Dawson BOC approves Crystal Falls rezoning

Dawson County Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 last week to approve the application to rename the Crystal Falls Lake and Golf community.

The decision came after two and one-half hours, three motions, and a combined 12 individuals speaking for and against the proposed rezoning applications.

District 4 Commissioner Tim Nix's motion to approve the application, seconded by District 3 Commissioner Tim Sutton, passed unanimously.

After both those who were in favor of the rezoning and those who were against shared their thoughts with the board, a motion to deny the application was made by District 1 Commissioner Sharon Fausett and seconded by District 2 Commissioner Chris Gaines. The motion failed.

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Land Sale

The land in Big Canoe (FVS) with appropriate construction and development timing at this time.

Land in the main square with the property sale for this point.

Developer for this sale.

Director of Finance Jim Gunter said there were 10 purchase options available through two phases of sales: 100 units in the first phase and 100 units in the second phase.

One reason for future sales, said Dr. Deere, “is because the purchase price, the lower your home sale price and the higher your sale price, the more likely it is that your purchase price is lower than your home sale price.”

The most common home sale price is $400,000 in the first phase and $350,000 in the second phase.

Rentals purchase properties change

After discussions at the March FVS work session, the board is trying to approve rules and regulations changes for the rental properties in their March 20 work session.

Rental policies have entered into effect.

Rental properties received changes.

Rental properties in Big Canoe have been approved by the FVS work session.

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Governor Kemp signs amended budget

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The Leadership Big Canoe team has partnered with the Black Bear Project to create cloth grocery bags for use in all your shopping excursions. Proceeds of the sale of these bags will benefit the Black Bear Project. These bags are available in three fashion smart colors, stitched with the Black Bear Project logo, and will be the hottest fashion accessory of the 2019 spring shopping season. The bags will debut at the Black Bear Project dinner on March 24, and will be available wherever Black Bear Project merchandise is sold. We encourage you to buy lots of them. They will help reduce contamination in our natural environment. Learn more about what we do at blackbearproject.com. The Leadership Big Canoe team will continue the series of articles with short essays on “what do all those strange numbers on plastic mean”, “where can I put my light bulbs, batteries, and pesky plastic bags”, “best practices for storing recyclables at home” and “what goes where at the dump” to name a few. Stay tuned for more information in future articles and keep recycling.

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He said of the 40 positions that were “tweaked” in 2009, 23 have been restored. The 2019 $27 million Dawson County budget is about $500,000 less than in 2015, according to Thurmond. Thurmond said the town’s goals for 2019 are an increase in productivity and efficiency to provide the services that people need. He said adding to the public works staff allows road crews to continue to work on a project without having to stop work to attend to anything that needed immediate fixing.

“Now they don’t have to shut down a road project to fix something that happened on the other side of the road,” Thurmond said. “That’s not efficient or productive.”

Thurmond reminded the group that there are 34 boards and committees in the county and encouraged all of you to participate. “It’s your website and it goes to ‘Boards and Committees’ and visit the volunteer section.”

“TransCare St Ags meets on the first Friday of the month in the Mountains Grille at the Clubhouse at Lake Sconti. Coffee is ready at 7:45 a.m. followed by a buffet breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The price of breakfast is $13 payable on your POA account or by cash at the door. Reservations are required and must be received by noon on Thursday before the Friday morning meeting. Reservations may be made by calling (706) 268-3346.

Pickens County Commissioner Chairman Rob Jones is slated to be the April speaker at Squires & Stags and Dr. Edward Kang of Northside Hospital will speak about strokes at the May meeting.

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T he year 1970 was an important one in the history of the U.S. military, according to re- tired U.S. Army Colonel Wayne Crawford, who spoke at the March 13 North Georgia Veteran’s lunch. “Vietnam combat for American soldiers ended that year and the all-volunteer Army began,” Crawford told the fully-dressed group of veterans. “The U.S. Army and Infantry undergo a significant change when Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) and Force Command are established as the two leading Army Military Organizations in the continental United States.”

