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# Will merger wreck the recs?

## Dalton, Whitfield considering combining recreation depts.

By JAMIE JONES

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First the public works department, then the building departments. Now, officials with the city of Dalton and Whitfield County are considering combining their recreation departments.

The county recreation steering committee and other residents will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. to discuss the possible merger. The meeting

will be in the county's Administrative Building No. 2 at the corner of King and Selvidge streets. It is open to the public.

Sammy Silvers is eager to hear more about those plans. Silvers is a member of the recreation steering committee, a former president of the Westside Athletic Association and a current coach in the program.

"I haven't heard a lot," Silvers said. "So naturally I'll have to go and listen to the pros and cons.

Like everything, it will have its good points and its bad points. Anytime you do something like that, you're going to have some people who are happy and some who aren't. As far as recreation goes, I don't see why it couldn't work."

Silvers believes having a combined recreation department could bring more equity to the entire county.

"There are some communities that need some help," Silvers said. "So maybe if they pool the money together it might be a little better as far as taking care of fields because you have a lot of parents

## WHAT'S NEXT

Could the city of Dalton and Whitfield County recreation departments be joining forces? The county recreation steering committee will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Administrative Building No. 2 at the corner of King and Selvidge streets to discuss a possible merger. The meeting is open to the public.

that are doing things now and some communities are slacking in that

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## TAKE DOWN

Harrison Jones, left, 7, tries to take down his brother Hunter Jones, 9, right, as Abel Nuñez, 8, back, comes in to join the fray at one of the booths at the Westwood Roundup Saturday. For the 32nd year the elementary school held its major fundraiser with all proceeds going back into the school to support programs and resources for all students.

## MURRAY SCHOOLS Employees facing pay cuts

By RACHEL BROWN

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Murray County school employees might see their salaries or number of paid days cut as part of the school system's effort to reduce next year's budget by \$6.3 million.

Finance director Steve Loughridge said school board members will be asked at their Thursday work session to consider a proposal that would cut five days from classified — non-teaching — employees' work schedules next school year and would also reduce the local teacher salary supplement from an additional 9 percent of their minimum state salary to 7 percent. The changes would take effect in

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# Unfinished business faces body in final days

By CHARLES OLIVER

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With just three days left in the 2009 session, members of the Georgia General Assembly still have quite a bit of work to finish, including the budget for fiscal year 2010, which begins July 1.

The House of Representatives has passed its version of the 2010

budget. At \$18 billion, it's \$3 billion less than the 2009 budget lawmakers passed last year, though they had to carve that budget up substantially this year because of the downturn in the economy.

Most agencies took a 10 percent cut, but education was cut 3 per-



cent. State Rep. Roger Williams, R-Dalton, said the cuts could have been worse if not for federal stimulus money the state received.

"I think we've got a little over \$3 billion so far, and a lot of that went to Medicaid. We avoided Medicaid

cuts," he said. "The rest of it is going to be on road projects and infrastructure primarily."

Sen. Don Thomas, R-Dalton, says he expects the Senate will approve a budget on Monday.

But Williams said that doesn't leave much time to work out any

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# Famous French artist's work now hangs at Dalton's CRI

By JAMIE JONES

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Carpet is usually relegated to the floor, unwittingly trampled on by passers-bys, not hung on a wall displayed as art.

But not all carpet was designed by acclaimed French artist Henri Matisse.

The family of the late Robert Saunders, a former carpet industry executive, recently donated a limited edition Matisse-designed

Rug designed by Henri Matisse now hangs in Werner Braun's office at the Carpet and Rug Institute.

rug to the Carpet and Rug Institute in Dalton. Matisse created the pattern, named "Mimosa," in 1951 for New York-based Alexander Smith Carpets. It was the only design Matisse ever made specifically for carpet.

For years, the 3-by-5 foot rug hung in Saunders' home office. Today, it hangs in the office of CRI president Werner Braun.

"We all grew up with that rug hanging on the wall and we knew there was something special about it," said Prudence Pitcock, one of Saunders' daughters. "It was a limited edition of 500, daddy had always

obviously treasured it and it always hung over his desk."

How Saunders acquired the rug is a mystery to the family. Saunders worked for Alexander Smith Carpets in New York. In 1955, Alexander Smith Carpets merged with Mohawk Carpets to form Mohasco Industries. Pitcock believes the carpet was given to him in the 1950s.

After Saunders passed away in December 2008 at the age of 91, Pitcock and her sisters decided the rug should "go somewhere where it would be appreciated."

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**TODAY'S FORUM**

**Note: Please keep your comments as brief as possible. Get to the point! Longer comments should be submitted as letters to the editor. If you include a name, please spell it. Call (706) 272-7748 to reach Today's Forum.**

"I moved to Dalton in 1956 and remember the Star Cafe on Morris Street. Harold Stone could make some of the best homemade chili."

"Most Southern Democrats are decent, honest people. But they don't know who runs the Democratic Party — the most vile, win-at-any costs liberals."

"The reason our democracy is maybe not functioning as it should is because we have an oligarchy in this country."

"I noticed that the traffic light camera program is losing money. But we have heard from the politicians that the camera wasn't to raise money, it was for safety. So, how much is our safety worth?"

"I thought the traffic cameras where up there for public safety. Now they want to take them down?"

"The Jolly Roger in Ellijay may not be owned by Bill Boyle now. But he started it."

"A town the size of Dalton can have a Baskin-Robbins and it did. But it kept getting robbed and so the owners, after being put into the cooler one too many times, decided to close it down."

"All you cronies that are putting down president Obama, ain't you got other things to do? He's going to be our president for the next four years whether you like it or not so you better get used to it."

"I don't trust the police. They lie too much."

"I can't figure out whether Democrats are incompetent or just slow learners."

"Isakson and Deal must read our Forum since they decided to visit. Unfortunately, I can't afford \$18 to hear what they have to say."

"Does anyone remember City Snack next door to the U.S. Cafe on Hamilton Street?"

"It's a sad day in Dalton. Dalton lost one of its firefighters, Andy Reed, to cancer."

"A moron got to be president of the United States of America because Oprah Winfrey and other morons like her helped buy the election for him."

"I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but every welder at the new Volkswagen plant will be a robot."

"I wish people would quit complaining about Scott Chitwood's picture. I live in Murray County and find him quite pleasing to the eye."

"We want to thank Grant Miller for stopping when my granddaughter ran in a ditch. We really appreciate his kindness."

"Does anyone remember Jones Restaurant? They had the best steak biscuits in town."

"Thank you Mr. Editor for printing what I called in."

"Would someone please tell me why I'm the cause of the Mexican drug problem? Hillary thinks that it's all our fault."

"I passed three places yesterday that said they were hiring. Sounds like times are getting better to me."

"J.T. Finley did a great job of speaking at the Social Work Club about Big Brothers Big Sisters."

"I remember Bob's Waffle Shop, too. I worked there in the 1950s."

