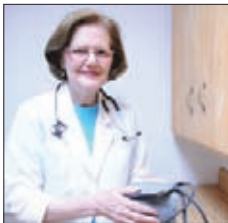




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Jail: 'Inmate refused meds'

By MARK MILLICAN
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A prisoner who died in the Whitfield County Jail last June refused his medications and the refusal was documented, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Barnes Thomas Nowlin, Jr., 39,

of 204 Leafmore St. in Rome, was found dead in his cell on June 4. He was arrested by the Dalton Police Department on June 2 for failure to appear on a



Nowlin

charge of failing to stop and render aid.

A jury sitting on a coroner's inquest determined last week that Nowlin died due to homicide, although no jail employee, deputy or another prisoner was named for deliberately killing Nowlin.

"It seemed odd to me that the

inquest didn't call any officers who were there at the jail who witnessed what happened," said Maj. John Gibson. "Nowlin refused to take his medication when he came in (to the jail), and two of our

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Whitfield teacher fired

By MARK MILLICAN
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A Whitfield County teacher arrested for enticing a child for indecent purposes during school hours at Northwest High has been fired by the board of education.

In a unanimous decision, Jonadab Burgueno, 29, of 126 Trewitt Drive in Cleveland, Tenn., was terminated from employment in a closed session of the board during their monthly meeting on Monday. The announcement was made when the board reconvened in open session.

Burgueno was arrested on April 24 for allegedly trying to take cell phone photos under a female student's skirt after he directed her to review work on a computer screen. He was released on a \$40,000 bond on April 29 that included two conditions — he could not have contact with a child under 18 until his case is settled, and he had to surrender his passport. Since his arrest Burgueno had been on administrative leave with pay.

District Attorney Kermit McManus said it was "his understanding" that Burgueno was born in Mexico but is a naturalized U.S. citizen. A phone number for Burgueno in Cleveland could not be found. His attorney, Mike Corbin of Dalton, did not immediately return a phone call on Tuesday.

Staff writer Rachel Brown contributed to this story.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

JoAnne Wright congratulates Norris Little on being inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Tuesday night at the trade center. Little was inducted along with Jim Jolly and Pleas Smith.

3 join ranks of JA's Hall of Fame

By CHARLES OLIVER
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Many of Dalton's business leaders gathered Tuesday to honor Jim Jolly, Norris Little and Pleas Smith on their induction into the Junior Achievement Northwest Georgia Business Hall of Fame.

But those three men used the opportunity to pay tribute to the many co-workers, employees, business partners and customers who helped make them successful.

"This is not about me. It's about hundreds of people over many, many years who have preceded me and supported me and helped me along the way. I can't think of this any other way. There are

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Above, Michael Douglas, right, congratulates Jim Jolly on being inducted. Below, Tracy Harmon, right, with Junior Achievement, pins a boutonniere on Pleas Smith before his induction.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Bridgett Pratt, a student at the Murray County Ninth Grade Academy, reacts as Mickey McNeill shows her she "won" \$2,000 in the lottery at the "life unexpected" table during the school's Reality Store on Tuesday. Students were given a monthly budget and had to buy houses, pay for child care, insurance and buy a car. They also had to visit the life unexpected table where students drew a piece of paper which affected their income with situations such as receiving raises and winning the lottery or with pregnancies and medical costs.

9th-graders find out about 'reality'

By RACHEL BROWN
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CHATSWORTH — Brandon Burrell chose to be an executive chef, but he changed his mind fast. "It was a bad decision because I was in the hole," he said.

While salaries for chefs vary greatly, part of what landed Burrell in debt was that he was a single father with one child and a net income of only \$16,250 annually.

Burrell was participating in a mock "Reality Store" sponsored by Murray County High School's Ninth Grade Academy and the Chatsworth-Murray County Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday. The event gave freshmen social studies students time to see

what managing their finances might be like if they were 28 years old and had adult responsibilities.

Students visited tables staffed by local volunteer business leaders who guided them through mock scenarios like buying a house, paying for unplanned emergencies, covering utility bills and groceries, budgeting for entertainment and vacations, and other items. Participants chose their professions in advance but were dealt cards that determined whether they were married or single and how many children they had.

Louis Dykes, a retired agent with the Georgia Cooperative

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Ridley to roll back mobile home measure

By **MARK MILLICAN**

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 CHATSWORTH — Citing the economy, Commissioner David Ridley took a first step Tuesday in rolling back a mobile home ordinance that prevented older models from being brought into Murray County. The change will allow 10-year-old or less models to be purchased and installed.

"We already have one of the toughest mobile home ordinances around," Ridley said at his May meeting.

"Whitfield County is pre-1976 and newer — which is the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) standard. Gordon County has a 15-year ordinance, and Murray County's is five years or less. I feel like during these economic times people are having trouble finding a five-year home they can afford."



Ridley

Former sole commissioner Jim Welch passed an amendment to the county's mobile home ordinance in February of 2007 banning mobile homes more than five years old from being brought into the county. Before Welch's term, former sole commissioner Tyson Haynes passed a 10-year ordinance after a survey revealed there were 7,700 mobile homes in the county, many of them sub-standard.

A second reading of the proposed ordinance will take place on May 19, Ridley said.

AREA ARRESTS

- Michael Altoona Holland, 47, 141 Carbondale Road, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated assault and terrorist threats and acts.
- Oscar Armando Marchan, 16, 610-A Whitemire Circle, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated child molestation.
- Calvin Bernard Ragland Jr., 31, 4051 Abby Lane, Cohutta, was charged Monday by the Georgia State Patrol with driving while license withdrawn, DUI, open container in vehicle, too fast for conditions, reckless driving, failure to maintain lane, hit and run, littering highway, bad tires, fleeing or attempting to elude and driving on wrong side of road.
- Edna Earlene Shelton, 61, 165 Dusty Lane, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with battery (family violence), false imprisonment and terrorist threats and acts.
- Craig Anthony Square, 42, 4038 Sidney Circle, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with terrorist threats and acts.
- Ron Tyler Fields, 36, 4116 Newsom Road, Huntsville, Ala., was charged Tuesday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with open container in vehicle, possession of ecstasy, failure to maintain lane and driving while license withdrawn.
- Mike Serrata Guerrero, 42, 38 Walker Road, Eton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with failure to yield and DUI.
- Lafred Tapscott, 17, 4116 Newsom Road, Huntsville, Ala., was charged Tuesday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with possession of ecstasy with intent to distribute and open container in vehicle.

JA: Honored to be inducted into hall

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JA'S BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

lots and lots of people who have helped me reach this point," said Little, who is now vice chairman emeritus of Shaw Industries.

Little previously served numerous roles in that company including president and chief operating officer and vice chairman.

"I have been so blessed in my life to come across so many good, honest people, the people in this town who have helped me so much," said Smith. "When I got out of the Army, I came back and started in construction. I had so many good friends and so many people that gave me work, and let be build for them."

Smith helped found Smith & Green Construction in 1948, and it is now Dalton's oldest general construction company.

The three joined 12 previous inductees, including some of the founders of Dalton's floorcovering industry.

"I am very honored and very humbled to stand before you tonight," said Jolly, former chairman and CEO of J&J Industries. "When I look

Three new members were inducted into the Junior Achievement Northwest Georgia Business Hall of Fame Tuesday. The inductees were Jim Jolly, former CEO of J&J Industries; Norris Little, a former executive at Shaw Industries; and Pleas Smith, founder of Smith & Green Construction. The 2008 class consisted of brothers Ken and the late Jim Boring, who were part owners of Hardwick Holding Co. and got their start in the rock quarry business; and the late Tom Jones, co-founder of J&J Industries and a member of the Dalton Board of Education for 26 years. Joining in 2007 were the late James Brown, founder of Brown Printing; Norman Burkett, former administrator of Hamilton Health Care System; the late Harry Saul, who founded Queen Carpet (which was sold to Shaw Industries); and businessman Jack Turner. The inaugural class in 2006 included Jack Bandy, co-founder of Coronet Industries; the late Alan and Shirley Lorberbaum, co-founders of Aladdin Mills (which became Mohawk Industries); V.D. Parrott Jr., former general manager/president of Dalton Utilities; and the late Catherine Evans Whilener, one of the pioneers of the bedspread industry, which evolved into the carpet industry.

at the 12 people who are currently in and the two men who are being honored with me tonight, I am very honored to be in that company. It's a great collection of people."

Little agreed. "I'm proud to be in the company of those people who are listed in your program as previous honorees as well as the people being honored

here tonight. I'm in really, really good company," he said.

Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce president Brian Anderson called all three men role models.

"These honorees demonstrate business excellence, vision and innovation, leadership and community mindedness," he said.

Anderson said the pur-

pose of the hall of fame is to identify role models, especially for young people such as those served by Junior Achievement.

Junior Achievement volunteers teach students from elementary school to high school how economics and finance apply to the real world. About 250 volunteers teach some 8,000 students in the eight-county Northwest Georgia district, which includes 39 schools in Murray and Whitfield counties. The nonprofit organization has been in Dalton since 1964.

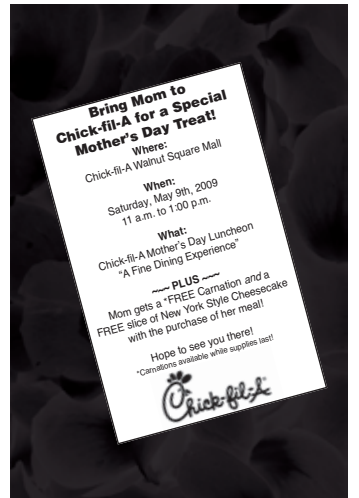
Jack Harris, president of Junior Achievement of Georgia, said the group tries to foster "the sense of entrepreneurship and innovation in the next generation."

Judy Norris, executive director of the local Junior Achievement, says the group's educational activities go beyond the world of business.

"We try to teach our young people how to be good citizens, good role models and good people in all areas of their lives," she said.

The dinner is one of the group's largest fundraisers.

remainder of Kwame Kilpatrick's second term, but must run again in the regular Aug. 4 primary and win the Nov. 3 general election to hold onto the mayor's seat for a full four years.