That was one of many points that Crawford, who has 27 years of experience in the Army, shared. He was there as a military advisor the year that the last American combat forces were withdrawn on Vietnam. He served as an infantry lieutenant from 1967-1970.

“Four out of five combat deaths occur in all infantry courses of instruction,” Crawford said. “As important is the Infantry’s shift from more hands-on training at every level to more hands-on training at every level training doctrine for managing warfare on the modern battlefield.” Crawford said he mastered all infantry skills during his 27-year Army career.

Crawford said he served as the chief infantry advisor to the Joint Readiness Training Center and then as the Director of Training and Doctrine at the Infantry School and hand of operations for Fort Benning, Ga. During Vietnam, Crawford led a joint in his long service fighting, teaching, training, and writing for the Infantry. “The all-volunteer Army works well but the American public appears disconnected from our military organizations and has limited awareness on what constitutes combat infantry.” Crawford said.

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So, to avoid some “Titanic” investment mistakes, consider the following:

• Create a financial strategy with a solid foundation. Although considered a technological marvel, the Titanic had some structural, foundational flaws—such as compartments that weren’t fully watertight. To withstand the inevitable rough seas ahead, your investment strategy needs a strong foundation, based on your needs, goals, family situation, risk tolerance and time horizon.

• Be receptive to advice. The Titanic’s crew had received plenty of Marconi wireless warnings from other ships about ice in the area. Yet they took no pre-cautionary measures such as slowing down. When you invest, you can benefit from advice from a financial professional who can caution you when you're making dangerous moves, such as pursuing speculative investments or attempting to put a lot more away each year, and this desire may have contributed to his somewhat reckless passage through fields of ice. As an investor, you could also benefit from a professional who can point you in the right direction.

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NEW LISTING

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With a little fanfare the ribbon was cut using trimming shears.”

New High Gap Park officially opened

BY WAYNE TIDWELL wtidwell@bigcanoenews.com

I
ve Tipton had heard about the walking trails in Big Canoe before he purchased his home on Black Bear Point. When he moved to the area he found that there were no trails near his home. He proceeded to map-out a trail, got the proper approvals and began building the trail with the help of Trail Committee members. Saturday March 23, Big Canoe General Manager Jill Philmon and Trail Committee Vice Chair Clardy Schwarz cut the ribbon that officially opened the trail.

“He basically built the whole park by himself,” Schwarz said of Tipton’s efforts, “while the trail committee built the access trail from the Blue Trail in Wildcat to the new park.”

“I would like to thank the Trails Committee,” Philmon said “because honestly we wouldn’t have any of these trails if it wasn’t for them. They do a great job, and I tip my hat to them, I am so fantastic to have this committee.”

“The area has such cool meanings we worked and some hot days in the summertime and the crew got attacked by yellow jackets once,” Schwartz said.

“The 35-acre park is heavily wooded with beautiful streams, and trail features including color-coded trail markers, signs, bridges, stairs, bridges and stepping stones. There is a small parking area on Wildcat Parkway at the entrance to the new trail about a quarter mile north of Blazingstar Trail.”

“When you walk this you will see how difficult it was to cut out the side of the hills,” Schwarz said. “And all of these wooden structures were moved from downed tree stumps.”

“Not only do you build them but you keep them up,” Schwartz said. “This is just another example of the wonderful volunteerism that exists within Big Canoe, which makes us such a wonderful community.”

“I would like to thank the Trails Committee,” Philmon said of the trails committee. “Because honestly we couldn’t do this without the trails committee.”

“I would like to thank the Wildflower Branch and Blazingstar Hills for the generous donations they made to the trail committee over the past few years.”

“This in phase one,” Schwartz said, “which is a trail. When everyone comes out we will be about three and a half miles.”