"Have many of you poor people out there received any of the stimulus money?"

"Why do you print these malicious, idiotic comments from these rednecks who probably can't read, much less contribute to a newspaper?"

"Bob's Waffle Shop was on Hamilton Street next to the Crescent Theatre, not the Wink Theatre. Bob's Snack Bar was next to the Wink Theatre."

"Fishing puts several billion dollars a year into the economy, but you won't put the lake levels or the water temperatures in the paper, but you'll put that dadgum pro wrestling in there and everybody knows it ain't nothing but a joke."

"I just left the Sonic restaurant. I wanted to try those new chili cheese tater tots. The picture on the menu made it look like they were in a bowl the size of a shoe box. I paid \$2.59 for seven tater tots, a spoonful of chili and three little slivers of cheese. I'm not happy."

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**Black, 'iCarly' win at Kids Choice Awards**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "iCarly" has downloaded the first blimp-shaped trophy at the Kids Choice Awards. The Web-centric comedy picked up the award for favorite TV show at the 22nd annual slime-filled Nickelodeon spectacle at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.

Other early winners Saturday are "Guitar Hero World Tour" for video game and "Wizards of Waverly Place" star Selena Gomez as TV actress.

The hijinks kicked off with host and "Race to Witch Mountain" star Dwayne Johnson zip-lining over the audience of screaming teens and tweens into a "slime temple." Johnson proceeded to spray the first row with gooey green slime. Last year's host, Jack Black, picked up the trophy for favorite voice from an animated film for "Kung Fu Panda."

**LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR MARCH 28**  
**Georgia:** Midday Cash 3: 7-9-9, Cash 4: 5-9-3-6, Evening Cash 3: 2-9-9 Win for Life results are not available.  
**Tennessee:** Midday Cash 3: 6-8-9, Lucky Sum: 23; Cash 4: 4-3-0-6; Lucky Sum: 13; Evening Cash 3: 3-7-4; Lucky Sum 14; Cash 4: 8-0-5-8, Lucky Sum: 21

**Portion of MLK to be closed for wreck reconstruction**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

All lanes of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Spencer Street and Easterling Street will be closed on Tuesday between 1 and 5 p.m. so the Dalton Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit can reconstruct the automobile accident that occurred there on Sunday, March 22.

East-bound traffic on MLK will be detoured around the area by traveling north on Spencer Street, east on Underwood Street, south on Meeting Street and then back to MLK.

West-bound traffic on MLK will be detoured around the area traveling north on Meeting Street, west on Underwood Street, south on Spencer Street and then back to MLK.

**Assembly: Three more days**

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differences in conference.

"We will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday," said Williams. "We, by joint resolution, could extend or recess another week and save that last day to April 10 or something and give us time to act on the budget."

But even after lawmakers sign off on the 2010 budget, their work for the year may not be finished. Some leaders of the General Assembly have said they may have to have a special session later this year, if the economy continues to decline, to change that budget.

"We may have to come back, but if we do, it will probably be sometime around August or September after we get the revenue figures for the next few months," Williams said. "If it continues to decline, we may have to come back."

While the budget remains the Legislature's biggest piece of unfinished business,

there are some other major items remaining on the agenda.

Gov. Sonny Perdue, for instance, has been pushing a plan to overhaul the state's transportation system, stripping the Department of Transportation and the State Transportation Board of much of their power and giving it to a new board. The Senate narrowly approved that plan earlier this month.

"I still firmly believe we don't need another authority under any circumstances. DOT can be straightened out with the right people in there," Williams said.

Many House members seem to share that view, and Speaker Glenn Richardson reportedly will offer an alternative to Perdue's plan.

"He has talked about it. But I haven't seen it yet," Williams said.

Lawmakers must also decide on two different plans to boost transportation funding. House members have supported a bill that would

ask voters to approve a 1 percent sales tax to fund transportation. Senate members have backed a bill that would allow counties to band together to create a regional transportation tax.

"That hasn't been resolved yet," Williams said.

Thomas' bill to require adults riding in pickup trucks to wear seat belts passed the Senate earlier this year. But on Tuesday, the House Consumer Affairs Subcommittee voted to reject the measure. Yet Thomas says the measure isn't dead.

"That committee could vote to reconsider it on Monday. That's a possibility. We are hoping for that," he said. "Or we could put it on as an amendment to other bills that have come from the House and send it to conference committee between the House and Senate. We are determined to do what is best for the people and save lives. And we hope to convince people this is right."

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Commissioners won't meet Monday**

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners will not hold a work session or special called meeting on Monday.

**Isakson, Deal here on April 7**

"Breakfast with Johnny and Nathan" will feature a congressional update from U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson and U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal on Tuesday, April 7, at 8:30 a.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. The event is sponsored by the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.

The room opens for seating at 7:45 a.m. and the breakfast buffet will open at 8. Isakson and Deal will allow time for a question and answer session.

The cost is \$18 per person and space is limited. To purchase tickets call the chamber at (706) 278-7373 or go online at www.daltonchamber.org. The ticket deadline is Monday and no tickets will be sold at the door.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Micheal Kennedy  
**AGE:** 36  
**HOME:** Cartersville  
**FAMILY:** Single  
**WORK:** Quality Care for Children inclusion coordinator  
**PLAY:** Traveling, relaxing, visiting local attractions, enjoying life  
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**AREA ARRESTS**

- Linda Kay Elmore, 54, 4055 Keith Valley Road, Cohutta, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamines.
- Joseph Anthony Findley, 42, 4156-50 Highway 225 North, Chatsworth, was charged Friday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to drive within single lane.
- Janie Diane Flood, 57, 830 Parson Road, Chatsworth, was charged Friday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI and failure to obey traffic control.
- Jorge Humberto Perez-Diaz, 25, 3832 13th Ave. Chattanooga, was charged Friday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, failure to drive within single lane, littering and driving without a license.
- Paul Carlton Crutchfield, 38, 505 Ridge Pointe Lane, Cohutta, was charged Saturday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with DUI, failure to stop for a stop sign and following too closely.
- Christopher Cody Green, 23, 54 Old Grade Road, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of tools for the commission of a crime, DUI and tag light illumination required.
- Armando Hernandez Aguilar, 28, 2611 S. Dixie Highway, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine.
- Anna Hernandez, 23, 3510 Buford Highway, Atlanta, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, striking unattended vehicle, reckless driving and driving without a license.
- Julie Michelle Jackson, 26, 867 Cotton Circle, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, possession of marijuana (misdemeanor) and failure to drive within single lane.
- Joshua David Matthews, 19, no address listed, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to drive within single lane.
- Jacquelyn Suzell Springer, 21, 1805 Delesseps Ave., Savannah, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.
- Gary Steve Stephens, 44, 2863 Dug Gap Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, failure to drive within single lane, too fast for conditions, turning position signals required, required position and methods of turning at intersections and reckless driving.
- Luis Vasquez, 25, 1515 Byron St., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and impeding traffic flow.