NBA great Bing wins race for Detroit mayor

DETROIT (AP) — Businessman and professional basketball Hall-of-Famer Dave Bing has been elected Detroit's newest mayor and will serve through the end of the year.

The 65-year-old Detroit Pistons great defeated incumbent and fellow Democrat Ken Cockrel Jr. Tuesday in a special runoff election, 52.3 percent to 47.7 percent. Bing will serve out the

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BRIEFS

U.S. woman gets face transplant

CLEVELAND — Five years ago, a shotgun blast left a ghastly hole where the middle of her face had been. Five months ago, she received a new face from a dead woman. Connie Culp stepped forward Tuesday to show off the results of the nation's first face transplant, and her new look was a far cry from the puckered, noseless sight that made children run away in horror. Culp's expressions are still a bit wooden, but she can talk, smile, smell and taste her food again. Her speech is at times a little tough to understand. Her face is bloated and squarish, and her skin droops in big folds that doctors plan to pare away as her circulation improves and her nerves grow.

Thousands flee Taliban militants

MINGORA, Pakistan — Black-robbed Taliban militants seized government buildings, laid mines and fought security forces Tuesday in the Swat Valley, as fear of a major operation led thousands to pack their belongings on their heads and backs, cram aboard buses and flee the northwestern region. The collapse of a 3-month-old truce with the Taliban means Pakistan will now have to fight to regain control of the Swat Valley, testing the ability of its stretched military and the resolve of civilian leaders who until recently were insisting the insurgents could be partners in peace. The government feared the refugee exodus could reach 500,000.

Afghans say bombing runs kill dozens

KABUL — Bombing runs called in by U.S. forces killed dozens of civilians taking shelter from fighting between Taliban militants and Afghan and international troops, Afghan officials said Tuesday. The U.S. promised a joint investigation. A provincial councilman said he saw about 30 bodies, many of them women and children, after villagers bought them to a provincial capital. Overall death toll estimates varied widely. Villagers estimated from 70 to well over 100 civilians may have died, according to local and regional officials.

Britain's list bars 23 alleged extremists

LONDON — Britain on Tuesday published its first list of people barred from entering the country for allegedly fostering extremism or hatred, including Muslim extremists, Michael Savage, a right-wing American radio host, an Israeli settler and jailed Russian gang members. The U.K.'s law and order chief, Home Secretary Jacqui Smith, said she decided to publish the names of 16 of 22 people who have been banned by the government since October so others could better understand what sort of behavior Britain was not prepared to tolerate.

Young Dalton writers named district winners

SUBMITTED BY DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dalton Public Schools celebrated the writing accomplishments of students who were selected as Young Georgia Authors' school-level winners for each of the schools in the district. These school-level winners were awarded trophies.

With the input of both an adult and a student panel of judges, 12 district winners were selected. These students' winning entries have been submitted to the statewide Young Georgia Authors' Competition.

District-level winners are:

- Kindergarten: Taiton Benton of Blue Ridge School

- First grade: Catherine Grace Paige of Park Creek School

- Second grade: Mary Grace Mitchell of Brookwood School

- Third grade: Samantha Tabares of Blue Ridge School

- Fourth grade: Kim Le of City Park School

- Fifth grade: Jay Tripp of Westwood School

- Sixth grade: Jordan Quarles of Dalton Middle

- Seventh grade: Andrea Garcia of Dalton Middle

- Eighth grade: Destiny Megan Stokes of Dalton Middle

- Ninth grade: Zachary Daoud of Dalton High

- Tenth grade: Yea Jee Bae of Dalton High

- Eleventh grade: Henson Toland of Dalton High

- Twelfth grade: Sarah Kelehear of Dalton High

School-level winners are:

- Blue Ridge: Taiton Benton — K. Itzel Garcia — 1, Ruby Martinez — 2, Samantha Tabares — 3, Markel Freeman — 4, Sonya Fraire — 5

- Brookwood: Sarah Jane Halyak — K. Augustino Flammini — 1, Mary Grace Mitchell — 2, Madison Esters — 3, Anna Nimmons — 4, Gabriela Duchesne — 5

- City Park: Ernest Morales — K. Ezekiel Sampson — 1, Baylee Stafford — 2, Eli Hasselberg — 3, Kim Le — 4, Omar Lopez — 5

- Park Creek: Nour Issa — K. Easier Grace Paige — 1, Luke Griffin — 2, Samantha Fraire — 3, Jaime Ortiz — 4, Gendiah Dixon — 5

- Roan: Libna Amaro — K. Pablo Salaites — 1, Leslie Nunez — 2, Jordan Kirkland — 3, Anna Coyle — 4, Rosa Pina — 5

- Westwood: Macyn Goldberg — K. Lindsay Schisler — 1, Katie Ray Jordan — 2, Daniel Wright — 3, Katherine Griffin — 4, Jay Tripp — 5

- Dalton Middle, 6th: Araceli Acosta, Amy Courtney Coffey, Jacqueline Ventura, Jordan Quarles, Abbygail "Courtney" Wells, Ashley Parham

- Dalton Middle, 7th: Angelica Quintero, Jacob Brown, Miguel Angel Garcia Flores, Nathaly Trujillo, Alexis Yi, Andrea Garcia

- Dalton Middle, 8th: Raven Braud, Kara Pendley, Bekah Houston, Gabby Espitia, Destiny Megan Stokes, Rafe "Efrain" Uscanga

- Dalton High, 9th: Hugo Antonio Castaneda, Kyara LaShay Massey, Zachary Daoud, Crystal Sanders

- Dalton High, 10th: Molly Clark, Brittany Harvey, Jeffrey Ramos, Yessenia Enriquez, Antjuan Grady, Yea Jee Bae

- Dalton High, 11th: Kathryn Lutrick, Hallie Perry, Henson Toland, Emily Liner, Megan Behr, Clara Norfleet

- Dalton High, 12th: Sarah Kelehear, Andy Partain, Alexander Patterson, Erica Figueroa, Janet Figueroa.

Home school prom downtown Friday

Come walk the red carpet with the Homeward Spirit Home Educators home school group for Whittfield and Murray counties. The group is hosting a prom focused on home school students at the historic downtown Trevit Hall on Hamilton Street Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Any home school, private school or other student between 13 and 18 years old can attend. Cost is \$25 per person or \$45 for couples. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call Dianne Harrison at 706-277-9605 or 706-260-0883.

Public Hearing Notice

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Murray County and Whittfield County will hold a joint Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Whittfield County Administrative Building #2, Room A, 214 West King Street, Dalton, Georgia for the purpose of discussing the approved activities of the Whittfield County Regional Application Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant No. 08-ns-5071. On March 27, 2009, Whittfield, Murray, Gilmer, Fannin and Pickens Counties were awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,236,472 for neighborhood stabilization.

- Items to be discussed at the Hearing include:
- The amount of funds received and a description of the activities of the project activities.
 - The amount of funds available for each activity and the amount of funds that will benefit low and moderate income persons.
 - The plan, if applicable, to minimize or prevent displacement of persons and the plan to assist persons who may be displaced.
 - Fair Housing laws

The public is invited to attend this Hearing to become informed of the project activities. Persons with special needs relating to disability access may use the Georgia Relay Service for the hearing impaired at 1-800-255-0056. For more information contact Larry Vanden Bosch, North Georgia Regional Development Center, at 706-272-2300 prior to May 11, 2009.

Dom DeLuise dead at 75

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dom DeLuise, the portly entertainer and chef whose affable nature made him a popular character actor for decades with movie and TV audiences as well as directors and fellow actors, has died. He was 75.

Agent Robert Malcolm said DeLuise died about 6 p.m. Monday at St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Malcolm said the family did not release the cause of death.

"He had high blood pressure, he had diabetes, he had lots of things," but seemed fine as recently as two weeks ago, he said.

DeLuise entered the hospital on Friday and his wife and all three sons were there when he died "peacefully," Malcolm said.

A family statement said, "It's easy to mourn to his death but easier to remember a time when he made you laugh."

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DALTON-WHITFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dalton State – A community economic engine

Last Friday our community celebrated the inauguration of the fourth president of Dalton State College — Dr. John Schwenn. It was a wonderful ceremony of tradition, pageantry, and history. Although Dr. Schwenn is not the type of leader to want such focus and fuss over him, he obliged our community in celebrating the rich history and bright future of Dalton State College through an inauguration ceremony.

Many spoke in honor of Dr. Schwenn in both greetings and salutations. Although the remarks were mostly in honor of Dr. Schwenn and the historic moment in his life and that of DSC, most speakers also spoke in honor of the institution. Dr. Schwenn provided a wonderful inauguration address. In his remarks, he spoke of the college's history before spending most of his remarks on the bright future that lies ahead for the college and our community.

Consider the humble beginning of Dalton Junior College just a short 46 years ago when the Board of Regents chartered the two-year college in July of 1963. The community had to provide the land and initial buildings to qualify for funding to operate and for future building funds. In May of 1965, the voters of Whitfield County voted overwhelmingly (26 to 1 margin) to approve the bond issue that authorized the \$1.8 million for the new junior college.

Today, the community has inaugurated its fourth president and once again raised the necessary capital to fund a new vision for Dalton State College. The future of "our" college is extremely bright. The plans include residential housing, fine/performing arts, more

four-year degree programs, and athletics. As Dalton State College transforms into a university, it will accelerate its impact as a powerful economic engine.

As we sang the alma mater at the conclusion of the inauguration, I really focused on the words. All alma maters are important, and I am proud of those that represent the institutions I have graduated from. But the DSC Alma Mater hit home. It reads "Onward, mighty Blue and Silver, Emblem fair of DSC! Stand we on your firm foundations, minds and skills and lives made free. Depth of valley, strength of mountains, Lamp of learning on life's highway, Dalton State College, our Alma Mater, Close within our hearts you'll stay."

A couple of phrases struck a strong chord with me ... "Stand we on your firm foundations." Can one get a firmer foundation than one built on education? Education provides each of us the skills and awareness to pursue our dreams. We are able to pursue doing what we love while also making a living while doing it. Can a community build any stronger foundation than one built on the appreciation and respect for education? Show me a commu-



Brian Anderson

nity that is prospering, and I will show you a strong educational foundation.

