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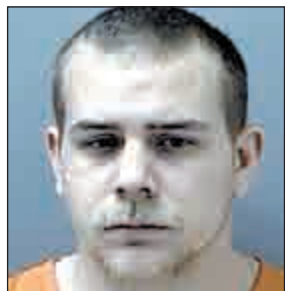
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Canton Ridge developer seeks changes

BY CONSTANCE COOPER

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In light of current economic conditions, the developer that is looking to construct the mixed-use community known as Canton Ridge in the southern portion of Canton Place is asking Canton's Planning and Zoning Committee to approve significant changes to the project.

In a zoning application discussed at the committee's Dec. 15 work session, Canton Ridge Development

Company asked to increase the number of residents in Canton Ridge by 58 percent, substituting the 81 townhomes and 97 single-family detached homes outlined in the original development plan for 282 apartment units.

The developer also is asking to increase the retail portion of Canton Ridge by 264 percent and the office portion by 77 percent — from 311,000 square feet of office space and 66,000 square feet in retail space to 550,000 square feet in office space and

240,000 square feet in retail space.

Canton Ridge Development Company is looking to add an additional 3 acres to the development to accommodate the additional office, retail and residential, changing the total size of the development from 116 acres to 119 acres.

Canton Ridge's rezoning application was set to come before the Planning and Zoning Committee at a public hearing on Dec. 15 but was tabled at the developer's request.

Commissioner Jim Wilson was

the sole member of the committee to vote against tabling the public hearing.

"Those hearings are advertised, and people come out to give their input, and the developer decides they don't want to hold it, and it's cancelled," Wilson said. "I don't think that gives the public the same leverage that the applicant has.... People get this energy to come to a meeting. Sometimes when you postpone them they don't come back."

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Bring one for the chipper



SPECIAL

During last year's "Bring One for the Chipper" event, county employees turned discarded Christmas trees into mulch. This year, again, the county and cities will have places to take your trees, and participants can get a free tree seedling to plant at home.

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Grand Jury asks about annexation lawsuits

BY ERIKA NELDNER

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The Cherokee County Grand Jury asked about the ongoing legal battle between Holly Springs and Cherokee County during its September to December meetings.

The presentments were published Dec. 9.

The presentments said the Grand Jury was seeking to encourage the county and the city to find some common ground about annexations.

"It was the hope and desire of the Grand Jury to encourage a resolution to the differences presented by this litigation," the presentments state.

The presentment thanks Holly Springs Mayor Tim Downing and County Manager Jerry Cooper for attending the meeting when asked and cooperating with the questions asked by the Grand Jury.

The presentment states that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (BOC) declined their invitation to speak before the Grand Jury, however, the commissioners sent a letter saying they didn't understand why they and the county manager would need to be present when the city council and city manager were not asked to speak.

The commissioners also cited attorney-client privilege and legislative privilege, meaning the testimony of a legislator is inadmissible.

The Grand Jury concluded that the county has spent almost \$400,000 on the legal battle at the same time county money is being depleted. According to Cooper, the county spent \$66,946 in legal fees on the Holly Springs cases in 2008.

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Cherokee Year in Review

MARCH

• Two people were dead after an apparent murder and suicide at a West Cherokee home just before midnight Feb. 29.

The boyfriend of Wanda Atkins, 46, who is also her co-worker, called police after his manager asked that he stop and check on her after she did not come to work and no one had seen her. A sheriff's deputy entered the Sutalee home, and found Atkins in her bed covered with a blanket, with three gunshot wounds to the chest.

A few hours after finding Atkins' body, detectives were executing a search warrant at the suspect's home at the Walden Crossing apartments on Ga. 140 in Canton when they heard gunshots at the suspect's apartment.

When police went inside the apartment, they found the suspect, Jason Hill, 50, of Canton dead from "multiple" self-inflicted gunshot wounds to the chest.

• Cherokee County Probate Court Judge Kipling L. "Kip" McVay announced plans to step down at the end of the 2008, and, on the same day that McVay announced that she plans to not seek a fourth four-year term in office, Associate Probate Court Judge-Chief Clerk Keith Wood announced he is seeking the post held by McVay since 1997. McVay, a Waleska resident, said she would seek senior judge status from the governor, an appointment that would allow her to serve as a judge in probate courts and others in Georgia on a part-time basis.

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Mary Perdue, wife of Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, read "Miss Twiggley's Tree," by Dorothea Warren Fox, to students at Holly Springs Elementary School March 3 in celebration of Read Across America Day. Perdue, who is a speech therapist, said that reading provides a foundation for learning. "Adults need to show children how important they are by taking the time to read to them," she said.

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Two teens killed in holiday accidents

Man charged with DUI and vehicular homicide after trying to elude police on Riverstone Parkway

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Two Cherokee teens were killed in accidents last week.

Canton police responded to a fatal accident Dec. 26 just after midnight on Riverstone Parkway at Reinhardt College Parkway. The police were attempting to stop a vehicle for possible driving under the influence and expired tag, however, the suspect vehicle refused to stop, said Cpl. Stacy Bailey, public information officer for Canton police. The driver failed to stop at a red light and struck another car. The driver of the other car, Britany Elaine Weiss, 19, of Canton, was pronounced dead at the scene,

Bailey said.

The front seat passenger, Kassandra Aileen Carmen, 19, of Canton, was taken to Wellstar Kennestone Hospital with serious injuries, Bailey said.

Stephen Patrick Wauschek, 24, fled on foot from the scene and was later apprehended by Canton police.

On Dec. 27, Wauschek went before a Cherokee County Magistrate judge who set his bond at \$318,000, however, Wauschek had a probation hold placed on him.

He was charged with vehicular

homicide, DUI, serious injuries, attempting to elude and failure to obey a traffic control device, Bailey said.

In the other incident, The Georgia State Patrol responded to an accident on Interstate 575 just north of Towne Lake Parkway. The driver, 18-year-old Victoria Elizabeth Heil, of Woodstock, was killed after her sport-utility vehicle hit the guardrail and overturned Dec. 28 at 12:20 a.m., said Senior Trooper T. Lowe. Heil was not wearing a seat belt, Lowe said.

According to the Georgia State Patrol Public Information Office, during the 102-hour Christmas holiday traffic period, beginning Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. and ending at midnight Dec. 29, 24 people were killed. There were 3,323 crashes with 868 injuries and 24 deaths.



Wauschek

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It's time to 'bring one for the chipper'

BY CONSTANCE COOPER
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After the presents are unwrapped, the relatives have gone home and the leftovers are in Tupperware, one irksome, dreary task remains: taking down the Christmas tree.

This year, instead of dumping your tree unceremoniously by the curb, turn tedium into tradition by participating in the Bring One for the Chipper tree recycling program.

On Jan. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Keep Georgia Beautiful will host two Bring One for the Chipper events, in which Christmas trees are turned into gardening mulch, in Cherokee County – one in Woodstock and another Canton. Canton's tree recycling will be held at Boling Park, and Woodstock's will be at Olde Rope Mill Park.

Event participants can bring their Christmas trees to the city

and return home with a dogwood, a red cedar, a catalpa or a swamp chestnut oak seedling. Then, they can plant their seedlings with friends and family, to create a post-holiday tradition.

Woodstock is hosting an on-going tree recycling program through mid-January. Residents can drop off their trees at a designated location in Olde Rope Mill Park from 8 a.m. until dusk during this time. City staff will periodically collect the trees and turn them into mulch. Seedlings, however, will only be offered on Jan. 3.

Woodstock and Canton will also be offering free mulch to local gardeners.

Mulch can be picked up from the Canton Street Department, located at 2525 Ridge Road, after Jan. 5. Residents will not be required to drop off a tree to receive mulch. Non-residents, however, will need to drop off a tree at Boling Park on Jan. 3 and register to pick up mulch.

Woodstock will offer free access to mulch at Olde Rope Mill Park. Both residents and non-residents will be able to dip into the mulch pile from the time it gets filled — which, according to Community Affairs and Events Assistant Marybeth Stockdale, is usually the first week of January — until the mulch runs out.

The cities of Ball Ground and Holly Springs also will be offering tree disposal programs. They will not, however, be offering seedlings or mulch. Ball Ground residents can drop off their Christmas trees at the Ball Ground Community Center, 250 Civic Dr., through Jan. 15.

Holly Springs residents can drop off trees at the city's public works building, located at 100 Hickory Circle, through Jan. 5.

Ball Ground Christmas trees will be disposed of by the county. Holly Springs' tree recycling program also is sponsored by Keep Georgia Beautiful.

OBITUARY

Ethel Lewis

Ethel Abernathy Lewis, 74, of Woodstock, died Dec. 27, 2008.

Mrs. Lewis was a native of Cobb County. She was the widow of Bob Lewis and was a homemaker and mother.

Survivors include her daughters, Waverly Thornton, of Marietta, Beverly Pitts, of Woodstock, and Dale Ellis, of Milledgeville; her son, Michael Lewis, of Woodstock; her brother, William Abernathy, of Smyrna; her grandchildren, Christy Kown, Brad Nix, Spencer Nix, Corey Ellis and Shane Lewis; and her great-grand-

children, Brooks Cartledge, Meg Kown, Piper Nix, Haddyn Nix, Logan Nix, Courtney Ellis and Payton Ellis.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at Woodstock Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Spencer Nix, Brad Nix and Brooks Cartledge officiating, with burial in Kennesaw Memorial Park.

If you wish to contribute to the memory of Ethel Lewis, contributions will be accepted by Grace to the Nations, a local nonprofit ministry supporting the community of need, P.O. Box 70, Canton, Ga., 30169.

Woodstock Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Garrison elected to HIDTA board

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Cherokee County's top cop has been selected to serve on the Atlanta High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) board.

"I'm very excited about being selected," said Sheriff Roger Garrison.

HIDTA director Jack Killorin said Garrison has been extremely involved in HIDTA and was unanimously elected Dec. 9 as vice chairman by the members of the executive board.

"Sheriff Garrison has been an active supporter of the HIDTA program and played a key role in Cherokee County becoming part of the HIDTA this year," Killorin said.

Garrison will serve as vice chair for 2009 and will assume the role as chairman in 2010, Killorin said.

The current chairman is Kenneth Smith, special agent in charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Atlanta.

"As vice chairman, it's a learning year," Garrison said. "A lot of this is still new to me. We've only been a part of it for a year, and we meet quarterly, so I'm still learning myself."



Garrison

HIDTA's role is to tackle the larger drug operations and money laundering operations by using sources from multiple jurisdictions.

"The key to solving and working these bigger drug cases is multi-jurisdictional communication," Garrison said. "One of their primary functions is exchanging information."

Cherokee County detached an undercover narcotics agent from the Cherokee Multi Agency Narcotic Squad to the HIDTA task force last year.

"They like the agent we assigned very much," Garrison said. "It's been a good relationship so far."

Atlanta HIDTA covers 12 counties in North Georgia and five in North Carolina. The HIDTA board handles many administrative functions of the organization including reviewing yearly budgets.

Garrison said having a position on the board and an agent actively working cases for HIDTA helps keep Cherokee in the loop.

"It gets Cherokee a seat at the big table for the county and the entire region," he said. "(Our involvement) keeps us in the place we need to be to keep as many drugs as we can out of Cherokee County."

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Story misstated Canton affluence

BY CONSTANCE COOPER
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A recent national news story reported that the income of the average Canton household fell starkly even before the current economic crisis took hold. The article claimed that, according to U.S. Census data, the median household income in Canton fell 29 percent between 1999 and 2005-2007, the fourth largest drop of any city in the country with a population of more than 20,000.

That story, it appears, was wrong.