# Indian expert to speak at Dalton College

**SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

Theda Perdue from the University of North Carolina will deliver a lecture titled "Indians in the Segregated South, 1865-1965" on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Goodroe Auditorium of Memorial Hall.

The lecture, sponsored by the college's Fine Arts and Lecture Series, is free and open to the public.

Perdue, who earned her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Georgia, has taught at UNC-Chapel Hill for more than a decade and currently serves as the Atlanta Distinguished Term

Professor of Southern Culture.

"We are most fortunate to have a scholar of her stature to speak to our students on a topic that generates a great deal of local interest," said John Hutcheson, vice president of academic affairs at Dalton State. "Her talk should be of interest to students, many of whom have been exploring the topic of multiculturalism this year, and to community members who are interested in the rich Native American heritage



Perdue

that surrounds us in northwest Georgia."

An expert on the Native American peoples who populated the southeastern United States, Perdue is the author of several books, including "Cherokee Women: Gender and Culture Change, 1700-1835," published in 1995, which won the Julia Cherry Spruill Award for the best book in Southern women's history and the James Mooney Prize for the best book on the anthropology of the South.

She also authored "The Columbia Guide to American Indians of the Southeast, The Cherokee Nation and the Trail of Tears," and co-authored "Mixed Blood Indians: Racial

Construction in the Early South" with Michael D. Green. She has edited or co-edited six books, including "Sifters: The Lives of Native American Women."

Perdue has held a number of fellowships including for the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Newberry Library and the Rockefeller Foundation. She has served as president for both the Southern Association for Women Historians (1985-1986) and for the American Society for Ethnohistory (2001).

For more information about the lecture, please call (706) 272-4469.

## Murray: Cutbacks

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the fiscal year that begins July 1. "I hate to lose that part of the supplement, but if it keeps everybody working right now, with the economy the way it is, I think we need to be more concerned about keeping our jobs," said Carla Akins, a second-grade teacher at Northwest Elementary School and president of the Murray Association of Educators.

School board members say they're looking to cut the budget from about \$60 million to \$54 million. The cuts are necessary because of a combination of state funding cuts, an expected decrease in enrollment, a shrinking local tax digest, and increased operating costs, Loughridge said.

"My preference is to first cut things and to second of all cut personnel," said board member Becky Whaley. "When 85 percent of your budget is salaries, and (with) the fact that we have to cut (\$6.3 million), there's almost no way we can get around making some cuts in personnel; but exactly who and what has not been decided."

Chairman Greg Shoemaker said the board's three-person finance committee met on March 19 to listen to principals' suggestions and discuss options. Once the state Legislature adjourns Friday, it'll be easier to make budget decisions, he said.

"It's hard to do anything until we know what they're going to allocate to us," Shoemaker said. "Right now, we're just looking at different options."

Fred Gould, director of the Georgia Association of Educators chapter that includes Murray County, said the GAE wants any decisions affecting personnel to be done "fairly and equitably."

"From an economics standpoint, we're always open to looking at any options an employer may have," he said. "But we're always going to have questions on whether this is the only cut that might be made."

Akins said the Murray Association of Educators proposed a policy that would ensure all teachers are treated fairly in case there is a reduction in force. The school board has

already approved retirements, resignations and a couple of terminations for 33 teaching positions members don't plan to fill next year.

Akins presented the rubric at the board's March 9 meeting out of concern that students' standardized test scores would be used to determine which teachers are rehired. So far, she said she hasn't received a response.

Superintendent Vickie Reed did not return several phone and e-mail messages seeking comment.

There are 621 certified employees and 468 classified employees.

The school system had a \$1.7 million budget deficit last year but was able to cover it with its fund balance, Loughridge said. The projected fund balance at the end of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, is \$500,000. The property tax rate — \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 in property value — is currently 15.5 mills and hasn't been increased in at least five years. There is no proposal to change it, several board members said.

Other budget cuts officials are considering are putting off bus purchases, a \$300,000 savings; eliminating positions for the director of pupil services, director of maintenance and chief information officer by not filling those vacancies or moving employees to other positions, a \$260,000 savings; eliminating substitute sign-in software, a \$13,700 savings; decreasing classroom expense items by \$300,000; paying for about \$450,000 with revenue from other sources like the federal stimulus package; and using the school food service budget to pay for some of its own facilities.

Murray joins other area school systems in facing budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year. Whitfield County Schools officials haven't announced how much they plan to cut their budget, but have said they expect \$6.4 million less in state funding next year. They're planning for 34.5 fewer teaching positions. Dalton Public Schools officials on March 9 approved more than \$5 million in cuts for the upcoming year, including a reduction in the number of paid days for most employees.

## 'Strut Your Mutt' today at park

"Strut Your Mutt" is today at 2 p.m. at Edwards Park on Cleveland Highway.

Registration is \$30. The fee includes the walk, a T-shirt and

goody bag.

For more information, call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706) 226-5002.



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The family of the late Robert Saunders recently donated a rug designed by French painter Henri Matisse to the Carpet and Rug Institute. Pictured from left are Prudence Pitcock, Saunders' daughter; Wade Pitcock, CRI president Werner Braun and the Pitcock's son George.

## Rug: Designed by Matisse

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A close friend of Saunders, Mac Ryland, got the family in touch with Braun. Because of Saunders' involvement with the carpet industry and Dalton's claim as "The Carpet Capital of the World," Pitcock said, "We felt like it would be a perfect match."

Braun agreed. "We are honored that the family of Robert Saunders chose the Carpet and Rug Institute to receive this beautiful rug," Braun said. "Apart from its monetary value, it reminds us all of the potential for beauty and creativity carpets and rugs offer the world."

An article by Scripps Howard News Service estimated the carpet's worth between \$3,500 and \$4,500 for insurance-replacement

value.

On a trip to the United States in the early 1950s, company representatives with Alexander Smith Carpets asked Matisse if he was interested in expressing his artistic ability onto carpets. In 1951, Matisse completed the design and Alexander Smith Carpets produced it. At the time of its creation, Matisse said of the rug, "I want to recapture the freshness of vision which is characteristic of extreme youth; when all the world is new."

The carpet design also made an impact on the art world. Edgar Kaufmann Jr., at the time a design consultant at the New York Museum of Modern Art in New York City, wrote an appreciation of "Mimosa."

"This trans-Atlantic collaboration required imagina-

tion and skills on both sides," Kaufmann wrote. "The result is an extraordinary work of art in which the resources of modern industry seem effortlessly combined with the exciting, poetic statement of a great artist."

Saunders began his floor-covering career before World War II. After serving in the war, Saunders resumed his career and served as president of two Mohawk Industries' subsidiaries in the 1950s. He is credited with helping launch the first large Southern carpet mills for Mohawk: the Dixiana Mills in Dillon, S.C., and the Oak River plant in Bennettsville, S.C. Saunders retired in 1982 as vice president with the Atlanta office of Kurt Salmon Associates, an international consultancy for retail and health care facilities.