"Minds and skills and lives made free ..." Our country was built on the principle of freedom. We were founded as a free nation and we must protect our freedom at all costs. Our privilege of obtaining an education strengthens our nation's freedom. By developing our minds and increasing our skills, we are able to pursue economic freedom and improve our quality of life. The corollary is to lack education and skills and therefore the basic tools required to be productive in society. Too many in our community, our state, and our nation squander this priceless privilege.

"Depth of valley, strength of mountains, Lamp of learning on life's highway..." We live in a

beautiful community. As a flatlander from South Carolina, I admirably appreciate the wonder and beauty of mountains and valleys. The depth of valley speaks to the depth of heritage and tradition that continues in mountainous areas. The culture of the Appalachian people who hail from this region is akin to the depth of the valley.

The strength of mountains is another qualifier that has multiple connotations for our community. Some have said that Whitfield County is lacking most natural resources that are needed to build a vibrant economy. I would argue that great visionaries have throughout the history of our community made an art form out of making the best out of what we have. When water was needed, leaders worked together and made water possible. When

transportation needs were identified, leaders worked together to build a road network that has served us well.

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■ Brian Anderson is president and CEO of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.

Would-be voters must prove citizenship

ATLANTA (AP) — Newly registering voters in Georgia could soon be required to prove they are U.S. citizens to cast a ballot, under a bill signed Tuesday by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

The measure makes Georgia the second state in the nation — behind Arizona — to require prospective voters to provide proof of citizenship. The new law, to take effect, must still receive preclearance from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Voting Rights Act.

The Georgia law requires would-be voters to provide documented proof of U.S. citizenship with their registration application. If the Justice Department signs off, it would take effect Jan. 1, 2010.

Notice of Disposal of Medical Records of Family Walk-in Clinic, P.C. and James Coone, M.D.

By virtue of a dispossessory warrant issued by the Whitfield County Magistrate Court in an action known as Valley Place Shopping Center, LLP v. James Coone, M.D. and Family Walk-in Clinic, P.C., Case No. CD 191975, please take notice that the landlord in the above matter intends to dispose of the contents of Family Walk-in Clinic, P.C., including all medical records retained by Family Walk-in Clinic, P.C. and James Coone, M.D., on June 2, 2009. If you wish to obtain your personal medical records, you may do so prior to June 2, 2009 by submitting a written request including your name, address, telephone number, and signature to the following:

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NOTICE

During April our County Commissioners voted in a new Ordinance "for Sheriff Scott Chitwood", affecting Pawnshops and citizens of Whitfield County.

Effective in June, we can no longer **sell, trade, or pawn** our personal items at Whitfield County Pawnshops without the following:

- * Mugshot type picture taken of the person
- * Picture of the item
- * Complete drivers license Information
- * Details of the transaction such as how much money we received for our item.
- * All transferred via the Internet to the Sheriffs office for his office to inspect.

Example - if you want to sell or trade your guitar, gun, Playstation, scrap gold, etc.- by the end of the day local government will have all of the information listed above regarding your "private" transaction.

If you are afraid, as I am, that this is the start of local government monitoring all used items sold in Whitfield County (flea markets, yard sales, etc.) or if you feel this Ordinance infringes on your privacy as a citizen of Whitfield County, please contact your commissioners and Sheriff.

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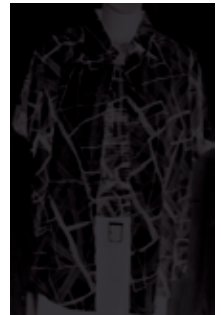


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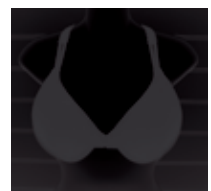
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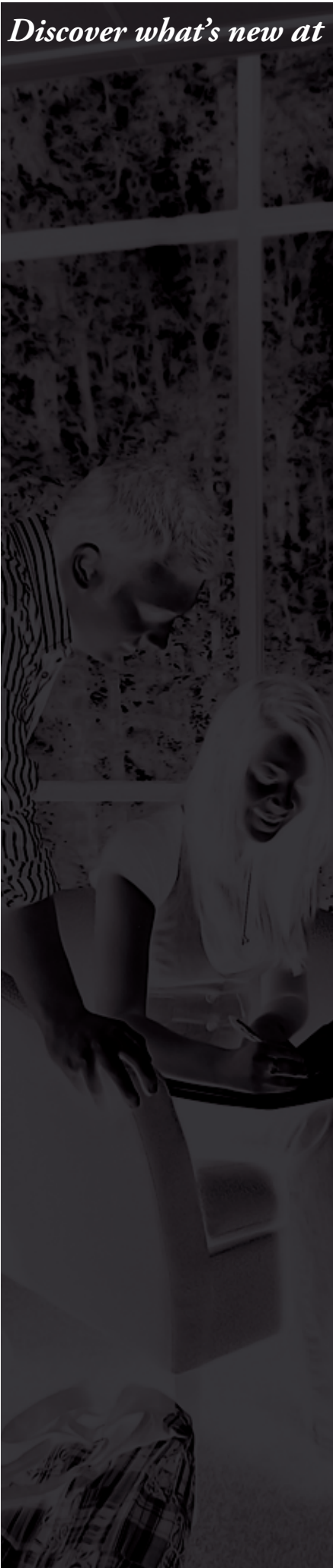
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OBITUARIES

Bradford "Brad" Moss, Chatsworth • Kenneth Bradley Parrish, Chatsworth • Flora L. "Cotton" Patton, Dalton • William Neal "Jack" Sosebee, Dalton • Dolores Ann Thomason, Chatsworth • Georgie Lee Williams, Cohutta

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Bradford "Brad" Moss

Brad Moss, 48, of Chatsworth, passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel. www.legacy.com

Kenneth Bradley Parrish

Kenneth Bradley Parrish, 67, of Chatsworth, passed away Monday, May 4, 2009, at his home.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lois Faith Parrish; his second wife, Ethel Sneed Parrish; parents, Flora Scott Parrish and Benjamin Elbert Parrish; brother, Charles Temple Parrish.

He was a member of Varnell Baptist Church.

Mr. Parrish is survived by his three daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and William Green of Cohutta; Kimberly Ilene Parrish of Chatsworth, Angela and Dustin Capehart of Ringgold; one son, Brian Chuck Parrish of Chatsworth; stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Scott and Joanna Sneed of Chatsworth; stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Trudi and Charlie Oliver of

Chatsworth; grandchildren, Tyler Capehart, Tori Capehart, Hunter Sneed, Haley Sneed, and Daniel Oliver.

Services are Thursday at 2 p.m. at Varnell Baptist Church with Bill Durham and the Rev. Edward Pippin officiating.

The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home today at the funeral home from 6 until 9 p.m.

Burial will be in Varnell Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kenny Reed, Paul Cross, Joel Thames, J.R. Smith, Larry McCall, and Royce Chance.

Messages of comfort can be sent to the Parrish family at www.julianpeoples.com.

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel is in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

Flora L. 'Cotton' Patton

Mrs. Flora L. "Cotton" Patton, 78, of Dalton, went to be with her Lord, Monday, May 4, 2009.

She worked for Lawtex/Springs Industries for 48 years; was a member of the Midway Baptist Church and she was a prayer warrior.

Preceding her in death was her loving husband, Ernest Patton; mother, Mamie Morgan; brother, Billy Joe Patton

Chatsworth, and sons-in-law, sister, Willie Mae Crawford. Flora is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Perry and Leanna Patton of Rocky Face; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mitch Smith of Chatsworth; grandchildren, April and Dewayne Powers, Chris Smith and Stephanie Smith all of Chatsworth, Beau Patton and Blaine Patton of Rocky Face; great-grandchildren,

Savannah Smith, Katelyn Smith and Anseli Powers all of Chatsworth; brother-in-law, Hillard Crawford of Dalton; sisters-in-law, Helen Morgan of Gaylesville, Ethel Jones of Chatsworth and Arbell Watts of Dalton.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy Patterson officiating.

Burial will be in Center Valley Cemetery in Murray County.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhomega.com

Love Funeral Home, 1402 North Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

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William Neal 'Jack' Sosebee

Mr. William Neal "Jack" Sosebee, 93, of Dalton, died Monday, May 4, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Lovella Shepard and Viola Cromer; brothers, Walter Sosebee, Paul B. Sosebee, H.J. Sosebee and James Sosebee; wife, Ima Lee Sosebee.

Jack is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Geneva and Ed Campbell of Chatsworth, Brenda and Jr. Percy of Rocky Face; grandchildren, Kaye and Mike Stein, Lynn and Gerald Wikbanks, all of Dalton, Scott and Carol Pierce, Randy and Cheryl Pierce, all of Rocky Face; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Love

Funeral Home with the Rev. Ed Campbell officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family received friends at the Love Funeral Home Tuesday.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhomega.com

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., (across from Hamilton Medical Center), Dalton, is in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

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Dolores Ann Thomason

Mrs. Dolores Ann Thomason, 52, of Chatsworth, departed this life Monday evening, May 4, 2009, at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga surrounded by her family.

Dolores was born May 22, 1956, in Dalton. She was preceded in death by her mother, Patsie Sue Byers Smith; and a brother, Randy Smith.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Harris "Bud" Thomason; daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Jason Gibson and Dia and Brian Curtis; grandchildren, Kiya and Abby Curtis and Dustin and Morgan Gibson, all of Chatsworth; father, Raymond Smith of Dalton; sister and brother-in-law, Dale and Brian Sheffield of Chatsworth; brothers and sister-in-law, Richard Smith and Larry and Doris Smith, all of Dalton; special nephews, Jordan and Tyson McClure and Austin Sheffield; several other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Dolores Ann

Thomason are Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Dallas Rhynce and Vernon Youell officiating.

She will be laid to rest at the Murray Memorial Gardens with Brian Curtis, Jason Gibson, Dustin Gibson, Brian Sheffield, Austin Sheffield, Jordan McClure and Tyson McClure serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 9 p.m.

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the Thomason family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002. Your Selected Independent Funeral Home. www.legacy.com

Georgie Lee Williams

Georgie Lee Williams, 90, of Cohutta, passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherrod Williams; parents; Harrison and Laura Proffitt; son, Dwight Williams; daughter-in-law, Frankie Williams.