The article compared income information from the 2000 census and the 2005-2007 American Community Survey (ACS). According to census officials, these two sets of income data are too dissimilar to be compared accurately.

"The census and ACS are completely different surveys," said Kirby Posey, Census Bureau Survey Statistician.

According to Posey, the main difference between the two is that the 2005-2007 ACS collected monthly income data over a three-year period, whereas the 2000 census asked survey participants their total annual income from 1999. Census Bureau research shows that surveys of monthly income generally yield higher figures than surveys of annual income.

However, Posey did state that the large margins between median household income in Canton's 2000 census data and the city's 2005-2007 ACS data indicate that median household income in Canton fell between 1999 and 2005-2007 - before the current recession, which economists now think be-

gan in late 2007, fully took hold.

Posey also said that comparisons of 2000 census and 2005-2007 ACS data indicate that the number of Canton residents living at or below the poverty line has been on the rise in recent years.

Citing a lack of comparable local data, Posey and other Census Bureau officials were unwilling to make estimates as to just how much income decreased and poverty increased in Canton between 1999 and 2005-2007.



Hobgood

However, 2000 Census Bureau research shows that, on a statewide average, data on household income collected annually was 6.2 percent higher in Georgia than data on household income collected monthly. Using the Georgia average, as no Canton-specific information is available, 2000 census and 2005-2007 ACS data can be roughly compared to indicate a median household income drop of between 15 percent and 30 percent.

Canton Community Development Director Ken Patton agrees that median household income is decreasing in Canton, but he doubts that decrease is anywhere near the 29 percent recently reported.

"I haven't seen anything that reflects that dramatic of a decrease," Patton said.

Based on research compiled by the independent consulting firms BRPH Companies, Inc. and Ross and Associates for the city's recently completed 20-year comprehensive plan, Patton thinks that the median household income in

Canton has gone down "about 6 percent."

Patton doesn't think that the incomes of long-time residents have decreased. Rather, he maintains that the lower earnings of new residents are affecting the city's average.

Patton said that an influx of retired people and lower-earning Latinos have brought down Canton's median household income.

"We know that incomes in Canton are lower than the rest of Cherokee County because of the large number of Latinos and seniors who live here," Patton said.

Regardless of the cause, Mayor Gene Hobgood doesn't expect the downward trend in Canton income to reverse in the current economy.

"In the next short period of time, I think median income is going to continue to drop," Hobgood said.

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County updating recycling operation

BY CAROLYN MATHEWS
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Cherokee County has authorized Waste Management to handle recycling services at its county drop-off locations beginning Jan. 1. The county commission unanimously approved the move to privatize its recycling program at the Nov. 4 meeting. Current residential recycling drop-off locations, a service for county residents who have a trash hauler that does not provide recycling services, will not change.

County Manager Jerry Cooper said turning the operation over to the private sector would enhance the service and save the county money: the county is losing about \$175,000 annually using county employees to man recycle locations and haul recyclables to the turn-in point from local businesses and the collection points, he said.

Waste Management, in partnership with the county, will be providing single stream recycling by placing compactors at Blalock Road Landfill and Hobgood Park, where the county provides bins now.

Waste Management also will provide recycling to the Cherokee County School District at no charge as a part of the agreement.

"For residents, the recycling process provided by the county won't change, except that all types of recyclables will be put in one single-stream compactor," said Community Services Director Dr. Jackie McMorris.

She explained that Waste Management uses a new process called "single stream recycling," which is part of many metro Atlanta recycling programs, including Roswell's.

Recyclables are placed together, all in one compactor or bin, and are separated out by type at the recycling plant.

"The process is more convenient for consumers to use," McMorris said. She said it also is a



cleaner and neater operation.

New items that previously have not been taken may now be recycled at all drop-off points, including Plastics Nos. 1-7 and all types of paper, cardboard and chipboard. Residents still will be able to bring bags of garbage to the Blalock location, for a modest fee per bag.

At three parks, J.J. Biello, Kenney Askew, and Dwight Terry Parks, Dumpsters for cardboard and paper will be provided for resident drop off, along with 95-gallon carts for plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

Single-stream curbside recycling in unincorporated Cherokee also is available as a private service to residents who subscribe to Waste Management's service to pick up their trash and yard waste. Call (404) 394-9607 to subscribe.

The county formerly provided several businesses with paper and cardboard recycle bins and emptied them. Under the new program, businesses that want to recycle paper and cardboard will be provided a 8-cubic-yard dump-

ster at a minimal cost. Businesses can call (770) 592-3520 to set up service with Waste Management.

The county also will partner with the private hauler each year and offer amnesty days for special waste streams and electronic recycling.

White goods, tires and paint must wait until those days to be recycled, McMorris said, instead of being taken to Blalock Road Landfill.

The hours of operation at Blalock Road Landfill are: Sunday and Monday-closed, Tuesday and Wednesday, noon until 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hobgood Park is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week.

The Dumpsters and carts at the parks listed above will be available on a daily basis when parks are open.

For more information call McMorris at Cherokee County at (678) 493-6011 or JoAnn Birrell of Waste Management at (770) 592-3520 with any questions.

"We're encouraging people to recycle," McMorris said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rogers holds essay contest to pick Senate pages

State Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, is holding an essay contest for high school students who want to be a page in the Georgia Senate during the 2009 General Assembly.

Winning students will get a hands-on education about the state Capitol and state government.

Each student receives an excused absence from school, \$10, and lunch with Rogers.

The dates for pages to serve will probably be during February and March, and the contest is open to any student age 12-17 who lives in southern Cherokee

County or northeast Cobb County.

Students should submit a 500-word essay on "My Favorite Georgian" about someone who lived or has lived a substantial portion of his or her life in Georgia.

The deadline for essays is Jan. 23, and the winners will be chosen by Senate staff by Feb. 13. Submit entries to: Sen. Chip Rogers; 236 State Capitol; Atlanta, Ga.; 30334.

Woodstock police to offer rides New Year's Eve

The Woodstock Police Department will be offering residents a

free ride home from New Year's Eve events if they've had too much to drink.

People have to live local and be celebrating the New Year at establishments in the city limits.

"We are utilizing our 12-passenger van to offer those individuals who have had too much to drink a safe alternative to drunk driving," said Lt. Dan King, commander of the department's Traffic Safety Unit. "This is the departments attempt to reduce DUI incidents within the city.

Anyone interested in utilizing this free public safety service should call (770) 294-1990 on New Year's Eve between the hours of 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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- Paperback & phone books
- Frozen food packages
- Magazines

- Cartonboard such as cereal boxes & shoe boxes (lines all boxes, remove plastic bags)
- Paper grocery bags

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- No food contaminated paper
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- All containers
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ISSUE: One of the big issues of 2009 is expected to be "Going Green."
QUESTION: What efforts do you make to be green and recycle?



"We reuse plastic."

Vicky Brooks
Woodstock



"We recycle all plastics, cans and cardboard."

Donna Murphy
Woodstock



"I chose a trash pick-up contractor who offers curbside recycling."

Barry Switzer
Canton



"We take our cardboard, plastic, bottles and paper to the recycling center in Hobgood Park."

Jim Yates
Acworth



"We save the plastic and cans for the recycling truck that comes by."

Wanda Hammond
Woodstock



"Curbside collection is the key. We recycle both at home and at work, and we turn out lights we aren't using."

Paul Grenier
Woodstock

Giving due props to Father Time

As if 2008 wasn't a rough enough year that I, for one, am glad to see heading into the distance, it seems that the year will actually be one second longer than other years.

This is due to a phenomenon known as a "leap second," an adjustment being made around the world of adding another second – the final minute of 2008 will be 61 seconds long – due to a slowing of the Earth's rotation.

I know, I know ... in this fast-paced, technology-laden world we live in, it hardly seems like anything is slowing down. But, scientists assure us, the planet has slowed enough that it is imperative to add a second in order to maintain stable time-keeping around the globe.

You may be saying to yourself, "What-ever," just as I first did when a colleague told me about the leap second a few weeks ago.

I initially figured I would write a column this week about the leap second, outlining all the fantastic advantages having an extra second would send my way.

For instance, I could splurge and sleep in for an extra second, or I could bank the second and save it for a day when I truly needed that extra second of sleep.

Or, perhaps the extra second would come in handy when I was running late for an appointment or an engagement.

Then again, an extra second could have its drawbacks, too.

Consider that the leap second might mean having to endure a tortuous work day, or having to sit through some incredibly boring and painful situation, that much longer. Or, imagine having to endure an argument with someone or being sick with the flu for even longer than was necessary.

Of course, these are fanciful examples, and an extra second is not going to make a whit of difference in anyone's life. In fact, for old geezers like me who struggle to

stay up until midnight as a general rule – even on New Year's Eve – the leap second will likely pass unnoticed and unheralded.

So be it, and what-ever.

But, in truth, there is a significance to the leap second which should not pass ingloriously into the category of "Who cares?" After considering it for a little bit, the advent of the leap second seems like a perfect time to reflect upon something we all take for granted: time.

There are countless examples of how little credence we give time, which is, when one thinks about it, an unstoppable and one of the most powerful forces mankind can ever know.

Look at some of the accomplishments time has managed throughout its career, which, come to think of it, is a career that is measured by time itself. As time goes on, only time can measure time. (Don't try to think about it; its one of those mental circles that sees no end and could conceivably cause one's head to explode.)

Time took a river and created the majesty of the Grand Canyon. What else but time could have been the steady basis for mankind moving from cave-dwelling to walking on the moon?

How does organic matter become the fuel of our civilization in the form of oil? Yep, time.

(For a truly enlightened – and hilarious – dissertation on time, I suggest listening to Arlo Guthrie's monologue and song called "Celery Time," found on his album "Precious Friend.")

Still, how many people, on a reg-

ular, or even irregular basis, stop to consider the ramifications of time and the influence and effect it has on our lives?

Judging by the number of people racing around the roads at break-neck speeds, apparently late for the most important events on Earth (a sale at Saks, or an appointment with the president, perhaps?), very few people stop to consider time.

In fact, tonight, New Year's Eve, which is not much more than an acknowledgement of time's passing, is about the only opportunity many people take to ponder time. (And, given the nature of most New Year's Eve parties, which frequently seem like modern versions of the drunken orgies that celebrated the day Julius Caesar established in 46 BC, I'm not sure how much time-acknowledgement takes place on time's very own holiday.)

So, with that in mind, I have decided to take more notice of time, and, in my own life, make the most of it.

There are simple things that can be done with that purpose in mind.

For instance, when spending time with my kids, my wife or my family, I can be more focused in the moment and take more pleasure out of the experience.

Another way to use time to my advantage would be to spend less time being depressed or frustrated by things such as the economy, the state of the world or the sometimes harmful influence of other people. Instead, I can think about the good things in my life and spend more of my time with people who make me happy, and so turn otherwise gloomy time into celebratory time.

Just by understanding that the time each and every one of us has is limited, and trying to make that time of the highest quality possible, we can all benefit ... our own lives, and the lives of others

While the concept of a leap second might be a silly notion, we should never forget that in our lives every second counts.



DIALOGUE

Gerry Yandel

LETTERS

WHS exemplified honor in defeat

Dear Editor,

Recently, my wife and I painted our faces in Camden Wildcat colors and went to Chris Gilman Stadium to watch our son's team host the Woodstock Wolverines in the Third-Round of the AAAAA State Championship Playoffs.

It was hard to know what to expect; nobody around here knew much about Woodstock – except that they had four losses. Five minutes into the game saw several thousand Camden Wildcat fans wondering how in the world this Woodstock team ever lost a single game – much less four.

This Woodstock team was, by far, the toughest, most disciplined, skilled, and talented team we have seen all year.