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Popular Good Samaritan Ed Delaney Memorial Golf Tournament set for April 29

The annual Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center Charity Golf Tournament is coming to the Big Canoe Golf Course on April 29. This tournament bears the name of Big Canoe homeowner Ed Delaney who lost his battle with cancer in January 2016. Delaney was a valued Good Samaritan board member and active volunteer but was instrumental in making the tournament what it is today. The biggest fundraising event of the year for Good Samaritan, this year’s goal is to raise $25,000.

“The annual golf tournament provides valuable funding and awareness for Good Samaritan’s delivery of primary care services,” said Janelle Herren, volunteer tournament chair. “This event is great for our supporters to gather for some exercise and fellowship, while also making a tremendous impact on our community’s health.”

The mission of the Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center is to provide the medically underserved in our community with compassionate and individualized healthcare and related services in an atmosphere that values each individual and their wholistic needs.

Golf carts lined up for the start of the Good Samaritan Charity Golf Tournament. Photo: Wayne Tidwell

About 40 people turned out Saturday morning for the opening of the New High Gap Park.

“In 2018 Good Samaritan experienced more than 9,130 patient visits and served nearly 2,700 individuals. Good Samaritan is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit health center that provides health services to the people of Pickens County and surrounding counties regardless of insurance status. For more information about Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center and how you can participate in this worthwhile event, go to goodsamhwc.org or call Brad Herrin, Volunteer Tournament Chair, at 864/409-6280.

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Bears & insurance...oh, my

BY PARISH LOWRIE
Owner/Agent, Parish Lowrie Insurance & Financial Services, Inc.

“Most policies provide coverage for damage by wild bears to both the dwelling and personal property.”

The use of bears as a marketing tool for Big Canoe has brought attention to the community by offering information about the insurance options available for homeowners. The article discusses the nuances of homeowner policies and the potential for damage caused by bears, particularly in the context of named peril policies.

As an insurance agent with over 25 years of experience in the industry, I frequently get asked whether or not damage to a home caused by bears is covered under their insurance policy. So, I am excited to provide you with a good reminder to get familiar with your homeowners policy.

While it is a common misconception that insurance companies automatically cover damage caused by bears, this is not always the case. Policies can vary widely, and it is essential to understand the specifics of your coverage.

In the article, I mention that damage to property caused by bears is often considered excluded from coverage. However, some policies may include coverage for damage caused by bears as a special condition.

The article concludes by emphasizing the importance of understanding your insurance policy and being prepared to address any potential losses caused by bears or other wildlife. It encourages homeowners to review their policies and consider additional coverage if necessary.

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Memorial Day weekend will be on-going our 2019 Concert Series at the Terraces featured and reviewed in all sorts of magazines. You won’t want to miss this! And they’ll call or text you at 7 p.m. for the season opener of their lineup includes; Eric Gant, the youngest kid in the business, who has been playing since the age of two years, and the wonderful band, Led Zeppelin. Another page says “We operate like a traditional barber shop. We are an old school way of working, hence, in order to make an appointment and they’ll call or text you when your barber is ready. They’ve been trained and reviewed in all sorts of magazines all over the years.

In December 2018, The Shave Barbershop became famous in our own right as the published decisions of the Georgia Court of Appeals. The case centered on a “master barber” named Patsy Kennedy, who started working there in 2015. She was treated as an independent contractor, like all the barbers, making a percentage of tips and goods and services to the customers she worked on. But, however, two other barbers left The Shave and opened a competing barber shop nearby, taking customers with them. The Shave management presented their remaining barbers, including Kennedy, with written contracts which characterized her as an employee and contained a non-competition covenant.

In other words, if Kennedy left The Shave, she couldn’t open a competing barber shop within three miles for two years, and she couldn’t solicit her clients to come to that new shop. An snitch here, you a barber with a restrictive covenant, you’re a hard-case, doctors, lawyers, other professionals being asked to sign such documents, but lawyers hate this! Whole why not? Add to good measure, the Court of Appeals did a second case in October 2018, ruling against a family owned business, because of a non-compete issue. He was treated as an independent contractor for a company which provided cleaning reports, and restyling services in government apartments. We had control on ignoring the covenant, the Court of Appeals didn’t sit this way.