She was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church in Cohutta.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Harris "Bud" Thomason; daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Jason Gibson and Dia and Brian Curtis; grandchildren, Kiya and Abby Curtis and Dustin and Morgan Gibson, all of Chatsworth; father, Raymond Smith of Dalton; sister and brother-in-law, Dale and Brian Sheffield of Chatsworth; brothers and sister-in-law, Richard Smith and Larry and Doris Smith, all of Dalton; special nephews, Jordan and Tyson McClure and Austin Sheffield; several other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Reality: Trying adulthood

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Extension Service, volunteered to help students plan for entertainment and vacation expenses. Many were surprised to learn how much they couldn't afford, he said.

"The only people who have had enough money to travel have been the doctors," he said. "At least it gives them a reality check for what the future looks like ... But reality checks in real quick — how many of these kids are going to be doctors?"

Cohutta Bank branch manager Tonia Puryear, a volunteer who was stationed

at a mock bank, said one of the goals of the exercise is to help students plan for the future.

"The longer they stay in school, the better salary they're going to have in the real world," Puryear said. Greg Linder, a ninth-grade social studies teacher, said his students talked about the Reality Store for two days before the event and will discuss it again in class. Most of his students aren't old enough to have had much work experience, and most of those who have held jobs worked in a family business, he said.

The Reality Store concept began in 1991 through

the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc.

Counselor Karen Harkleroad said a grant from the Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education funds this and similar events. This is the first time the school has hosted the Reality Store.

Burrell became creative to solve his financial problems, stepping a little outside of the original framework.

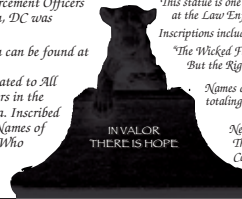
"I had to find a wife or I was going to be homeless," he said. "I found me a beautiful wife, and she's a lawyer, so now I'm set to go."

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC was dedicated in 1991.

The following inscription can be found at the entrance:

"This Memorial Is Dedicated to All Law Enforcement Officers in the United States of America, Inscribed on These Walls Are the Names of Those Men and Women Who Died in the Line of Duty."

"This statue is one of several that can be found at the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Inscriptions include: 'In Valor There is Hope' 'The Wicked Flee When No Man Pursueeth But the Righteous Are Bold As A Lion' 'Names of Fallen Peace Officers, now totaling 18,661, are engraved on the walls surrounding the park. New names are added in April. Those officers are honored at a Candlelight Service, to be held this year on May 13th.'



Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, 2009 (Police Week is May 10 - 16)

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week are observances that pay tribute to the local, state and federal law enforcement officers.

On Oct. 1, 1961 Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor law enforcement officers. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962.

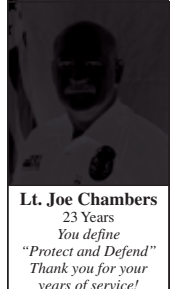
According to a proclamation by George W. Bush in 2002, "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism." Much of the holiday centers around the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall in Washington, D.C., whose walls feature the names of the more than 17,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

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Appalachian Bank agrees to reduce real estate loans

By CHARLES OLIVER
charlesoliver@daltoncitizen.com

Customers at Appalachian Community Bank should not be affected by a consent order the bank's parent company recently agreed to with federal regulators, say company officials.

"We have a concentration in real estate loans, which is a real hot-button issue with regulators with the decline in the economy, especially in Georgia and especially in the real estate market," said Gary Middleton, chief retail officer for the bank.

Appalachian Bancshares, the holding company that owns Appalachian Community Bank, signed an agreement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to

reduce its concentration real estate loans. The agreement took effect April 24.

"The only effect it has is that right now we are not doing any more loans for spec houses, or any speculative lending on houses," Middleton said. "Basically, the order said we are going to quit doing that until the economy gets better and all that levels out."

The bank must also have to decrease its concentration in real estate by working through some of its outstanding loans.

"That will be basically working with out developers. A lot of them are already reducing their prices to move (their houses)," he said.

Appalachian Community Bank has branches in Dalton and Chatsworth but its head-

quarters are in Ellijay.

"Our footprint is over in Ellijay, Blue Ridge, Blairsville, that area. Where carpet is the main thing in Dalton, real estate is the main thing over there," Middleton said.

A press release from the bank says that 70 percent of the local economy is tied directly or indirectly to real estate.

The press release says the bank also agreed to pay no dividends or executive bonuses without prior approval of regulators and to implement a weekly liquidity monitoring program.

But Middleton says customers shouldn't notice any changes and he says deposits are still guaranteed up to \$200,000 by the FDIC.

"There's no issue with that," he said.



Ballet Dalton Junior Company dancers pictured are seated from left, Meg Price and Tess Shaheen; kneeling, Alejandra Lopez, Caroline Lawson and Katie Johnson; standing, Rachel Carlson, Tess Shaheen, Maddie Lowery and Abby Earle; fourth row, Anna Kate Sprites, McKinley Hopkins and McKenzie Gibbs.

FOURTH-GRADERS, 1982-83



Mrs. Edna Durham's fourth-grade class at Varnell Elementary posed for this photograph during the 1982-83 school year. Mrs. Durham is the first person on the left on the back row. Readers who can identify other individuals or who wish to share historic photos of any Whitfield County School may call Ellen Thompson or Freida Talley at 706-217-6733 (24-hour voice mail).

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The Creative Arts Guild and Ballet Dalton will be presenting their annual spring dance concert Broadway and Beyond at the Dalton High School Theater Friday at 7 p.m. which will include Ballet Dalton, the Guild Dance Ensemble and Intermediate 3's and 4's.

The school recital on Saturday at 2 p.m. will include the entire dance school.

Tickets for the Friday evening concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the door the night of the show or may be purchased at the Creative

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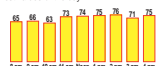
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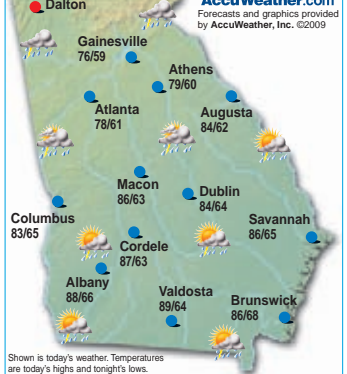


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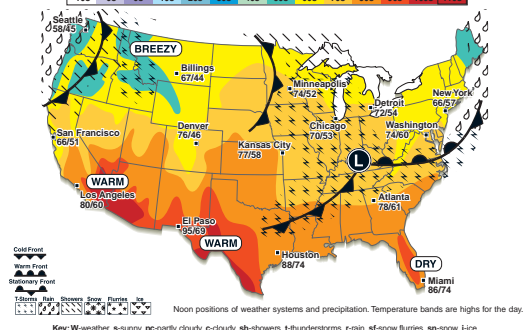
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Atlanta	78/61	77/64	82/61	Macon	86/63	83/64	86/65
Athens	79/60	78/60	84/61	Marietta	78/61	77/63	81/62
Augusta	84/62	84/61	86/61	Newton	88/64	87/67	88/67
Brunswick	86/65	84/63	87/61	Rome	79/63	83/61	83/63
College Park	78/61	77/64	82/61	Savannah	89/65	86/63	89/61
Columbus	83/65	81/67	84/67	Sparks	82/61	81/63	85/64
Gainesville	76/59	76/60	82/62	Valdosta	89/64	87/64	89/65

National Weather for May 6, 2009



City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	88/66	82/67	86/71	Denver	76/46	75/50	83/28	Orlando	90/67	90/68	90/69
Anchorage	54/39	54/41	57/41	Indianapolis	74/57	73/62	74/51	Philadelphia	70/56	73/60	74/58
Baltimore	67/44	63/61	66/39	Kansas City	77/58	72/58	74/52	Phoenix	102/75	105/76	104/75
Boise	66/45	66/40	65/41	Las Vegas	97/68	97/72	96/72	Pittsburgh	68/54	70/54	70/50
Buffalo	68/51	68/50	62/43	Los Angeles	80/60	80/60	86/60	Portland, OR	58/47	60/43	63/45
Butte	78/60	80/60	82/61	Memphis	78/68	84/61	89/62	St. Louis	73/61	74/61	75/61
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PREP BASEBALL: DALTON CATAMOUNTS

Right stuff

Nearly untouchable Roberts takes charge

By LARRY FLEMING

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Alex Roberts' middle name should be "The Dominator."

Roberts, Dalton's sophomore pitcher who is on a remarkable run this season, has pretty much strangled every opponent he's faced.

Take Northwest Whitfield on April 22. Roberts walked the lead-off batter and then retired 15 in a row in a no-hit gem as the Catamounts pounded the Bruins, 16-0.

And in the Cats' doubleheader sweep of South Paulding last Thursday for the Region 7-4A championship, Roberts saved the first game — an 8-6 win — with a 1-2-3 seventh inning, then threw a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts in a 13-0 rout. The nightcap was shortened to six innings by the GHSA's mercy rule.

With the region title in hand, the Cats advanced to the Class 4A state playoffs. They'll host Winder-Barrow on Friday in a first-round doubleheader at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; a third game, if necessary, would be played at 2 p.m. Saturday.



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■ **WHAT:** Best-of-three series, first round, Class 4A state playoffs

■ **WHO:** Winder-Barrow Bulldogs (17-8, No. 4 seed from Region 8) at Dalton Catamounts (21-4, No. 1 seed from Region 7)

■ **WHEN:** Doubleheader begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday; "if necessary" game set for 2 p.m. on Saturday

■ **COST:** \$7 adults, \$5 students, GHSA-set price

■ **FAST FACT:** This is Dalton's third consecutive appearance in the state tournament after a four-year absence.

Basically, Roberts has shown the ability to turn the lights out on opposing teams.

"I guess I'm in a groove," Roberts, who is 5-0 with a sparkling 1.63 ERA, said Tuesday during the Cats' two-hour workout. "I don't mean to sound cocky, but things are just clicking and I've been dominant."

In 38 2/3 innings and having faced 153 batters this season, the 6-foot-3-inch, 185-pound right-hander has allowed just nine hits. He has struck out 60 and walked 13. Nine of the 13 runs he's given up were earned. Opponents are hitting .066 against him, but some hitters have been able to connect solidly off Roberts. Of the nine hits he's relinquished, four have been home runs.

