under the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) portion of the budget.

The city is anticipating decreases in actual SPLOST funding in the 2009 fiscal year, down from \$396,000 in the 2008 budget to \$378,710 in the 2009 budget, a summary of the plan shows.

The city governments receive portions of the month receipts in SPLOST funds processed by the Georgia Department of Revenue.

The March SPLOST check for Ball Ground was about \$21,000, a decline of approximately one-third off the average of about \$35,000, Wilmarth said.

"We're anxious to see where it goes back to," Wilmarth said of the April share of SPLOST the city is to receive.

For information on the city of Ball Ground, call (770) 735-2123 or visit www.cityofballground.com.



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Yellow Creek Road and a portion of Ga. 369 will be closed during the day on April 25 to clear the

way for professional cyclists in the Tour de Georgia passing through the northeastern corner of Cherokee County.

Motorists and spectators are urged to prepare for traffic delays starting mid-morning Friday before the cyclists reach Cherokee.

Sgt. 1st Class D.E. Pollock, commander of the Georgia State Patrol's Post 28 in Jasper, said the cyclists are expected to enter Cherokee County on Ga. 369 at the Forsyth County line Friday morning between 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and turn north on Yellow Creek Road as they head to Pickens County.

Re-routing of traffic will occur about one hour before the cyclists start arriving in the area, Pollock said.

Friday will be the race's Stage 5, a route that is slated to begin at 10 a.m. in Suwanee and is expected to conclude between 2:50 p.m. and 4:10 p.m. in Dahlonega, race organizers say. Sections of Stage 5 in neighboring Pickens County include Yellow Creek Road and Ga. 136.

"We will have troopers,

deputies, and other emergency officials posted throughout the entire length of this stage to re-route traffic beginning approximately one hour prior to the competitors arriving," Pollock said. "All times concerning the race are estimated and could change with the speed of the bicycles."



In its sixth year, the Tour de Georgia is billed as North America's top professional cycling event. Past participants included Lance Armstrong, who joined his fellow cyclists as the tour passed through rural northern Cherokee and downtown Ball Ground three years ago.

The 2008 Tour de Georgia is a seven-day event that was slated to start on Tybee Island on April 21 and is to finish April 27 in downtown Atlanta. The 2008 race benefits the Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, organizers say.

Information on the race is posted online at www.tourdegeorgia.com.

— By Tom Brooks

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RESIGN: Pinholster keeps board seat

FROM PAGE 1A

Monday morning, WSB-TV, citing an anonymous source, reported that Pinholster, 80, was the subject of a sexual harassment complaint. The DOT had no comment and would not confirm.

At press time, several attempts to reach Pinholster in Florida were unsuccessful.

State Transportation board members are elected by a majority of a General Assembly caucus from each of Georgia's 13 congressional districts. Each board member serves a five-year term. Terms alternate to ensure two or three members are elected each year.

Abraham serves as DOT's 14th Commissioner and the first woman ever to hold the state's top transportation post, overseeing 5,800 employees statewide and a

budget of more than \$2 billion.

A Ball Ground resident and former state representative from Cherokee County, Pinholster was slated to serve as interim director until June, when Evans' term as chairman ran out, Spear said. He would have been the second state director of the DOT from Cherokee; William G. Hasty Sr. served as longtime chairman before his death in 2003. Spear said it was decided at the meeting that board member Bill Kuhlke Jr., of Augusta, will now assume the position of interim director.

The state DOT has been beleaguered recently by charges of mismanagement of funds, resulting in a shortfall of billions of dollars that has jeopardized several planned transportation projects around the state. Abraham was

appointed to the commissioner post with Gov. Sonny Perdue's backing to rectify financial problems at the state agency.

Pinholster was elected to the board in 2004. He formerly served in the state House as both Minority Caucus vice-chairman and chairman.

Pinholster holds a doctorate in education from Louisiana State University and headed Matthews Supermarkets. A former lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he was named Georgia College Coach of the Year four times during his stint as Oglethorpe University basketball coach. He served as coach of the 1963 USA Pan American basketball team.

He was also athletic director and dean of administration at Oglethorpe.

NEWS BRIEFS

Deadline for equestrian class registration is May 1

The deadline to sign-up for a series of classes for equine producers in Northwest Georgia, including Cherokee and surrounding counties, is May 1, the Cherokee County Extension Office recently announced.

The Master Equine Management Training, a series of six classes on basic horse care and pasture management, is sponsored by UGA Cooperative Extension, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rolling Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council.

The weekly class will meet Thursdays May 8 to June 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bartow County Extension Office, 320 West Cherokee Ave. in Cartersville.

The cost for the class is \$150, which includes training materials, a hat with the Master Equine logo, and 12 hours of lectures from USDA and UGA experts.

A registration brochure for the Master Equine Management Training can be downloaded from the Cherokee County Extension

Office's Website at www.ugaextension.com/Cherokee.

To register and for more information, call the USDA Rolling Hills RC&D Council at (770) 749-0444.

Woodstock PD offers seniors document shredding service

The Woodstock Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit is hosting a document shredding event for senior citizens at the Senior Extravaganza May 3.


The Senior Extravaganza is hosted by the Cherokee Recreation and Parks Association, and will be at the South Annex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 3.

As part of their crime prevention program the police department has arranged for Georgia Document Destruction Inc. to donate one of their specially equipped vehicles.

The Senior Extravaganza, co-sponsored by the Seniors And Law Enforcement Together/Triad Council, is a collaborative that focuses on senior citizen-oriented crimes such as identity theft and elderly abuse. According to Woodstock Police Chief Ric Moss the

dominant crime in 2007 was identity theft and fraud.

For more information, call Officer Manny de la Torre at (770) 592-6016 or jdelatorre@woodstockga.gov.



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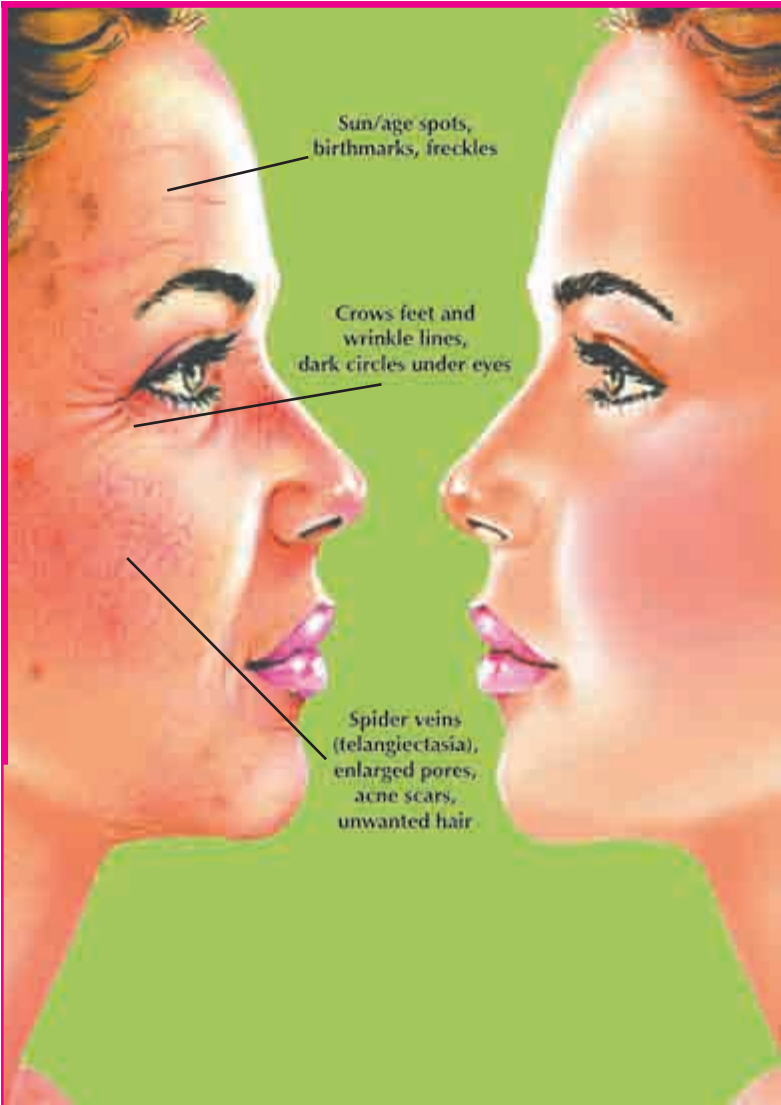
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LAW & ORDER

■ **Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services responded to a two-vehicle accident just before noon April 16 on Ga. 140 near its intersection with Univeter Road.** The 58-year-old female driver of the sport-utility vehicle involved was ejected from the vehicle, said Tim Cavender, director of public affairs for Fire-ES. She was taken to North Fulton Hospital with head lacerations and a possible concussion, Cavender said. The other driver was treated at the scene and refused to be transported to the hospital. The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office is investigating the cause of the crash.

■ **Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services responded to a single-vehicle accident on Ga. 140 near Sardis Circle Road April 14.** The vehicle apparently was traveling west on Ga. 140 when the car left the road and went down an embankment, said Tim Cavender, director of public affairs for Fire-ES. The driver, a 48-year-old male, was trapped inside the vehicle. The driver was removed from the car and taken to an ambulance. He was later taken by air ambulance to Grady Memorial Hospital. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office.

■ **The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office is seeking information about a scam involving elderly residents.** Police say a white male will go to a home and tell the resident they are doing some work in the area, and asks if there is anything the resident needs help with, while walking away from the home.

Smithers

While that person is distracted, another person steals items from the home, said Sgt. Jay Baker, public information officer for the sheriff's office. The burglars allegedly have stolen checks and taken them to Cobb County banks, where a black male cashes the checks, Baker said. The checks were made out to Michael Smithers, who reportedly has a Kentucky driver's license as his identification. Similar reports have been made in Cobb, Paulding and Forsyth counties. Anyone with any information about Smithers is asked to call (770) 928-0239. Police urge people to be wary of strangers coming to their home offering to do work.

■ **Cherokee County sheriff's deputies responded to a burglary on Bells Ferry Place April 13.** The victim said he went to the

store around 4 p.m., and when he returned home at 5:30 p.m., someone had burglarized his home. He said the door was kicked in and several high priced items, including electronics, jewelry, a firearm and cash were stolen, the report said. The estimated value of the items stolen is about \$12,600, the report said.

■ **Cherokee County sheriff's deputies responded to a dog attack on Junaluska Drive in Woodstock April 12.** The caller said she and her neighbor were walking his dog when a pit bull approached them. She said the dogs were fine, and then the pit bull reportedly attacked her neighbor's dog. The man separated the dogs by their collars, and the woman took the man's dog back to her house where she got a cord to tie up the pit bull, the report said. The pit bull reportedly bit the man on both arms, the report said. Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services responded and checked the man and his dog. Cherokee County Animal Control was expected to identify

the pet owner by the rabies tag number.

■ **Canton police responded to the Canton Sports Bar April 11 in reference to a man being intoxicated.** The officer met with the security guard who said he found the man in the bathroom of the bar with a small bag containing a white substance, the report said. When the officer saw the suspect, he saw the small bag hanging out of the man's shirt and took it, the report said. Manuel Bravo, 29, of Canton, was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, the report said.

■ **Woodstock police responded to Kohl's on Woodstock Square Avenue April 14 in reference to a shoplifter in custody.** The woman reportedly stole several hundred dollars worth of clothing from the department store. The estimated value of the items stolen is about \$650, the report said. Laura Elizabeth Mills, 28, of Dallas, was arrested and charged with felony shoplifting, the report said.

Fire destroys boats at Victoria Marina



TIM CAVENDER | SPECIAL

Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services responded to a fire April 14 around 11 p.m. at Victoria Marina on Lake Allatoona. When they arrived they found that two boats had caught on fire, said Tim Cavender, director of public affairs for Fire-ES. The fire was reported after a fisherman, who was participating in a tournament on the lake, saw the glow from the fire. Despite an aggressive attack, both boats were destroyed. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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TUSCANY ITALIAN GRILL

1430 Towne Lake Parkway, Woodstock
Inspection date: March 31
Current score: 87-B
Previous score: 92-A (re-inspection)
Violations: Walk-in cooler inadequately holding at proper temperature. Meatballs and sauce holding at 110 degrees; must be at 135 degrees or above. Use thermometer to monitor proper temperatures. All food containers must air dry before stacking and storage. Cutting boards must be maintained to be smooth and stain-free. All food scoops must have a handle that must be kept out of food product. Mop sink plumbing must have proper backflow device installed. Hose nozzle must be kept out of the sink and above the flood rim.

LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE

1375 Riverstone Parkway, Canton
Inspection date: April 1
Current score: 91-A (re-inspection)
Previous score: 60-U
Violations: Cans of "Pam" cooking spray were stored next to oven cleanser cans (cans were the same size). Do not store clean glasses next to handwashing sink; water from handwashing was splashing onto the

clean glasses. Hose used to clean dishes and utensils must be a food grade hose. Hoses on hose bibs must have hose bibb vacuum breaker to prevent back siphonage of water. Still need improved cleanup behind and under equipment. Consumer advisory must be in all capital letters.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA N.Y.-STYLE

17910 Ga. 92, Woodstock
Inspection date: April 1
Current score: 87-B
Previous score: 87-B
Violations: All handwashing stations must be accessible at all times. Food prep in three-compartment sink is prohibited. Wipe cloth sanitizer too low; use test strips to monitor. All chemicals must be labeled and properly stored. All food containers must air dry before stacking and storage. Food scoops must have a handle which must be kept out of food product. All food brushes must have a plastic band and not metal bands. All cracked or broken food containers must be discarded.