Admittedly, Camden didn't have many other challenges this year – until facing No. 3 Northside Warner-Robbins in Round Two. Having watched them both in this stadium, Woodstock was a much better team; and, if Camden had been on the road instead of enjoying the comfort and support of their home field and home crowd, I think things very well may have gone the

other way – and it probably wouldn't even have been as close a game, either.

The Wolverines deserve to hold their heads high; there is no shame in driving almost eight-hours to face an undefeated, nationally ranked, team on their home turf and losing by a prayer and a point in the last minutes of the game.

The most remarkable thing about the game, however, wasn't the physicality, athleticism, and speed of the Wolverines, but the fact that the visiting stands were filled with some of the best, nicest and loudest fans we've ever hosted here in Camden County.

Before and after the game, we talked with several parents and fans, and we were thoroughly impressed with the heart that came to Camden.

No other team traveled as far to play us as Woodstock did, and no other team filled the stands the way Woodstock did, either. Nor did any other team make as much noise. The Wolverines must have felt like they were playing at home.

I know our home stands are loud, but we can't hear it as much as we

could hear the Woodstock side when the Wolverines shocked the Wildcats with a score on their first play from scrimmage.

That first quarter, in fact, gave Wildcats fans a taste of their own medicine. Woodstock did to Camden what Camden usually does to some of the weaker teams they face. Camden's success in the state championship was in no small part because of the bucket of ice-water the Wolverines splashed in our faces and then hit us over the head with.

You guys and gals are truly champions – every one of you who made the trip. It was truly an honor to host all of you here, and we wish you well next season. Who knows what will happen next year?

Congratulations on a great season that saw a trip to the quarter-finals and ended with a truly amazing performance under less than ideal circumstances.

Go Wolverines.

I truly hope to see you all next year.

Pete Koerner
Camden County

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LETTERS

Why a bailout if we can't buy a car?

Dear Editor,

Many Americans today are victims of the financial crisis or its resulting fallout. There are likely very few who were willing participants. Some were culpable, some not.

In any event, there is now a high-stakes poker game being played.

The "Big Three" automobile manufactures, in collusion with the United Auto Workers (UAW), are threatening gloom and doom. If they don't get the money they're currently asking the government for, it will supposedly ravage the entire country.

I believe, for the most part, that these folks, unlike many others now distressed, are "masters of their own destiny." It's within their power to trim the fat while maintaining the lean. They're willing to bet their livelihoods and an entire industry that George Bush is not going to call their bet.

Just recently, the automakers raised their bets: They announced that they will close for several weeks. Maybe it's a ploy to try and make their remaining funds last until a new, more favorable, administration comes into office. Maybe

it's the realization that the dealerships and docks are full of unsold automobiles.

Supply currently outstrips demand, so how many automobiles can you make before you're forced to stop? Maybe they want the government money to tide them over while production is idle. Who knows what they think?

If they're looking for sympathy, they're barking up the wrong tree. My sympathy lies elsewhere. I can't deal with folks that think their needs should come before all others, especially in light of the fact that they're still fully paid, employed and insured.

Most Americans grew up with Ford, Chevrolet and Chrysler and don't want to see their demise. The manufactures and their unions need to get on board and realize the world does not revolve around Detroit.

I had many chances to drive a Toyota, Nissan or others. However, I've always driven Ford and GM products. Ford, Chrysler and GM need not think this is a world that can't do without them.

Made in Japan used to be a dirty word; it implied, and in essence

was fact, that they were made from recycled Budweiser cans and American rejects. The Japanese refined their products and then brought their manufacturing plants here to overcome the last hurdle, that being labeled as "foreign built." Now they equal or surpass many of the "Big Three" products.

I, along with millions of other Americans, hold on to the last vestiges of our young adult and muscle car days and our allegiances to Ford, Chrysler and GM, lest they and the UAW commit suicide.

The president needs to concentrate on all Americans, those that are unemployed, those finding it hard to put a meal on the table, and, yes, those that have little sympathy for the excesses of the automobile industry.

Detroit can make all the automobiles they wish, but just who is going to buy them, their UAW members? The executives don't need them; as soon as they get the big bucks they'll be back flying high in their Lear and Gulf Stream jets.

Jerry L. Byess
Cherokee County

Things I can do without in 2009

I'm all about Top Ten lists, as many of you are aware. This year, I've decided to put a bit of a different spin on my annual holiday list, just to mix things up a bit, and offer up my Top Five List of Best Christmas Songs, alongside my Top Five List of Worst Christmas Songs.

We've reached another end-of-December, where we get to think about our resolutions for the next year – mostly so we'll have something to break in about six days....

Seriously, there are many things that I hope to either wean myself of in 2009 or do away with all together.

Some of these things will be easy, and some, not so much. Here's my list:

1. Facebook. When I created my profile (much to my girlfriend Jan's joy, for whatever reason), someone sent me a message that said, "Welcome to Facebook. Be careful that you don't get hooked – it's the new crack, you know."

I thought that was clever enough. Lo and behold, just a few short weeks later, I found myself checking my Facebook profile for the 43rd time that day, just to see if anyone had posted anything on my page – or to see if any of my "friends" had changed their status. Clearly, I'm an addict.

I hope to work all 12 steps in the Facebook Anonymous program in 2009. Y'all forgive me if I relapse.

2. Haters. We all know at least one, and sometimes, they're related to us. You know the type – they're never happy with anything that smacks of positivity, change or differing opinions.... They aren't satisfied unless they

are hating on someone or something, and bashing a person, thought or plan without being able to thoughtfully put forth their reasons why.

Attention, haters: in 2009, I'm done with the lot of you, so, when you're sitting alone in your one-dimensional world wondering why I don't call or write anymore, put down your permanently-stuck-on-Fox-News-remote, break out this column and refer to No. 2 on this list.

3. All professional sports. But only after the Falcons end their exciting 2008-09 season....

4. Subscriptions to magazines I don't have the time to read. Sorry, beloved New Yorker – even you are not immune. I can read only the articles that interest me online for free, so I'm going to hold onto the princely sum that I've handed over to you since 1989. Hopefully, my house will look less like an orthodontist's office without all of these weekly magazines lying around.

5. Unnecessary pets. I have two cats, and that's enough for our family of five.

No, I will not buy you a turtle, Shannon.

No, I will not buy you a ferret, Jane.

No, I will not buy you a puppy,

Emily. And Rob, I don't care how much you hate the cats – I am not getting rid of them just to make you happy.

6. Food. Because I would practically be un-American if I didn't vow to lose weight in 2009.

7. '80s music. Not that I was ever one to dwell on the 1980s – even Springsteen mostly sucked back then, comparatively speaking. I'm talking about this never-ending nostalgia that seems to grip every person my age.

Hey, you Guns 'N Roses freaks – please pull yourselves out of the Reagan years and enjoy some of the music that's been made in, oh, I don't know, *this* century! In fact, let's all rid ourselves from our Flock of Seagulls way of thinking, and leave the past where it deservedly belongs – in the past.

8. Spam. I vow to no longer get sucked into those "If-you-don't-forward-this-to-at-least-20-people-your-wish-won't-come-true!" e-mails. I apologize to everyone I've sent those things to before 2009, as well. Surely we can all find a better waste of time than that.

9. Caring who wins "American Idol." Oh, wait – I never have and never will.... Sorry, my bad.

10. Trying to understand why my children cannot see what a mess their rooms look like. I could have much more horrific things to worry about than the kinds of clutter pre-teen and teenage girls create. If that's the worst my girls can dish out to their poor mom, then I've got it pretty good....

Happy New Year, Cherokee!

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VIEWPOINT

Fauve Holihan

SOAPBOX

• Cherokee County roads and bridges, stay away from Sope Creek. It's been a long time; y'all have been up here every day working on it. We got washed away this past weekend. Stay away; leave it alone.

• If we see an increase in gas prices, prepare to carpool. The less gas we use will keep the price of gas down. It's simple supply and demand. We control this; make the effort.

• In response to the person who wrote about Dick Cheney and Obama: That could be a pretty good idea; I understand Barack is a pretty good shot.

• Our former school nurse is now a nurse at my doctor's office, which is fabulous, because she didn't make any money at the school. I don't know what I would do without my school nurses.

• You hypocrites.

• Hey, young punks, you don't look cool without a jacket in the cold weather. You look stupid.

• It's bad enough working at a corporate fast food place for \$7 an hour, always on time, always doing the work. But, they're not going to let us have our Christmas checks until Friday, the day after Christmas. What a great way for them to show their appreciation for us.

• Woodstock High School swim team. Congratulations to the girls for finishing first and the boys for finishing second at the UGA meet.

• Oh, ye, omnipotent one in the big, new Mercedes: Would it be too much to ask you to dim your lights for us poor peons?

• Miami may get the prize for crazy drivers, but Georgia, Atlanta particularly, certainly gets a prize for crazy, ignorant drivers.

• Listen here, you grocery store reporters: We can complain about prices if we want to. This is still America, isn't it?

• Attention Ball Ground construction crew: Please move the tractor out from in front of Civic and Gilmer Ferry roads when not in use. A friend of mine almost got hit there.

• Now that Toyota is also having problems, I wonder if the Republicans would suggest that they lower their workers' wages.

• It's funny that Chip Rogers is giving kudos to Republicans for standing tough on the auto bailout, an industry that actually produces a tangible product. What about the billions of dollars given to AIG? What about already \$30 billion spent on the Wall Street bailout, with no accountability required?

• I would like to thank all the people at the Moose Lodge for helping people out with Christmas this year. I know they made ours a good one.

• How does anyone know that Santa Claus and Jesus, make-believe characters with magical powers, are not the same thing? Has anyone seen them together? For that matter, has anyone seen either of them ever?

• Cherokee County has the fourth lowest millage rate in the state. But it probably ranks fourth in highest property values in the state, too. Jerry Cooper, I'm not buying what you are selling.

• To the person with the little red hybrid driving 30 mph: If you made more than \$4 an hour, your time might be worth more than your gas. Please move out of the way, so those of us for whom time is money can get where we need to go.

• I heard the state is running out of money, and I believe it when I see the number of traffic tickets being written up these days, and what really proves it is that the scratch-off lottery tickets aren't producing, either.

• Did you know that it is the law that when it rains and you turn

your windshield wipers on, you have to turn your headlights on? Obviously not, with so many drivers out there that don't. So the next time it is pouring down rain, I will have my lights and wipers on. If you don't, you will get a ticket.

• Big Three UAW wages, including pensions and medical, for active workers average \$152,256, and for U.S. Toyota workers, it is \$99,840. As for the pontificating hybrid driver delighting in making hundreds of drivers angry every day: Please seek professional help immediately.

• Why does everybody have to speed? Doesn't life go fast enough?

• Why is Cherokee County and the city of Waleska so intent on having a library in Waleska? They already have one. Reinhardt College has a library, and it is open to the public.

• If Cherokee County's budget is in a shortfall, why are they buying the old City Club and spending several thousand dollars to renovate it?

• There is a special drive-up window in hell for people who, with a line of cars behind them, reach the bank window and then make out their deposit slips.

• I don't understand why everybody says there was no Santa in the Woodstock parade. There was a Santa, and I have the pictures to prove it. My kids stood in line for about an hour just to get pictures taken with him. If everybody missed it, it was probably because they didn't stay for the end of the parade.

• If one out of three traffic deaths are alcohol-related, that means two out of three traffic deaths are not alcohol-related. Therefore, there are twice as many non-alcohol-related deaths.

• The police in Ball Ground don't need to patrol Main Street anymore for speeders. Due to the construction, they've got a built-in speed bump that really works.

• I have heard that school superintendents judge the size of their school systems by how many buses they have. If so, Dr. P. should be in hog heaven, along with the school board.