> Please see **ROBERTS, 2B**



Dalton High sophomore Alex Roberts is enjoying a breakout season — and so are the Catamounts, who are making the most of the fruits of the 6-foot-3-inch pitcher's efforts on the mound. Roberts is 5-0 with a 1.63 ERA this year.

AREA ROUNDUP

Trio of area teams place in top three

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Northwest Whitfield Lady Bruins' three-year reign as Region 7-4A track and field champions ended Tuesday at Woodland High School in Cartersville.

Host Woodland scored 138 points while the Lady Bruins finished with 101 and advanced six athletes to next week's Class 4A state meet in Albany.

"I knew we'd have to have a great meet and Woodland had one to win," Northwest coach Richard Taylor said, "because we didn't have all the events covered. Looking at the seedings before the meet I thought they would beat us by 15 points or so. As it turned out, they had a great meet and we did pretty well."

Dalton's Lady Catamounts, who advanced five girls to the state meet, had 61 points and finished third.

Meanwhile, in the Region 6-3A meet at Carrollton, Southeast finished third with 91 points and set four school records. Carrollton won the title with 148.5 points and Central Carroll had 106 in second place.

In 7-4A, the Lady Bruins' 4x400 relay team of Taylor Staten, Jenna Williams, Kelsey Kirk and Morgan Williams won



Taylor

> Please see **AREA, 3B**

COMMENTARY

As owner, Stewart off to good run

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Everyone said Tony Stewart was crazy to leave the cozy confines of Joe Gibbs Racing to run his own NASCAR team. A struggling, noncompetitive race team, at that.



Jenna Fryer

It would be hard work, require long hours and certainly test his volatile temperament. It could interfere with his driving, expose him to failure and make this first season the most difficult of his decorated career.

Not so much. Three months into the season, Stewart looks like a genius. Using an extreme makeover on the former Haas CNC Racing

> Please see **FRYER, 8B**



AP PHOTO
Tony Stewart, left, talks with Mike Arning, his public relations spokesman, during a practice session last month.

PRO BASEBALL

Short but sweep: Mets top Braves

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Livan Hernandez earned only his fourth win in 25 career starts against Atlanta and the New York Mets held off the Braves 4-3 on Tuesday night to complete a rare series sweep at Turner Field.

The Mets swept two games for their first sweep of any series in Atlanta since winning each of three games in 2007. It was their first sweep of a two-game series in Atlanta since May 1-2, 1989.

David Wright and Ramon Castro had run-scoring doubles in the third inning off Kenshin Kawakami (1-4), who lost his fourth straight start. Carlos Delgado had two hits, including a two-run single in the ninth.

Delgado dropped Omar Infante's infield pop fly in the ninth that could have ended the game, opening the way for Atlanta to



AP PHOTO

New York Mets shortstop Jose Reyes avoids Atlanta's Chipper Jones while turning a double play on Garret Anderson's grounder in the sixth inning on Tuesday at Turner Field. The Mets beat the Braves 4-3 for a sweep of the two-game series.



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■ **TV:** SPORTSOUTH (Optlink 41, Charter 72)

■ **PITCHERS:** Lowe (3-1) at Taylor (0-1)

■ **NOTEWORTHY:** The Braves activated left fielder Garret Anderson from the disabled list on Tuesday. He went 0-for-4 while batting cleanup in his return.

score two unearned runs off Francisco Rodriguez.

With two runners on base and the Mets leading 4-1 with two outs in the ninth, Delgado's error allowed Kelly Johnson to score from second. Yonel Escobar, who had three hits, followed with a run-scoring single to cut the lead to 4-3.

Chipper Jones fled out to right field to end the game.

PRO BASKETBALL: NBA PLAYOFFS

Hawks go quietly

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Cavaliers shook off some rust, and then the Atlanta Hawks.

Newly crowned MVP LeBron James scored 34 points and the well-rested Cavs, who waited nine days between playoff games after a first-round sweep, pulled away in the second half for a 99-72 win over the Atlanta Hawks in their Eastern Conference semifinal opener on Tuesday.

Showing why he was voted the league's best player in a landslide, James added 10 rebounds, three assists and four steals as the top-seeded Cavs won their fifth straight lopsided game in a postseason that has so far mirrored the best regular season in franchise history. Mo Williams added 21 points

for Cleveland, which has won each of its five games by double figures. With the Cavs up by 21, James was pulled with 4:29 left — extra down time before Game 2 on Thursday night at Quicken Loans Arena, where the Cavaliers are 42-2.

Josh Smith scored 22 and Mike Bibby 19 for the Hawks, who needed seven games to get past Miami. James was presented with his MVP trophy before the game by league commissioner David Stern.

Perhaps out of sync because of the long layoff, the Cavs were sluggish in the first half, especially on offense, and didn't take control until the third quarter, when they outscored the Hawks 28-17. As usual, Cleveland relied on its defense to turn things around after halftime.



AP PHOTO
Atlanta's Josh Smith shoots over the Cavaliers' Joe Smith on Tuesday in Cleveland. The Cavs pulled away to win 99-72.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cats raise \$ for charity with clinic

BY LARRY FLEMING

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It's not Christmas, but it's never too early to get ready.

Dalton High's football staff will conduct its third Catamount Ladies Football Clinic on Thursday, with the proceeds going to the team's Catamount Care Fund.

"We raised enough money last year to purchase gifts for a family of five for Christmas," Dalton football coach Adam

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Fryer: A surprise

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organization, Stewart has put together one of the most solid organizations in the Sprint Cup Series and made other drivers believe ownership might actually work.

He's currently third in the standings, and after a rocky start to the season, teammate Ryan Newman has vaulted 23 spots over the past seven races to 10th in the points. They finished second and fourth, respectively, Saturday night at Richmond and both are currently in contention for berths in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

"It's been impressive to watch the change, the mentality that Tony has brought in there about not being there just to be there, but to be there to win," rival driver Jeff Burton said. "I'm not sure I remember a team changing possession, a new owner stepping in, and the turnaround being what it's been. He's making other people want to go and own their own cars."

It was just over a year ago Stewart first admitted he was looking at opportunities outside of JGR, his home for all 10 years of his Cup career. He had a year left on his contract, and team owner Joe Gibbs was eager to lock the two-time series champion into an extension that would keep him in the No. 20 until Stewart retired.

Knowing Gibbs was working on an offer, outside suitors stepped in to urge him to listen to other opportunities. One was a 50 percent ownership of Haas, a rudderless organization since Gene Haas' 2007 conviction on tax evasion charges.

To the disbelief of many, Stewart's interest was piqued. He deftly negotiated an early release from his Gibbs contract, then finished the paperwork that gave him control of renamed Stewart-Haas Racing.

Still, the team didn't have much to show for its first seven years at NASCAR's top level. Just one top-10 finish

in 284 starts for 12 different drivers, spotty sponsorship and an alliance with mighty Hendrick Motorsports that had yet to work to the team's advantage.

Stewart waded little time putting his stamp all over his new toy. He courted sponsors, hired his own people and changed the mentality to mirror his competitive spirit. Even so, it seemed a stretch that the transformation would lead to immediate success. Maybe someday, but certainly not the first year.

Again, he's proved otherwise. Stewart has seven top-10s in 10 races, including runner-up finishes in two of the last three races. He lost to Matt Martin three weeks ago in Phoenix, and Kyle Busch on Saturday night in Richmond.

SHR has also been buoyed by Newman's turnaround. He was 32nd in the standings following the fourth race of the season, his fourth finish of 22nd or worse. But his crew regrouped during the bye week and has been on a roll ever since.

Newman has not finished lower than 16th since, and had consecutive top-five finishes at Talladega and Richmond for the first time in longer than he could remember.

The strong runs have Stewart-Haas Racing far ahead of schedule and exceeding the modest expectations most people placed on the team.

"Momentum's everything. That gives you such a head start when you get to the next track," Stewart said. "For us as an organization, with that momentum, I can't wait to get to the shop Monday and see the smiles on the guys' faces. That's the payoff for me. That's the stuff that will carry us into Darlington and carry us into the All-Star Race the week after that."

Jenna Fryer covers NASCAR for The Associated Press.

Players released from jail, then from Saints

PRO FOOTBALL: NFL

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press Writer
METAIRIE, La. — The New Orleans Saints cut receiver Biren Ealy and tight end Kolomona Kapanui on Tuesday, two days after the young players were arrested for allegedly being drunk

and exposing themselves to two women in the parking lot of a suburban apartment complex where they live.

The pair were arrested early Sunday morning in River Ridge by Jefferson Parish authorities, who booked the two players with

obscenity, disturbing the peace and lewd conduct.

Authorities alleged that they were drunk, urinated in public and then exposed themselves when the women who called authorities came upon them. The players' lawyer, Donald "Chick"

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Becoming a nurse was her dream

By LARA HAYES

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From an early age, Clotee Fowler loved going to the hospital. No, she's not a hypochondriac. Nor does she harbor a secret love for inoculations. When Fowler accompanied her mother to Hamilton Memorial Hospital on her frequent visits to patients, she only longed for one thing.

To wear the stark white suit of a nurse.

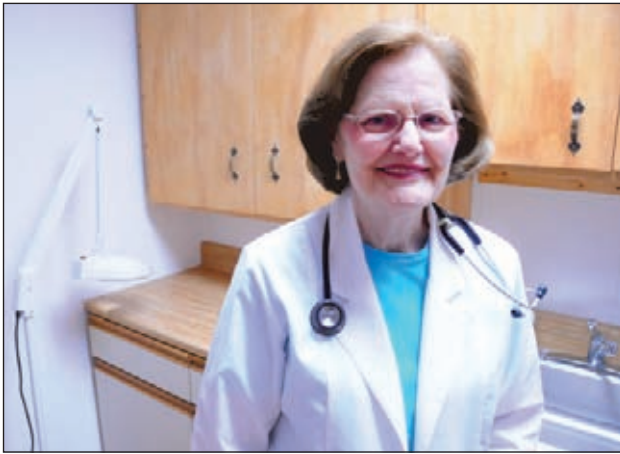
"I thought nurses were the most gorgeous people ever," she said. "I wanted to be a nurse more than anything."