KFC/PIZZA HUT

2445 Towne Lake Parkway, Woodstock
Inspection date: April 1
Current score: 83-B
Previous score: 87-B
Violations: All handwash stations must be supplied with paper towels. Wipe cloth sanitizer too high; use test strips to monitor. All chemical spray bottles must be properly stored. All food containers must air dry before stacking and storage. Warmer door is broken and must be repaired. Several cooler gaskets and door handles are very dirty and must be cleaned. Dumpster pad is full of water and litter. Dumpsters must be covered, and lid must be in good repair. All mops must be properly stored for air drying. Drive-thru window must not be propped open. All employee beverages must be in a single use cup with a lid and straw.

THE TAVERN

5735 Bells Ferry Rd., Acworth
Inspection date: April 1
Current score: 90-A
Previous score: 96-A
Violations: Bulk flour and sugar must be stored in a bulk container after opening. All chemical spray bottles must be labeled and properly stored. All equipment storage must be six inches off the floor. Butcher block knife storage is prohibited. Ladies' restroom must have a covered trash can. Water-damaged ceiling tile must be painted or replaced. When

preparing food, cook cannot wear jewelry on hands and arms except for one ring. All ready-to-eat potentially hazardous food must be date marked if stored more than 24 hours.

PACHAMAMA RESTAURANT

6822 Ga. 92, Acworth
Inspection date: April 2
Current score: 94-A
Previous score: 99-A (opening)
Violations: All chemicals must be properly labeled and stored. All light bulbs in reach-in cooler must be shielded or shatter-proof. All unnecessary articles or equipment must be removed from facility. All ready-to-eat food held for more than 24 hours must be date marked with a seven-day limit. Consumer advisory must be provided on menu for raw or undercooked food.

BASCOMB ELEMENTARY

1335 Wyngate Parkway, Woodstock
Inspection date: April 2
Current score: 98-A
Previous score: 99-A
Violations: Single service cups for fruits and vegetables must be properly stored. Vents in ceiling are dirty and must be cleaned.

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

3 Reinhardt College Parkway, Canton
Inspection date: April 2
Current score: 85-B
Previous score: 89-B
Violations: Direct observation of dirty food contact surfaces of food slicers and utensils. Consumer advisory must have a disclosure and reminder for raw and undercooked foods. Cooked onions not properly cooled to 41 degrees within six hours. Person-in-charge must demonstrate knowledge of cooling procedures. No food prep is permitted in the handwash sink or three-compartment sink. While preparing food, employees may not wear jewelry on hands and arms except for a plain ring or wedding band. All food containers must air dry before stacking and storage. All single service articles must be stored six inches off the floor. All broken or cracked containers must be discarded. All food scoops must have a handle which must be kept out of the food. Goose neck sprayer must be repaired at dish sink, and nozzle must be properly stored. Dumpster area must be cleaned up, and grease trap must be kept closed. Ceiling vents are dirty and need cleaning.

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RESTAURANT REPORTS

PROVINO'S

1365 Riverstone Parkway, Canton
Inspection date: Feb. 22
Current score: 90-A
Previous score: 99-A
Violations: Raw potentially hazardous food cannot be stored above ready-to-eat food (raw veal and raw chicken above cooked ziti, garlic and butter in walk-in). Must establish employee health policy. Clean food containers must be allowed to air dry before stacking. Clean utensils and single service items must be stored inverted. Need to post choking poster. Need to post handwashing signs at hand sinks. Inspection report must be readable from one-foot.

GG'S CREOLE CAFE

12035 Ga. 92, Woodstock
Inspection date: Feb. 27
Current score: 93-A
Previous score: 99-A
Violations: Must establish an employee health policy. Potentially hazardous ready-to-eat food must be date marked if held more than 24 hours. All chemicals must be located on the dirty side of three-compartment sink, not on the clean side. Single use gloves must be discarded after use; do not reuse. Condenser unit in freezer needs to be repaired to correct leak/ice buildup. Filters in hood should be placed in correct vertical position. Dumpster must be kept closed. Need to post choking poster and handwash signs.

BASKET SHACK

1054 Marietta Highway, Canton
Inspection date: Feb. 27
Current score: 83-B (re-inspection)
Previous score: 65-U
Violations: Hands must be washed immediately before putting on gloves for working with ready-to-eat food. Stored food must be kept covered. Consumer advisory must be correctly displayed on menu for potentially hazardous foods served undercooked (eggs, hamburgers). Must establish employee health policy. Must date mark prepared foods held more than 24 hours. Clean utensils and tea pitchers must be stored protected to avoid contamination. Baking pans need to be replaced. Interiors of refrigerator units need to be thoroughly cleaned. Heavy grease buildup on front serving line must be cleaned. Remove unnecessary articles. More thorough cleaning is needed throughout facility on floors, walls and ceiling. Light shield needs to be replaced in serving area. Finish installing self-closer on back door.

MCDONALD'S

3240 Ridge Rd., Canton
Inspection date: March 5

Current score: 76-C
Previous score: 86-B
Violations: Person in charge must demonstrate knowledge of safe food handling practices, chemical storage, temperature control and employee health policy. Must establish employee health policy. Hands must be washed and gloves changed before working with ready-to-eat foods. Do not layer gloves. Potentially hazardous food held cold must be kept at 41 degrees or below (yogurt parfait at 70 degrees, cut tomatoes at 67 degrees, hydrated onions at 69 degrees). Toxic chemicals must be properly stored away from clean equipment, gloves and single service articles. Must post choking poster. Inspection report must be posted in drive-thru windows and in dining area within 15 feet of the main door, approachable from one foot. Tea scoop handle must be kept out of ice. Single service articles must be stored properly. Do not store under drain lines. Clean utensils must be stored in clean drawer. Beverage air cooler not working properly. Tea brewing station needs to be cleaned up. If time is to be used as public health control for potentially hazardous foods, written procedures must be on-site, and times must be marked correctly.

THE FOOD LADY

107 Royal Oaks Dr., Canton
Inspection date: March 5
Current score: 97-A
Previous score: 99-A
Violations: Any potentially hazardous food prepared and held more than 24 hours must be date marked and discarded within seven days. When thawing potentially hazardous food in sink, must submerge under running water of 70 degrees or less.

TWO BROTHERS BBQ

1695 Old Canton Rd., Ballground
Inspection date: April 3
Current score: 91-A
Previous score: 98-A
Violations: Improper cooling method used to cool pork. Must cool in shallow pans no deeper than four inches and must be loosely covered. Must cool from 135 degrees to 70 degrees in two hours, and then from 70 degrees to 41 degrees in four hours. Wipe cloths with sanitizer too high, and must use test strips to monitor. Inspection report must be posted 15 feet from the door and readable at one foot. All dishes must air dry before stacking and storage, and no towel drying is allowed. Can opener blade is very dirty and must be cleaned. Pit cooker needs cleaning. Window fans need cleaning. Some windows are missing screens. Several wall vents are dirty. Food out of temperature

must have times marked, and must have procedures and records for all food using time as a public health control.

DOT'S RESTAURANT

280 Highway 372, Ballground
Inspection date: April 3
Current score: 96-A
Previous score: 98-A
Violations: Wipe cloths with sanitizer too low. Water-damaged ceiling tile must be painted or replaced. Must establish employee health policy. Must date mark all ready-to-eat potentially hazardous food if held more than 24 hours. Inspection report improperly posted.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- North Canton Baptist Church, 150 Juniper St., Canton, will have a free concert of Southern gospel music with The Paul Family April 27 at 7 p.m. For more information, call (770) 479-5296.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1208 Rose Creek Drive, Woodstock, will host the Russian choral ensemble Archiglas April 27 at 4 p.m. Archiglas is an a cappella ensemble of professional musicians from St. Petersburg and performs Russian religious and folk music. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call (770) 924-7286.
- Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 345 Arnold Mill Road, will hold its second annual barbecue for Manely Kids May 24 from 10:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a moonwalk, a magician, pony rides, contests, prizes and a raffle for a 32-inch HDTV and other items. For more information, call (770) 926-0074.

■ There will be a free evening of contemporary Christian music featuring Out On a Limb at Hobgood Amphitheater May 17 at 6 p.m. For more details, call (770) 917-4964.

■ Waleska Church of God of Prophecy, at Ga. 108 and Dry Pond Road in Waleska, will hold a Singing with Jeff Eberhardt April 27 at 11a.m.

■ Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1136 Trinity Church Road, Canton, will hold its second annual May Fest, rain or shine, May 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a pig roast, hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixin's (donations accepted). The Cherokee Sheriff's Office will provide child ID kits, and children's activities include face-painting, pony rides, hayrides, horseshoes, bocce, badminton and an ambulance and fire truck. For more information, call (678) 493-6955.

■ Orange United Methodist Church, 220 Orange Church Circle, Canton, will hold an Earth Day celebration May 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities include beekeeping demonstrations, live bluegrass and gospel music, a children's area, a nature trail walk, a demonstration by the Cherokee Hazardous Materials Response Team, hay rides, and informational booths. For more information, call (770) 886-9662.

FUNDRAISERS

- Sixes Presbyterian Church, 2335 Sixes Rd., Canton, will hold a yard sale May 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to the church building fund and various church ministries. For more information, call (678) 388-9780.
- First Baptist Church of Woodstock will host a Talent Show and Dance June 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Union Hill Community Center, 1780 A.J. Land Road in Canton. Anyone age 35 or older is invited to attend or participate. Tickets are \$20 per person, but there are discounts for purchasing them in advance. For more information, call (770) 479-3689.
- Kid's Bible Clubs Ministries, an organization serving at-risk children living in low income neighborhoods, will hold a yard sale May 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Woodstock Antiques parking lot at Bells Ferry Road and Ga. 92. For more information, or to donate items for sale, call (770) 596-3858.
- Bascomb United Methodist Women are sponsoring a Children's Consignment Sale May 2 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and May 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bascomb United Methodist Church, 2295 Bascomb Carmel Road, Woodstock. Consigners needed. For more information, call (770) 926-9755.

VBS

- Woodstock Christian Church, 7700 Ga. 92, will hold "God's Big Backyard" VBS June 8-13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with dinner being served nightly at 5 p.m. For more information, or to register visit www.woodstockchristian.org or call (770) 926-8238.
- Hopewell Baptist Church, 75 Ridge Road, Canton, will hold "Outrigger Island" VBS June 9-13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children in pre-K through sixth grade. For more information, call (770) 345-5723, or register online at hopewellbaptist.com.

■ Buffington Baptist Church, 321 Old Cumming Highway, will hold "Liberty Village" VBS June 2-7 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, or to register, call (678) 602-1622.

■ Towne Lake Community Church, 132 North Medical Parkway, Woodstock, will hold "Outrigger Island" VBS June 23-27 from 8:30 a.m. to noon for ages 4 and older. Registrations now being accepted online at www.tlchurch.com.

REVIVALS

■ Mill Creek Baptist Church on East Cherokee Drive in Woodstock will a spring youth revival April 27 through May 3 at 7 p.m. Visiting ministers are Brother Todd Christopher and Brother John Bottoms assisting Pastor Kevin Thompson.

SPECIAL SERVICES

■ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1208 Rose Creek Drive, Woodstock, will hold a Service of Healing April 29 at 7:30 p.m. The service will include prayer, anointing, and laying on of hands. For more information, call (770) 924-7286.

HOMECOMINGS

■ Holly Springs United Methodist Church will celebrate its homecoming April 26-27. There will be a soup and sandwich meal from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by a Service of Memories led by guest speaker Rev. Will Berkner April 26. Rev. Dave Benson will be the guest minister during the Homecoming Service beginning at 10:30 a.m. April 27 and followed by lunch. For more information, call (770) 345-2883 or (770) 591-5887.

PRESCHOOL

- Ralph Bunche Center is currently taking applications for the 2008-09 school year for children ages 3-4. For more information, call (770) 479-4744.
- Heritage Presbyterian Preschool, 5323 Bells Ferry Road, is now enrolling for the 2008-09 school year. Classes are offered for children ages 2 through Pre-K. For more information, call (770) 924-0268.
- Union Hill United Methodist Church Preschool, 2000 A. J. Land Road, Canton, is registering children ages 2-4 for 2008-09. For more information, call (678) 297-0550.
- Waleska UMC preschool, located on the Reinhardt College Campus, is now registering ages 2-4 for 2008-09. For more information, call Tina Courshon at (770) 479-4428.
- St. Michael the Archangel, 490 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, has openings in its preschool program for children ages 2-4. For more information, call (678) 213-1517.

■ Timothy Lutheran Church, 556 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, is now registering children ages 18 months through 5 years old for preschool. For more information, call (770) 928-2812.

■ Woodstock Presbyterian Church Preschool, 345 Arnold Mill Road, is now registering for the 2008-09 school year for children ages 2-4 years. For more information, call (770) 926-4244.

■ Mt. Zion Baptist Preschool in Canton has openings in its four-day program for fall 2008. For more information, call (770) 479-8058.

■ Hopewell Preschool and Mother's Morning Out program is currently enrolling children for fall 2008. Schedules available are Mondays-Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (770) 345-0989.