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### OTHER VIEWS

## Keeping medically unfit truckers out of the cab

Federal and state officials are slowly getting up to speed on a system to verify that truckers who operate big rigs are medically qualified to do so. But in the meantime, according to an investigation by Scripps television stations, tens of thousands of drivers remain on the road despite disqualifying medical conditions — heart disease, serious neurological problems, sleep disorders.

The investigation turned up disturbing figures that suggest the scope of the problem.

Federal highway safety officials reported in 2007 that heart attacks or other physical impairments were responsible for 4,000 serious truck crashes from April 2001 through December 2003 and another 5,000 by drivers falling asleep, often due to sleep apnea. Federal investigators say that more than 560,000 holders of commercial driver's licenses are receiving full medical disability payments from the government. An investigation last summer found that one out of three medical certificates examined at roadside stops could not be verified — either because the doctor signing the certificate could not be located or because the doctor denied ever performing the exam.

The big rigs are well into the electronic age, but the system that monitors their drivers' health has lagged far behind. Federal and state regulations require truckers to have periodic medical exams and carry the certificate of that exam with them. The certificates are surprisingly easy to fake and the current system relies on the honesty of the drivers and the doctors with little in the way of double checks.

But new federal regs will require drivers to send copies of their medical certificates to their state DMVs for entry into an accessible national database that is to be fully up and running in 2012.

The U.S. Department of Transportation also plans on having a newly trained force of 40,000 examiners to certify drivers at least every two years. They will be required to file an electronic report on each exam they do, providing a crosscheck with the driver's certificate.

The new system is not foolproof, but it will be a considerable improvement and be safer for both the truckers and the motorists with whom they share the roads.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### UpperRoom Mission needs support

To the editor:

Please allow me the time to share with your readers an exciting opportunity that is right here in our midst in Dalton. The opportunity that I refer to is the UpperRoom Mission located next to the Waugh Street bridge.

For the past 20 years, Billy Smith, who for years wrote "The Cry From The Highway" article in The Daily Citizen, has provided the leadership for this ministry. Billy, along with the help of many volunteers and local churches, has ministered to hundreds of hurting people by providing food, clothing, counseling and worship services. As an example, it has been estimated that over the past year close to 10,000 meals were served on a regular scheduled basis, and church services offered every Sunday. The mission also annually sponsors a Christmas party where hundreds of needy people are served a hot meal and given a Christmas gift, plus a take-home bag of food. In addition, the mission provides transportation to many that live in outlying areas.

Those ministered to range in age from babies to the elderly living on very minimal incomes. Some are homeless or semi-homeless but just like John Buckner's mission song says, "They are all people just like you and me." Amazingly, all of the above, plus the normal operating expenses, i.e. rent, utilities, insurance, etc. was accomplished on a mere budget of \$23,450 for last year thanks to the many volunteers that have made this possible and plus the fact the mission has no paid staff.

Now, let me give you the reason for sharing this with you. As most all of your readers know, we are now in a time when many of our friends and neighbors have been laid off or had their hours cut, with new jobs being almost impossible to find. As a result, those requiring help by the mission have been steadily increasing. Our base of volunteers has remained strong but the financial needs have been increasing faster than our donations, leaving the mission in need of operating capital.

In order to help in this area, the mission will be sponsoring a fund raiser on Saturday, April 4, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Walmart on Shugart Road in Dalton. Hot dogs, soft drinks and homemade brownies and cookies baked by Grove Level's best lady cooks will be sold and donations large or small will be accepted. Please stop by and see us.

If you can't join us on Saturday, but would like to help, please send your donation to the UpperRoom Mission, P.O. Box 4120, Dalton, GA 30721.

Thank you for your consideration and help.

**Wayne Snyder**  
Volunteer for the UpperRoom Mission

## WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

2 Corinthians 9:6

# Feeling my years

My baby girl turned 4 on Friday.

She is ecstatic. Me? Not so much.

Rowan seems to think she's now old enough to drive a car and smoke cigars and get her own credit card.

Me? I want it all to just slow down.

I don't want to lose the little girl who swells up with pride when she uses a new word for mommy and daddy.

I don't want to lose the little girl who thinks the most fun thing in the world is to "rassle" — not wrestle — her old man on the bed, pounding each other with pillows.

I don't want to lose the little girl who squeals with delight when Dad turns on a Tweety Bird and Sylvester cartoon, or dishes out popicles or tells her a made-up-on-the-spot story about Lucy the Giraffe or the "Adventures of the Four Brave Girls."

It's going too fast.

A lot of dads have felt that way and most seem to have survived the inevitable transition. That should make me feel better. I guess.

Judge Jack Partain once told me what a thrill it was to have a baby girl. He was right. What he didn't tell me is that there comes a day when maybe Dad is NOT the "Coolest Person in Town" anymore.

Another friend told me a story about taking his daughter to Georgia to begin her freshman year. It was smooth sailing all day, until he returned home and looked at his baby girl's empty bedroom.

Boom.

The tears flowed.

I've still got some time left as the Coolest Person in Town. But the clock is ticking and I know it.

That said, I am the proudest

father in the world.

Four years ago the doctor held a dangling, screaming, red-faced brat up and let me look her over.

I fell instantly, head-over-heels in love with that bellowing creature.



**Jimmy Espy**

"You're not going to believe how beautiful she is," I told my wife, barely able to speak.

Four years later, she still has that effect on me.

You should have received our annual Progress edition in your paper on Friday, At 72-pages, it will likely be the biggest special section we produce this year.

Times are tough for a lot of our advertisers and this Progress is smaller than issues of the past. However, I still think there's plenty of good reading in there.

In some ways we produced a more traditional Progress this year, focusing more on business, government and the economy than in the last few years.

We also asked several government, business and civic leaders to contribute guest columns. They came through and their efforts added immeasurably to the final product.

If you didn't get a paper on Friday and would like to check out Progress, please come by our office on Thornton Avenue.

Issues are available for only 50 cents.

The Forum continues to draw a lot of interest from readers. People are not shy about flagging me down on the street and telling me what they think. I appreciate the input.

Most folks seems to like the Forum, or at least most folks who speak up do.

I like it myself, though it is a very time-consuming and sometimes frustrating feature to put together every day.

The Forum offers an easy way for people to have their say on just about any matter they want to comment on. We've got a few common sense rules, but for the most part it's a catch-as-catch-can proposition.