After graduating from Pleasant Grove High School in 1955, Fowler immediately went after her dream, landing a nursing assistant position at the hospital. For a whopping \$75 per month, she was furnished a laundered uniform, one meal per day and health insurance. In return Fowler worked in the nursery and out on the floor — taking vital signs, giving baths and bringing patients their food trays. She loved it, especially working for administrator Norman Burkett.

"He was a wonderful administrator," said Fowler. "I really learned a lot from him. He really wanted to make sure the patients were well taken care of."

In 1965 she finally became a full-fledged nurse, graduating from the Dalton Vocational School of Health Occupations. In the 44 years since, Fowler is amazed by the changes she's seen in the field. The digital gizmos you see now simply didn't exist then. If you needed something done it took time and patience.

"We had a urine test for diabetes," Fowler said. "You would mix so many drops of urine with water then add a tablet to check



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Clotee Fowler is living out her dreams of being a nurse. At 73, she is still a nurse at Mohawk Industries.

sugar. It would change color. Now we do finger sticks."

Blood pressure was checked manually rather than by pushing a button. Raising and lowering beds meant repeatedly pressing a lever with your foot. And when you needed medicine you had to walk down to the hospital pharmacy to get it. Today it's delivered via a pneumatic tubing system.

And cable TV in your room? Forget about it. There were no TVs, period.

Nurses inserted IVs themselves then set the drip rate by using their

watch. Medical records meant countless reams of paper in a large room. Patients got their pain medications via an injection in the buttocks. Intercoms didn't exist. And nurses were taught to stand up out of respect when doctors came on the floor to make their rounds.

Nowadays Hamilton Medical Center — like many hospitals nationwide — has gone high-tech. Specialized IV teams take care of all IV starts and removals. Records are available at the click of a mouse. Patients control administration of pain medication through a PCA

pump. And each nurse on duty is fitted with a "nurse tracker" so they can be located and summoned at all times.

In the midst of all the changes, Fowler says one thing remained constant — the level of care.

"I can still remember this man bent over really upset because he had lost his son by electrocution," she said. "One time a young girl was brought in who had died while playing basketball. Losing kids would really get to me. I've never lost it in front of a family. You just gave them compassion and let

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then know you cared."

Fowler left the hospital in 1979 to work for Dr. Robert Frady and Dr. Rudy Shirley at Dalton Ear Nose and Throat where she stayed until 1985. At 73, she could easily retire from her current job as a nurse at Mohawk Industries, but she's in no hurry.

"When you see somebody so sick and then they're better, you feel like you had a hand in helping them," said Fowler. "At the end of the day you're so tired but then the next morning you're ready to go again."

In fact, Fowler considers her job a blessing.

"I want to give the Lord thanks that he has allowed me to still be able to work," she said. "A lot of people younger than me aren't able to. I really like to work and enjoy what I'm doing. I like people. And I feel like I'm still productive."

If Fowler ever does retire, you'll probably find her traveling with her husband, Harold ... especially to England and Hawaii. But in the meantime she's focusing on being the best nurse she can, and in the process emulating her former emergency room supervisor, Pat Haynes.

"I learned a lot from her," said Fowler. "She would always get in there and help you do what needed to be done. She was always calm and handled situations well, and she never felt she was beyond helping you. She is my hero."

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Miss NHS to be crowned

Northwest High School's Spirit Club will host the 2009 Miss NHS pageant Saturday at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

This year's theme is "America's Sweethearts." Thirteen junior and senior ladies will compete in interview, talent and evening gown categories. Each contestant represents a Northwest High club or sport.

The 2009 Mr. NHS pageant will be held during intersession.

The faculty and student body will bid farewell to the reigning 2008 Miss NHS Allison Barnett.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in grades K-12. Advance tickets may be purchased at the school during the lunch shifts. Spirit Club parents and cheerleaders are currently selling tickets in the community.

Contestants are:

■ **Senior Ashley Cochran**, who will be representing the Future Farmers of America club. Her parents are Tammy and Noel Leonard and Kent and Lori Cochran.

■ **Senior Marteki Codjoe** is the daughter of Henry and Rhoda Codjoe. She is representing the Key Club.

■ **Senior Lindsey Harris** is the daughter of Kevin and Lezlie Harris. She is representing the Improv Team.

■ **Junior Tayler Hayes** is representing the Literary Team. She is the daughter of Traci Hopkins and Mitchell Hayes.

■ **Junior Kelsey Kirk** is the daughter of Mike and Angela Kirk. She is the Northwest Singers representative.

■ **Senior Tiffany Pletcher** is the daughter of Russ Boswell. She is representing the Bruin Girls Service Club.

■ **Senior Jessica Overby** is representing the Drama Club. She is the daughter of Judy and John Tamana.

■ **Junior Mary-Beth Salguero** is representing the Future Business Leaders of America club. She is the daughter of Mayra and Carlos Salguero.



Ashley Cochran



Marteki Codjoe



Lindsey Harris



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■ **Senior Gabrielle Sellers** is the daughter of Tim and Lorie Sellers. She is representing the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club.

■ **Junior Hannah Smith** is representing the NWHS band. She is the daughter of Chuck and Melinda Smith.

■ **Senior Morgan Williams** is representing the NWHS Student Council. She is the daughter of Royce and Sandra Williams.



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Old roses that Austin loves feature a very dense petal count and rounded shape.

Coming up roses

BY MAUREEN GILMER
Scripps Howard News

I miss the old roses terribly.

They are growing few and far between because the old species don't often fit into yards, and their bloom season is but a few weeks in late spring. I miss them because they are fragrant. I miss their cabbage-shaped blossoms. And when I do come upon them I am transported back to Queen Victoria and the gardens of her realm when horticulture was all the rage.

I suspect the English fellow, David Austin, was similarly afflicted long ago. This longing drove a life spent re-creating a nostalgic flower that once nearly disappeared from gardens. While other breeders were seeking to create the most carefree floriferous roses, such as Knock Out and Flower Carpet, Austin was moving in another direction altogether. He was searching for the romance of early Victorian roses, so he could capture their beauty with modern-day ease of cultivation. In short, Austin literally reinvented the rose.

The old roses that graced Victorian gardens were often dubbed "cabbage roses" because their flowers were rounded and tightly packed like the leaves of a cabbage head. This stands in striking contrast to the fluted bud of the later hybrid teas. Cabbage roses have distinctly different looks, more charm and a sense of nostalgia. In England, they became the symbols of the empire years. In a vase, the flowers flop and lean — giving a sense of relaxed elegance

impossible with stiff-stemmed moderns.

Forty years ago, Austin sought to define exactly what kind of rose he wanted to create, and laid it all out for us in his newest book, "The English Roses: Classic Favorites & New Selections" (Firefly; \$35).

This incredibly well-illustrated book is, in a sense, his manifesto, the document that establishes what he tried to do as a breeder. In glorious color it shows us the fruits of his efforts. Perhaps "photographs" isn't the right word for the full-page color illustrations that I dub "photographic art." I've seen a lot of garden books, and few compare to the beauty and — dare I say — femininity of these illustrations. They make me want to cut them out and frame them for the bright bedroom or an elegant dining-room wall.

I couldn't help but conclude that this book is a Mother's Day gift extraordinaire. Even if Mom isn't a gardener, the sheer beauty of this paperback will have her sitting for hours digesting the roses.

There's even a chapter devoted to fragrance. I now know there's a difference between musk and myrrh, stamen fragrance and petal fragrance. And, of course, the chapter on the ancestors of the English rose tells me what species or early hybrids contributed what to the Austin hybrids.

Maureen Gilmer is a horticulturist. Her blog, the MoZone, offers ideas for cash-strapped families. Read the blog at www.MoPlants.com/blog. E-mail her at mogilmer@yahoo.com.

COMMENTARY

Parenting lessons from Mayberry

A number of years ago, I wrote a column focusing on "The Andy Griffith Show" that somehow ended up at the bottom of Jim Clark's birdcage.

Clark is the president (official title — "Head Goober") of The Andy Griffith Show Rerun Watchers Club (TAGSRWC). Clark was kind enough to send me an honorary subscription to his club's newsletter, The Bullet, and other information on the club's events.

Later, the Head Goober was kind enough to send me a copy of his book, "Act Like Somebody: Special Moments from The Andy Griffith Show," written with Ken Beck. They also published a companion book, "I'm Proud to Call You My Friend: A Collection of Special Moments of Friendship from The Andy Griffith Show."

As a parent of young children, "Act Like Somebody" especially appealed to me, with brief synopses of parenting conundrums faced by Sheriff Andy Taylor and how he handled them. Below are some that stood out to me, and, maybe, to you:

"Opie's Charity": Opie gives just three cents to the underprivileged children's charity, and Andy attempts to explain why Opie needs to give more.

Andy: "I was reading just the other day where there's somewhere like four hundred needy boys in this county alone. Or one and a half boys



Len Robbins

per every square mile."

Opie: "There is?"

Andy: "There is?"

Opie: "I never seen one."

Andy: "You ever seen one what?"

Opie: "A half a boy."

Andy: "Well, it's not really half a boy. It's a ratio."

Opie: "Horatio who?"

"The Horse Traders": Opie has traded his new cap pistol for what turned out to be pony licorice seeds and now plans to trade the licorice seeds to another friend for roller skates. Andy tries to set his own straight.

Andy: "Let me tell you something here. You know that you've been taught the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you?"

Opie: "Yes, Pa."

Andy: "You think you've been following that rule?"

Opie: "Sure. Tommy did unto me, and now I'm doing unto Jerry."

"One-Punch Opie": After a new boy prompts Opie and some of his friends into some mischief, Barney gives Andy some unsolicited advice on how to handle the situation.

Andy: "Barney, these are just boys we're talking about. They're only about eight years old."

Barney: "Yeah, well, today's 8-year-olds are tomorrow's teenagers. I say this calls for action — and now. Nip it in the bud! First sign of youngsters goin' wrong, you got to nip it in the bud."

Andy: "I'm gonna have a talk with 'em. Now, what more you want me to do?"

Barney: "Yeah, well, just don't mollycoddle 'em. Nip it! You go read any book you want on the subject of child discipline and you'll find that every one of 'em is in favor of bud nippin'."

"Opie and the Spoiled Kid": Barney again pushes for stricter discipline when a spoiled kid influences Opie.

Barney: "There's a definite trend toward stronger discipline."