THE Weekly Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 High-fives
 - 6 Came down with
 - 9 Allied
 - 14 Israeli port
 - 15 Nautical swerve
 - 16 Loan-sharking
 - 17 "The Taming of the Shrew" city
 - 18 Greek letter
 - 19 Hold responsible
 - 20 Part of a dinner order
 - 23 Sara and Farrow
 - 24 Periphery
 - 25 Toy shooters
 - 28 Herring's cousin
 - 30 Part of a play
 - 33 Lena of "Chocolat"
 - 34 The ones here
 - 35 Prohibitionist
 - 36 Part of a dinner order
 - 40 Naughty
 - 41 Recesses
 - 42 If all ___ fails...
 - 43 Hog haven
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 - 45 Accent
 - 47 Well-suited
 - 48 Jack of talk shows
 - 49 Part of a dinner order
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- 37 Intact
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- 51 Harvest
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CHEROKEE SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight items must be typed and submitted to the Ledger-News the Wednesday before publication date. Send entries to editor@ledgernews.com or fax them to (888) 761-1989. Please include address of event.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ The Ball Ground Heritage Days Committee is looking for artists and craftsmen, food vendors and parade participants for their upcoming festival, a two-day event held on May 17-18 and featuring entertainment, arts and crafts, food and children's activities. The Grand Marshal of this year's festival and parade will be Monika Kelly, daughter of world famous clown, Emmett Kelly Sr., and the committee is particularly looking for clowns and clown groups to participate. For more information, or to participate, contact Nancy Dobbs at tigergram42@aol.com or call (770) 735-1142.

■ Canton and Waste Management Inc. will hold an Electronics Recycling Day May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at city hall, 151 Elizabeth St. There is no charge for dumping computer recyclables, such as computers, scanners, printers, keyboards, etc. There is a \$10 fee for dumping TVs. Items not accepted include car batteries, washers/dryers, refrigerators, toasters, gas-powered tools, freezers and tires. For more information, call (770) 592-3520.

■ The Cherokee County Senior Extravaganza will be held May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Recreation & Parks South Annex, 7545 Main St., Woodstock. There is no admission charge, free bingo all day long and door prizes every half-hour. There will also be more than 60 exhibitors, blood pressure checks, glucose and cholesterol screenings, balance assessments, massages and skin cancer screenings. Entertainment and demonstrations include a fashion show, line dancers, the Woodstock Warblers, the Woodstock Sparklers, Tai Chi and flex and stretch. Barbecue lunch will also be available for purchase. For more information, call Debbie Haezebrouck at (678) 230-8350 or Betty Rice at (678) 445-6518.

■ The Third Annual Woodstock Landmark Art Show will run the month of April, Mondays-Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Dean's Store, 8588 Main Street, Woodstock. For more information, call (770) 924-0406.

FUNDRAISERS

■ Contemporary classical pianist Jon Schmidt will perform a benefit concert for the Woodstock High School Marching Band May 10 in the Woodstock High School auditorium, 2010 Towne Lake Hills Drive. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. The concert begins at 7 p.m., with doors opening for seating at 6:15 p.m. For more information, call Ted Randall at (404) 386-3360.

■ The Sequoyah Cross Country Booster Club will hold a 5k run and 1-mile Fun Run May 17 at Sequoyah High School, 4485 Hickory Road, Canton. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m.; 5K run starts at 7:30 a.m. and Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m. Entry fees for the 5K are \$15 for pre-registration and \$20 for race day registration; fee for the Fun Run is \$1. For more information, or to register, contact Christy Lee at wslcdl1@bellsouth.net or (770) 354-2962.

■ The Etowah Eagles TakeDown Club will hold a Car Show fundraiser May 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for all cars, trucks, and mo-

torcycles. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Entry fee is \$25 per vehicle (\$20 in advance). All proceeds go to support the Etowah Eagles Wrestling Program. For more information, to register, or to help sponsor, call (770) 516-7422.

■ The 5th Annual Johnny Leathers Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held May 3 at 9 a.m. at Woodmont Golf & Country Club. The event is hosted by The Johnny Foundation, and proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, as well as a local counseling center. The \$125 entry fee includes cart fee, greens fee, range balls, lunch, player gift, silent auction, awards and prizes. For more information, or to register, call Wayne or Lisa Leathers at (678) 493-4986.

■ There will be a free Concert in the Park Benefit April 27 at noon at Lee Newton Park in Jasper. Slingshot Southern rock band and other local bands will perform, and there will be AMOS' BBQ for sale, a raffle, a karaoke contest and a cake auction. All proceeds are to benefit the family of the late Daniel Carter of Ball Ground to help with funeral expenses. For more information, visit www.in-memoryofdaniel.info or call (678) 697-6679.

■ The city of Woodstock will host the "Here Comes the Sun" fashion show and silent auction May 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Woodstock Community Church. Proceeds will benefit the Cherokee Family Violence Center. Tickets cost \$25. For more details, call (770) 479-1804 ext 204.

■ ERA Sunrise Realty associate Rebecca Patterson is raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Patterson has committed to raise \$2,700 and cycle a 100-mile bike ride. To donate to her efforts, send a check payable to LLS to Rebecca Patterson, 2744 Kozy Court, Marietta, GA 30066 or visit www.active.com/donate/tntga/tntgaRPatter.

■ Macedonia Community Club will hold a Fun Fest, April 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Macedonia Baseball fields at Ga. 20 and East Cherokee Drive. Ravenwood, a local bluegrass band, and Jumptastic will be providing all of the live entertainment. The concession stand will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, popcorn, candy, snow cones, and cotton candy. Admission is \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of the event. All proceeds will be used for improvements to the Macedonia Ballpark.

■ The Cherokee County March for Babies will be held April 26 at First Baptist Church of Woodstock in Woodstock. All proceeds benefit the March of Dimes. Activities include a Children's Corner play area and a picnic lunch by Publix. For more information, visit Marchforbabies.org or e-mail MEspy@marchofdimes.com.

■ There will be a benefit concert for Memphis Lafferty, a 2-year-old with bacterial meningitis, May 3 from 3 p.m. to closing at Bogey's Bar & Grille, 1085 Buckhead Crossing, Woodstock. The benefit is the senior project of Krista Mitchell. For more information, call (770) 713-4754.

■ Chrysalis Experiential Academy will hold its annual "Fore the Kids" Golf Challenge at the Woodmont Country Club May 12. For more information, or to register, contact Neal Miller at neal.miller@techcfo.com or (770) 329-9069.

BLOOD DRIVES

■ The following American Red Cross blood drives are scheduled for Cherokee County: **April 25** from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at New Ball Ground United Methodist Church, 9972 Old Canton Highway; **April 26** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1208 Rose Creek Drive, Woodstock; **April 28** from noon to 5 p.m. at Northside Cherokee, 201 Hospital Road, Canton; **May 2** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Etowah High School, 6565 Putnam Ford Drive.

GARDENING

■ The Cherokee County Cooperative Extension Agency, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and the Cherokee County Master Gardeners will hold the free class "Drought tolerant and native plants of Georgia," May 24 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Ball Ground Public Library. The class will cover plant selection and landscaping practices for success in dry conditions. Registration is encouraged. For more information, or to register, call (770) 479-0418.

■ Reinhardt College, in cooperation with Cherokee Master Gardeners, Georgia Conservancy and Upper Etowah River Alliance, will host free gardening classes structured around dealing with the drought April 26 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Funk Heritage Center on the college campus. "Xeriscaping and native plants" is at 9 a.m.; "Rain gardens and water conservation" is at 10 a.m.; "Backyard wildlife gardening" is at 11 a.m.; and participants can discuss gardening with a landscape architect and contractor at noon. For more information, call (770) 720-5970.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

■ The Pilot Club of Cherokee County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Featherstone's at Bridge Mill, 1190 Bridgemill Avenue, Canton. For more information, call (770) 393-1766 or email Lynda@edgoodwinassociates.com.

■ The Hickory Flat Optimist Club meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at Family Traditions on Ga. 140. The group's purpose is to benefit the children of Cherokee County. For more information, or to register, call (770) 345-5506 or (770) 633-1313.

■ The Rotary Club of Cherokee County meets Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, I-575 at exit 20, adjacent to Wal-Mart in Canton. For more information, call (770) 517-4504.

SADDLE CLUB

■ Cherokee County Saddle Club will host Garland Mountain Trail work days the second Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Garland Mountain Way in Waleska. The May 17 clinic on Safety and Survival on the Trail will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Towne Lake Equestrian Club located at 406 Old Boring Lane in Woodstock. For more information, contact Tamma Trump at (770) 655-0819 or mswhinney@juno.com.

KNITTING

■ North Georgia Knitting Guild meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Hillside UMC, 4474 Towne Lake Parkway, Woodstock. All knitters and fiber artists welcome. For more information, call (770) 720-7610 or visit www.northgeorgiaknittingguild.com.

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THE ARTS

■ The Georgia Art Exchange meets every Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 8295 Ga. 92, Suite B, Woodstock, for informal/social sessions aimed at developing future Georgia Art promotions. All are wel-come. For more information, call (770) 882-5911.

■ The Christian Authors Guild will hold its second annual Coffee and Quill April 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at Prayer & Praise Christian Fellow-ship, 6409 Bells Ferry Road, Woodstock. The event is for those inter-ested in improving their writing skills or who just want to network with other writers and features writing classes taught by Diana Baker, copy editor for Christian Liv-ing Magazine, and Robert Graves, winner of the 2007 first place award for fiction by the Southern Christian Writers Conference. For more information, or to RSVP, call (770) 928-2588.

SINGLES

■ A group for singles ages 50 and older meets every Tuesday at Don-ny's restaurant in Canton at 6 p.m. for dinner, conversation and to make new friends. For more infor-mation, call Kathy (770) 345-5204.

POLITICAL

■ The Cherokee County Democratic Party meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Holly Springs Community Center, 100 Hickory Circle off Old Ga. 5. The group also holds a breakfast meet-ing the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at the Ryan's on River-stone Parkway in Canton and a monthly "Meet-Up" on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Slapshots in Woodstock. For more information, call (770) 345-3489 or visit www.cherokeedems.com.

■ The Cherokee County Libertarian Party meets the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rose Creek Library in Towne Lake. Visit www.ga.lp.org/cherokee.

■ The Cherokee County Republican Party meets for breakfast the first Saturday of every month at 8 a.m.

at the Right Wing Tavern in the old train depot on Main Street in Woodstock. Call (678) 520-2236 or (770) 345-2677 for more informa-tion.

AA

■ "Friendship-In-Step" group meets Mondays through Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church on Lower Scott Mill Road in Canton.

■ "The Road Home" group meets at 6 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at Antioch Christian Church, 3995 Sugar Pike Road, Canton. For more information, call (770) 475-9628.

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■ "On the Rocks" group meets Monday and Friday nights at 8 p.m. at Ball Ground United Methodist Church, 3045 Canton Highway, Ball Ground.

■ "Cherokee Choices" group meets Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. at Waleska First Baptist Church on Ga. 140. For more infor-mation, call (404) 944-8504.

■ "Canton Group" meets at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Davis Hall at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 2707 Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call (770) 479-8504.

■ The schedule for Canton/ Waleska AA meetings is as follows: Mon-day-Saturday at First United Methodist Church, 575/140 exit, at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday at Our Lady of La Salette Catholic Church, Sam Nelson Road, Waleska, at 8 p.m.; Monday at El Faro, 185 Crisler St., Canton, at 8 p.m. (Spanish speak-ing).

NAR-ANON

■ Nar-Anon, a 12-step support group for family and friends of substance abusers, meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Herb Shop, 161 Jackson St., Holly Springs. For information or direc-tions, call (404) 218-0246 or (770) 704-9950.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

■ Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at H.O.W. Place, 6268 Bells Ferry Road (behind fire station at Old Bascomb Court). For more infor-

mation, call (770) 592-6421.

VOLUNTEERS

■ Sequoyah High School needs vol-unteer judges to review senior projects May 19 in three shifts, starting at 2:30 p.m., going into the evening. For information or to volunteer, contact Pat.Dryden@cherokee.k12.ga.us.

■ Etowah High School needs volun-tee judges to review Senior Pro-ject oral presentations on May 12-13. Sessions will begin at 2 p.m. and end at 8:10 p.m. Three shifts of less than three hours are avail-able. Instructions and refresh-ments will be provided before each session. For more informa-tion, or to volunteer, email Lori Crawley at lori.crawley@chero-kee.k12.ga.us .

■ Woodstock High School needs volunteer judges to review senior project oral presentations May 13-14 starting at 4 p.m., going into the evening. Multiple shifts avail-able. For information or to volun-tee, contact Melissa Jablonski at melissa.jablonski@cherokee.k12.ga.us or call Grant Sinclair at (770) 856-6206.

■ Cherokee County Senior Center is in need of volunteers any day dur-ing the week, Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The great-est need is on Tuesdays and Thurs-days. For more information, call (770) 345-2675 or (770) 345-6730.

■ The North Metro chapter of Mothers Against Methampheta-mine is seeking volunteers to help support their "Power Over Addic-tion" jail ministry. For more infor-mation, call Lynn at (404) 271-1005.

■ Woodstock Angels needs volun-teers to knit, crochet and sew for preemie and newborn babies for charity. Yarn donations accepted. For information, call (770) 693-3175.

■ Bethany's Equine and Aquatic Therapy Services in Canton, needs volunteers for a program that uses horses to treat children with dis-abilities. Weekly shifts of 2-3 hours are needed Monday-Thursday. Call (678) 494-6616 or send an e-mail to blnugent@bellsouth.net.

MEDICAL

■ Northside Hospital-Cherokee will have free skin cancer screenings May 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Education Building, 201 Hospital Road, Canton. For more informa-tion, or to make an appointment, call (404) 845-5555 and press 0.

■ CVS/pharmacy will be holding free blood pressure and cholest-erol screenings during the month of April, no appointment neces-sary. Locations include: **April 23-24** from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 3785 Sixes Road, Canton, (770) 720-3466; **April 29-May 1** from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 6120 Hickory Flat Highway, Canton, (770) 720-0610; and **April 29-May 1** from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 1600 Towne Lake Park-way, Woodstock, (770) 517-1022.