Some callers grow frustrated when their comments don't get posted. Why isn't everything published? Here are the top reasons:

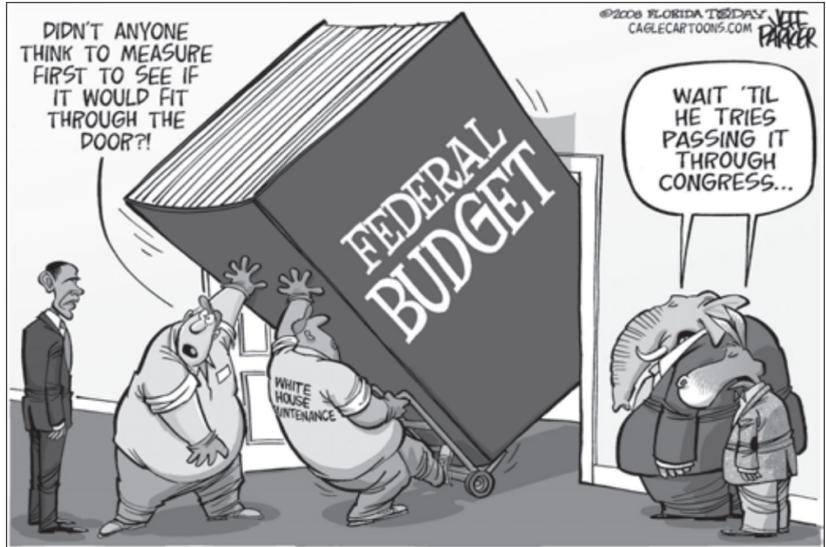
1. Caller didn't get to the point.
2. Caller mumbled or was hard to understand.
3. Caller called repeatedly on the same day.
4. Caller was unacceptably rude or used offensive language.
5. I don't like the cut of your jib.

OK, just kidding about No. 5. Personally, I don't care what your views are, where you are from, where you went to school, who you voted for, who you are related to or how much money you have in the bank.

Keep it clean. Stay on point.

See you in the funny papers.

**Jimmy Espy is executive editor of The Daily Citizen.**



# Will Obama's media blitz work?

I fully expect the next "Law and Order" or "CSI" or "24" episode to feature an embattled president racing against time trying to boost national economic confidence. It will star, as himself, Barack Obama.

Then, we'll see Obama singing on "American Idol," twirling on "Dancing With the Stars" and dissecting the American psyche while sitting on Oprah's sofa.

In his unprecedented virtual town hall meeting on whitehouse.gov, Obama strode around the East Room totally at home with his microphone while batting softball questions (what about the nurses, what about the jobless and what about the next generation).

A total of 92,925 people submitted questions of the what-are-you-going-to-do-about-education ilk two days after he held a news conference in the same room. They were the same questions desperate Americans asked Obama on the campaign trail.

His goal for this 24/7 media blitz? Reach every American with his message that we must teach our children to compete in high-skills jobs, provide health insurance for everyone, work toward energy independence and, most of all, persuade those recalcitrant Republicans and renegade Democrats in Congress to pass his \$3.7 trillion budget.

It's impossible to keep up with the financial twists and turns of this all-consuming recession. The up-again, down-again stock market does not make sense. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner is either an all-but-fired nincompoop or a rising star with a head on his shoulders.

Our rage against AIG bonuses is either attributable to inchoate mob rage or reasoned reaction to incomprehensible greed. Capitalism is either dead or just taking a break. Obama is either recklessly spending money we don't have (and never will have) or is carefully preparing the nation's infrastructure for the future. More tax cuts are either essential or good money after bad.

The new GOP budget plan is — surprise, surprise — a return to the myopic Bush era of more tax cuts for the rich and more spending on defense and less on everything else.



**Ann McFeatters**

If there was one overarching message out of Obama's online town hall meeting (aside from the disproportional demand that Obama weigh in on whether legalized marijuana could boost the economy; he said no), it is that he holds no hope that this recession will end this year. Even if the picture is brightening, job creation and housing starts wont begin in earnest for many, many months.

Low-skill, low-wage jobs that went overseas will not come back, he candidly told a woman from Georgia. And they shouldn't, he went on, because there will always be countries that pay less than America's minimum wage, and Americans can't live in this society on those wages, not even in the tent cities that are starting to spring up in warmer regions. The solution is to improve our schools so that our students are once again the most competent, most productive workers on earth.

(The issue of the productivity of millions of employees using their office computers during work hours to watch Obama was not addressed.)

Persistence, education and hard work are the virtues we should be striving for, he keeps saying.

That's not bad advice for tumultuous times. But what that also means is that there is no silver bullet for our economic woes (and, despite what he says, his budget is not a one-size-fits-all panacea). Without jobs, all the other goodies are beyond our grasp.

We are almost certainly on the cusp of a new, back-to-our-roots economy where it's individual hard work, imagination and innovation that each family and each small business must have to survive.

In other words, everything old is new again, and Obama is our new Dr. Phil, our new Benjamin Franklin, our new FDR; our new Pied Piper.

But, in the end, it will be up to us to put the pieces together again. And, that, too, is Obama's 24/7 message: We've done it before; we can do it again. It's all about hard work and confidence.

**Scripps Howard columnist Ann McFeatters has covered the White House and national politics since 1986. E-mail amcfeatters@nationalpress.com**

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Sunday, March 29**, the 88th day of 2009. There are 277 days left in the year.

#### Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

#### On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1867, Britain's Parliament passed the British North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1959, the Billy Wilder farce "Some Like It Hot," starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, opened in New York.

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.)

**Ten years ago:** NATO air strikes against Yugoslavia continued for a sixth night.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush welcomed seven former Soviet-bloc nations (Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Latvia and Estonia) into NATO during a White House ceremony.

**One year ago:** Anti-American Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his followers to defy orders from the Iraqi government to surrender their weapons.

**Today's Birthdays:** Political commentator John McLaughlin is 82. Comedian Eric Idle is 66. Olympic gymnast Kurt Thomas is 53. Actor Christopher Lambert is 52. Rock singer Perry Farrell (Porno for Pyros; Jane's Addiction) is 50. Comedian-actress Amy Sedaris is 48. Model Elle Macpherson is 46. Rock singer-musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 42. Actress Lucy Lawless is 41. Country singer Regina Leigh (Regina Regina) is 41. Country singer Brady Seals is 40.

# Arts Expo spotlights seniors

**SUBMITTED BY THE CREATIVE ARTS GUILD**

The 46th Annual Student Arts Expo concludes Friday with the Senior Show featuring seniors from Dalton Public Schools, Murray and Whitfield County schools at the Creative Arts Guild.

Each year the Expo runs for four consecutive weeks and includes exhibits by pre-K through fifth grade, sixth through eighth, ninth through 11th and concludes with the 12th grade in the Guild's main gallery and Gallery 111.

Student Arts Expo provides a unique opportunity for children in our area to have a "real life" gallery experience where they show their work and celebrate with family and friends at each week's opening reception.

Additionally each week, ribbons for first, second, third and honorable mentions are awarded.

Schools may also submit collaborative works to compete in the "Art Together" category. Art Together winners receive a cash prize to be used by the art teacher of their program and are sponsored by the O.N. Jonas Foundation; created and funded in Oscar Jonas' memory to ensure the arts are a part of our children's curriculum.