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The Shave’s owner found out and tried to ignore it. Does any body know what time it is? Kennedy kept going. And more. She posted pictures of her customer reviews, and one of the pictures was taken at The Shave. When she worked at The Shave, she used social media accounts under the label “TK Does Hair” to boast of her skills, now the sign over her new shop was going to read - you guessed it - “TK Does Hair.”

The Shave had enough. They took it against Kennedy for breaching her employment contract, and particularly, the covenant term it contained. And she lost.

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Chicago tribute band kicks off Terraces Series

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Chicago’s self-titled debut album, Chicago Transit Authority, which quickly rose to the top of the charts, had multiple singles, Chicago’s greatest hits. The band leader with a fantastic first-time featured guest was Tom Davis, a drummer for over five decades and its founder. The rest of the band was Chicago tributes, including multi-instrumentalist being asked to sign such documents, but lawyers hate this! Whole why not? Add to good measure, the Court of Appeals did a second case in October 2018, ruling against a family owned business, because of a non-compete issue. He was treated as an independent contractor for a company which provided cleaning reports, and restyling services in government apartments. He had control on ignoring the covenant, the Court of Appeals didn’t sit this way.

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JILL PHILMON

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Remember to
Ask For Steve
A woman shopping in Lenox Mall goes missing. A child walking to school is never seen again. An 8-year-old steps out of his home and disappears. These victims—missing for years, often forgotten by everyone but their families—now have Kristi Bryant on their side. Southern Gone, Bryant’s twice monthly podcast, is her digital spotlight to keep their stories alive, so that they can be seen and examined.

Each episode is dedicated to a missing victim; to reach out and engage her audience—just in case there is some crucial scrap of information that will help law enforcement solve their cases. She shared her passion for the missing victims and their families in an interview with Simple Stories.

Southern Gone podcast focuses on a missing person. Bryant introduces her listeners to these victims by telling their stories, sharing what she has learned about each of these missing victims (is there any hope about that person’s hope and dreams and the circumstances of each person’s life as recalled by friends and family). “We have to like the family’s parent but sometimes that’s not possible so we still tell the story of the victim in the most objective way,” she said.

Bryant begins by researching then presenting the facts she uncovered. Her goal is singular: increase awareness so that law enforcement will come to the aid of these families. “We need to get a better list of information,” she said. “I believe bringing price and closure to the families of the missing by researching their story, making connections, and contacting each family, each feature in an episode must include, as much background information—even odd details—as she can find, including anyone who has any sort of information on a missing victim.”

Telling the story

Sharing the stories of these victims she’s learned from the families bridges life into the podcast. She tells a 28-number story by describing the circumstances of each episode determined to be as much of the family, friends and law enforcement.

“Lately,” she said. “We have an opinion there I will post it. If people are willing to learn while working for a private investigator for three years under his mentorship and the missing victims. She has experience con- nected from working and research techniques she developed while helping families solve their missing persons cases. "I take the mystery and the inability to hear the word 'live' and apply that to my search that I do best to help families increase awareness for the missing and unidentified." says Bryant.

The show’s name is friendly and cuent. "Sometimes with Bryant urging her listeners to "just listen a place of important places," she said. "You have learned how to listen with Southern Gone.”

Each episode has been thoroughly researched. After contacting the victim’s family and friends, she reaches out to the law enforcement орган who officially categorized the circumstances and descended the reasons.

Southern Gone
Somebody somewhere knows something

By Barbara Schneider
Author of the Investigation

Southern Gone

"She was a single mom looking for her soulmate. She was never seen again . . . she just wanted someone to love her and that need may have gotten her in serious trouble."
Four Big Canoe hikers took on a challenging adventure, walking 22 miles, essentially circumventing Big Canoe’s south and east side, in less than ten hours.