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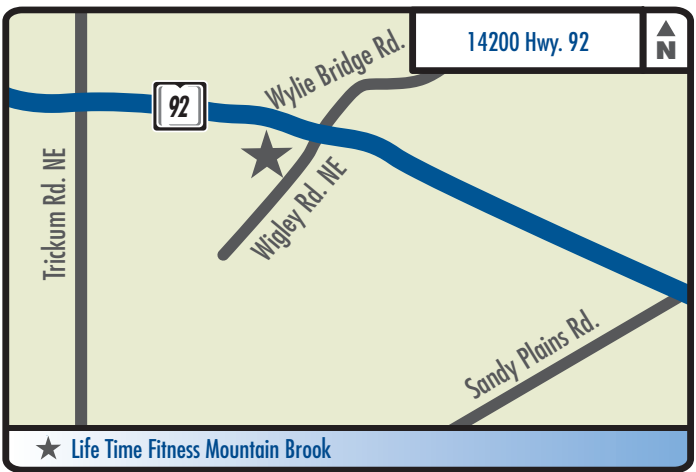
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Etowah girls, Woodstock boys dethrone CHS

Hixon, distance events
pave way for Lady
Eagles to beat WHS

BY TODD CALLAHAN
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The Etowah girls have dominated the county cross country meet over the past few years, and led by several members of the cross country team, the Lady Eagles captured the Cherokee County Track & Field championships last week at Woodstock High School.

Dominating the distance events, and led by sophomore Leah Hixon, who tallied 24 points and was named the meet's most outstanding athlete, Etowah won the county championship with 102 points. Woodstock finished runner-up for the second year in a row with 89 points and was followed by defending champion Cherokee (78), Creekview (39) and Sequoyah (26).

For the third year in a row, a different team has won the girls county championship. The Lady Wolverines were the last to successfully repeat as county champ, winning in 2005 and '06.

"Our biggest nemesis is always Woodstock. So it is nice to beat them every now and then," said Etowah girls track coach Billy Hamilton, who had runners finished first, second in the 800-meter run, 3,200 and won the 1,600. "Coach Joe [Robinson] does a tremendously great job with [our distance runners]. He's going to get the best out of them. I don't care how strong they are. He is going to get them and they are going to work for him. Those kids will run through a wall for him."

Of the 102 points, nearly 40 percent were attributed to the distance events and proved to be the

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Above: Etowah's Leah Hixon, who was named the meet's most outstanding athlete during last week's Cherokee County Girls Track and Field championships, leaps a personal-best 17-feet, 1/2 inch to capture the long jump. It was one of three individual events won by the sophomore, who led the Lady Eagles to a county title. Right: Woodstock's Chris Edwards blasts out of the starting block during the 400-meter race Thursday in the boys county track and field meet. Edwards finished runner-up in the race, as the Wolverines captured the boys title and won the overall points title for the two county events.

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Wolverines end
Cherokee's four-year
reign, win overall title

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Davis Harvey is no stranger to winning county championships. He was part of four when he was helping head coach Alan Lane at Cherokee.

Last Thursday, Harvey was part of another county championship, as the first-year boys head coach led Woodstock to a county title and an overall championship.

Led by a strong showing in the field events, the Wolverines varsity team held off a late charge by the Warriors and won the meet with 97.5 points. Cherokee was runner-up with 91.5 points and was followed by Etowah (62), Sequoyah (61) and Creekview (22).

The Wolverines also won the overall county championship, which combines the team scores from both boys and girls JV and varsity events.

The Wolverines edged Cherokee 411-393.5 in the total points standings. Etowah was third (232.5) and was followed by Creekview (206) and Sequoyah (141).

"This was definitely a team thing," said Harvey, whose team won four of the six field events. "I can attribute our success to our numbers. We have doubled the size of the track team. Coach [Rick] Glasper and Coach [Dave] Scharich have done a great job here, and I just came in and helped where I could, and we got a lot of football players to come out this year."

A cog in the Wolverines' success was the emergence of those football players, including Cory

County hall of fame gets new members

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It was the smallest induction class in the six-year history of the Cherokee County Sports Hall of Fame, but it was not short of talent, as the hall welcomed four individuals into its ranks at an enshrinement banquet Friday at First Baptist Church Canton.

Former Sequoyah High girls basketball and boys golf coach J. Scott Bursmith was part of the 2008 induction class along with former Cherokee High School star athletes Lamar Turner, David Saye and Scott Webb.

This year's induction class also included for the first time in the history of the hall of fame, the recognition of arguably the greatest team in the history of Cherokee County – the 1963-64 Cherokee High School girls varsity basketball team that went a perfect 27-0 and won the first state championship at the Canton school. It was the first of six



Former Cherokee girls head basketball coach Harold Scott stole the show Friday when he shared stories about the 1963-64 state champion Warriorettes at the Cherokee County Sports Hall of Fame banquet.

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state championships won by the Lady Warriors, who are the winningest program in state history.


The members of the undefeated state championship team were honored, and head coach Harold Scott, who was part of the inaugural Cherokee County Sports Hall of Fame induction class in 2003, was on hand to introduce the members of the

team.

Scott, 74, was the highlight of the banquet as he introduced the members of the Lady Warriors.

"I don't really remember a lot of these young ladies," said Scott, who also won state championships at Nahunta in 1958 and won state titles at Savannah

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2008

5-AAAA

BOYS GOLF

CHAMPIONSHIP

Score in relation to par at the 6,448-yard, par-72 course at the Woodmont Golf and Country Club that hosted the 5-AAAA boys golf championship held April 16.

TEAM SCORES		
1. Sequoyah		326
2. East Paulding		333
3. Hillgrove		340
4. Chapel Hill		345
5. South Paulding		352
5. Cherokee		412

INDIVIDUAL SCORES		
1. James Manos	Seq	-1 71
2. Jon Weiss	SP	+3 75
3. Will Commins	Seq	+5 77
4. J.P. Hagan	Hil	+7 79
5. Derek Mann	EP	+9 81
6. Nick Hudson	EP	+10 82
7. Hayden Stacey	CH	+11 83
8. Christopher Ellis	EP	+12 84

Chiefs win
5-AAAA
golf title

BY TODD CALLAHAN
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When the Cherokee County tournament was held in Sequoyah's backyard and was split up over two days, the Chiefs did not fare so well.

On Wednesday, the Chiefs got to play 18 holes over a single day at Woodmont Golf and Country Club and came away with a Region 5-AAAA championship and a berth in the Class AAAA state tournament being played at the par-72 Bartram Trail Golf Club in Evans on May 5. It marks the first time Sequoyah will be in the state tournament since 1995.

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Cherokee senior ace Chris Wakefield was the hard-luck loser against Sequoyah last week. Wakefield struck out the first seven he faced and finished with 13 strikeouts, but he was on the losing end of a 3-1 score.



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Sequoyah stretches win streak over Cherokee to two years

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For the first half of the game, Cherokee's Chris Wakefield was nearly unhittable. However, the ball seemed to be uncatchable at times later in the game, as Sequoyah continued its mastery over the Warriors.

Led by the pitching of senior Parker Sutton, the Chiefs stretched their winning streak against Cherokee to five games with a 3-1 come-from-behind victory at Cherokee on April 14. The Chiefs, who had won three of their last four games in 5-AAAA heading into Monday's game against South Paulding, have not lost to the Warriors in more than two years.

The Chiefs (16-5 overall, 15-2 in 5-AAAA) opened the game with seven straight strikeouts against the Cherokee ace. They did not put a notch in the hit column until the fourth inning. Sequoyah managed just five hits against the future Northern Illinois pitcher, who tallied 13 strikeouts, but the scattering of hits was enough for the Chiefs.

With the game tied at 1 in the top of the fifth inning, the Chiefs took advantage of one of three Cherokee errors to take the lead.

Clint McNeal had singled and Nate Grummer followed with a double. With two outs, Wakefield appeared to have gotten out of the jam. He threw a breaking ball in the dirt that Martin swung at for a strikeout, but the backup catcher, who was filling in for injured starter Brandon Able, was unable to come up with the ball.

McNeal scored on the passed ball, and Martin reached first base. Wakefield struck out the next batter to end the inning, but the damage had been done for the Warriors.

"It seems like with good quality teams like [Sequoyah], you've got to find a way to win the game and not lose the game," said Cherokee head coach Jason McDaniel, whose team is clinging to the final playoff spot in the region. "You've got to make plays. You can't let the pressure get to you, and I think that's what happened toward the end of the game."

Sequoyah added an insurance run in the sixth inning, taking advantage of another Cherokee miscue. Sutton helped his cause with a leadoff single to left field. Vinnie Gazaway was courtesy running when a pickoff attempt got by the first baseman. Gazaway reached third base and scored on a single to left field by Ethan Hoover.



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Sequoyah senior Parker Sutton scattered three hits and struck out 11 to pick up the victory against rival Cherokee on April 14.

Cherokee never was able to amount any offense late in the game against Sutton and the Chiefs. The Sequoyah left-hander gave up leadoff walks in two of the final three innings and had three walks, but those free passes never reached second base.

Catcher Tyler Adams threw out two of those free

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STREAK: Chiefs win five straight

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passes trying to steal, and Sutton did the rest, tallying five of his 11 total strikeouts in the final three innings to pick up the victory. It was his second win of the season against rival Cherokee.

“My fastball was working pretty good, breaking ball was working pretty good too. All my stuff was working well tonight,” said Parker, who nearly matched Wakefield pitch for pitch to begin the game. “It was a huge game, and I was really pumped going in to it.”

After Wakefield struck out the first three on 12 pitches in the first inning, Sutton followed suit with a pair of strikeouts and a groundout to shortstop by Wakefield. Sutton threw 14 pitches in the first inning and continued to work economically through the rest of the game.

Sutton gave up a single to Bryn Cloer in the second inning to spoil the no-hitter and lost his shutout in the third inning.

Having struck out the first two of the frame, Sutton walked lead-off hitter Casey Stacy. Stacy stole second, and Zack Mixson followed with a single to right field. Stacy came home ahead of the throw from Matt Wilson, and the Warriors owned the lead.

“Chris threw great the first three innings,” Sequoyah head coach Steve Bohn said. “Our guys were coming back saying, ‘He’s good. He’s the man.’ We just put it in their heads that he [Wakefield] has to throw it across the plate. We are a good enough hitting team that we adjusted. We kind of took the attitude that once we got a strike against us we just wanted to make contact.”

With Cherokee up 1-0, Sequoyah’s Evan Martin broke up the perfect game with a single that was sent back up the middle and passed Wakefield and into center field during a brief rainstorm. It was mishandled in the outfield and Martin took second base on the error.

Tucker Adams was hit by a pitch, and he and Martin advanced into scoring position on a sacrifice by Sutton.

Tyler Adams followed with a sacrifice fly to right field to score Martin and tie the game. All Sequoyah’s runs and hits came in the pivotal third, fourth and fifth frames.

T.J. Page had a single for Cherokee in the fourth inning, and the Warriors had runners on first and second with two outs when Sutton got out of the jam by striking out Josh Lemons. Page’s single was the final hit allowed by Sutton.

“This was a game of two really good pitchers, but we’ve got to do more offensively,” McDaniel said. “Chris started off really well, and they made the adjustments.”

After beating Cherokee, Sequoyah followed with a 10-3 thumping of Douglas County in five innings on April 14, and had another five-inning win the following day against Pebblebrook, which fell 13-3.

Sequoyah’s six-game region win streak came to an end Friday, as Hillgrove got back into the playoff picture with a 7-6 upset of the Chiefs, who fell into a tie for second place with Alexander.

The Warriors, still clinging to the fourth and final playoff spot, also suffered a costly upset to South Paulding on Wednesday.

The Spartans defeated Cherokee 6-4, but the Warriors bounced back and routed Osborne 12-0.

With five games left in the regular season, the Warriors get a break because none of the remaining teams have a winning record.

Hillgrove, the only playoff contender the Warriors have left on their schedule, plays Cherokee at home on April 28.

In other baseball action, Woodstock ace Kent Emanuel threw a perfect game in a 17-0 victory Friday against Marietta.

BOYS: Senior Kelly shines in final county meet

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Carmichael, who won the shot put with a throw of 45-feet, 11-inches, finished fourth in the discus, finished fifth in the 100-meter dash and was part of a second-place finishing 4X100 relay team.

Cherokee won the 4X100 relay, but the Wolverines countered by finishing second and third in the event to earn two more points than the Warriors.

Woodstock’s Dylan Holt won the pole vault at 11-0, and the Wolverines captured three of the four top spots in the discus throw. Duran Christophe won with a throw of 135-1, and Justin Deese and Carmichael rounded out the top four. Etowah’s Justin Blosser spoiled the all-Woodstock finish by capturing second place.

Another Woodstock football player, Vic Long, won the long jump with a leap of 20-3.25, and teammate Cameron Allen, the 2007 Cherokee Ledger-News Defensive Football Player of the Year, placed third, ahead of Cherokee’s John Laws.

Woodstock outscored Cherokee by 26 points in the field events and held on, as the Warriors dominated the hurdles and sprint events.

A cog in the Warriors’ comeback was senior Kyle Kelly, who was named the most outstanding performer in the boys race.

Kelly won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.37 and joined Aaron Eubanks, Legborsi Deeya and Chris Johnson to win the 4X400 relay with a time of 3:35.05. Kelly also finished runner-up to Sequoyah’s John Sylvester in the 110-meter hurdles. Sylvester edged Kelly by one-hundredth of a second.