This week's Expo, featuring area seniors, has a very special component in



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**Liz Burciaga, left, and Molly Parker install their art work for the Student Arts Expo Senior Exhibit that opens Friday.**

addition to the above mentioned awards. The Bernice Spigel Prize for excellence in the visual arts are awarded. The criterion includes an evident commitment to the arts as well as strong artistic skill, concept, origi-

nality, composition, and use of the medium. The work will be judged this year by Guild art instructor Bradley Wilson and co-founder of the Spigel Prize Robert Webb.

The senior show reception will be Friday as part of the Guild's Gallery 111 First Friday Series. The main gallery will feature area seniors and Gallery 111 will feature Dalton High School's International Baccalaureate (IB) art student Stephanie You.

First Fridays at the Guild feature local, area and emerging artist each first Friday of the month with a month-long exhibit.

In an effort to expand the gallery experience in our area, the Guild and Michael's Fine Art & Framing shop are joining efforts to expand First Fridays into a gallery hop titled "Show Your Art." Show Your Art is the brainchild of Michael Thacker, owner/operator of Michael's Fine Art & Framing.

This Friday, in addition to the Guild's show,

Michael's will feature artist Ned Albright.

Albright works with found objects to create assemblages.

"Recycling materials create fun, whimsical and imaginative pieces I've named RejunkXtification," said Albright. Michael's will also be serving food prepared by Michael Cook of Amici's and feature live acoustic music.

In support of and in collaboration with Show Your Art First Friday is Planet of the Grapes. The Planet, as locals refer to it, is a downtown restaurant and wine bar that features a culinary experience and original art work for sale.

This Friday Terry Coggins "The Planet Piano Man" will be performing. Thomas Friedham and Gwynne Shippey, Planet creators and owners, have created a wonderful atmosphere for dining or simply hanging out with friends and enjoying the music. The Planet also offers patio seating in good weather.

"It is our hope that folks will kick off their weekend with visit to the Guild, Michaels Fine Art & Framing, and hopefully conclude their evening at The Planet of the Grapes," said Terry Tomasello, Guild executive director.

"It truly is a great way to start the weekend and celebrate the quality of life we have. Supporting local organizations is vital especially during these tough, economic time. And I am proud of our First Friday effort as we strive to offer free and low cost entertainment to our area," Tomasello said.

First Fridays are free and open to the public. Call the Guild at 706-278-0168 or visit its Web site at [www.creativeartsguild.org](http://www.creativeartsguild.org) for more information on all the Guild has to offer.

The Creative Arts Guild is the oldest multidisciplinary community arts organization in the state of Georgia. The Guild is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. GCA receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

# Recs: Merging?

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area. They just don't have the support and the parent base that's willing to do things."

Since both city and county governments are facing budget problems because of a soft economy, officials are searching for ways to cut costs. The county, for example, is facing a \$4 million revenue shortfall, has a hiring freeze on large departments, has delayed some capital projects and may furlough employees one day a month later in the year. Commissioner Mike Cowan supports consolidating as many city/county services as possible to avoid duplicating services. Although talks are preliminary, momentum is building among city and county officials to merge more departments in the future, commission chairman Mike Babb said.

"We just have to make sure the recreation department keeps the quality that the citizens of Dalton and Whitfield County are accustomed to," Babb said. "When you look at the entire county, and when a third of the citizens live in the city, if it's fair for a third of the county you have to consider if it's fair for everyone else."

Much of the plan has not yet been ironed out. City and county officials haven't decided on staffing levels, how the new department would be funded or which commission would oversee operations. The city recreation board is governed by a five-person commission. The county has a 15-member steering committee that gives recommendations to the county commission.

Dalton City Councilman Dick Lowrey said he hasn't heard many details about the plan.

"If it's something that makes sense and we can do it, even if it doesn't save a lot of money, I think just the positive aspect of the city and county working together is something we both can mutually benefit from, then it's a good thing," Lowrey said.

Dalton voters last fall

approved a referendum that changed how the city recreation department is funded. A 1 mill tax previously raised funding for the department. Now, the recreation department's budget is set by the City Council. The 1 mill tax generated about \$3.7 million of the department's \$4.1 million budget in 2008. The rest came from various fees and other sources. Opponents of ending the 1 mill tax believed it will lead to more fees for youth sports, but Dalton Mayor David Pennington denied that will happen.

The city recreation department budget's for 2009 is \$3.18 million. The department has 50 full-time employees that oversee more than 644 acres of land, 12 parks, 26 athletic fields, 18 tennis courts and nine playgrounds. The department also operates the John Davis Recreation Center, the Dalton Community Center, Dalton/Whitfield Senior Center and Nob North Golf Course.

County commissioners focused on recreation last year, but had to scale back those plans after the economy turned sour. They spent \$590,200 to complete work at Edwards Park in north Whitfield County, and paid MACTEC, an Atlanta engineering and design firm, \$36,000 to complete a recreation master plan. The plan outlines \$70 million in recreation improvements over the next 20 years.

The county recreation department's budget for 2009 is slightly more than \$1 million. The department has nine employees, including a new parks and recreation director the county hired in October 2008, that manage 10 neighborhood/community parks and 38 baseball/softball fields. The county also has agreements with Whitfield County Schools and the city of Varnell to use their athletic facilities.

There are about 303 acres devoted to county recreation facilities, while two new parks on Landfill Road in the Westside community will increase the overall total to 448 acres.



**Murray County High senior Trenn Carnes hangs his art work in the Creative Arts Guild for the seniors exhibit. His and the girls pictured above have Marcia Kendricks and Angie Johnson as art teachers.**

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# PLANNING FIELD TRIP



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Jenny Johnson, a sixth-grade science teacher at Eton Elementary who applied for a grant from Target Field Trips, was awarded \$800 to be used for a grade level field trip to the Tellus Museum in Cartersville. The trip is scheduled for May. The museum is also the Northwest Georgia Science Museum. From left are Elizabeth Selvage, Valerie Hughes, Johnson and Adrienne Keeling.

## CLASS ACTS

■ Jonathon LaVelle of Tunnel Hill was named to the dean's list at **Brevard College** in North Carolina for the fall 2008 semester. A freshman, he is the son of Blair and Belinda LaVelle. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full time and earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

■ Brittany Cagle of Chatsworth was named to the dean's list at **Kennesaw State University**. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and carry at least nine hours to be on the dean's list.

Brittany is the daughter of Kim Cagle and the late Marshall Cagle. Her sister is Jennie Cagle, and her grandparents are Mary and Robert Lusk of Largo, Fla.; Wesley

and Neva Sane of Dalton; and the late Otis and Ruth Cagle of Chatsworth. She is expected to graduate in May with a bachelor of science in human services.

■ Amber Rebecca Boyd of Dalton has been named to the dean's list at **Samford University** in Birmingham, Ala. for fall semester 2008. The dean's list consists of undergraduate students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 while completing at least 12 qual-

ity credits in the semester.

Amber is a pre-pharmacy major at Samford and has been accepted into Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Her parents are Randy and Becky Boyd of Dalton.