Joe Derajtys, John Jones, Bill Hovis, Gordon Littley and Gordon’s dog Bristol met at the Wellness Center and set out at first light on Saturday morning, March 16. From the Big Canoe Wellness Center, they hiked up to Monument Road (an elevation rise of more than 1260 feet), along Monument Road a little way and then down through the Dawson Forest back into Big Canoe then stopped for lunch at Joe’s home on White Astor Lane.

After lunch they dropped Bristol off and headed down Wildcat Trails through the Meadows and then “bushwhacked” (hiked their way through woods where there are no trails) a bit to Steve Tate Road, up Potts Mountain and down through the Blackwell Creek trails, finishing near the Clubhouse around 5:00 p.m. where they sipped well-earned beers.

The first half of the hike was about 13 miles and the second was about nine miles. The second half of the hike involved a fair amount of bushwacking according to Derajtys.

The weather cooperated on a rare cool Saturday with no rain. “The weather saved us,” Jones said. “Staying cool is important.” But the bad news is that they encountered ticks.

“You can officially report that the ticks are out,” Hovis warned.

The hikers stopped briefly at Falls Creek in the Dawson Forest. Recent rains made some parts of the hike even more challenging. “In several places we had to take off our shoes and socks,” Jones said. “At one place the water went up to our knees.”

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“We had water shoes on for about three miles,” Derajtys said. “In the Dawson Forest you cross Falls Creek three times.”

Fortunately the hike ended near the oasis of the Big Canoe Clubhouse. “On the last five miles all we thought about was beer,” Jones said.

Bristol did well, leading the way most of the hike according to Derajtys. “Bristol did fine, Littley said. “She has done thirteen miles before.”

As a group and individually, the four had done training hikes in preparation for the Saturday hike with outings of 10-13 miles.

Along the way Saturday, deep in the woods, they encountered deer stands, a hiker and his dog both wearing orange vests, and…golf balls?

“We are walking through the woods and you don’t know where you are exactly and you find a golf ball,” Hovis said. “Then you have to remove it.”

“Ask about their next adventure Derajtys said after the Saturday hike. “We may consider doing the West side of Big Canoe, depending on how we feel tomorrow. That could be in 2020.”

Hikers challenge themselves on 22-mile day hike around Big Canoe
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In Memoriam

Joyce Mason McDaniel
October 4, 2019 – March 5, 2019

Joyce Mason McDaniel, 84 of Lagrange, Georgia passed away Tuesday, March 5th after a brief illness. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Travis McDaniel, her daughter, Cindy Moore (Eric), grandchildren DM Moore (Courtney), Kyle Moore (Mary), Justin McDaniel, and Cole McDaniel, four great grandchildren, and four brothers, Johnny, Kippy, Jerry, and Barry, along with many well loved family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Big Canoe Children’s Home (Bob’s Bluebird Ave).

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McDaniel was a nurse, with Big Canoe and North Georgia mountains her happy place after her retirement from medicine.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, McDaniel moved to Newark, Del. at age 10 and after high school, she entered Ohio University where she met Buddy (Maine) Game in a calculus class. Three years later they married and two weeks later he entered medical school at Indiana University Medical Center. He served his medical internship and residency at the U.S. Army in Connecticut in Washington, D.C. The Loftmans bought their first home in Indianapolis near her family. Married 50 years, they left kids in college and two toddlers, he worked diligently to transform their home’s landscape after recent rains. He interned at the Medical Center in VA. After Travis retired, they built their dream home in Big Canoe.

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McDaniel thoroughly raised an Olympic athlete in his son, Cameron Mason, single sport relatives in three different states, was a global traveler and worked for a time in a radio station in Newark, Del. She owned and directed the Clayton Community Center.

She died peacefully on Wednesday, May 30th, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cameron Mason, and leaves her daughter, Laurel Ann McDaniel, and two grandchildren, Cameron Hall Assisted Living in Canton, Georgia. She was born October 4, 1934 in Columbus, Ohio. She was the daughter of Buddy and Jackie Mason. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, then moved to Smyrna with her family.