“I’ve still got a lot of work to do,” said Kelly, who is looking ahead to the 5-AAAA meet that begins Friday at Woodland High School in Cartersville. “Winning this award makes me feel like I accomplished something, but I still have to do a lot of work. A kid from Woodland beat me last year.

So this year I really have to step it up. I was expecting to PR here, and I didn’t do that.”

Kelly was looking to finish under 40 in the 300 hurdles. He will shoot for that this weekend and will face a tough challenge from Sylvester, who was leading the 300 before he caught the next to the last hurdle at county.

“I got really fortunate on that,” Kelly said. “I was hitting hurdles and making stupid little mistakes. I guess I need a little more endurance. Once I get that, I should be set for regions.”

Two sprinters looking to be in prime shape for this week’s region meet are Kelly’s teammate Deeya and Sequoyah’s Even Gillette.

Gillette was the lone individual multi-event winner at county. The senior edged Laws in the 100 with a time of 10.94 and captured the 200 with a time of 22.28. Deeya finished second behind Gillette

with a time of 23.44.

Deeya’s county title came in the 400, as he won with a time of 52.09. Chris Edwards finished second for Woodstock and was followed by Cherokee’s Eubanks and Johnson.

Leading Etowah was the distance events.

Nick McNutt won the 3,200 with a time of 10:03.89, and Alex Mer-rall finished second with a time of 10:13.85.

In the 1,600, senior J.D. Hendrix held off Woodstock twins Clayton and Nate Sexton to win the race with a time of 4:40.99, and Adam Chapman won the 800 for the Eagles with a time of 2:04.09.

Andrew Vermilya won the high jump for the Eagles with a leap of 6-2, and Sequoyah was led in the triple jump by Morgan Johnson.

The senior closed his final county meet with a jump of 41-9, edging Creekview’s Eric Cloy by more than two feet.

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CHIEFS: Team ends 13-year state tourney drought

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Led by low-medalist James Manos, who was playing on his home course, the Chiefs had two of the four rounds in the 70s for the tournament to win with a team score of 326. East Paulding finished runner-up with 333, and Hillgrove finished third with a 340. Earning the final berth in the state meet from the region was Chapel Hill, which tallied a 343.

Cherokee players struggled during their round on the Canton golf course, carding a 412 and finishing in sixth place.

For the Chiefs, Wednesday's round made up for last year's disappointment when they finished fifth overall at an unfamiliar Bentwater Golf Club in Acworth and barely missed out on ending a decade-plus absence in the state tournament.

"I thought we had a chance with it [326], but I was also expecting us to come in a little stronger than that, but I am certainly satisfied with the way things turned out," said Sequoyah head coach Curtis Williams whose club was sparked by Manos' 1-under 71. "This was obviously the round of his life to this point, but he has been a solid player for us since he was a sophomore."

Manos has consistently been the Chiefs' No. 1 player in tournaments but usually shot in the low 80s. Last week was a different story.

Manos opened the tournament with back-to-back birdies but fell to even par with a double-bogey on the 456-yard, par-4 No. 4. He got back in the red with a birdie on the fifth hole and fell back to even par following a bogey on seven.

Manos concluded the front nine with a birdie on 543-yard, par-5 ninth hole to finish the front at 1-under 35. It was a five-stroke improvement from the county meet when Manos and the rest of the field endured cold temperatures and gusty winds on the front nine.

"It was kind of nice to play the



TODD CALLAHAN LEDGER-NEWS

Sequoyah's James Manos carded a 1-under 71 to take low-medalist honors last Wednesday at the Region 5-AAAA tournament.

whole course, but I hit the ball a lot better than at county," said Manos, who finished four strokes ahead of South Paulding's Jon Weiss for low-medalist honors. "I putted lights out [Wednesday]. I think I had 25 putts."

Opening the back nine, Manos was off the green in four and chipped it close to make par. He made a long birdie putt on No. 11 to move to 2-under but fell back to 1-under with a bogey on No. 12. Manos regrouped with a birdie on the par-3 13th hole and parred the next two holes before concluding the round with three consecutive fives for a 71.

"I almost birdied 16, and on 17 I hit probably one of the worst shots I hit all day," Manos said. "I hit it straight up in the air and over to the left, and then I hit it in the water on my second shot. I hit a pretty good chip from there and made an impressive putt for bogey."

Manos' teammate Will Commings, who struggled at the county meet, finished third overall

with a 5-over-par 77. It was a 20-stroke improvement from his 18-hole tally three weeks ago.

Commings was at 1-under-par after a birdie on No. 10, but back-to-back bogies on double bogeys on 16 and 17 took the Sequoyah golfer out of contention for low-medalist honors.

Kyle Friedriches shot 86, and Grant McCleskey shot 90. Taylor Zorzi and Tanner Alexander carded 91s. Alexander's round would have been much lower but he ran into trouble on the par-4 14 when he shot a 14.

Leading the Warriors was Nick Down, who shot a 99. Justin Osborne and Ryan Sharpe shot 103, and Joey Frangillo rounded out the team's score with a 107.

In the team scoring, South Paulding rounded out the top five with a score of 352, and following Cherokee were Woodland, Alexander and Douglas County. Lithia Springs, Osborne and Pebblebrook did not have enough players to figure in the team scores.



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CHEROKEE COUNTY TEAM OF THE WEEK



The Avery Elementary School fifth grade boys basketball was the only team out of 32 fifth grade clubs in the Cherokee County Youth Basketball to go undefeated with a perfect 15-0 record. Avery-3 concluded the perfect season by winning the season-ending tournament. Members of the team are: from left, Jack Bowers, Chase Law, Jacob Cochran, Garrett Lusk, Ben Wynett, Stuie Mixson and Gus DeVictor. The team was coached by Dave Barksdale and assisted by D.J. DeVictor and David Mixson.

HALL: Bursmith put Lady Chief basketball on map

FROM PAGE 1B

High School in 1972 and 1974. “When I came to Cherokee, I was hired to coach the boys team and the girls team. When I saw the girls, I didn’t know if I was supposed to coach or dance with them. “

Scott, who won 758 games and lost just 289 before he retired from Screven County in 2001, ending a 32-year coaching career, entertained the banquet crowd, talking about each player and recalling the Warriorettes’ state championship run.

While coaching the Lady Warriors for six years from 1961 to 1966, Scott never missed the playoffs. Cherokee at least reached the quarterfinals of the state playoffs, including three consecutive state championship appearances from 1963 to 1966.

During that span, the Lady Warriors went 77-3, losing twice in the championship game.

Scott shared how the Lady Warriors lost 69-62 to Robert E. Lee High in the championship game in the 1963 championship but

came back and defeated an undefeated R.E. Lee High the next year 45-40 in Thomaston on the defending state champs own home floor.

The first Lady Warriors undefeated state championship team was led by all-state players Sarah Hasty, Ellen Palmer, Judy Milford, Nina Cagle and all-state honorable mention players Sue Forrester and Nancy Hendrix.

The other members of the team were: Linda Kay Payne, Brenda Cloud, Wanda Padgett, Judy Brock, Karen Lawson, Marilyn Westbrook, Helen Mauldin, Sarah McCurry, Margaret Haley, Hazel Ball and Marsha Wilson.

While Cherokee High School was honored the most by the induction ceremonies, the Warriors’ biggest rivals also played a part at Friday’s banquet, Bursmith has ties to the three oldest high schools in the county.

A 1971 graduate of Cherokee High, Bursmith attended Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., where he helped start the women’s bas-

ketball program. He came back to Cherokee County and began coaching at Etowah where he led the Lady Eagles to five region championships in seven years. Etowah finished state runner-up in 1987 and ’89.

Bursmith left Etowah and took over the program at Sequoyah and helped put the Lady Chiefs on the map. Still in its infancy, the Lady Chiefs were state runner-up in 1992 and won a state championship two years later.

He also led the Sequoyah golf team to a state runner-up finish in 1994. The Chiefs also went to the state tournament in 1995. It was the last time Sequoyah qualified for the state tournament since this year when the Chiefs won the 5-AAAA region title.

Saye is the oldest of the four inductees. Saye was a star at Cherokee in football, track and wrestling. He finished third at state in the shot put. He tallied a 45-3-1 record and won a state title

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2008 CHEROKEE COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

April 17, 2008
Woodstock High School
BOYS TEAM SCORES
1. Woodstock 97.5, 2. Cherokee 91.5, 3. Etowah 62, 4. Sequoyah 61, 5. Creekview 22.

100-METER DASH
■ 1. Evan Gillette (Seq) 10.94, 2. John Laws (Cher) 11.64, 3. Chris Howard (Wood) 11.65, 4. Chris Bellinger (Seq) 11.72, Cory Carmichael (Wood) 11.75

200-METER DASH
■ 1. Evan Gillette (Seq) 22.28, 2. Legborsi Deeya (Cher) 23.44, 3. John Laws (Cher) 23.49, 4. Chris Bellinger (Seq) 23.93, 5. Chris Edwards (Wood) 24.07.

400 METER
■ 1. Legborsi Deeya (Cher) 52.09, 2. Chris Edwards (Wood) 52.91, 3. Aaron Eubanks (Cher) 54.08, 4. Chris Johnson (Cher) 54.10, 5. Chris Arvey (Cre) 54.32.

800 METER
■ 1. Adam Chapman (Eto) 2:04.09, 2. Seth Duncan (Wood) 2:05.05, 3. Bryce Overy (Eto) 2:05.47, 4. Taylor Ford (Eto) 2:06.97, 5. Cody Fulkerson (Cher) 2:08.75.

1,600 METER
■ 1. J.D. Hendrix (Eto) 4:40.99, 2. Clayton Sexton (Wood) 4:47.20, 3. Nathan Sexton (Wood) 4:48.81, 4. Cody Fulkerson (Cher) 4:49.88, 5. Charlie McKinney (Cher) 4:50.00.

3,200 METER
■ 1. Nick McNutt (Eto) 10:03.89, 2. Alex Merall (Eto) 10:13.85, 3. Charlie McKinney (Cher) 10:24.02, 4. Nathan Sexton (Wood) 10:30.29, 5. Brandon Hoffman (Wood) 10:47.11.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES
■ 1. John Sylvester (Seq) 15.36, 2. Kyle Kelly (Cher) 15.37, 3. Jobe Harris (Cre) 15.90, 4. Josh Roberts (Wood) 16.28, 5. Morgan Johnson (Seq) 16.70.

300-METER HURDLES
■ 1. Kyle Kelly (Cher) 41.37, 2.

Morgan Johnson (Seq) 42.43, 3. Jobe Harris (Cre) 42.47, 4. Josh Roberts (Wood) 42.69, John Sylvester (Seq) 42.82.

4X100 RELAY
■ 1. Cherokee-A 47.57, 2. Woodstock-A 47.84, 3. Cherokee-B 48.65, 4. Creekview-A 48.77, 5. Sequoyah-A 48.86.

4X400 RELAY
■ 1. Cherokee-A (Aaron Eubanks, Legborsi Deeya, Kyle Kelly, Chris Johnson) 3:35.05, 2. Creekview-A 3:40.11, 3. Sequoyah-A 3:40.51, 4. Woodstock-A 3:44.52, 5. Etowah-A 3:45.74.

POLE VAULT
■ 1. Dylan Holt (Wood) 11-0, 2. Ben Hatcher (Cher) 10-6, 3. Dylan Barone (Cher) 10-6, 4. Brad Mixon (Cher) 10-0, 4. Matt Wilbur (Wood) 10-0.

HIGH JUMP
■ 1. Andrew Vermilya (Eto) 6-2, 2. Nick Weaver (Seq) 6-0, 3. Jarom Johnston (Seq) 6-0, 4. James Bandy (Seq) 5-10, 5. Branden Sebring (Eto) 5-10.

LONG JUMP
■ 1. Vic Long (Wood) 20-3.25, 2. Victor LaVallee (Eto) 20-1, 3. Cam Allen (Wood) 19-6.75, 4. John Laws (Cher) 19-1.25, 5. Evan Gillette (Seq) 18-10.75.

TRIPLE JUMP
■ 1. Morgan Johnson (Seq) 41-9, 2. Eric Cloy (Cre) 39-2, 3. Matt Blaylock (Cher) 38-5.5, 4. Chris Edwards (Wood) 37-10.5, 5. Nick Ross (Wood) 37-6.

DISCUS
■ 1. Duran Christophe (Wood) 135-11, 2. Justin Blosser (Eto) 130-11, 3. Justin Deese (Wood) 127-6, 4. Cory Carmichael (Wood) 126-03, 5. Chase Green (Cre) 112-9.

SHOT PUT
■ 1. Cory Carmichael (Wood) 45-11, 2. Ray Spriggs (Cher) 42-1, 3. Ryan Tweedle (Wood) 41-11, 4. Justin Blosser (Eto) 40-8.5, 5. Tyler Thomas (Eto) 40-0.5.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES
1. Etowah 102, 2. Woodstock 89, 3. Cherokee 78, 4. Creekview 39, 5. Sequoyah 26.

100-METER DASH
■ 1. Tiffany Austin (Eto) 12.82, 2. Adrena Anderson (Wood) 13.02, 3. Ali Madden (Cher) 13.56, 4. Jessica Udall (Cre) 13.67, 5. Camia Weems (Eto) 13.78.

200-METER DASH
■ 1. Adrena Anderson (Wood) 26.75, 2. Tiffany Austin (Eto) 27.29, 3. Carrie Williams (Wood) 28.12, 4. Jessica Udall (Cre) 28.37, 5. Ali Madden (Cher) 28.43.