■ Caitlin Rebekah Autry of Dalton has been named to **Kennesaw State University's** president's list for fall semester 2008. To qualify for the president's list, a student must maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

## Long John Silvers, 1516 W. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 95  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 96  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Drive-through window must be self-closing. Employee repairing pump in facility, placed dirty equipment on top of single-serve items.

## Name: Dairy Queen, 937 Market St.

Current score: 94  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 90  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Clean beverage dispensing nozzles thoroughly. Do not store ice scoop on cardboard surface; store on cleanable surface and protected from contamination. Clean floor in walk-in thoroughly, especially under topping storage.

## Burger King, 1512 W. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 92  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 87  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Management not aware of employee health policy. Do not store food or single-service items under exposed plumbing under beverage dispensing equipment. Do not store gloves used for food service under chemicals.

## Taqueria Paisanos No. 1, 1113 E. Walnut Ave.

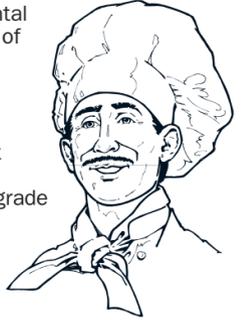
Current score: 91  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 95  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Employee drinks must be in single-serve cup with lid and straw. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Do not put clean equipment on drainboard designated for soiled items. Service Ansel system.

## Chick-fil-A, 1517 W. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 86  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 90  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: No bare

## Restaurant report card

**Whitfield County** Environmental Health conducts inspections of restaurants every three months. The inspectors may require a re-inspection. Restaurants are required by law to post their most recent inspection permit. The state now uses a letter grade for evaluations. The Daily Citizen lists areas where the establishments are out of compliance with the regulations.



hand contact allowed with ready-to-eat food. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Replace missing light shield near walk-in.

## Arby's, 1247 Cleveland Highway

Current score: 84  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 78  
Previous grade: C  
Comments: Sliced tomato, sliced cheese, shaved ham and shaved turkey out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Prep cooler not maintaining temperature; do not use until it maintains food at 41 degrees or below. Do not post obsolete inspection sheets, only current. Clean ceiling in walk-in. Repair wall under three-compartment sink.

## Twelve Oaks Barbecue, 2948 Cleveland Highway

Current score: 70  
Current grade: C  
Previous score: 78  
Previous grade: C  
Comments: Hot dogs and potato salad out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Date mark all potentially hazardous food that is prepared in house or prepackaged and opened with made or opened on date. Hair restraints required. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Install stainless steel vegetable prep sink. Clean microwaves. Three compartment sink must have air gap; tight line/direct drain is no longer permitted. Paint on walls is peeling. Seal gaps under doors.

Flies.

## Evergreen Chinese Buffet, 101 Walnut Ave.

Current score: 60  
Current grade: U  
Previous score: 81  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Cut melon and eggs out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Do not store raw potentially hazardous food over ready-to-eat food. No certified food safety manager on staff; numerous critical violations. No management awareness of employee health policy. Employees should not eat in prep areas. All prepared potentially hazardous food held more than 24 hours must be date marked. Tags from oysters must be kept on hand in an orderly fashion for 90 days. Three-compartment sink cannot be used as meat sink. Raw chicken and raw shrimp in water, raw beef on drainboard. Shrimp thawing in standing water; cold water must run and flow over constantly. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Repair hand wash sink in kitchen. Clean dish machine. For sushi rice, utilize time as a public health control. Need written procedure and documentation on item. Closed.

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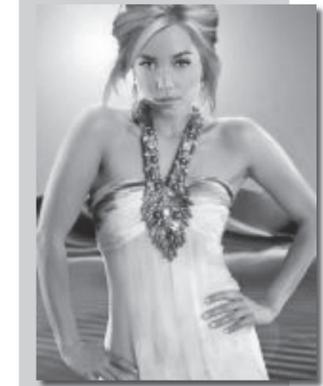
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**Surging Red River apparently crests**

FARGO, N.D. — Fargo's fears of a catastrophic flood eased Saturday with word that the surging Red River apparently crested at lower-than-expected levels, and now weary residents turned their attention to ensuring their hastily built levees hold up against an onslaught of ice-choked water expected to stay high for at least a week. The Red River began receding Saturday morning, surprising residents who were bracing for a crest on Sunday. But the river can still fluctuate up to a foot and may remain at dangerous levels for a week, meaning people will still have to wait several days before they are completely safe.

**Ground zero owners drop name**

NEW YORK — Even without the name, the symbolism of the Freedom Tower as an American response to the Sept. 11 terror attacks was hard to miss. The original architect designed a twisting form he wanted to imitate the Statue of Liberty, with a spire that rose to the deliberate height of 1,776 feet to recognize the year of American independence. Politicians called the tower proof of the country's triumph over terrorism. The tower — still under construction with a projected completion date of 2013 — no longer has the same architect, design or footprint on the 16-acre site. And this week, the owners of ground zero publicly parted ways with the Freedom Tower name, saying it would be more practical to market the tallest building in New York as the former north tower's name, One World Trade Center.

**Lights dim for Earth Hour 2009**

BONN, Germany — From an Antarctic research base to the Great Pyramids of Egypt and beyond, the world switched off the lights on Saturday for Earth Hour, dimming skyscrapers, city streets and some of the world's most recognizable monuments for 60 minutes to highlight the threat of climate change. Time zone by time zone, nearly 4,000 cities and towns in 88 countries joined the event sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund to dim nonessential lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Last year, only 400 cities participated; Sydney held a solo event in 2007.

**Protests rallies begin before G20**

LONDON — Thousands of people marched through European cities Saturday to demand jobs, economic justice and environmental accountability, kicking off six days of protest and action planned in the run-up to the G20 summit next week in London. In London, more than 150 groups threw their backing behind the "Put People First" march. Police said around 35,000 attended the demonstration, snaking their way across the city toward Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park. Protest organizers said they wanted leaders from the world's top 20 economies to adopt a more transparent and democratic economic recovery plan.

**D.C. planning more auto aid**

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration was finishing work on a plan to give more financial aid to two Detroit automakers in return for tough cost-cutting measures that will ensure the companies' survival. President Barack Obama's auto industry task force was expected to offer additional aid to General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC while setting firm deadlines for the companies to get concessions from their stakeholders. GM and Chrysler, which employ about 140,000 workers in the U.S., have already received \$17.4 billion in government loans to survive the economic downturn and the worst decline in auto sales in 27 years.

**AP SPECIAL REPORT**

**Housing slump frays Dalton economy**

By **SHANNON MCCAFFREY**  
Associated Press Writer

Inside a cavernous factory, massive machines that churn out carpeting for Home Depot and Lowe's were idled on a recent Friday as workers took a forced day off without pay.

Across Dalton, the self-proclaimed "Carpet Capital of the World," storefronts stood vacant, once bustling restaurants were virtually empty and police battled a rising methamphetamine problem.