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BY BILL PATTILLO

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Following the concert, the Holy Family parish choir will sing choral evensong. A reception follows evensong so that you may meet and greet our mystery guests. The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family is located on Griffith Road, off Cove Road, across from Dollar General in Jasper. For more information, please see www.holyfamilyepiscopalchurch.net or call 770-893-4525.

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BY TUCKER GREEN
Information Officer

Projects are continuing as planned. Please
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Dawsonville Mayor Mike Eason provided the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners with information regarding Elliott Field.

In February, Forsyth County Commissioners approved a new resolution in support of a plan for an executive airport in Dawson County.

Currently, the plan is for the city of Dawsonville to purchase and operate the private airport owned by Bill Elliott. Eason told the commissioners at the March 12 work session that there is no interest in maintaining the facility with the county, meaning that individuals who own planes would be able to store their planes there and fly in and out as needed.

“We’re not looking at a lot of aircraft traffic in our area,” Eason said. “Corporate jets don’t fly in three or four times a year; they fly twice a month or three times a month at most. We’re looking for that type of airport, not a busy, flight-school type airport, but something small enough that people can fly in and out without a lot of traffic.”

Strickland said. “That process is usually about four weeks.”

After the July 2019 official award announcement is published (in August 2019),GDOT will notify the contractor in writing of the estimated construction time of 18 to 24 months broken down to four phases.

The project is scheduled to let in July 2019 with an estimated construction contract of $4.7 million. Construction letting date is the date by which bids on a highway construction project are opened. Once a contractor is awarded the contract, the contractor could begin work provided there are no issues with permitting and the contractor has the necessary construction license to perform the work.

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Some phases of the project will require the closure of a considerable portion of Hwy. 9 to enable construction. Construction will be in three stages, with the final stage requiring the closure of the entire line, across the diameter of each circle. The two roundabouts placed at the intersections of Hwy. 9 and Dawson Forest Road will measure 130 feet from gutter line to gutter line, across the diameter of each circle. The roundabouts will be approximately 60 feet wide and 300 feet in diameter.

The two roundabouts are being designed to increase safety and reduce crash frequency at the intersections of Hwy. 9 and Dawson Forest Road in Dawson County.

The two roundabouts placed at the intersections of Hwy. 9 and Dawson Forest Road will measure 250 feet from gutter line to gutter line, across the diameter of each circle. The roundabouts will be approximately 120 feet wide and 400 feet in diameter.

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Chattahoochee Technical College

By Cynthia Smith

As students and graduates of higher education, we are sworn to continue to refine and graduate new thoughts, skills and ideas into higher education. Now, it is time to leap, jump and jump right into a good-paying job. And, just like that, trade school is cool.

Quality training in our own backyard

Chattahoochee Technical College serves six counties on eight campuses. The Appalachian campus, as the Jasper location began as Pickens Area Vocational-Technical School with 9 medical assisting, automotive technology, repair, business administrative technology, cosmetology and the most recent addition—apprenticeship. Many additional programs are available at the other system sites.

The Jasper location began in Pickens Area Vocational Technical School with 9 of study in 1967. In 1988, the school's name became Appalachian Technical College, as part of the Technical College System of Georgia, now known as Chattahoochee Technical College.

The coming attractions at Jasper campus

“Just like that, trade school is cool,” said Hunter, “and we want to always be looking forward to the future.”

In the eight-site college.

Keeping pace with employers' needs

For years, we as a nation have prized the four-year university model of higher education. Then, in 1999, the name became Chattahoochee Technical College and is set to skyrocket. Global staffing firm ManpowerGroup reported in its 2017 Talent Shortage Survey that skilled trade vacancies are the hardest jobs to fill in the country. When perception is often that these jobs do not pay well, a construction manager can expect to make upwards of $50 per hour according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (May 2017).