Andy: "Like what?"

Barney: "Like a good clout once in a while."

Andy: "Oh, come on."

Barney: "Well, Andy, have you ever known the magazine section of the Sunday paper to lie?"

Andy: "Did your father ever hit you?"

Barney: "Well, he couldn't. I was a lot bigger than he was."

"Bailey's Bad Boy": (One of my personal favorites — saw it again just last week) Bill Bixby plays Ron Bailey, a young man in custody for reckless driving. He overhears Opie tell Andy that he broke Miss Parody's window with a ball. Andy tells Opie he's going to have to pay for the window.

Ron: "Weren't you sorta rough on the kid?"

Andy: "How's that?"

Ron: "Well, why didn't you bail the little fella out?"

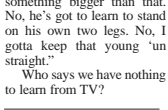
Andy: "Bail him out?"

Ron: "Well, yeah. It's just a window."

Andy: "Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh. Yeah, yeah, I guess I could bail him out like you say. But the only trouble with that — if I was to do that, why, every time he'd get into trouble, he'd be expecting me to come to the rescue, don't you see. This time it's a broken window, later on it'd be something bigger, and then something bigger than that. No, he's got to learn to stand on his own two legs. No, I gotta keep that young 'un straight."

Who says we have nothing to learn from TV?

■ **Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.**



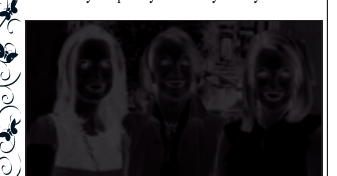
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NEW OFFICERS



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Woodmen of the World Dalton Lodge 24 recently elected officers. From left are Mike White, president; Benny Bridgman, vice president; Gwen Gibson, secretary; and Mike Gibson, treasurer. Not pictured are Gina Esslinger, escort; Deanna Gibson, sergeant-at-arms; Kathy Stublefield, greeter; Greg Stublefield, musician; and Andi White, David Gibson and Pat Bridgman, trustees.

IN SERVICE

Air Force Airman First Class Spencer G. Eades graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and

basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Eric Eades of Dalton and a 2006 graduate of Southeast High School.



Eades

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the Living section each Wednesday and Sunday on a space-available basis. To announce your meeting, e-mail the information to lara-hayes@daltoncitizen.com or send by fax to (706) 275-6641. Please send your item at least two weeks in advance and include a telephone number to contact for more information.

May 8-9

The first annual Armuchee/Villanow spring community yard sale will be held May 8-9 from 8 a.m. until dark at the Villanow ball fields and fire hall. There is no fee to set up. The rain date is May 15-16. The second annual fall community yard sale is scheduled for Oct. 2-3.

May 8

The 16th annual Golden Gaiters walk and sack supper will be held May 8 at 5 p.m. at the Rotary Pavilion at Heritage Point Park in Dalton. Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Mar-Sel Tap Dancers from the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center. All area seniors ages 50 and up are invited. To sponsor the event, call the Center at (706) 278-3700. If it rains there will be no walking and all other activities will be held under the covered pavilion.

May 9

The 1959 graduating class of Valley Point High School will be honored at the Valley Point Alumni Association's annual banquet May 9 at 6 p.m. at Valley Point Middle School. Reservations may be made by mailing a check for \$15 to Pat Hewitt, 4041 Nottingham Road S.E., Dalton, GA, 30721. Contributions to the Valley Point Scholarship Foundation may be sent to Margaret Ball, 2455 Dug Gap Road, Dalton, GA, 30720.

A work day will be held May 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Dunagan Cemetery in Rocky Face. Biscuits and juice will be provided for workers. Please bring tools for yard work (weed eaters, mowers, grass shears, rakes, hoes and wheelbarrows). For more information, call Kim Pickens at (706) 673-5197.

Boy Scout Troop 73 will have a barbecue chicken dinner May 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Chatsworth. Plates are \$5 and include chicken, beans, slaw and roll. Dine in or carryout. The church is at 111 W. Cherokee St.

A cleanup day will be held May 9 at 8 a.m. at Antioch Cemetery in Dalton. Participants are asked to bring tools. The public is invited.

May 12

The Carpet Capital Women's Network will meet May 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Western Sizzlin' Steak House located on Legion Drive in Dalton. Glenda Allen will be the guest speaker. Membership is not required and all ladies are invited. For more information, call Susan Swinney at (706) 278-8260 or Clydine Tyson at (706) 275-7509.

May 15

Atlanta recording artist Liz Melendez will be in concert May 15 from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Blues Train Café in Dalton. She will perform songs from her CD's "Sweet Southern Soul" and "Mercy." The Blues Train Café is at 312 Hamilton St. For more information, call (706) 529-2582.

May 16

The Dalton Junior Woman's Club Mother Daughter Tea to benefit the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center will be held May 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

the Dalton Golf and Country Club. The Center provides housing and other assistance to battered women and their children. Donations for a silent auction and raffles are needed and may be dropped off at Rhett Orr's Allstate Insurance at 1209 W. Walnut Ave., Suite 9 or Big Brothers Big Sisters at 101 E. Crawford St., Suite 400. For more information, call Amy Sampson at (706) 529-7700.

The Jackson family will have a reunion May 16 at 2 p.m. at the home of Louvinne Jackson. Please bring a covered dish. The event will be hosted by Breama West and Rhonda Harrison.

The annual Little Murray reunion will be held May 16 at noon at Little Conasauga Baptist Church. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. under the shed. Please bring a covered dish, lawn chairs and any memorabilia of Little Murray you may have. "The Little Murray History Book" by Betty Bryant Bandy will also be available for review.

ABATE of Georgia District 1 (American Bikers Active Toward Education) will present Safety Awareness Day May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chatsworth City Park. There will be safety information for all drivers sharing roadways with motorcycles. All drivers and all ages are welcome. For more information, call Dennis at (706) 270-4406.

May 22

A volunteer fair will be held May 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Gladden Middle School in Chatsworth. Agencies and organizations who serve the Murray County community are invited to set up a table. Tables are free. For more information, call the First Methodist Church of Chatsworth at (706) 695-3211. Please RSVP by May 15.

GROWINGS ON

Help your yard look great

As the weather continues to get warmer and we are thankful for the much needed rain, our home landscape still has a lot of jobs that need to be done. Remember that there could be a lack of soil moisture later in the season and anything that you can do to conserve water and keep your plants healthy, will keep your home showcase looking great. The following tips, should give you some ideas of things that you need to do, to keep everything growing strong.



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Letting a young lawn grow too tall and then cutting it back to the recommended height is detrimental. Such extreme leaf removal stops the flow of food to the roots, weakens the plants, and opens the lawn to diseases. Never let it grow so tall that you have to cut off more than one third of the grass blade.

Save money on mulch materials by using 1 to 2 inches of wood chips before spreading 2 inches of decorative shredded bark. Wood chips are less expensive than shredded bark and last longer, too. Keep mulch several inches away from the trunks of trees and shrubs so air can circulate near the trunk discouraging diseases, and so that rodents will not feed on the bark.

Lightly sidedress perennials, including spring bulbs, with a 5-10-10 or 10-10-10 fertilizer, being careful to avoid the center or crown of the plant.

If you love to garden, but don't have a lot of time, choose plants that are easy to maintain. Plants that do not need "deadheading" include begonia, impatiens, coleus, alyssum, ageratum, lobelia, vinca and salvia.

Caladiums need generous amounts of water and fertilizer to encourage continuous production of leaves

during the summer. Apply a light, slow dressing of 5-10-5 fertilizer every two weeks, and water thoroughly to encourage bright-colored foliage.

Gladiolus grows best in well-drained soil, protected from wind. Bulbs can be planted now. For best bloom, water thoroughly once a week after the spike begins to show above the soil.

Pinch back annuals when 4 to 6 inches high to promote bushy growth. Some that require pinching are zinnias, petunias and salvia.

Impatiens is the most satisfactory annual for use in shady areas. Begonias, coleus, ageratum, salvia and vinca prefer light shade (5 to 6 hours of sunlight).

Multiflora petunias withstand heat much better than other types and are more attractive throughout the summer. They are more resistant than other types to botrytis, a disease that cripples petunias, especially in damp weather. And they branch more easily, meaning less maintenance.

Multifloras are most useful for massed effects in beds.

Prune rhododendrons immediately after flowering. Old clusters should be snapped off when partly dry, but remove with care in order not to decrease or prevent bloom next year.

When planting new shade trees, consider whether it is messy or neat in appearance, weak- or strong-wooded, and long- or short-lived. Resist the temptation to plant a fast-growing, weak tree for quick shade.

Some trees that are messy and weak-wooded include silver maple hybrid poplar, mimosa, weeping willow, black cherry, and Eastern cottonwood. Better choices are Chinese elm, Japanese zelkova, pin oak,

red maple, river birch, tulip poplar and willow oak.

If cotton burlap was used to wrap B&B tree roots, it does not need to be removed. Just untie and roll it down from the trunk until it does not stick above the soil line. If a synthetic material wrapped the roots, remove it completely if possible, or at least turn it back to expose the sides of the ball and cut it off or push it to the bottom of the hole. If the species of tree you are planting is one that grows a taproot, remove all the synthetic material or the root will not be able to grow properly.

Red and silver maples, willows, poplars and elms can clog leptis with their roots. Plant these species well away from water lines and sewers.

Poison ivy is dangerous all year round. You can get an irritation from the leaves, roots, berries, and even smoke from burning the vines. Learn to know the leaves so you can guard against it. If you think you may have come in contact with it, wash immediately with soap and water and remove any clothes that may have the oil on them. Prevention is the best medicine for this ailment.

Plant ground covers under shade trees that don't allow enough sunlight to sustain grass. Periwinkle, English ivy and liriope are a few ground cover plants that grow well in shade.

Take the time to walk around your yard as often as possible, so that you can stay on top of problems and keep everything healthy.

Louis Dykes is County Extension Coordinator for Murray County. If you have any questions about growing plants in your garden or if you are having trouble with pests, call the Georgia Cooperative Extension Office, Murray County at 706-695-3031 or e-mail ldikes@uga.edu.



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Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-6

BRIDGE

An unnecessary finesse

One of the great rewards in bridge derives from salvaging a hand where all the key cards seem to be badly placed for declarer.