400 METER
■ 1. Carrie Williams (Wood) 1:03.50, 2. Maddie Wheeler (Wood) 1:03.67, 3. Hannah Hoeflinger (Cher) 1:04.06, 4. Erin Vaughn (Cre) 1:04.64, 5. Austin Depratto (Eto) 1:05.02.

800 METER
■ 1. Leah Hixon (Eto) 2:32.96, 2. Allison Wald (Eto) 2:35.33, 3. Brittany Marshall (Wood) 2:37.76, 4. Amanda Farnsworth (Seq) 2:39.22, 5. Angelei Gabriel (Eto) 2:40.22.

1,600 METER
■ 1. Jennifer Cook (Eto) 5:50.95, 2. April Pope (Cher) 6:02.43, 3. Lindsey Taylor (Cre) 6:09.57, 4. Lizzie Guerico (Eto) 6:13.63, 5. Erin Akers (Cre) 6:14.15.

3,200 METER
■ 1. Emily McNutt (Eto) 11:48.21, 2. Jennifer Cook (Eto) 12:10.69, 3. Brittany Marshall (Wood) 12:49.20, 4. Lindsey Taylor (Cre) 12:58.47, 5. Brooke Smith (Eto) 13:02.04.

100-METER HURDLES
■ 1. Brooke Satterfield (Cher) 16.05, 2. Tayla Dockins (Cher) 17:07, 3. Kari Kviten (Eto) 18.90, 4. Hayley Glassic (Seq) 18.93, 5. Jourdan Crilly (Seq) 18.96.

300-METER HURDLES
■ 1. Brooke Satterfield (Cher) 51.38, 2. Sarah Spencer (Seq)

53.50, 3. Skye Rogers (Wood) 54.83, ■ 4. Sarah Erwin (Seq) 55.79, 5. Veronica Navarro (Cre) 56.85.

4X100 RELAY
■ 1. Woodstock-A 51.66, 2. Etowah-A 52.76, 3. Cherokee-A 52.78, 4. Creekview-A 53.15, 5. Sequoyah-A 54.39.

4X400 RELAY
■ 1. Etowah-A (Leah Hixon, Briana Rindernecht, Allison Wald, Jennifer Cook) 4:18.47, 2. Woodstock-A 4:21.86, 3. Sequoyah-A 4:31.49, 4. Cherokee-A 4:31.62, 5. Creekview-A 4:43.39.

POLE VAULT
■ 1. Tessa Sghiatti (Cher) 9-0, 2. Taylor Johnson (Cher) 8-6, 3. Rebecca Janezic (Wood) 7-6, 4. Jamie Rogers (Cher), Jayde Crowe (Cre), Shannon Wampler (Wood) 7-0.

HIGH JUMP
■ 1. Alesia Paul (Wood) 5-2, 2. Julie Oshode (Cher), 3. Sarah Spencer (Seq) 4-10, 4. Allison Wald (Eto) 4-8, 5. Sarah Erwin (Seq) 4-8.

LONG JUMP
■ 1. Leah Hixon (Eto) 17-0.5, 2. Carrie Williams (Wood) 15-7.5, 3. Briana Rindernecht (Eto) 15-4, 4. Patricia Damron (Seq) 14-6, 5. Ali Madden (Cher) 14-6.

TRIPLE JUMP
■ 1. Leah Hixon (Eto) 32-10, 2. Alesia Paul (Wood) 32-1, 3. Camia Weems (Eto) 31-7, 4. Patricia Damron (Seq) 31-3, 5. Ashley Wallace (Wood) 30-0.

DISCUS
■ 1. Blake Fountain (Cre) 98-01, 2. Ali Cline (Cher) 97-04, 3. Maddi Hester (Cher) 96-0, 4. Haleigh Dickey (Eto) 94-3.5, 5. Laura Bridges (Cher) 89-9.

SHOT PUT
■ 1. Haley Huskins (Cre) 32-5.25, 2. Genay Miller (Cre) 32-3.5, 3. Betsy Lawson (Wood) 30-9, 4. Maddi Hester (Cher) 29-10.5, 5. Aja Rodriguez (Wood) 29-6.

GIRLS GOLF

Creekview defeats Sequoyah

Heading into this week’s region meets, the Creekview girls were riding a wave of momentum, as the Lady Grizzlies pulled off arguably the biggest upset in program history, beating Sequoyah on the Lady Chiefs’ home course.

Playing in a tri-match at The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm on Thursday, the Lady Chiefs, who had not lost a match in two years, finished runner-up to the Lady Grizzlies by a stroke.

Creekview finished with a 92, and Sequoyah finished at 93. Etowah finished third with a 107.

Lindsey Gibson was the low-medalist, finishing with a 44, but Creekview countered as Olivia Robinson carded a 45 and Rachel Hinson shot 47.

Sequoyah’s duo of Jacqui Jarrette and Kaylin Johnson carded identical 49s.

Etowah’s Alli Drinkwater led the Lady Eagles with a 50, and Jodie Borchert shot 57.

“Sequoyah has a great team,” Creekview head coach Casey Gramling said. “So hopefully this will give the girls some needed confidence.”

The Lady Grizzlies played in the Region 6-AA tournament on Tuesday at Marietta City Club. The 5-AAAA meet was Monday in Douglasville.

GIRLS: Creekview wins two events for best finish at county in school history

FROM PAGE 1B

difference in the team totals.

Etowah outscored Woodstock a combined 40-4 in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 to build an insurmountable lead.

Hixon, a standout cross country and basketball player, was originally omitted from the participation list for the 800, but that situation was quickly rectified by Hamilton and Robinson.

Hixon was the last one to get into the 800 field but was the first to cross the finish line, outkicking teammate Allison Wald in the final 100 meters and crossing the finishing line with a time of 2 minutes, 32.96 seconds. Wald crossed at 2:35.33, and Woodstock’s Brittany Marshall was third at 2:37.76.

The Woodstock senior was the only Lady Wolverine to crack the top five in the three distance events and finish in the points. Etowah runners garnered eight top-five finishes in the three distance races and won all three.

Emily McNutt won the 3,200 with a time of 11:48.21, and teammate Jennifer Cook finished second with a time of 12:10.69. Brooke Smith rounded out the top five, giving the Lady Eagles a total 15 points.

In the 1,600, Cook won her second straight

county title, crossing the finish line in 5:50.95. Teammate Lizzie Guerico finished fourth, tallying a combined 10 points for the Lady Eagles.

In the 800, Hixon, Wald and teammate Angelei Gabriel, who finished fifth, combined for 15 points.

“We had some opportunities, and the girls really stepped up,” Hamilton said.

The top athlete to step up was Hixon, who won three individual events and ran the opening leg of the 4x400 relay team that edged rival Woodstock’s team by a little more than three seconds.

The sophomore began her day setting a personal-best jump of 17 feet one-half inch in the long jump. She won the event by more than a foot past her nearest competitor. Hixon followed with a victory in the triple jump with a leap of 32-10.

“Everything was like really awesome but probably the highlight was PRing in the long jump,” Hixon said. “I didn’t do too hot as far as my PR in the triple jump, but I still won. And in the 800, this was my first time this year getting first place.”

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Creekview freshman Blake Fountain made school history last week when she won a county championship in the discus throw. Fountain won with a throw of 98 feet, 1 inch during the Cherokee County Girls Track and Field championships held at Woodstock High School.

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Region titles come to Etowah

MARIETTA -- The Etowah Lady Eagles tennis team has been to the state quarterfinals and the state semifinals, but Wednesday marked a first for the program in six years.

The Lady Eagles defeated Harrison 3-2 at Marietta High School in the finals of the Region 5-AAAAA tournament. The victory gave the program its first region championship since 2002. It also marked the first region title for head coach Billie Morgan, whose club was defeated by Harrison last year for the region championship.

Wednesday's victory marked a clean sweep for Etowah, as the boys successfully defended its

tennis title.

The Eagles, who have lost just one match all season, blanked the Hoyas, 3-0.

Another county team making it to the state playoffs was Cherokee's boys tennis team, which will host its first playoff match in school history.

The Warriors were the No. 1 seed heading into the Region 5-AAAA tournament but were upset by No. 2 Hillgrove, 3-1.

In the Lady Eagles' victory over Harrison, singles players Jessica Thaggard and Haley Adams led the way.

After No. 1 singles player Kelsey Gray lost 6-1, 6-3 to Veronica Cardenas, Adams won her

match 6-3, 6-4 over Abby O'Reilly.

The two doubles teams split, as Etowah's Jessie Swan and Jacqui Horn won their match over Hannah Grossman and Suzanne Brooks, and Kelsey Kennedy and Ally Hynes lost to Emma O'Reilly and Caffrey Francis.

It appeared the Lady Eagles would be runner-up again, as Thaggard dropped the first set to Courtney Gardiner, but the sophomore regrouped and won the next two sets 6-1, 6-1 to capture the region title.

The Lady Eagles play host to South Forsyth on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The Eagles played host to Mill Creek on Tuesday.

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HALL: Webb first to get hoops scholarship at KC

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in 1966 in the heavyweight division in wrestling, and was named MVP of the Cherokee football team in 1965 and '66.

A defensive tackle and nose guard, Saye earned a full ride to play football at the University of Georgia. He also was part of the 1968 Southeastern Conference champion Bulldogs.

Turner played basketball at Cherokee High, but he is better known for his coaching career in Chattooga County.

A basketball and baseball standout at Piedmont College, Turner began his 30-year coaching career with Pickens County, Trion and Chattooga. He was named the Chattooga County Teacher of the Year a year ago.

On the basketball court, Turner amassed a .715 winning percentage with 369 wins. He won seven region championships and led the Chattooga girls to a perfect 29-0 record and the Class AAA state championship in 1988. He also was named the state coach

of the year and coached the North All-Star team in the same season.

The other inductee is the youngest of the 2008 class. Webb, who works as the color analyst for Kennesaw State's men's basketball team, graduated from Cherokee High in 1984. A star basketball player, Webb signed the first ever men's basketball scholarship at Kennesaw State, which was known as Kennesaw College and was an NAIA school at the time.

Webb concluded his playing career in 1990 and was a member of the NAIA national champion Birmingham-Southern College team that went 31-3. Webb also set a school record for best free throw percentage that season.

Since ending his playing career, Webb has been a community coach, leading the Cherokee 13-U Youth Basketball Association of America Lady Shooters to a third-place finish in the 2005 national tournament.

GIRLS: EHS outscores WHS 40-4 in distance events

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Hixon's teammate Briana Rindernecht finished third in the long jump, and Camiea Weems was third in the triple jump.

Woodstock's Carrie Williams was second in the long jump, and Alesia Paul was runner-up in the triple jump and repeated as county champion in the high jump for the Lady Wolverines.

The only other repeat champion was Etowah's Tiffany Austin in the 100-meter dash. Preventing the Lady Wolverines from sweeping the sprint events, Austin, who was runner-up to Woodstock's Adrena Anderson in the 200, won the 100 with a time of 12.82. She outkicked Anderson, who finished with a time of 13.02.

"We had some sprinters that really stepped up," Hamilton said. "This was a longtime coming, and Coach Joe and myself both thought we had a chance to win this. And the girls just gave their hearts and left it all on the track."

Although they didn't win the meet, Creekview enjoyed its most success at county in history.

The Lady Grizzlies tallied their highest point total as a team, and had two individuals capture county at the varsity level for the first time in school history.

Freshman Haley Huskins won the shot put with a toss of 32-5.25. She edged teammate Genay Miller by less than two inches.

Classmate Blake Fountain also had a stellar meet debut. The freshman won the discus with a throw of 98-1, edging defending county champ Ali Cline of Cherokee by nine inches.

The future appears even more bright for the Lady Grizzlies, who won half the 16 events in the JV meet.

Led by a large group of eighth-graders, including Cori Dulmage, who won the 800, the 3,200 and ran a leg on the 4X400 team, the Lady Grizzlies won the county JV title with 100 points.

The 4X400 team was all eighth graders.

Woodstock was second with 90 points and was followed by Sequoyah, Etowah and Cherokee.



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Etowah senior Jennifer Cook repeated as champion in the 1,600 and was runner-up in the 3,200 at the county meet.

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Local boy saves missing elderly man

BY ERIKA NELDER

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Zack Evans called his dog and started his daily walk to his grandparents' house on the Friday of Spring Break, but he had no clue of the events to come that would change someone's life.

As he and his dog, Susy, strolled through the brush to his Nana and Pa's, he saw a gentleman sitting in the woods.

The man, dressed in pajamas, asked Zack how to get to Woodstock. So the 8-year-old gave him directions.

Zack arrived at his grandparents' home, and while he was there, he saw a picture on TV of the man he had just met in the woods. His grandmother was taking a call and trying to listen to a recorded message from A Child is Missing—a service the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office uses to get the word out to nearby homes that a person in the area has gone missing.

It said Walter Ivey Wood, 79, was missing. Wood recently had surgery.

Zack said he saw the man in the woods and headed back to his home. His uncle, Andrew Allen, was looking for Susy, who had run off.

But Susy sensed something was wrong and was found with Wood.

Zack said Wood was already standing up, and he took his hand and led the disoriented man back to the house where he lives with his great-grandparents, Hoyle and Inez Evans, of Woodstock. They are his guardians.

"I wanted to get him to his home," Zack said.

But on the way back to Zack's house, Cherokee County School Police Officer Todd Maloney, was driving down the road looking for Mr. Wood, and he saw the elderly man and the little boy walking together.

They all went to the command post set up at Johnston Elementary, where Zack is in second grade.

Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services paramedics checked Wood's vital signs and took him to Northside Hospital-Cherokee for further evaluation.