• To all the people who get off 575 at Sixes Road: Please observe the solid white line and don't cross it, because, as soon as I pass it, I'm going to get in the slow lane and get out of your way.

• What Woodstock needs is a hospital and a Picadilly. And, I'm not even a senior citizen.

• Sometimes I wonder if a good dog isn't just an angel in disguise.

• If the Cherokee County Commissioners would consider giving up their part-time pay, that might help alleviate some of the financial stress in the county.

• If the county general fund is about to dip precariously, why is the county spending \$400,000 on legal fees to fight 20-year-old annexations in Holly Springs?

• It is comforting to read the Soapbox every week and see that there are so many geniuses in Cherokee County who have all the answers to everything. I don't understand why we still have so many problems, can't we just tap into this genius pool?

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Cherokee Year 2008 In Review

Local legislators refused to back down in their face-off over tax assessment reform with the Cherokee County Board of Education and School Superintendent Dr. Frank Petruzielo, and the school board scheduled a special called meeting for March 6, in which the adoption of a resolution asking Gov. Sonny Perdue to veto locally introduced tax legislation was considered. Previously, School Board Chairwoman Janet Read wrote Perdue a letter saying that the board considers House Bill 1270 "irresponsible" and that loss of revenue from voter approval of the bill would force the district into making drastic cuts in programs, such as teacher raises, full-day kindergarten and school police.

A Cherokee County school bus crashed and flipped on its way to school, causing mild to moderate injuries to almost 30 children, and its driver, Louis Monserrate, 63, of Marietta, was charged with failure to maintain lane. Officials said 27 students were taken to area hospitals after a serious crash involving bus as #427 on Ga. 140, also called Hickory Flat Highway, near Jep Wheeler Road. The single-vehicle accident happened just after 8 a.m. March 3 as the bus carrying middle- and high-school students headed to Dean Rusk and Sequoyah. One student was taken by air ambulance to Atlanta Medical Center in "moderate" condition after losing consciousness but had regained consciousness by the time of transport. Sixteen students were taken by ambulance to Northside Hospital- Cherokee, and 10 were taken to North Fulton Hospital. The driver was uninjured.

A historic icon in downtown Woodstock was severely damaged during an early morning fire. Cherokee County and Woodstock firefighters were called to the Magnolia Thomas House restaurant around 1 a.m. Feb. 28 and found the historic home fully engulfed in flames. The house, which is almost 100 years old, had a kitchen connected by a breezeway, and the city's community center is on the other side. Officials believe the cause of the fire was a leaky gas line in a fireplace.

After two alleged indecent exposure incidents involving children at a local store, detectives with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office arrested a 35-year-old Holly Springs man for the crimes. Christopher Forte was arrested

and charged with two counts of child molestation, after a mother of a 6-year-old girl filed a report with the sheriff's office in January that said a white male exposed and touched himself in front of the young girl in the book section of the Walmart on Bells Ferry Road in Acworth. In a second report, a mother of an 11-year-old girl reported that a white male exposed and fondled himself in front of the child in the fabric section of the same Walmart. The store manager was able to get the suspect's tag number as he left the parking lot.



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Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services held a training seminar for firefighters and paramedics to learn what to do when they are on a scene where a methamphetamine lab is involved.

Three Cherokee High School students were arrested for possession of drugs, alcohol and a weapon as they boarded the bus Feb. 15 to go on a field trip to Washington, D.C. The 10th-through 12th-grade students were going on guided tours of museums, monuments, memorials, the U.S. Capitol and the White House. Cherokee High School administrators received an anonymous tip that students who were going on the trip were talking about bringing marijuana with them. One 17-year-old male student was charged with felony violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act for marijuana possession; another 17-year-old male student was charged with misdemeanor alcohol sale near a church or school; and a 16-year-old male juvenile was charged with felony violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act for marijuana possession and weapon (knife) on the school grounds.

The Cherokee Multi Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS) completed an investigation that began in December, resulting in two arrests and the confis-

cation of a small methamphetamine lab. An undercover CMANS agent met with two men at the Suburban Lodge in Woodstock Dec. 19 to make methamphetamine, and the suspects, David Allen Buzbee and Steven James Wigley, brought the ingredients needed and drove from Rockmart to Woodstock to meet the agent. Buzbee, 37, of Rockmart, and Wigley, 42, of Aragon, were arrested and charged with criminal attempt to manufacture methamphetamine.

A report by the Atlanta area's planning agency showed Cherokee County's three largest cities each doubled in population between 2000 and 2007. Also, according to the report, Cherokee had the fifth-highest percentage of new multi-family housing units constructed in the region during the 2000-2007 period. The county had a threefold increase in the number of multi-family units, the report showed. The report by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) showed Woodstock, Cherokee's most populous city, had the fifth-highest net population gain of incorporated areas in the 10-county Atlanta region as the city added 11,342 new residents, up from 10,050 total population in 2000 to 21,392, or 112.9 percent. Canton was No. 6 on the highest population-change list, as the city grew by 10,116 people, up from 7,709 to 17,825, or 131.2 percent. According to the report, the city of Holly Springs, Cherokee's third most-populous city, grew by 4,053 people, up from 3,195 to 7,248, or 126.9 percent.

After consideration of the Cherokee Multi Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS) agreement, the Woodstock City Council tabled the document for further discussion with a county official. At its Feb. 25 meeting, the city council agreed that the city police department should be involved with CMANS because it's a "valuable resource," but many council members disagreed with Woodstock's inability to conduct undercover investigations per the agreement, among other things. CMANS is a multiple jurisdiction agency that handles undercover drug operations in Cherokee County. Members of the task force include: the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Holly Springs Police Department, Canton police, Ball Ground police, Woodstock police, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit District Attorney, the Georgia State Patrol and the county school police.

Jeff Moon, 40, the city manager of Orange Beach, Ala., was named as the new city manager of Woodstock. Moon said he chose to apply to the city of Woodstock, because it was more of a traditional town than where he's been for the past seven years, and he enjoys the fast-paced work that Woodstock will have to offer. This wasn't Moon's first position in Georgia; he was city manager of Riverdale from June 1996 to January 2001.



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Cherokee Year 2008 In Review

Spring sports enjoy historic triumphs

The following are highlights and lowlights from May to August in 2008.

- The Cherokee Lady Warriors soccer team saw its playoff run end on May 1, as Woodward Academy won 7-0 in the state quarterfinals.
- The Sequoyah baseball team locks up second place in 5-AAAA and gets to host a first-round playoff game.
- The Cherokee boys tennis team has its most successful season come to an end with a 4-1 loss to Heritage in the second round of the state playoffs.
- The Etowah boys tennis team defeated Pope 3-1 to advance to the state quarterfinals
- The Etowah boys tennis team advances to the state finals with a 3-2 victory over Peachtree Ridge on May 5.
- The Sequoyah girls golf team, making its second straight appearance in the state tournament, finishes fourth with a 170 team score on May 5 at Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta.
- At the boys AAAAA golf tournament at Oleander Golf Club in Jekyll Island, Woodstock, making its state tournament debut, finishes sixth with a 618 for the 36-hole event. The Sequoyah boys golf team finishes 12th at the 18-hole AAAA tournament played at Bartram Trail Golf Club in Evans.
- Hosting their first state baseball series, the Sequoyah Chiefs split a doubleheader with Ringgold on May 9 and comes back the next day and eliminated the Tigers with an 11-4 victory in the deciding third game of the series.
- The most successful season in Etowah boys tennis history comes to an end, as the Eagles fall to Northview in the state finals on May 9.
- Woodstock's inaugural run in the baseball playoffs comes to an end in the first round, as Norcross swept the Wolverines, 17-7 and 2-1.
- Cherokee's stay in the state playoffs ended, as the Rome Wolves swept the Warriors 2-1 and 12-2 in the first round of the state baseball tournament.
- Former Etowah and University of Georgia golfer Chris Kirk makes his first PGA Tour cut, finishing tied for 52nd place with a 2-under-par 286 at the AT&T Classic in Duluth on May 15-18.
- At the state track meet, Woodstock's Duran Christophe finished seventh in the discus throw in AAAAA, and Sequoyah's Evan Gillette finished seventh in the 100-meter race in AAAA.
- Showcasing pitching and defense, the Sequoyah Chiefs sweep sixth-ranked Marist 8-3 and 2-0 on May 14 to reach the state quarterfinals.
- Area high school teams wrap up a two-week spring football practice with inter-squad scrimmages on May 16.
- In a three-game series where the two teams combine for 55 runs and 65 hits, the Chiefs

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Woodstock's Christophe chooses NCSU

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Prior to his visit to Raleigh, N.C., last week, Woodstock senior Duran Christophe thought about buying a pair of North Carolina State sweatpants. He will be adding a lot more red to his wardrobe, as the all-county first team defensive lineman made a verbal commitment to play for the Wolfpack next fall. "I wasn't sure and was kind of on the bubble," said Christophe, who also made an official visit to Louisville and had planned a visit to Indiana in January. "Louisville and NC State were the main two schools, and I was thinking that NC State was a program on the rise."

Much like Christophe's high school team, which lost four of its first six games, the Wolfpack also started the season slowly and were in the bottom of the standings in the Atlantic Coast Conference. NC State had a 2-6 record before finishing the regular season with victories over Duke, Wake Forest, North Carolina and Miami to earn an invitation to last Monday's PapaJohns.com Bowl against Rutgers in Birmingham, Ala.

Christophe and the Wolverines won six straight games to reach the Class AAAAA state quarterfinals where they lost to eventual state champion Camden County, 18-17.

Like any incoming freshman, the transition from high school to college is a huge step for anyone. Christophe, a 6-foot-6, 275-pound defensive end, will make the transition to the other side of the ball, becoming an offensive lineman. He saw time on the offensive line, but he was more valuable to the Wolverines on defense, making 77 tackles with two quarterback sacks.

Christophe also had 11 tackles for loss.

"I feel good about it

[Christophe's commitment]," Woodstock head football coach Mike O'Brien said. "His best football is in front of him. We used him some on offense, but he was outstanding on defense. He helped solidify the defensive front and that was one of the big things that helped us move on."

Christophe also has the unique opportunity to play for a coach with the same last name as his high school coach. NC State is coached by Tom O'Brien who is in no relation to the Woodstock head coach. Christophe also continues the Wolverines' tradition of producing NCAA Division-I standouts. He follows in the footsteps of Danny Carmichael (Middle Tennessee State), Tripp Chandler (University of Georgia), Desmond Lamb (Army) and Bruce Miller (Central Florida) are a few former Wolverines



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Woodstock senior Duran Christophe made a verbal commitment to North Carolina State following his official visit to Raleigh, N.C., on Dec. 22.

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Woodstock senior Taylor Trotter has been named the Cherokee Ledger-News All-County Offensive Player of the Year.

WHS senior earns top offensive honors

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He may not be the biggest or quickest and doesn't have a cannon for an arm, but no one can question the heart of Woodstock senior quarterback Taylor Trotter.

A three-year starter, Trotter, who was selected as the Cherokee Ledger-News All-County Offensive Player of the Year, was a cog in leading the Wolverines to their greatest season in school history.

Under the guidance of Trotter, who for the second year in a row led the county in passing with 1,382 yards - 82 yards more than in 2007 - Woodstock recovered from a slow start to earn a playoff berth.

The Wolverines were 2-4 in Mid-October and going nowhere.

However, Trotter and company turned their season around in a 17-14 victory in overtime at Kennesaw Mountain. Trotter opened the scoring with a touchdown pass to Evan Wilson.

"That was the first must-win game, where we knew that if we didn't pull that one out then we were done," said Trotter, who helped spark a six-game winning streak that led all the way to the state quarterfinals. "We went in with the mindset of win or go home."