For many trade school students, there is no college debt at all. “Name a few of the 27 transferable college-credit classes that many students who go into specific fields and, in some cases, covers 100% of the tuition costs of technical college. Marketing/PR Coordinator Anita Mashburn pointed out that many students leave their training at CTC with no college debt at all. “We offer high-quality, affordable education for individuals and firms,” she said. “Students come here and step right into well-paying jobs.”

Part of local community

Student-centered support

Student Success Center offers a wide range of services for high-school students who are not yet ready for a construction or maintenance job. A certificate program can be as short as eight weeks or as long as a year while an associate degree takes around two years.

Something for everyone

Trade schools allow students to complete courses at CTC in a real-world setting; English, college algebra, psychology, sociology, history, biology and economics are just a few of the 27 transferable college-credit classes high schoolers can take for free. Since CTC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges, students can be confident that their credits will transfer to other Georgia colleges and universities. Vice President David Simmons would like the community to be aware that CTC offers courses for college as well as trades, dual enrollment for high schoolers and free GED classes with a dedicated GED laboratory.

A walk through the Appalachian campus

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Eagle’s Rest Park celebrates fifth anniversary

Kathleen Ingram (left) and her dad, Ken Rice, greet supporters of the park as they arrive for the fifth anniversary celebration.

BY BARBARA SCHNEIDER
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Eagle’s Rest, a 107-acre public park on Mt. Oglethorpe, celebrated its fifth anniversary Saturday, March 23 with a gathering of supporters and plans for new projects—from the highest point in Pickens County.

Kathleen Ingram, daughter of the park’s founders Ken and Billie Ann Rice, welcomed more than 50 supporters including Pickens County Commissioner Chair Rob Jones to the climb-level event—at an elevation of 1,286 feet atop Mt. Oglethorpe.

Ingram opened the program with a tribute to “supporters of the mountain,” the late Bert Loftman and Ed Newman.

“This was my mom’s dream,” Ingram told the crowd. She shared the story of a dinner party 20 years ago where her parents learned the land on top of Mt. Oglethorpe—the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail from 1937 to 1958—was going to be auctioned off the next morning.

“My dad and I went to a football game but my mom headed to Pickens County and bid on the property.”

Billie Ann Rice bought her mountain-top.

Determined to protect the land from development, for years Ken and Billie Ann Rice pondered what to do with it. After 17 years, the Rice family committed to preserving the land by creating a public park.

The park is now officially owned by the Mt. Oglethorpe Foundation, a 501 C3 non-profit.

Don Wells and the Mountain Stewards have been active supporters of Eagle’s Rest Park and Mt. Oglethorpe.

Mountain Stewards—with an average age of 70—are currently working on trails and cleaning up storm damage from the winter.

Speaking to the gathering, Wells said, “The Mountain Stewards mission is twofold: to protect Indian cultural heritage and create mountain recreation facilities in the North Georgia mountains.”

The two new Mt. Oglethorpe projects will include building a meditation garden at the bottom of a hill and creating a Trail of Tears memorial.

Georgia Marble Company donated a large slab of marble that will feature a memorial design to honor the Indian people who were forced to leave their homes here. Sculptor Steve Stone is the artist who will create the design.

Bob Knysz, a Big Canoe musician, performed two songs he had written; one pays tribute to Billie Ann Rice and the other “Cherokee Trail” to commemorate the mountain’s history.

For directions, maps and detailed information about Eagle’s Rest Park and Mt. Oglethorpe, go to www.mtoglethorpe.org.
North Georgia Conservation Coalition celebrates Earth Day

The North Georgia Conservation Co- 
allian e was formed in November 2017 in an effort to make citizens of North Geor- 
gia more aware of the need to conserve our energy, land, water and air. Conser- 
vating these natural resources also will help to preserve the beauty of this area.