In the days following the events,



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TOP: On April 17, Zack Evans, 8, was honored with a get-together at Johnston Elementary School, where he is in second grade, for his quick actions in bringing a missing elderly man to safety. Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services orchestrated the event. Walter Ivey Wood, 79, left, got to thank Zack personally at the event. Zack received several gifts for his efforts including a gift card from Wood's family, dog bone and biscuits for Susy, free movie passes, a gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant and an ice cream cake. He also received a new bike from his school.

RIGHT: Zack was on his daily walk to his grandparents' house with his dog, Susy, when he found Mr. Wood, who had been reported missing April 11. The two families' properties abut each other, and Wood apparently wandered away from his home trying to get to Woodstock.



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Zack kept asking how the man was doing.

"He worried about Mr. Wood," Inez Evans said. "He wanted to call, but I didn't have the number."

After searching through a few phone books, Mrs. Evans found the phone number and called. She

spoke with Wood's granddaughter, who she had known for years.

"Zack kept hounding me to death to see how Mr. Wood was," Mrs. Evans said.

Arlene Baker, Mr. Wood's daughter, said she's grateful for Zack's courage to help her father.

"There's no telling what would

have happened if it weren't for that little boy," Baker said, adding her father is out of the hospital and gaining his strength. "I thought it was very brave of him. Most kids wouldn't come up to a stranger and do something like that."

Zack's family has always

known he was meant to do something good—and his selfless decision to help Mr. Wood could be just the start of it.

Zack was born with Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV). The virus affects about one in 150 children per year, and one in 750 children born with the virus suffer permanent disabilities.

Just weeks old, doctors said Zack would die.

Zack, born in Seneca, S.C., was transferred to the neonatal unit in Greenville, S.C. His great-grandparents stayed with him via the Ronald McDonald House. They visited every day, and prayed for their youngest family member.

A minister, who was visiting an ill family member, met Zack's family. He added Zack's name to a prayer list that went worldwide.

Zack was sent home. His family was told what to expect when he passed. But just four days after his name was put on the prayer list, he started changing remarkably for the better. The doctors warned that if Zack did survive, he would face mental and possibly physical deformities.

"It was nothing but answered prayers," Hoyle Evans said, adding it was also divine intervention on how Zack ended up with them.

"The Lord told me to take this child, or he'll be set aside," he said.

Because of his dire condition, it was planned for Zack to go into the foster care system when he was less than three months old. But his great-grandparents decided to take him in and care for him.

"That little feller was so sick," Mr. Evans said. "One of us was holding him all of the time. He was a handful, but he's worth it."

They couldn't take him anywhere, except to the pediatrician's office. But it was an experimental medication that got Zack healthy. Now he's a strong young boy who loves playing with his dog and battling it on the PlayStation gridiron in Madden '08.

His great-grandparents said they believe Zack is destined for great things.

"He's meant for something big," Mr. Evans said.

Mike Ayers takes over for GBI veteran, John Cagle

BY ERIKA NELDER

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A new authority figure is taking over the Georgia Bureau of Investigation office that handles any work for Cherokee County.

Special Agent in Charge Mike Ayers replaced John Cagle as the Region 8 office's lead agent. Cagle, who worked with the GBI for more than 30 years, recently retired.

The Region 8 office covers the following counties in northeast Georgia: Cherokee, Stephens, Hall, Habersham, White, Forsyth, Rabun, Towns, Union, Gilmer, Pickens, Dawson and Lumpkin.

Ayers, 44, said there really isn't anything to change in the Cleveland office as Cagle ran it quite expeditiously and orderly during his tenure.

"This office was run near perfection," Ayers said. "My job is to facilitate the continued success of investigations within this region and to continue to foster positive relationships with both state, local, and federal law enforcement, as well as with the citizens of this area."

Ayers said the outcome of the Meredith Emerson case and the arrest of her murderer in a short period of time shows the magnitude of the law enforcement officers working at the Region 8 office.

"They just came off the Meredith Emerson case," Ayers said. "The results of that investigation speaks volumes about the quality of people that are assigned to that work unit and the work they're doing."

Emerson, 24, went missing New Year's Day while hiking Freeman Trail on Blood Mountain. Her body was found, and Gary Michael Hilton confessed to her murder and is serving a life sentence.

The most recent Cherokee County case the GBI Region 8 office worked was the murder of Woodstock resident Sue Ann Ray. Ray went missing in 2005, and her body was found in North Cherokee County a year later. Her estranged husband, Quinton Ray, pleaded guilty in Pickens County



Ayers

Superior Court and is currently in the state prison system.

"That's the biggest case we've worked in Cherokee County in some time," Ayers said. "In fact, it was voted on by the command staff of the GBI as the single most significant criminal investigation conducted that year. It received what is referred to as the director's award for excellence in investigative work."

Ayers started in law enforcement in 1986 as a patrolman for the city of Hartwell. He was attending the University of Georgia at that time.

"Upon completion of my four-year degree, I became employed with the GBI as an undercover narcotics agent," he said, adding he worked as a narcotics agent traveling the state for almost two years.

Ayers was promoted to special agent and attended the special agent academy in Forsyth. After completion, he was transferred to the Perry office in South Georgia where he was assigned to general investigations.

The rest of his tenure included the Al-

bany office, where he worked as a crime scene specialist; he worked at the Gainesville Regional Drug Office for two-and-a-half years.

The Gainesville office was later relocated to what is now the Canton Regional Drug Office.

After being promoted to assistant special agent in charge (ASAC), Ayers relocated to the Piedmont Northern Agency Narcotics Squad in Franklin County.

After two years of being in a supervised position in Franklin County, Ayers transferred to the GBI office in Athens where he was the ASAC for six years.

Ayers earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from UGA and is currently completing his master's degree in public administration at Columbus State University. He will attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

He is an instructor for the GBI and teaches classes including death investigations, interviews and interrogations, and family violence. The same classes are offered to local agencies that are interested, Ayers said.



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Through the "Food for Precious Pets" program at Primrose School of Harmony on the Lakes, preschoolers helped feed hungry and homeless pets. The children collected more than 216 pounds of pet food and donated it to the Cherokee County Humane Society.



The Cherokee County Firedogs played the Carroll County Public Safety Defenders in a full contact football game March 22 at Cherokee High School's Tommy Baker Field. The Firedogs were up 26-0 at halftime, and won the game 39-8. Proceeds from the game benefited the Cherokee County Fire Explorers Post #469.



The Glasshouse, a spacious meeting room and atrium in The Hasty Student Life Center of Reinhardt College's Waleska campus, was dedicated to the late Jewell Wyatt Bannister '40, an alumna and donor to the college, during a reception on March 12. Displaying the plaque that will be placed in the building are, from left, William G. Hasty Jr. '67, Bannister's nephew and Reinhardt trustee chair; Linda Nichols Hasty '90; Dixie Hasty Kinard, Bannister's niece; Joanie Hasty Castleberry, also Bannister's niece; Ned Castleberry; and Hazel Wyatt Hasty (holding the plaque), sister of Bannister and mother to Mr. Hasty, Mrs. Kinard and Mrs. Castleberry.

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Two students at Woodstock Elementary were recently recognized at the reception for the Capitol Art Exhibit. The exhibit is the kick off to Youth Art Month. Jessica Gao and Griffin Dominguez got to meet Rep. Sean Jerguson, R-Holly Springs, and Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, and show off their artwork.



Cherokee Christian Schools Robotics Team won the FIRST Tech Challenge Inspire Award. The award is given to the team that best exemplifies all components of the FIRST Tech Challenge philosophy and is the highest award presented during tournament competition. Pictured left to right are: Hunter Jarvis, Clint Jarvis, Aubrey Jarvis and Wesley Henderson.



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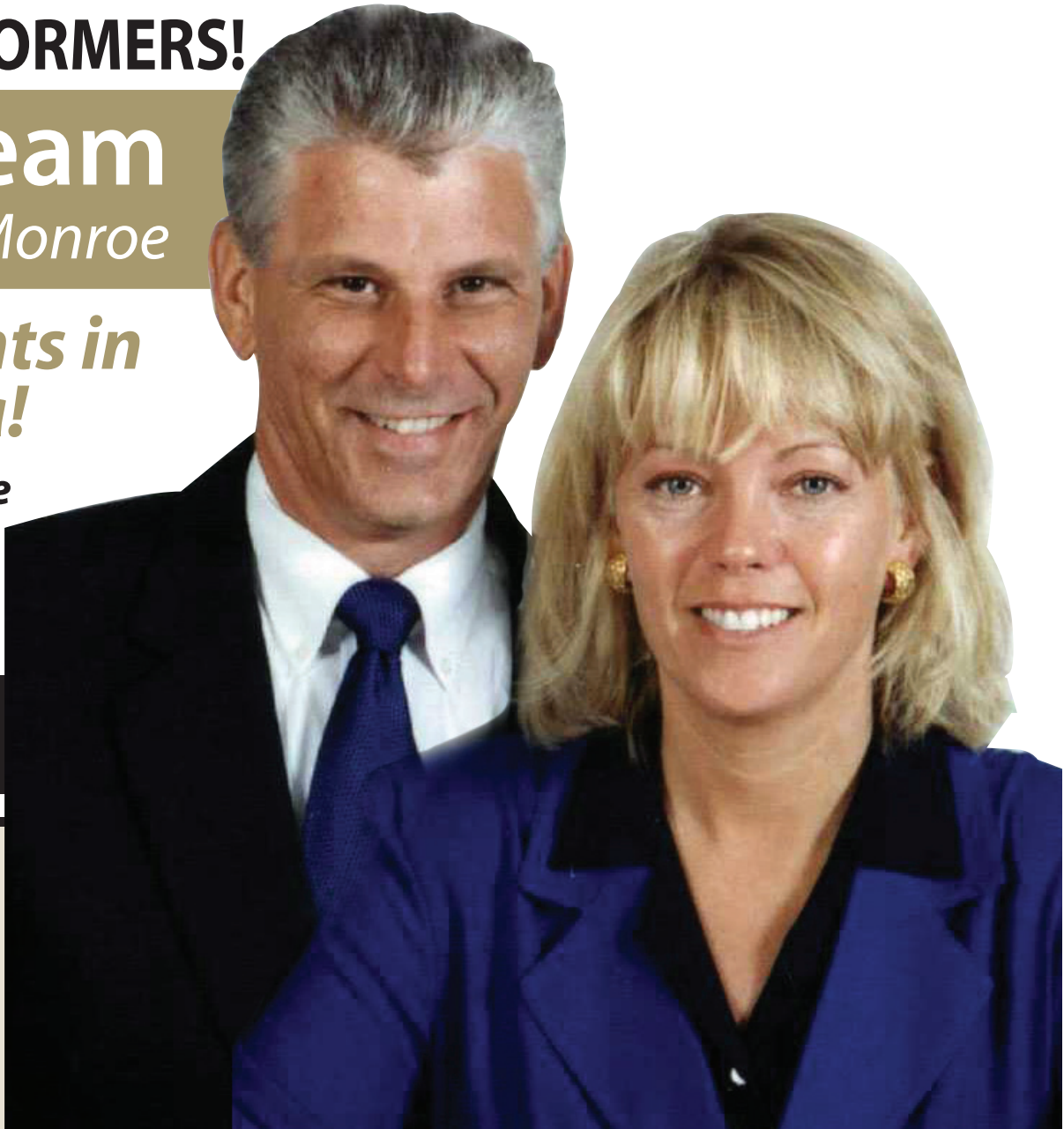
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■ Reinhardt College presents its outdoor jazz festival on the lawn in front of the Hasty Student Life Center April 26 at 5 p.m. Come enjoy a picnic on the grass and listen to jazz as high school jazz bands, the Reinhardt College Jazz Ensemble and the Jazz Guardians, ensemble of the U.S. Army Ground Forces Band, present an evening of jazz. The bands will perform from the Capital Campaign Donor Plaza located between the college's administration building and the Hasty Student Life Center. Admission is free. Bring a picnic or buy a box-to-go meal from the Gordy Center for \$5. For more information, call (770) 720-9167, or go to www.reinhardt.edu/fpac.

■ The Cherokee County Music Society presents its third CCMS Showcase April 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Wild West Bar and Grill, 350 Ronnell Road in Holly Springs. Rustic Family will play from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.; Rizer will play from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Stronghold performs from 8 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and the open jam begins at 8:45 p.m. A \$5 donation to CCMS is re-

quired as a cover charge. CCMS members with their membership cards and children 12 and under are admitted free.

ON STAGE

■ The Towne Lake Arts Center, 6576 Commerce Parkway, Woodstock, presents the E.B. White story of "Stuart Little," through April 27. Shows are Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Wednesday shows are at 10 a.m. All seats are \$8. Call for group/school rates. For information call (678) 494-4251 or go to www.tlalive.org.

■ Creekview High School on Owens Store Road in Canton presents "Bye, Bye Birdie," April 24-26 at 7 p.m. All shows are in the school auditorium. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors and can be purchased at the box office before the performance. For more information, call Ralph Zaffino, director, at (770) 720-7600 or e-mail ralph.zaffino@cherokee.k12-ga.us.

■ The Towne Lake Arts Center, 6576 Commerce Parkway, Woodstock, presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream," through May 3. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets costs \$14 for adults and \$11 for students and seniors. School shows are 10 a.m. on Thursdays (April 24 and May 1). Call for special school pricing. For information call (678) 494-4251 or go to www.tlalive.org.

■ Clubhouse Kids presents "All's Fair in War and Love" at the Historic Canton Theatre, 171 East Main Street, Canton, April 25-26

at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information call (770) 704-0755 or go to www.cantontheatre.com.