That is exactly what the Wolverines did.

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Etowah's White gets defensive for Eagles

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When head coaches prepared to face to face the Etowah Eagles and would watch film, it didn't take long to spot Ishmael White.

A mainstay, who started as a freshman and battled injuries throughout his high school career, returned to his old form this year and has been selected as the Cherokee Ledger-News All-County Defensive Player of the Year.

Having been on the all-county first team as a sophomore with more than 100 tackles in the Eagles secondary, Ishmael moved to linebacker this past season and continued to put up big numbers.

"I have not seen a defensive impact player like him in a long time," Etowah head coach Bill Stewart said. "His stats speak for themselves."

White led the team with 100 tackles and 14 of those were behind the line of scrimmage. He recorded 12 quarterback sacks and forced two fumbles and eight hurries.

White also showed he could still fall back into pass coverage, recording an interception. Although hesitant at first, White has embraced his new position.

"I was kind of mad at first," White said of his move from safety to linebacker. "It was a complete change to what I was



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OFFENSE: Trotter guides WHS to quarterfinals

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Using his arm and his legs, rushing for a team-high 802 yards and eclipsing 2,000 yards in total offense, Trotter at times willed the Wolverines to victory, including the program's first playoff victory against Region 6-A AAAA champs Walton 28-7 in the first round of the state playoffs.

At Norcross in the second round, Trotter was at it again, finding the end zone on a 1-yard run that capped a 12-play drive. He combined for more than 100 yards of total offense to lead the Wolverines past the Blue Devils, 14-10 to reach the state quarterfinals.

"Without him, we would have not gone anywhere," Woodstock head coach Mike O'Brien said. "He is a very competitive player. He is a very intelligent kid, and a very athletic kid. He can run and throw and has great mastery of our offense. Going along with that, he has the heart to compete. He just wants to win, and when he doesn't play well, it really bothers him."

Battling through a shoulder injury at the beginning of the season, Trotter had to watch, as the Wolverines suffered a 13-10 loss at Kell on a last-second field goal.

The next week against McEachern, the Wolverines again were victims of a last-second field goal, but Trotter was under center.

Trotter had a game-tying touchdown pass dropped in the final seconds in a loss to rival Etowah, and led Woodstock from an 11-point deficit against then undefeated Harrison.

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QB Collins Wold	Cre	Sr
RB Dominique Swope	Seq	So
RB Ryan Boykin	Eto	Sr
WR Chris Dumesnil	Eto	Sr
WR Mike McDermott	Wood	Sr
TE Dillon Mulkey	Cre	Sr
OL Bryn Cloer	Che	Sr
OL Trey Howell	Seq	Sr
OL Zach Lonas	Eto	Sr
OL Reid Webster	Eto	Sr
OL Rob Strangeman	Wood	Sr
PK Ethan Johnson	Cre	Sr

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SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB James Harris	Eto	Jr
RB Josh Reyes	Cre	Sr
RB Dalton Trevino	Seq	Jr
WR Jake Barclay	Cre	Jr
WR Ryan Oubre	Seq	Sr
TE Evan Wilson	Wood	Jr
OL John Andrusko	Cre	Sr
OL Hayden Bramlett	Seq	Sr
OL Ben Cochran	Wood	Sr
OL Nathan Riddle	Cre	Sr
OL Ryon Thompson	Wood	Sr
PK Jonathan Weiner	Wood	Fr

ALL-COUNTY OFFENSE HONORABLE MENTION

- **Cherokee:** A.J. Redwine
- **Creekview:** Michael Ay, Dillon Dickerson, Justin Wright
- **Sequoyah:** Eric Burkhalter, Jonny Day, A.J. Howard, Andrew Marvin, Ben Rogers, Josh Rogers
- **Woodstock:** Justin Thompson, Nich Rhodes

Trotter had his best game of the season, throwing for a season-high 226 yards and completing 19 of 34 pass attempts. He also rushed for 91 yards on 20 attempts and scored a touchdown on an 18-yard run.

However it wasn't enough, as the Wolverines suffered a blocked game-winning field goal.

"We felt all season that when we would upset people, that it really wasn't an upset," Trotter said. "We considered when we got beat that it was an upset."

Trotter is hoping to play on Saturdays next fall and has visited Wofford. He also has talked to Georgia Southern, Shorter and Lehigh among others.

Woodstock enjoys record performance

At its annual meet at the Ramsey Swimming and Diving Center at the University of Georgia in Athens on Dec. 20, the Woodstock swim team won the overall meet, and the girls also finished first.

The boys team was runner-up in the 16-team meet.

Sparking the boys was the performance of senior Jonathan Walker, who set a record in the 50-

yard freestyle with a time of 23.11, and Krisztain Elek, who set a record in the 200 Individual Medley. Elek recorded a time of 2:04.96.

Elek and Walker also joined Alex Broome and Drew Yargin to set a school record in the 200 freestyle relay.

They won the event and broke the old school record by 3.5 seconds with a time of 1:34.21.

In the girls meet, Morgan Johnson broke a school record in the 100 freestyle with a time of 55.51.

The Lady Wolverines also showcased their younger talent, as freshmen Erika Satskevicius and Ashley Brennan had breakout performances.

Satskevicius won her race in the 200 IM, and Brennan was the top finisher in the 100 backstroke.

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DEFENSIVE: White makes successful position change

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used to, but I think I have become a much better linebacker than I was a safety."

His senior year was special for White, who also contributed with a county-high 40.2 punt average despite battling a hamstring injury for most of the season.

However, playing in pain is nothing new to White. He battled a shoulder injury as a junior and most of the 2007 season was erased when he had surgery.

"My junior year was disappointing, and I wanted to make up for it this year," said White, who made the all-county honorable mention team despite the injury. "I wanted to come back and be better."

Because of his injury, White fell off the radar from some of the bigger schools around the country.

University of Alabama-Birmingham, Southern Mississippi and Miami (Ohio) University showed interest.

After taking a trip to the Miami campus in Oxford, Ohio, in October, White made a verbal commitment.

While he was there, the 6-foot-2, 210-pound outside linebacker met with head coach Shane Montgomery.

After a disappointing 2-10 season, Montgomery resigned as head coach on Nov. 29.

During Montgomery's four-year tenure the RedHawk, Miami had compiled a cumulative record of 17-31.

"It didn't effect my decision at

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DL Duran Christophe	Wood	Sr	
DL Hunter Chumley	Che	Sr	
DL Jon Bermudez	Wood	Jr	
DL Seth Holmes	Cre	Sr	
LB Kyle Beasley	Eto	Sr	
LB Corey Carmichal	Wood	Jr	
LB Ben Farist	Seq	Sr	
LB Ryan Holmes	Cre	Jr	
CB/S Tyler Knighton	Wood	Sr	
CB/S Taylor Majors	Eto	Jr	
CB/S Jordan Padgett	Eto	Sr	
CB/S Chase Wideman	Cre	Sr	
Ath Drew Shields	Wood	Sr	

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SECOND TEAM DEFENSE			
DL Justin Blosser	Eto	Sr	
DL Seth Grummer	Seq	Jr	
DL Collin Hare	Cre	Sr	
DL Tyler Thomas	Eto	Sr	
LB Matt Blaylock	Che	Sr	
LB Michael Franklin	Seq	Sr	
LB Ryker Goodell	Eto	Jr	
LB Shawn Haley	Wood	Sr	
LB Marc Wise	Cre	Sr	
CB/S Tyler Adams	Seq	Sr	
CB/S Chris Bellinger	Seq	Sr	
CB/S Drew Yeargin	Wood	Jr	
P Josh Lemons	Che	Jr	

ALL-COUNTY DEFENSE HONORABLE MENTION

- **Sequoyah:** Tucker Adams, Brandon Alexander, Jordan Basone, Eric Johnson, Jon Rosemond, Matt Thompson
- **Woodstock:** Jake Garland, Zach Hitt, Ryan Tweedle

all," White said of Montgomery's resignation.

White, who is being recruited as an outside linebacker, got a phone call immediately after Montgomery's resignation from Miami Athletics Director Brad

Bates, who assured White he still had a scholarship.

White will sign on Feb. 4, which is National Signing Day and play for Miami's new head coach Michael Haywood, who was hired on Dec. 23.

CHRISTOPHE: Wolfpack edge Louisville for lineman

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that have gone on to the next level.

Christophe also has aspirations beyond the college level, and State's ability to send players to the NFL also helped in Christophe's decision.

"They have a real good offensive line coach [Don Horton] and have put a lot of players in the NFL," Christophe said. "Coach O'Brien takes programs and just makes them better. He's got a

great track record, and that was hard to pass up."

So far Christophe is in a signing class of 24 for the Wolfpack. He also is one of three offensive linemen that include Lassiter's Camden Wentz, who was on the same official trip with Christophe. The Wolfpack have three linemen who are seniors this season.

It was part of the whole recruiting process that Christophe en-

joyed. "I had fun going to the mailbox everyday and getting the mail and taking the phone calls and having coaches come in for visits," Christophe said.

"I enjoyed the official visits, eating steak and everything, but I think the toughest part has been having to call all the coaches back and tell them that I have committed to another school and I'm not coming."

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Before After

SPRING: Teams, players find success in '08

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defeat Woodward Academy to advance to the state semifinals. The Chiefs win a rain-shortened Game 1 10-6 on May 20, and return the next day where they lost 10-8 in Game 2 and rallied to win the final game, 13-8.

- Sequoyah's run for a baseball state title ends in the semifinals, as Griffin sweeps the ninth-ranked Chiefs 6-0, 16-3 on May 26 en route to winning the AAAA state championship.
- Chris Kirk finishes runner-up at a sectional qualifier on June 2 near Chicago to earn a spot in his first U.S. Open.
- PGA Tour pro and Acworth resident Jason Bohn shatters the course record at Ansley Golf Club-Settindown Creek in Roswell with a 10-under 62 on the first round and finishes tied for low-medalist honors with a 16-under to qualify for the U.S.

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Open at a sectional qualifier. Matt Kuchar, with former Georgia Tech teammate and Sequoyah High grad Wes Latimer as his caddie, also finishes at 16-under to qualify for the U.S. Open. Woodstock resident Mark Strickland finishes tied for 14th and fails to qualify.

• Woodstock High grad Jessica Symaniski goes a combined 2-for-6 in the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association North and South All-Star Softball Game held June 11 at Kennesaw State University.

• Hawk's Ridge member Lauren Judson and Creekview's Garrett Dehart were recognized by Golf Digest as the most improved boy and girl in the state according to handicap.

• Chris Kirk makes cut at U.S. Open, finishing tied for 78th place with Rich Beem at 20-over 304.

• Twin Creeks Softball Complex hosts the third annual Cherokee Summer Classic, as 22 teams play exhibition games during the four-day event that began June 16.

• The Canton Post-45 American Legion team stretches its winning streak to five games and is 9-1 going into the Fourth of July break.

• John Luna takes low-medalist honors at the Georgia District Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament played at BridgeMill Athletic Club's golf course on June 23.

• At the Woodstock Freedom run on July 4, Orinthal Striggles won the men's race, and Patrina Hayes won the women's race.

• County swimmers capture 23 titles at the Georgia Recreation and Park Association District 5 Swimming Championships held July 11-13 at Dellinger Park in Cartersville.

• Woodstock's Mark Strickland shot rounds of 72, 70, 67 and 74 and finishes tied for 11th place at the Georgia Amateur Championship held at the Idle Hour Club in Macon on July 11-14.

• Canton Post-45 sweeps Gainesville in a doubleheader on July 13 to capture the region championship.