We began with the development of a brochure which described our purpose. A schedule of things needed to do in their own homes to conserve energy, reduce waste and preserve water and air was developed and sent to residents of Dawson County in eastern Dawson County and, recently, to residents of Big Canoe.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation’s most world-changing inventors—the NIHF Inductees. This year’s Supercharged™ curriculum focuses on the health of their newly purchased cattle. We will explore frequency, circuit boards, and microprocessors.

Throughout the week, campers will adapt and reverse engineer a remote-control robot. Each camper will bring home a robot! At the end of the program, each camper will perform an experiment to explore their innovative ideas and explore their innovative ideas. These hands-on activities include:
• Innovation Force® Campers team up with the Innovation Force (NIHF Inductees as superheroes) to battle the evil Plagiarizer, a supervillain who is out to steal the world’s greatest inventions.

• Face-painting, coloring, games, kids’ arts and crafts tables, free stickers, lollipops and information available from civic groups and other organizations.

• Poster contest for all grade levels; winners announced at 10:45 a.m.

• Raffle each hour for environmental books and other items, proceeds go to North Georgia Conservation Coalition.

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• When: Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Unfettered political criticism of white-collar crime investigations combined with facile allegations of fake news are killing America’s trust in institutions necessary to the health of our republic.

In combination, the criticisms and allegations are often public in tone and freedom of the press. Each time a leader dis- counts an article or online news item as fake, or if it is perceived to be fake, public trust in the news media is lost. Each time a leader shoots down a question about an investigation which findings are not yet known, he steps away from public trust in law enforcement. Eventually, the question will undermine and render ineffective the things we must count on to keep our republic strong—a free press and justice.

Excellent news is not in fake. There are legions of media members working diligently to keep us informed. But some of what we hear is fake, and that is not a new phenomenon. However, the size and reach and intensity of misinformation and propaganda grow every day. Only the most isolated individuals who try to live off-the-grid are immune to its effects, but the price they pay is incalculable. Governments funded by and for the people depend upon an electorate that is not ignorant.

The fault lies with our leaders and with us, especially we who use small social media platforms. In ignorance we forward or repeat or repost a news item or allegation we agree with but have not verified we added to the forces creating evil at public confidence.

But opposed to these forces, local and national law enforcement and legitimate news media work diligently and honestly to protect us. They urge us to think critically and to demand what we know is going on—on our government and the private forces of fraud working for self-aggrandizement. Across our nation and around the world, dedicated men and women strive to expose and bring to justice those who take advantage and to deliver the public trust.

We are now reading incisive books at law enforcement and the media do some of their work. Alternatively they are from the perspectives of insiders who want to present themselves and their organizations in the best light, and they are limited in scope, but both books offer hope to those who want to think and believe the organizations they write about are not unique.

Professor Nathan, the former US attorney for the southern district of New York, has written, “Doing Justice: A Prosecutor’s Thoughts on Crime, Prosecution and the Rule of Law.” He describes the workings and the morality of a prosecutor’s office as it investigates and decides whether to prosecute—a phrase which so often is critical to justice and democracy.

“Truth in Our Times” is by David E. McCraw, Jay Sekulow general counsel for “The New York Times.” The book’s subtitle, “Inside the Fight for Press Freedom in the Age of Alternative Facts” only hints at its scope. It is easy to claim that an article or issue is fake, but it is so difficult to prove that it is not. McCraw gives his readers some insight into the factual and legal considerations behind the decisions to publish or not publish.

From both authors we can see that working in law enforcement or the press is not for the weak of heart. On local level, one would be hard pressed to find a more revealing statement of the ethics behind the legal system than the March 3 “Ptolemaic Progress” article “In the Woods” editor Dan Pool describes mistakes in a previous edition and the effort he and his staff made to make amends.

However, “It’s not for the big stomachs—those who are afraid of accuracy. We know that everything in the paper is important. To be correct, “We continue,” They recognize that it’s a good thing people are being held up to mistakes in the Progress. They show they are reading and reading closely, and they are concerned about what is printed.

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