■ Cherokee Theatre Company presents the Neil Simon comedy "Rumors" at the Cherokee Arts Center, 94 North Street, Canton, May 2-3 and May 8-10. Shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. For more information, go to www.cherokeetheatre.org.

CAMP

■ Clubhouse Kids presents a kid's camp June 17-27. An end of camp show is June 17-27. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The two-week camp is for children 5 to 12 years old. The cost of the camp is \$300 per child. For more information on this camp for children call (770) 720-3233.

■ The Towne Lake Arts Center, 6576 Commerce Parkway, Woodstock, presents its summer drama camps. Camps run one week at a time from June 9 to Aug. 1. There is no camp June 30-July 4. There are junior camps for children ages 5-7, and senior camps for kids age 8-14. The camps meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The groups work on the stage with experienced teachers to create a final production for friends and family. The camp includes scripts, T-shirts, CDs, attendance at a mainstage play and a DVD of the end-of-camp show. For more information go to www.tlalive.org or call (678) 494-4251.

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Representative Tim Bearden and Senator Rogers passed HB 89, which allows firearms license holders much greater freedom to exercise 2nd Amendment rights. Some have called this the best self-protection legislation to pass the General Assembly in decades.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

For a second consecutive year Senator Rogers and Representative Lynn Smith passed Sales Tax Holiday's. Two weekends this year will have sales tax free purchases on school items, clothing, computer equipment, and energy efficient appliances.

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The Dog Fighting Bill authored by Senator Rogers and Representative Bobby Reece has passed and will create one of the nation's strongest laws against the torture of pets.

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Spring Garage Sale
Fri., 4/25 & Sat., 4/26,
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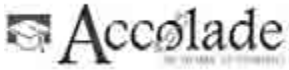
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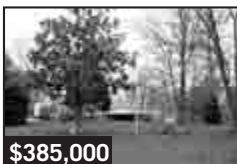


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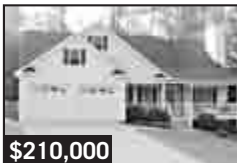
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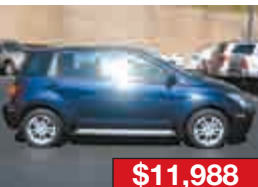
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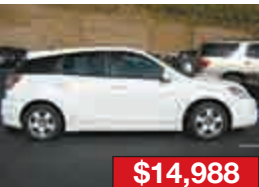
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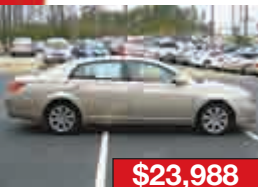
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OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

BRICK & STONE BEAUTY
Estates at Brooke Park. 4 BR/3.5 BA, formal DR & study, see through FP, media rm. Atl. Parade of Homes, April 26-27. #3590643. Rebecca A. Martin Team, Barbara, 678-232-4998. \$549,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

CLASSIC ON ACRE PLUS
Master & guest suite on main, full fin. terrace lvl w/family rm & bar, 4 BR/4.5 BA. Atlanta Parade of Homes, April 26-27. #3618698. Rebecca A. Martin Team, Barbara, 678-232-4998. \$594,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

MOUNTAIN VIEWS
Traditional w/large porch, acre plus lot, 4 BR/3.5 BA, screened back porch, level bkyd. Atl. Parade of Homes, April 26-27. #3654806. Rebecca A. Martin Team, Barbara, 678-232-4998. \$659,800

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

CRAFTSMAN STYLE HOME
Surrounding mountain views, flr to ceiling FP, mstr retreat on main, 4 BR/3.5 BA. Atlanta Parade of Homes, April 26-27. #3630765. Rebecca A. Martin Team, Barbara, 678-232-4998. \$584,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

ALPHARETTA ADDRESS/ CHEROKEE TAXES
6 BR/5 BA w/pool, media, game rms & more. Great for entertaining. www.108arbogreen.info. #3684974. Rebecca A. Martin Team, Kay Hollison, 678-772-9252. \$789,999

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

BEAUTIFUL RANCH – 1 ACRE
5 BR/5.5 BA w/fin. terrace, game & media rms w/custom bar & more. Alpharetta address/ Cherokee taxes. www.303arbogreenlane.info. #3663847. Rebecca A. Martin Team, Kay Hollison, 678-772-9252. \$799,850

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

VALUE & QUALITY IN COBB!
Immaculate 3 BR/2.5 BA w/upgrades. Fenced yard. Pre-inspected. Hrdwd, tile, marble & more! www.777weybourne.info. #3681406. Stefania Wade, 404-547-6077. \$194,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

7024 SURREY DRIVE – WYNGATE
Shows like a model. Fenced yard, koi pond, screened porch, large kitchen. Visit today! Open 2-5pm. #3614682. Cheryl J. Martin, 770-616-7007. \$185,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

FULL APARTMENT IN BASEMENT!
Brick traditional! .75 acre w/level, fenced backyard! Bsmnt apartment w/2nd kitchen, 2nd mstr, BA & great! 5 BR/3.5 BA! #3620116. Catherine Parke, 770-826-0216. \$269,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

49 GREEN SCHOOL RD – JASPER
Take 575, go right on Whorley Cross, left on Green, next 3 rights. Ranch, 2 BR apartment attached, 6 acres, huge rooms, keeping rm, 2 FPs. #3685661. Terry Moore, 404-797-2049. \$450,000

LEASE PURCHASE
AVAILABLE

FIELDSTONE! UPSCALE HOME!
4 BR/2.5 BA, bonus room, screened porch! Completely repainted, hardwoods, new tile, oversized garage, x-large yard! #3563926. Sandra Hordos, 404-374-1315. \$239,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOT!
Fieldstone! Level, large, fenced yard! Corner lot! 3 BR/2.5 BA with basement. Ready to move in! Pre-inspected. #3663508. Sandra Hordos, 404-374-1315. \$209,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 1-4PM

EAGLE WATCH! PRE-INSPECTED!
Spectacular 3 BR/2 BA with new hardwoods, new cabinets, granite, new carpet, fresh paint, lots of upgrades! #3562788. Sandra Hordos, owner/agent, 404-374-1315. \$219,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

3515ESTATESLANDING.COM
Hardwoods on entire main, beautiful kitchen with stainless appliances, 4 BR/3.5 BA, guest suite, extended patio with pergola. #3660319. Cheryl Hazel, 678-758-1814. \$334,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

A BEAUTIFUL HOME
4 BR/2.5 BA with study/office on main. All hardwood on main. Woodlawn beauty. All bells & whistles. Must see! #3628893. John R. Miller, 678-860-5481. \$270,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

NEAR DOWNTOWN WOODSTOCK
Complete in-law suite with separate entrance. Ideal for in-home business. Fixer-upper. #3666032. Lisa Murad, 404-932-0422. \$179,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

MUST SEE – OWNER MOVED
Beautiful family home on .82 acre, 4 BR/2.5 BA, hardwoods on main, master on main, living room, dining room. #3633132. Susan Dechert, 770-345-0112. \$270,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE!
Immaculate ranch. 4 BR/2.5 BA. With sale 3 additional lots bordering house, 20' pontoon & paid boat slip (2008). #3634109. Susan Dechert, 770-345-0112. \$295,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

ABSOLUTELY BEST BUY IN VILLAGE
Custom Earthcraft certified. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, all upgrades. Exquisite! #3591957. Susan Dechert, 770-345-0112. \$419,999

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

BEST BUILDING LOT IN LAKE ARROWHEAD
Corner lot located within walking distance of new clubhouse & golf. .5 acre with creek in back. #3595898. Susan Dechert, 770-345-0112. \$25,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

SIMPLY STUNNING!
Lake Allatoona area. This home boasts a pool, cabana, 3-car garage, shop, new carpet & more! #3622914. Peter den Boer, 770-713-1545. \$295,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

ABSOLUTE DEAL!
Home on corner lot near Allatoona! Priced to sell quickly. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Bartow County. #3669347. Peter den Boer, 770-713-1545. \$59,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

CUL-DE-SAC CUTIE!
Lake Allatoona area. Hardwood floors, split level, 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Private, wooded backyard. #3648102. Peter den Boer, 770-713-1545. \$160,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

CUL-DE-SAC LIVING!
Wonderful stone accented 2-story surrounded by Corp of Engineer's Property. Full daylight basement. #3536207. John & Linda Monroe, 770-425-1999. \$350,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

PRIVACY GALORE!
Heart of cul-de-sac, fenced, finished basement, freshly painted in & out, 4 bedrooms, upgraded kitchen/incredible view. #3655904. John & Linda Monroe, 770-425-1999. \$259,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

THE PINNACLE @ BRIDGEMILL
Master with morning bar & private veranda, finished basement, has it all – salt water pool, outdoor kitchen, etc... #3663004. John & Linda Monroe, 770-425-1999. \$1,290,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

BRIDGEMILL – THE RESERVE!
Close to give away pricing! You will not beat this value! This one has it all! Don't miss out!!! #3677063. John & Linda Monroe, 770-425-1999. \$745,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOT!
3-car garage, true mud room, banquet sized DR, 5 bedrooms, private guest suite, finished basement, covered porch. #3633010. John & Linda Monroe, 770-425-1999. \$619,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

LUXURY LIVING FOR TODAY'S LIFE STORY
Custom built homes on 1 acre lots, close to Crabapple & Sequoyah HS. #3472462. Susie Trettel, 770-401-7576. \$600,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

“NO CURTAINS NEEDED”
Seclusion in the woods, 3 acres of privacy in prime Woodstock area, Sequoyah HS, Arnold Mill Elementary. #3626084. Susie Trettel, 770-401-7576. \$360,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

4116 KENTMERE MAIN
Legacy Park! Bright, open floor plan. 4 BR/2.5 BA, plus office on main level. Level, fenced backyard. #3644090. Evelyn Stetson, 770-653-9386. \$280,000

IN-GROUND POOL

GREAT HOME UNDER 200K
3 BR/2 BA on main level with 3 finished rooms in basement. In-ground pool & 24x36 garage. Great buy! #3631933. Steven Thacker, 770-894-2912. \$196,900

NEW HOME

NEW CONSTRUCTION
3 BR/2 BA on basement, 2-car drive-under garage, close to 575, not in a subdivision. Owner/agent. Great buy. #3661974. Steven Thacker, 770-894-2912. \$150,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

“MONK” APPROVED 4/25
Obsessively maintained & value priced on quiet, fenced cul-de-sac near Lake Acworth. Designer colors, new roof, swim community. #3649681. Nancy McCarthy, 404-202-4716. \$162,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

TRANSFEREE'S LOSS, YOUR GAIN
Sparkling 4 BR/2.5 BA traditional on quiet cul-de-sac in active S/T. Custom shelving, arbor, sitting room, too! Abbotts Glen. #3689598. Nancy McCarthy, 404-202-4716. \$199,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

WWW.2020CRESTHAVEN.COM
Huge 4 BR/3.5 BA in sought-after Wellesley of Towne Lake. Screen porch, in-law suite & private backyard. #3686793. Courtney C. Simonds, 678-521-5854. \$307,900

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

JUST REDUCED!
3 BR/2.5 BA, tons of upgrades! Cherry hrdwd flrs & cabinets, wrought iron stairway spindles... Must see! Virtual tour @ www.TheLeeTeamSells.com. #3659082. The Lee Team, 770-823-4636. \$150,000

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2-5PM

REDUCED 25K – HURRY!
5 BR/3.5 BA, master on main, full unfinished bsmnt, level lot, family & keeping rooms! Close to S/D amenities. Virtual tour @ www.TheLeeTeamSells.com. #3645749. The Lee Team, 770-823-4636. \$375,000

POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL!

1.90 acres off busy road near Braselton. Close to major intersection! #3650185. Call The Lee Team for more information, 770-823-4636. \$200,000

WWW.YOUREALTYCHOICE.COM

Totally renovated 5 BR/3.5 BA on finished basement. Cul-de-sac lot. New granite & tile in kitchen/baths. New roof. Must see! #3682816. Cathy Pinkston, 404-219-6488. \$319,900

WWW.YOUREALTYCHOICE.COM

3 BR/2.5 BA, spacious floor plan, formal LR/DR, lrg kitchen w/tile, stainless appliances, mstr w/sitting rm could be office. Great price. #3682833. Cathy Pinkston, 404-219-6488. \$239,900

OPEN HOUSE IN WYNGATE

Great floor plan! 4 BR/2.5 BA, hrdwd flrs on most of the main. 7303 Carriage Creek, Wyngate/Southport subdivision in Towne Lake. #3668353. Mike & Dolores Wahl, 404-428-4262. \$234,900

OPEN HOUSE IN THE ARBORS

Wonderful floor plan! 5 BR/3.5 BA with finished basement. 606 Stillwood Drive, The Arbors subdivision in Towne Lake. #3663725. Mike & Dolores Wahl, 404-428-4262. \$289,900

OPEN HOUSE IN WYNGATE/ DEER CREEK

Brick traditional – GORGEOUS. 5 BR/3.5 BA, fin bsmt, wonderful open floor plan. A must see! #3683623. Mike & Dolores Wahl, 404-428-4262. \$295,000

OPEN HOUSE

RANCH! UNBELIEVABLE!
Updated, full basement, screened porch! Open, light & bright! Great buy! Must see! #3642487. Stella Clark/Jane Brenner, 770-975-5832. \$199,000

Foreclosure Property Tour--Don't Miss The Bus! Saturday, May 3 & Sunday, May 4. RSVP, 678-654-4673. Visit www.homehuntertour.com

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