• Rising Creekview sophomore Blake Fountain finishes runner-up in the heptathlon at the Region III Junior Olympics and qualifies for the national track and field championships

in Omaha, Neb.

• The Georgia junior squad defeats the South Carolina junior squad at the Georgia State Golf Association Junior Challenge Match held at Hawk's Ridge Golf Club in Ball Ground.

• Woodstock holds its inaugural Woodstock Wolverine Player Summit on July 21 with several guest speakers, including Georgia Tech running back Jonathan Dwyer.

• Former Sequoyah High standout Cullen Harper is name the Atlantic Coast Conference Preseason Player of the Year.

• Canton Post-45's run in the state tournament came to an end, as they suffered a 20-5 setback to Loganville on July 24 and were eliminated 10-0 by Conyers on July 25 in a game played at Cherokee High School.

• Joey Young wins a state championship in the 25-yard backstroke in the 8-and-under division at the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association meet in Augusta on July 25-26.

• Preseason workouts begin for football, volleyball and softball on Aug. 1. It also marks the beginning of the Tonya Sebring era for Etowah softball, Kortney Dempsey in Woodstock softball, and Kim Robertson taking over for the Etowah volleyball team.

• Cherokee ace Abbey Meixel commits to Kennesaw State.

• Etowah opens the preseason football season with a 32-7 victory over Sequoyah on Aug. 15.

• The Sequoyah volleyball team reaches the quarterfinals of the Sequoyah Classic Invitational on Aug. 16. Pope beat Marietta in the championship.

• Cherokee's Abbey Meixel strikes out 17 and ties the school record for career wins in a 4-3 victory over Sequoyah on Aug. 20.

• In a historic preseason scrimmage, the Creekview Grizzlies defeated Woodstock 19-7 on Aug. 22.

• Etowah's Ryan Boykin rushes for a career-high 288 yards, as the Eagles open the season with a 47-24 victory over Starr's Mill at the Corky Kell Classic played at the Georgia Dome on Aug. 23.

• Former Cherokee High football standout Josh Bagby successfully walks-on at Georgia.

• Creekview's volleyball team made school history on Aug. 28, when the Lady Grizzlies defeat rival Sequoyah for the first time in three games.

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• A controversial annexation and zoning case was tabled in the city of Woodstock at the developer's request and a vote was expected at the March 10 council meeting. Despite Canton attorney Benson Chambers' request to defer the case to a later date, the city council opted to move on with the public hearing on the annexation and rezoning for the Tivoli Summit project at Putnam Ford Road and Eagle Drive, because about 95 percent of the packed council chambers was in opposition to the case. In April 2006, the city council approved an annexation and rezoning of the property, which was planned for high-end town homes and commercial. The city council rezoned the property to Residential-4 (R-4) with a maximum build-out of 132 units and General Commercial (GC) for the commercial components. The new request included adding 4 acres to the property and rezoning it to R-4 and GC from the county's Residential-40 (R-40) category. The application also showed the developer was seeking to rezone 16.47 acres zoned R-4 and change the zoning to R-4 and GC.

• The Cherokee County Board of Education and the county's legislators dug in their heels in opposition to each other regarding a proposed freeze on tax assessments. At a special called meeting March 6, the board unanimously adopted a resolution asking Gov. Sonny Perdue to veto local legislation that, if approved by voters on the July ballot, would effectively freeze tax assessments on homeowners' properties until the home changes ownership.

county's five community centers had been the subject of civil legal claims over the original building construction that allegedly led to health problems associated with mold exposure for county firefighters who sued the company that built the centers, M.G. Patton Construction Co. The 29 percent reduction in the McClure contract was due to a change in the scope of the construction project, including a reduction in the work needed around the facility windows.

• A bid for the purchase of the Cherokee County Administration Building in downtown Canton was approved, tentatively setting the stage for a major renovation of the facility that was the longtime home of Jones Mercantile Co. The five-member Cherokee County Commission unanimously approved the \$2.71 million bid submitted by Cherokee Landmarks LLC during the March 4 meeting at the Justice Center, across North Street from the three-story former retail center. According to the bid proposal submitted by Cherokee Landmarks, the plans for the renovation include a major makeover that would cost more than \$2 million, starting with the exterior of the building. Cherokee Landmarks seeks to turn the building into "a mixed-use environment to host a blend of office, retail, restaurant and residential tenants," stated Doug Flint, the company's president.

• Cherokee County School District officials said emergency response was excellent following the school bus accident March 3 that left one student hospitalized. At the request of Rep. Calvin Hill, R-Canton, the board, at a special called meeting March 6, also unanimously approved a resolution supporting HR 341776, which would mandate the Georgia State Department of Transportation conduct a safety evaluation of the road shoulders of Ga. 20 and Ga. 140 and perform necessary repair work.

• The February sales tax receipt for Cherokee County rebounded from the amount reported for January, which was lower than any month in 2007, state and county reports showed.

The initial pace of sales tax collections for 2008 were slightly reportedly lower, however, than the overall amount needed to reach the totals for 2006 and 2007 by the end of the year. According to a monthly Georgia Department of Revenue report, the February receipt for the county's penny Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program was \$2,832,504.94. The January receipt was \$2,275,201.92, or \$557,303.02 less than the February level.

• A conference room at the Woodstock South Annex wasn't big enough to hold those who attended a legislative town hall meeting on tax reform March 13, so attendees picked up their chairs and moved onto the lawn to hear state Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, Rep. Sean Jerguson, R-Holly Springs, and the rest of the local delegation explain their plans to allow voters to have a choice on whether to put a cap on real estate tax assessments. Attendance was heavy at the meeting because much of the crowd was concerned about what capping assessments would do to the Cherokee County School District's operating budget; the

system had projected it could lose as much as \$6 million annually in local funds from a proposed local legislation plan. Many also attended to protest that their property had experienced a dramatic increase in assessed value because it was located near property that had been sold for development.

• Storms tore through Georgia, forcing Cherokee County under tornado watches and warnings all day March 15. The Cherokee County Emergency Operations Center was activated just before noon, and all of the outdoor warning sirens in the county were activated. Four "supercell" storms moved through the county, but, while tornadoes touched down in nearby counties causing significant damage and deaths, no touchdowns were reported in Cherokee. Areas in Cherokee such as Hickory Flat were hit the hardest with large hail and high winds, and baseball-size hail was reported just east of Canton.

• Woodstock police announced they were looking for a Texas man who they believed inappropriately touched young children at a Woodstock church. Police responded to the North Gate Church on Main Street Feb. 21, and witnesses told police that Steven Lee Garland was "acting strange," and gave the children at the church a lot of attention.

During the suspicious persons call, officers were unable to find some of the children and their parents, but further investigation revealed a 3-year-old victim. The man turned himself in March 19.

• A Forsyth County pastor was arrested in Cherokee County after investigations into allegations that he molested two underage victims. Derek Gillett, 38, of Alpharetta, was arrested March 7 and charged with two counts of aggravated child molestation and two counts of sodomy against two teenagers. According to the police report, one of the victim's is female, but police would not confirm that both victims are female. Police were not releasing the relationship between Gillett and the victims to protect the girls' identities, however police said the victims were not members of Cornerstone Community Chapel in Forsyth County, where Gillett served as the pastor.

• Canton officials were reviewing a pool of 35 applicants for the city manager position, and Mayor Gene Hobgood and the six members of the Canton City Council were scheduled to meet March 24 with an official from the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government to review the resumes and letters from the applicants. The city council formally approved the \$7,500 agreement for the institute to assist with the search for a permanent city manager during the March 6 city council meeting. Hobgood said the group would be narrowed down to about five or so candidates who would be invited for interviews, with an individual hired and on the job within a few weeks. The city had been without a permanent city manager since former City Manager Bill Werner left the job in June of 2007. Then-Mayor Cecil Pruett served as city manager until Chief Finance Officer Rob Logan was named interim city manager during the final weeks of Pruett's tenure as mayor.

• Cherokee County's population growth was No. 18 on the latest list of estimates on the fastest-growing counties in the country released by the U.S. Census Bureau. The county population was 204,363 people as of July 1, 2007, the report. The 5.3 percent growth over the 194,082 showed for the start of July 2006 placed the county in the nation's top-20 of counties with 10,000 or more people as of early summer 2007. Cherokee was Georgia's No. 6 county in population growth.

APRIL

• Federal authorities raided the Tennessee office of a former Woodstock businessman who was a major campaign funds contributor to several Cherokee County and Georgia politicians during the 2006 election cycle. About 25 armed federal agents, including authorities from the FBI and U.S. Postal Inspection office, reportedly searched the advertising business in Winchester, Tenn., out of which businessman Ben Elliott worked. The search reportedly was part of a multi-state fraud investigation. Elliott has faced a series of allegations about his business practices, including periods when he was based in Atlanta and Cherokee County, after he was rebuilding his business career following his 2003 federal bankruptcy filing. When Elliott was in Cherokee, he had business ties to a local newspaper, restaurants and other enterprises that have since closed. He was also known as a generous political contributor.

• Documents triggering a regional re-



Federal authorities were investigating an incident of vandalism at the Georgia National Cemetery that occurred in mid-March, said the director of the burial grounds for veterans located off Ga. 20 west of Canton. Cemetery Director Brion Moore said traffic and directional signs were damaged – and some stolen – inside the cemetery, but no burial sites were disturbed. Photographs provided to the Ledger-News by Moore show muddy tire tracks that moved off the pavement to the signs, with some signs twisted and others broken off from stands. The damage estimate was about \$5,000.

view for a proposed mixed-use development off Bells Ferry Road were filed with government agencies. Decatur-based TND Development was seeking approval for the mixed-use project on about 180 acres off Bells Ferry Road in southwestern Cherokee, said Tad Braswell, a principal of the company. According to Braswell and Cherokee County Planning and Zoning Department Executive Director Jeff Watkins, the project would be developed under the guidelines in the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) for the Bells Ferry corridor extending beyond the Bells Ferry Road/Ga. 92 intersection. About 950 residential units – including a mix of single-family, apartments and a retirement facility – were tentatively planned for the project, Braswell said, adding the details are still being worked out.

• Facing a \$2 million shortfall in the general fund of the 2008-09 budget, Woodstock officials were considering options that include laying off about one-third of the staff, a two-point millage rate increase or a combination of both. In addition, officials were trying to neutralize a \$2 million deficit in the city's water and sewer fund. Options

include a 53 percent across-the-board rate increase, a combination cost adjustment and 15 percent rate increase, or just a cost adjustment rate increase. During budget workshops, elected officials met with department heads to see how each department's budget could be whittled down to the bare essentials. Chief Financial Officer Henry Bucci, who started with the city in January, told the city council that the housing downturn and lagging economy were negatively affecting the city's funds.

• Two Cherokee County School District administrators received the 2008 "Distinguished Principal" designation. Etowah High School Principal Ron Dunnavant was honored by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (and was chosen from statewide nominations of outstanding secondary leaders. At the elementary level, new Johnston Elementary School Assistant Principal Dr. Pam Colvin was chosen as 2008 Distinguished Principal for District 8, based on her former position as principal at Oglethorpe Point Elementary on St. Simons Island in Glynn County.

• A new regulating plan that would affect a large-scale development near downtown was under review by Woodstock officials. The city's elected officials instructed the staff to come up with a plan that would give a more definitive outlook on what will be developed in the Ridgewalk development, which was to include apartments and single-family homes. The Avenue Ridgewalk, an upscale, open-air mall by Cousins Properties, also was planned. The plan included seven categories, which are similar to zoning codes.

• Reinhardt College implemented a new system to alert its students, faculty, and staff to possible emergencies on campus. The system, which college officials called EagleAlert, sends cell phone text messages and e-mail messages to those on campus, commuter students, and parents.