Take this case where West leads the queen of diamonds against South's four-heart contract. West is unlikely to have the ace, so South ducks the queen.

As the J-9 when West continues the suit. Declarer ruffs East's ten and notes the possibility of losing two club tricks if he finesses the queen. Unwilling to expose himself to this danger, South draws three rounds of trumps and plays the club finesse is still available.

In the actual case, the spade finesse loses and South is obliged to ruff the diamond return. Down to his last chance, South tries the club finesse, but this, too, goes awry, and the contract fails.

Admittedly, it is very unlucky to find three cards — the ace of diamonds, queen of spades and king of clubs — all badly placed, but even so the unsatisfactory outcome is essentially declarer's fault, as he missed the surest line of play.

After ruffing the diamond at trick three, South should draw three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and then lead the king of diamonds.

When East produces the ace, declarer discards a club — a loser-on-lead play. This forces East to return a spade or a club, either of which hands South his 10th trick. The luck element is totally eliminated by this method of play.

Tomorrow: Steppingstone to good defense.

CRYPTOQUIP

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HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Focus on work and holding on to what you've got. Your serious attitude and well-thought-out plans should be enough to gain the support needed to keep you in a safe zone. Do your homework and be prepared to counteract anyone making moves on your turf. This is a time to protect, while maintaining slow growth. In the end, you will win. Your numbers are 5, 16, 20, 24, 35, 41, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Difficult decisions are heading your way and the ability to act quickly and with knowledge will let you win in the end. A partnership that has been going through uncertainties must be dealt with patiently. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get serious about what you do and you will get a great response. Push for perfection and you will get the respect and the advancement you want. Avoid dealing with red tape, institutions and anyone who can tie up your valuable time today. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Speak your mind and you will be given the consideration you ask for. Don't back away from adversity when you have so much to contribute that can make a difference. A lover, child or friend will inspire you. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Good fortune is on your side, so take a chance and make a move. A journey will help you reconnect with someone you had all but forgotten. A fresh look at something you disregarded in the past will bring you hope now. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A vacation or change of scenery will help you realize your needs and potential. Your generosity will overwhelm someone you are trying to impress but, before you give too much, consider what you are getting in return. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get serious about a job you are working on and you will gather support, along with suggestions that will make your job easier. A money deal will position you well in other aspects of your life. Pay cash for luxury items or take a pass. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be all over the map emotionally if you don't put an end to the pending problems that have you wigged-out. Say what's on your mind and you will resolve issues and make some positive adjustments. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your thoughts to yourself but don't stop doing what you are doing. If your mysterious way that will intrigue and interest people. The reactions people have will change the nature of what you are doing. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have the upper hand but, if you are arrogant, you may fall short of your goals. A romantic encounter will leave you questioning what you should be doing with your life. Domestic changes will, in time, turn out well for you. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make your choices based on honesty and integrity, not out of love for someone you are trying to protect. It's best to get things out in the open and deal with personal matters before it's too late. Working from home will pay off. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your generosity may be your downfall in the end. Keep things equal if you want your relationship with friends, relatives or a lover to flourish. Don't spend for emotional reasons. Now is the time to budget. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "Who's the boss" may come up during a misunderstanding. Strive for equality. Arguments will damage whatever partnerships you have. Be patient and offer compromises that are fair to everyone involved. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

To Your Good Health

Here's a weighty problem

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I read about how people want to lose weight. OK. Now how about my problem? I am too thin and have been all my life. I am 45, weigh 95 pounds and am 5 feet 2 inches tall. I am married with three children. I have great energy and good health. I eat three meals a day, and I eat well-balanced meals. I have no problem with appetite. Skinniness runs in my family. Have you any suggestions? I checked it had my thyroid checked. It's normal. — M.H.



Paul G. Donohue

d o n ' t snack so much that it kills your appetite f o r m e a l s . Y o g u r t , d r i e d f r u i t s , f r e s h f r u i t s and n u t s a r e g o o d s o u r c e s of c a l o r i e s . T h e y w o n ' t k i l l y o u r m e a l a p p e t i t e . A l a r g e b a n a n a h a s 130 c a l o r i e s . A b a n a n a a t m i d m o r n i n g and m i d a f t e r n o o n g i v e s y o u m o r e t h a n h a l f o f t h e 500 e x t r a c a l o r i e s q u o t e d .

Another snack before bed can provide the remaining calories needed to reach 500. A peanut-butter sandwich, made with two tablespoons of peanut butter, comes close to 300 calories.

If the snack approach doesn't appeal to you, try a liquid supplement like Ensure. (There are many other brands.)

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please discuss the side effects of Flomax, especially its effect on vision. A brother-in-law and a friend have experienced vision difficulties from it and have been forced to eliminate its use. Please name some substitutes. — A.A.

ANSWER: Flomax (tamsulosin) relaxes muscles in the prostate gland and muscles that surround the outlet of the urinary bladder. That allows urine to leave the bladder and pass out of the body more easily. Many men with large prostate glands are indented to it.

IFIS — intraoperative floppy iris syndrome — is one visual complication of Flomax use. The iris is the colored, ring part of the eye. Some men, while on Flomax or who have taken it in the past, experience a peculiar reaction during cataract surgery. Their irises start to billow outward, and it often constricts. It makes the operation most difficult. Men must tell their eye doctors they are using or have used this drug before such surgery.

Blurred vision is listed as a possible side effect, but it happens to very few users.

Men who have had vision problems can go on a different class of drugs, like Proscar or Avodart.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Our son is 39. From infancy he has had allergies. A few days ago, at a party, he took a few bites of

ASK THE DOCTOR

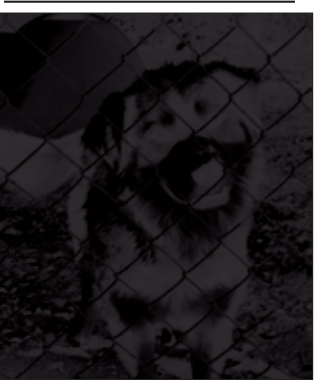
Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

crab cake and a sip of wine. Within minutes he ran for the exit. He spent an hour outside trying to breathe. He considers this too trivial to see an allergist. We think these incidents could be life-threatening. — T.E.

ANSWER: The incident you described sounds like an allergy to wine or to seafood. Such incidents are emergencies, and they do threaten life. They are not trivial occurrences. He needs the help of an allergist.

The episode you mention (in a deleted part of the letter) when he choked on a sour-ball candy as a child wasn't an allergy; it was a mechanical blockage of his airway. The Heimlich maneuver you performed saved his life. It's in no way related to his present problem.

PET OF THE WEEK



Trevi

Trevi needs a home

Trevi is a lovely 3-year-old husky/retriever mix whose owners left town, leaving him behind. Trevi has been neutered, vaccinated, heartworm checked and is ready for a new home with a sturdy, fenced yard. He gets along well with female dogs and loves children but male dogs, cats and chickens are on his list of dislikes. Due to his size, caution should be taken around toddlers. For information on Trevi or any of the other dogs, cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption through the Murray County Humane Society, call (706) 695-2642 Society, call (706) 695-2642 or e-mail muchopups@windstream.net. The May 9 yard sale and bake sale has been postponed in the hopes that drier weather will soon arrive. In the meantime, to donate items for the yard sale, call (706) 695-2642 or mail to P.O. Box 796, Chatsworth, GA, 30705. All donations are greatly appreciated.

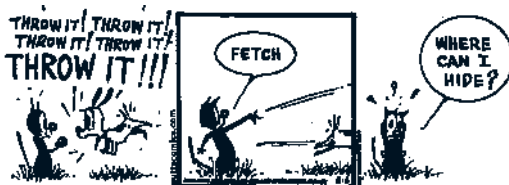
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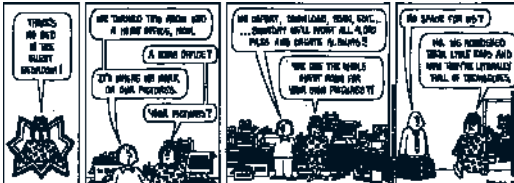
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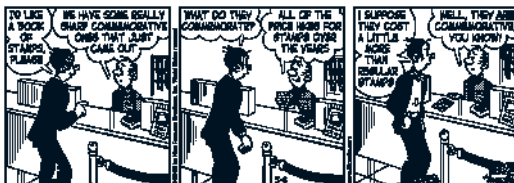
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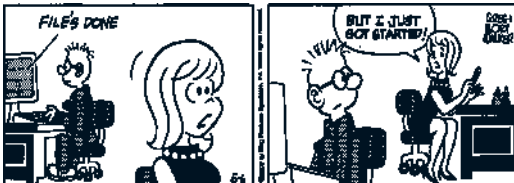
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DEAR ABBY

Wife's brutal sense of humor leaves its mark on marriage

DEAR ABBY: My wife thinks it's funny when she hits me. The other day I was splitting some wood and decided to take a break. I began driving golf balls into the field. She came out, grabbed the club out of my hands and whacked me in the leg with it. When I asked her why, she said, "Get back to work!" and started laughing. I was left with a large welt and a big bruise.

Another time she bought some king crab legs for dinner. When I asked her if she was serving anything else with them, she picked up a crab claw and hit me in the forehead with it. She thought it was funny. I ended up in the emergency room with three stitches.

Last night, I was trying to add up our bills on the computer. She walked in and smacked me in the chin with the keyboard. She said I should be able to do the bills on paper like a normal person.

We have been together nine years, married for three. I love her with all my heart, but I'm getting tired of her little "jokes." How can I approach her? I want her to know how I feel, but I'm afraid to offend her or make her angry. — FRUSTRATED IN OREGON

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Why are you afraid to speak your mind? Are you afraid she'll hit you again? Your wife has a sadistic sense of humor and enjoys seeing you in pain. Unless you draw the line, she will cause you serious injury.

Regardless of how much you love her, for your own safety you should get the heck out of there. What you have described is a form of spousal abuse, and it will escalate. That's why I'm urging you to

contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The toll-free number is (800) 799-7233. The counselors there offer guidance to women AND men who are being abused by their spouse or partner.

Another organization, SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone), also assists victims of abuse regardless of age, gender or sexual orientation. Its Web site is www.safe4all.org.

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