• During a called meeting of the Georgia State Transportation Board April 21, acting Chairman Garland Pinholster, who assumed leadership after Mike Evans stepped down, resigned as interim chairman for an undisclosed reason, but he would 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, 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."

• An almost three-hour standoff ended 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.

• After years of debate, Woodstock officials 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 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.

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Atlanta Police Officer Isiah Ricks and his bomb-sniffing dog, Sam, prepared to enter the historic courthouse after 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.

• A public hearing on an environmental permit sought for a proposed wastewater treatment facility that would serve northeastern Cherokee County was scheduled for March 18. The plans for the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority plant had drawn opposition from area residents who said the facility would threaten water quality and lead to high-density development in rural areas of northeastern Cherokee and in the region.

• A \$1.8 million contract for construction remediation at four Cherokee County multi-purpose community centers was reduced by almost \$520,000 after the Cherokee County Commission unanimously approved the change-order proposal from Acworth-based McClure Design & Build Contractors. The

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Cherokee Year 2008 In Review

Rob Logan was named the only finalist for the Canton city manager position, a role he had filled on an interim basis since fall 2007. Logan, who was the city's chief finance officer, was among 35 applicants for the government's chief executive position who applied for the job in March. Canton had been without a permanent city executive officer since former city Manager Bill Werner left the job in June 2007. Then-Mayor Cecil Pruett filled the role before Logan was named interim city manager.

Two Cherokee cities sent letters to Gov. Sonny Perdue urging opposite courses of action regarding a piece of legislation that would allow gun owners to carry their weapons into restaurants, on mass transit and in state parks. Woodstock officials sent a letter to Perdue asking him to revisit the legislation, while Holly Springs' elected officials sent correspondence asking the governor to sign the bill into law. Sen. Chip Rogers, R-Woodstock, was a co-

MAY



CAROLYN MATHEWS | LEDGER-NEWS
 David Christoff hands the mail to Boo-Boo May 14 at Seven Arrows Art Gallery in downtown Woodstock, as owners, background, Cheryl and Lee West, watch. Christoff retired after 28 years as downtown Woodstock's mailman.



ERIKA NELDNER | LEDGER-NEWS
 Gov. Sonny Perdue visited with Tim and Katherine Brown outside their Meadows Drive home during a tour of the storm-ravaged areas of Cherokee County May 21. Sheriff Roger Garrison drove Perdue through the hardest hit areas, which included the Brown's neighborhood off East Cherokee Drive and the Fountain Lakes mobile home park off Mill Creek Drive.

After a review of the comments made at a local public hearing March 18, state officials on April 24 put the permit for a new Northeast Cherokee wastewater treatment facility that would be built by the Cherokee County Water and Sewer Authority (CCWSA) on hold until at least the summer. At the same time, the Cherokee County January 2008 Grand Jury issued a recommendation saying that the way CCWSA board members are chosen needs to be changed. According to the draft permit for the proposed plant, which would be located off Coker's Chapel Road south of Ball Ground on the Etowah River, the initial load would be 2 million gallons a day of treated wastewater, with the potential to increase to between 4 million and 8 million gallons per day.

Woodstock employees were promised they won't be laid off, and city officials continued to look for ways to cut the 2008-09 budget, which was \$4 million in the red. The city's general fund budget was short about \$2 million, and the water and sewer fund was short \$2 million. With a one mill rate increase and cuts totaling \$1.9 million, the general fund budget could be balanced, the city's Chief Financial Officer Henry Bucci said.

Twenty years after portions of Sixes and Marble Quarry roads were annexed into the city of Holly Springs, a court ruling said the action is invalid. Cherokee County Superior Court Judge Jackson Harris ruled on May 8 that the Holly Springs City Council failed to follow through with require-

ments and procedures for completing the annexation of sections of the roads into the city in 1988. Under the ruling, the portion of Sixes Road, west of Interstate 575, and part of Marble Quarry Road that were annexed were turned back into unincorporated Cherokee County.

Cherokee County Chief Magistrate Judge Benjamin Abney dropped his reelection bid.

Abney's withdrawal one week after signing up as a candidate left two men vying for the judgeship who previously worked together in the court: former Chief Magistrate Judge Charles Robertson, of Woodstock, and Canton resident James Drane, an associate Magistrate judge.

Wedding bells rang for Post 3 County Commissioner Karen Mahurin. She and her fiancé, Bill Bosch, were married in front of family and friends May 10 in the Sixes Community by the Rev. Norman Hunt.

The level of sales tax collections forwarded to the Cherokee County government in April from the Georgia Department of Revenue was slightly more than \$2.4 million, an increase of 23 percent over March's amount, according to the state agency and county documents.

A week after one of three candidates for judge of the Magistrate Court withdrew, a second candidate withdrew following challenges against his campaign filed by two Cherokee County residents, including the head of the local Republican Party. Charles Robertson, a former Chief Magistrate Judge who was removed from the bench in 2004 by the state Supreme Court, said he will withdraw officially from the race this week in light of allegations that his candidacy is in opposition to state law. In documents filed May 15 and 16 with local elections officials, Cherokee GOP Chairman Sheila Auffrey and resident Richard Harpster said the law prohibits Robertson from running for office until 2011.

Autopsy results on a man found about 50 yards behind a Canton home revealed the body was that of a 31-year-old Forsyth County man who had been missing for about two weeks. The body of Michael Brian Benson, of Cumming, was found after a homeowner of the Avery Estates Lane home was looking into a foul odor near his home May 15.

The Cherokee County School District made an examination of its budget for the coming school year and determined that it probably would not have to raise taxes. The school board has decreased the millage rate over the past several years, but never before had been able to reduce it back to the rollback rate, as it did in 2008.

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CHANGES: Residents oppose Canton Ridge apartments

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Wilson also expressed concern about the complexity of the annexation and zoning process and fears that, because the process is so involved, residents may not get adequate say in decisions that impact their lives in an immediate way.

"In my mind (the process) is often designed to keep people confused," Wilson said. "When people are confused, they tend not to make as much trouble."

Tiffanie McKenzie, a resident of the Hidden Branches community, located near Canton Place, is helping navigate a group of 50 area residents and concerned citizens through the complex annexation and zoning process.

A Marine Corps wife and stay-at-home mother of four, McKenzie has not been active in land use issues before. Instead, she fell into her current role when she began mentioning the public hearing notices that had been posted along Ga. 140 to her neighbors and realized that many of them had not seen the signs. McKenzie said that it wasn't surprising that her neighbors had missed them, as Ga. 140 tends to be a fast-moving road

and the notices weren't readily visible.

McKenzie began collecting the e-mail addresses of neighbors who expressed concerns over the rezoning and soon became a voice for her community.

"I do not consider myself an activist," McKenzie said. "I feel like this is our only chance to have our voice in the development... I guess I'm organizing people. I want to make sure that everybody knows what's happening in our community. Now is our opportunity to speak up if we're not happy, but if we are happy to."

Although McKenzie opposes substituting townhomes and single-family homes for higher-density apartments, she does not take issue with the proposed increase in office and retail.

"We're not against the development," McKenzie said. "The master plan has changed to make (the project) more affordable (for the developer) to do, and we're just concerned with the apartment piece."

McKenzie has been in contact with Dave Schmit, president of the

Canton Ridge Development Company, and is encouraged by the dialogue between the developer and the citizens' group she represents.

"I have felt that the developer has been responsive to our concerns," McKenzie. "He stayed after the meeting, and we looked at the development and discussed our concerns."

Schmidt said that he asked the committee to table the public hearing so that he could have a chance to develop that dialogue.

"We set up a meeting for early January to sit down with the neighbors and talk through some of the options," Schmidt said.

Schmit asserted that while market forces, which have dried up credit lines for the construction of owner-occupied residential projects, are the driving force behind the proposed changes to the development plan, these changes could benefit Canton Place in the long-term.

"We felt as much as the neighboring projects will be coming along, there were other, better uses for the project, such as more retail and office space," Schmit said.

RESTAURANT REPORTS

Inspections are provided by the Cherokee County Health Department. Violations are divided into two categories: Risk Factors/Public Health Interventions (RF/PHI) categories and Good Retail Practices (GRP) Categories. Grades of C or U will require a follow up inspection. To contact the health department, call (770) 479-0444.

NORM'S PLACE

150 Riverstone Parkway, Canton
Inspection Date: Nov. 12
Current Score: 95-A
Previous Score: 99-A (opening)
Violations: Person in charge cannot convey employee health policy. Employee beverages in open cup. All employee beverages must be in a single-service cup with a lid and straw. No paper towels at hand sink in bar. Ice scoop cracked and needs to be replaced. Plastic shelf in bar not approved as cutting board. Use appropriate materials for slicing fruit. Consumer advisory does not include reminder or asterisks as applicable items and not

in all capitals. Storage shelves in bar closet need to be painted.

ZAXBY'S

156 Prominence Point Parkway, Canton
Inspection Date: Nov. 12
Current Score: 91-A
Previous Score: 89-B
Violations: Employees observed not washing hands after removing gloves when handling raw chicken and cleaning equipment before putting on clean gloves to work on prep line. Inspection report not posted at drive-through window.

CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY

6500 Putnam Ford Road, Woodstock
Inspection Date: Nov. 17
Current Score: 98-A
Previous Score: 99-A
Violations: Gaskets in food-holding warmer dirty and broken and must be cleaned and repaired. Trash behind garbage Dumpster must be cleaned. Freezer floor buckled and must be repaired.

CREEKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

1550 Owens Store Road, Canton
Inspection Date: Nov. 12
Current Score: 99-A
Previous Score: 98-A
Violations: Employee restroom door propped open and employee locker room door propped open to kitchen. Restroom doors must remain closed except during cleaning and maintenance.

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- St. Michael Catholic Church, 490 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, will hold the following holiday services: New Year's Eve Mass Dec. 31 at 9 a.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.; and New Year's Day Mass, Jan. 1 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Spanish).

HOLIDAY SERVICES

- Our Lady of LaSalette Church, 2941 Sam Nelson Road, Canton, will have the following holiday services: New Year's Eve Mass, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. (bilingual); New Year's Day Mass, Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. and noon (Spanish); Solemnity of the Epiphany Mass, Jan 3 and 4 (regular Mass schedule); and Feast of the Baptism Mass, Jan. 10 and 11 (regular Mass schedule). For

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Allen Temple Church, 232 Arnold Mill Road, will hold its free 11th annual Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast Jan. 17 at 9 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Michael A. Battle, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, and the theme is "Living the Dream." For more information, call (770) 926-6348.

MILITARY

• **Air Force Reserve Airman Kevin R. Bond has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.** During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic



training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree relating through the Community College of the Air Force. Bond is the son of Karen Jones, of Acworth. In 2003, the airman graduated from South Cobb High School in Austell.

and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesies, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics. He is the son of Willam and Patricia Sawyer, of Woodstock, and he graduated in 1999 from Woodstock High School.

- **Army Pvt. Christopher T. Whitfield has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.** During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesies, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics. He is the son of Bob Whitfield, of Ball Ground, and graduated in 1999 from Cherokee High School.

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- Shirt tag abbr.
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- Piquant
- Donnybrook
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- Dauphin's dad
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- Standard Oil by another name
- New Rochelle college
- Confounded
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- Pacific weather pattern
- Guess at LAX
- Hurry along!
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- Deliver an impassioned speech
- Jokes like Dangerfield's
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- Admiral or cabin boy
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- Crushing blow
- Diamond arbiter
- Sinuous
- Like a prune
- Circus area
- Eww!
- Of great worth
- Efforts
- Branches out
- Check out
- Strands
- Observer
- Performer with strings attached
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- Almond liqueur
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- Gandhi of India
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BLOOD DRIVES

- Here is a list of upcoming Red Cross Blood drives: **Dec. 31**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lowe's, 575 Molly Lane, Woodstock; **Jan. 1**, from noon to 5 p.m. at Publix at Trickum, 12165 Ga. 92, Woodstock; **Jan. 9**, from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Walmart of Woodstock, 12182 Ga. 92; **Jan. 9**, from noon to 5 p.m. at Walmart, 6435 Bells Ferry Road, Woodstock; **Jan. 9**, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Big Lots, 8811 Ga. 92, Woodstock; **Jan. 12**, from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Canton American Legion RSMO, 160 McClure Street; **Jan. 12**, from 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at All About Bodies, 1025 Rose Creek Drive, Suite 740, Woodstock; **Jan. 16**, from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Walmart of Woodstock, 12182 Ga. 92; **Jan. 24**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1208 Rose Creek Drive, Woodstock.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

- Boy Scout Troop 7777, of Woodstock, is collecting Christmas trees Jan. 3 for beneficial reuse in developing fish habitats in Lake Allatoona. The troop requests a \$10 donation per tree to be used to fund future Troop 7777 activities. To schedule a pick-up time, call (770) 517-2636 or e-mail troop7777recycle@yahoo.com.

CLASSES

- The Center For Yoga, 5552 Robin Rd, Acworth, will offer a free yoga class Jan. 8 from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at 6:00pm - 7:15pm. Subsequent weekly classes are \$15 each. For more information, call (770) 517-5212.
- The Cherokee Squares Square Dance Club will have square dance lessons every Tuesday at the Woodstock Jaycees Building, 216 Rope Mill Road, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Accepting new class members on Jan. 6, 13, and 20. The first class is free, and subsequent classes are \$5 each. For more information, call (770) 704-0875.

TRAIL OF TEARS

- The Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association will hold its first membership meeting of 2009 at the Funk Heritage Center, on the campus of Reinhardt College in Waleska, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Meetings are free and open to the public, and the Jan 10 meeting will start with a presentation by archaeologist Erin L. Andrews. For more information, call (770) 704-6338.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

- The Lions Club of Ball Ground meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sidney's Sweets, 340 Gilmer Ferry Road. For more information, call Lee Prettyman at (770) 737-6622.
- The Ball Ground Optimist Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Sidney's Sweets, 340 Gilmer Ferry Road. This a new club seeking new members that want to take an active role in Ball Ground. For more information, call Byron Fast at (770) 737-2448.
- The Optimist Club of Laurel Canyon meets every Monday at

11:30 a.m. at the Tavern restaurant, just off Ga. 140 between Canton and Waleska. For information about the club, call Trish Long at (678) 493-9135.

- The Hickory Flat Optimist Club meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at noon at Family Traditions restaurant on Ga. 140 in Hickory Flat. For more information, call Alan Flint at (770) 720-9056

- The Pilot Club of Cherokee County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Featherstone's at BridgeMill, 1190 BridgeMill Avenue, Canton. For more information, call (770) 393-1766.

- 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 Walmart in Canton. For more information, call (770) 517-4504.

THE ARTS

- Haywood Smith, New York Times bestselling author of "The Red Hat Society," will sign copies of her newest novel, "Wedding Belles," Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at FoxTale Book Shoppe, 105 E. Main St., Ste. 138, Woodstock. For more information, call (770) 516-9989.

- 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 welcome. For more information, call (770) 882-5911.

- The Christian Authors Guild meets at Prayer and Praise Christian Fellowship in Woodstock on the first and third Mondays of each month. Call (770) 928-2588 or visit www.christianauthorsguild.org.

SINGLES

- Woodstock Singles schedules events (concerts, Braves, kayaking, dog walks, Team Trivia, etc.) monthly for local singles, ages late 20s to late 50s. For more information, call Karen at (404) 452-9980 or e-mail Jeff at hall.jeff@yahoo.com.

- Cherokee Presbyterian Church has a Christian Singles group that meets once a month for dinner or various activities. Participant ages range from mid-20s to late 30s. For more information, contact Troy Snyder at (404) 915-6231 or tbsnyder@gmail.com.

- The Cherokee Single Seniors ages 50 and older meets every Tuesday at Ryan's restaurant in Canton at 6 p.m. for dinner, conversation and to make new friends. There are no dues, and one-time drop-ins are welcome. For more information call Donna at (770) 592-4094 or Bob at (770) 928-8722.

- North Cherokee Singles, ages 50 and older, meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Donny's Restaurant in Canton. All are welcome. For more information, call Linda at (678) 538-8571.

AL-ANON

- The following are the times and locations of local Al-Anon meetings: Mondays at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 5323 Bells Ferry Road, Acworth, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (770) 403-5776; Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hillside United Methodist Church, 4474 Towne Lake Parkway, at 7 p.m. in room 2108.

(770) 517-3028 or (770) 592-1473; Tuesdays, 8 p.m. at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 2707 Ridge Road, Canton. (770) 516-3502.

ALATEEN

- A local Alateen group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Hillside Methodist Church, 4474 Towne Lake Parkway, in room 2202. For more information, call (770) 845-1282.

AA

- A young people's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 123 at First United Methodist Church of Canton, 930 Lower Scott Mill Road.

- "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.

- "United @ Noon" group meets at noon Mondays-Fridays at First United Methodist Church of Canton, 930 Lower Scott Mill Road. For more information, call (770) 479-6961.

- "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 information, 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: Monday-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 speaking).

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 directions, 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 information, call (770) 592-6421.

VOLUNTEERS

- The Funk Heritage Center will host an open house for new volunteers Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. until noon. Opportunities are available for docents to provide tours; crafters and artisans specializing in pioneer skills, including basket weaving, quilting, woodworking, leather work and carpentry; and gardeners. The Funk Heritage Center is located at Reinhardt College in Waleska. For more information, call (770) 720-5970.

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LAWSUIT: Both annexation cases are still pending

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"It is the understanding of the Grand Jury that costs of this litigation exceeds \$390,000 to date at a time when county revenues are in decline," the presentments state.

The litigation involves annexations in two separate areas of the county: the Sixes Community and Hickory Flat.

The Hickory Flat area is involved in litigation over the annexation of 460 acres.

An injunction in that case, denied by Cherokee County Superior Court Judge Jackson Harris, was under appeal with the Georgia Supreme Court. The court ruled that the trial judge did not abuse his power in denying the injunction.

The case is going back to the county Superior Court.

In the Sixes Community, the city and county settled a lawsuit with summary judgment. Cherokee County Superior Court Judge Jackson Harris ruled in the spring that the Holly Springs City Council failed to follow through with requirements and procedures for completing an annexation of portions of Sixes and Marble Quarry roads twenty years ago. The roads that were annexed in 1988 were turned back into unincorporated Cherokee County.

The case is under appeal.

In other presentments, the

Grand Jury:

- returned 248 true bills and zero no bills;

- reviewed the applications for the Tax Equilization Board and accepted the re-appointments of one regular and three alternate board members. The appointments are Donald Sams, regular member; J.E. White, numbered alternate; Larry Haynes, additional alternate; and Bill Matthews, additional alternate;

- recommended that the county implement an extension of retirement benefits for retired sheriff's office personnel and cited that the county needs to offer the best retirement benefits to stay competitive in the marketplace;

- examined the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority's audit reports of 2007-08 and found that about every two years the authority issues bonds for between \$16 million and \$70 million; water production lab fees doubled in 2008 from \$20,000 to \$40,000; water production profession fees quadrupled from \$4,000 to \$16,000; wastewater salaries increased by 10 percent, even though the projected

salary increase was to be 5 percent; administrative salaries had a 10 percent increase with the projected salary increase being 5 percent; and the Lake Allatoona/Upper Etowah Study almost tripled by \$213,000. The Grand Jury recommended further review on all audit reports;

- recommended that the pay for bailiffs be increased from \$70 per day to a minimum of \$75 per day – the recommended increase is \$80 per day – because bailiffs in the court system have not received a pay raise in more than five years;

- recommended that the pay for regular jurors be increased to \$30 per day of service, from \$25;

- recommended that the pay for Grand Jurors be increased to \$60 per day, from \$50 per day;

- recommended that there be an improved orientation process to be given to Grand Jurors on the first day of the session. Orientation, the jurors said, should include help with creating and publishing a calendar of events, list of possible tours, list of county offices, list of county departments, and list of any required term activities.

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NEWS BRIEF

Chip Rogers sets schedule for 14 town hall meetings

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Meetings are scheduled from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 10, Feb. 21, March 21, and April 18 at the Woodstock Public Library at 7735 Main St.

Meetings also will be held on the same dates at the Rose Creek Public Library at 4476 Towne Lake Parkway, from noon until 1 p.m. Town hall meetings for the Hickory Flat area are scheduled at the Hickory Flat Public Library 2740 E. Cherokee Drive, Canton, at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 and March 19.

For more information, contact Rogers' legislative office at (404) 463-1378 or e-mail chip.rogers@senate.ga.gov.

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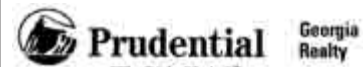
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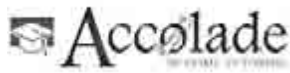
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30004 108 Townsend Pass, Alpharetta Buyer: Thomas Bernhard Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$810,000	30114 2089 Harmony Dr, Canton Buyer: Tally Clark Sale Date: 12/08/08 Sale Price: \$430,000	30155 100 Widgeon Ct, Canton Buyer: Won Kim Sale Date: 12/04/08 Sale Price: \$239,000	30188 121 Halesy Cir, Woodstock Buyer: Stephen Bentley Sale Price: Sale Date: 12/04/08 \$257,433	30189 911 Laurel Crest Dr, Woodstock Buyer: Joseph Ellis Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$255,272
30102 165 Shaw Dr, Acworth Buyer: Elizabeth Harvey Sale Date: 12/05/08 Sale Price: \$386,000	30107 243 Shoemaker Ln, Ball Ground Buyer: Donald Alcott Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$190,000	30156 125 Edgewater Trl, Canton Buyer: Ralph Mandoeng Sale Date: 12/03/08 Sale Price: \$304,400	30187 119 River Park Xing, Woodstock Buyer: Nubia Cruz Sale Date: 12/05/08 Sale Price: \$165,000	30190 4712 Waters Rd, Woodstock Buyer: Gilder Howard Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$155,500
30103 526 Olympic Way, Acworth Buyer: Gary Spahr Sale Date: 12/05/08 Sale Price: \$288,500	30104 182 Cherokee Village Ct, Ball Ground Buyer: Michael Daruda Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$105,000	30157 102 Mill Creek Dr, Canton Buyer: Scott Thacker Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$182,000	30186 121 Halesy Cir, Woodstock Buyer: Stephen Bentley Sale Price: Sale Date: 12/04/08 \$257,433	30191 3027 Richmond Rd, Woodstock Buyer: Randall Walker Sale Date: 12/05/08 Sale Price: \$100,000
30105 2055 Laurel Cv, Ball Ground Buyer: James Deavers Sale Date: 12/05/08 Sale Price: \$168,900	30106 112 Westwind Pkwy, Ball Ground Buyer: Mark Mathis Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$199,000	30158 102 Mill Creek Dr, Canton Buyer: Scott Thacker Sale Date: 12/09/08 Sale Price: \$182,000	30185 121 Halesy Cir, Woodstock Buyer: Stephen Bentley Sale Price: Sale Date: 12/04/08 \$257,433	30192 3027 Richmond Rd, Woodstock Buyer: Randall Walker Sale Date: 12/05/08 Sale Price: \$100,000
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