This city in the foothills of the Appalachians, which makes nearly 75 percent of the country's floor coverings, has felt a mountain of economic troubles since the country's real estate boom went bust.

Plummeting demand for flooring has led to a near doubling of Dalton's unemployment rate. Foreclosures are on the rise. And there are signs that the population may be shrinking.

There are doubts that Dalton's economy will ever look the same again — even after the nation's financial crisis ends.

"This has been a tough, tough time," said Ralph Boe, president of Beaulieu of America, one of the "big three" carpet manufacturing companies, which employ a combined 37,000 workers in north Georgia. Boe's company has shed 1,100 jobs over two years.



Boe

Another, Shaw Industries Group Inc., announced this week that it was closing plants in Calhoun, near Dalton, and Valdosta, in south Georgia, which will idle about 600 workers.

Mario Moreyra, who lost his job at a Shaw carpet plant, said he would do just about anything to pull in a paycheck right now.

"I'm not being picky and still I'm not finding anything," the 26-year-old said as he scanned online job listings at a career center.

Dalton's reversal of fortune is forcing residents and business leaders to confront an underlying problem that Detroit knows all too well: its economic rise and fall are too dependent on one industry.

Local officials three years ago launched a drive to diversify the economy and that effort has taken on added urgency since the housing market collapse. Tax breaks and abatements have already helped lure an automobile parts manufacturer to the region.

Brian Anderson, president

**Storm floods parts of Miss., Ala.**

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — A spring storm dumped heavy rains, baseball-sized hail and whipped winds across the Southeast on Saturday, flooding homes and cars in parts of Mississippi and Alabama.

The system also hit the central part of the country with snow, prompting bliz-



AP PHOTOS

**A worker at Beaulieu of America wraps rolls of carpet in plastic for shipping in Dalton. Dalton, the self-proclaimed Carpet Capital of the World, has been hit hard by the economic downturn.**

ard warnings and a disaster declaration in Kansas and was blamed for two traffic deaths in Oklahoma.

About 100 roads in southern Mississippi were impassable at the height of the bad weather because of the flooding, including the main route into Biloxi.

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But such a turnaround could take years. And until then, Dalton's fate is tied to the volatile housing market.

U.S. demand for floor coverings has fallen a combined 34 percent over the past two years, according to the Dalton-based Carpet and Rug Institute.

That impact can be seen in a near doubling of Metro Dalton's jobless rate over the past year to 12.9 percent, and that doesn't count the many Hispanic workers who may not have been in the country legally.

The Labor Department says the Dalton region posted the second-highest increase in joblessness in December 2008, compared with the same month the year before.

The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of existing homes grew 5.1 percent in February, the largest monthly sales jump since July 2003.

Economists were encouraged by the news but sounded a cautionary note: sales nationwide were down 10 percent from a year earlier and tens of thousands of homes remain mired in the foreclosure process in Florida, Nevada and other epicenters of the housing meltdown.

Still, Werner Braun, president of the Carpet and Rug Institute, said that when the housing rebound happens Dalton will see the impact almost immediately.

"We're a leading economic indicator," Braun said. He

said most large stores have very little carpet in stock, meaning that when a customer places an order for a rug the carpet mill begins making it.

The group is pushing members of Congress for a home refurbishing tax credit that would give people an incentive to buy carpet and other furnishings. There's been no legislation yet but Braun said lawmakers have been receptive to the idea.

Dalton's emergence as America's carpet hub was something of an accident. It began in the late 1800s when Catherine Evans Whitener began to sell her hand-tufted bedspreads. The spreads became popular and soon other local women followed suit.

Carpets came next. The craft really took off when local residents figured out how to mechanize the process.

The rise of tufted carpets from Georgia dovetailed with the World War II hous-

ing boom and soon carpets — once synonymous with luxury and wealth — were available to the masses, according to Randy Patton, author of "Carpet Capital: The Rise of a New South Industry."

In the last decade or so, the industry grew so rapidly and jobs were so plentiful that Hispanic workers flocked to the region. Their arrival changed the complexion of this blue-collar Georgia city. In 2005, the U.S. Census estimated 29 percent of the area's population was Hispanic. And it wasn't just single males coming but families putting down roots.

Now anecdotal reports suggest some of these workers are leaving as jobs disappear. Officials said school enrollment — once on the rise — has been flat. And some Hispanic grocery stores have shut their doors.

Throughout the region there is a rising sense of fear as the recession shows no

signs of letting up.

"There isn't any work," said Charles Steele as he slumped in a chair waiting to speak to a job counselor at the state Labor Department's Dalton Career Center.

The 50-year-old had worked installing home security systems. When he was laid off late last year he wasn't worried. He figured he could easily find work in shipping and receiving, his fallback. Months later he's still looking.

"Nothing's there. That's starting to scare me," Steele said.

Danny Cope, manager of the career center in Dalton, said some of those who are coming in seeking help have spent decades in the region's carpet mills.

"They're scared. A lot of people have been at these jobs for a long time, technology has passed them by," Cope said. "This is their first time ever drawing unemployment."

Methamphetamine has long been a problem in north Georgia. But the economic woes appear to have added to the troubles.

Jim Langford, executive director of the Georgia Meth Project, said the jobless no longer have to submit to random drug testing at the carpet mills. With time on their hands and few prospects for work, anecdotal reports suggest use of the drug is up in the region, Langford said.

Unlike other American manufacturing sectors — such as the auto industry — which have suffered as jobs and business have moved overseas, the carpet industry has remained rooted within U.S. borders.

But Patton doesn't expect it will ever return to its heyday in 2005 when the local joke was that "if you couldn't find a job, you simply weren't looking hard enough."

"I think those days may be over," Patton said.

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# OBITUARIES

- Mrs. Ruth Estella Blanchard, Chatsworth
- Polly Boggess, Dalton
- Villa Atkins Crawford, Ellijay
- Lisa Ellis Morgan, Chatsworth
- Willie Mae Nunley, Tunnel Hill
- Annie Grace Painter, Dalton
- Justin Andrew "Andy" Reed

Obituary notices are posted online at [www.daltondailycitizen.com](http://www.daltondailycitizen.com)

## Ruth Estella Blanchard

Mrs. Ruth Estella Blanchard, 76, of Chatsworth, formerly of Eunice, La. died Friday March 27, 2009 in the Heartland Hospice Hospital of Cartersville.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jeanette and John Dunn Sr.; Albert, James and John Dunn Jr.; daughter, Patricia Ernst; son, Fred Taylor Jr.; granddaughter, Tonya Rebaridi.

She is survived by her daughter, Tammie Fowler and Ron Henderson of Chatsworth; son and daughter-in-law, Rickey and Robin Blanchard of Cohutta; John and Sue Taylor of Jacksonville, Fla.; sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Al Lewis of Springfield, La.; Mae and Don Lala of Slidell, La.; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The memorial service will be today at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Chatsworth with the Rev. Roger Vest officiating. The family will receive friends following the memorial service.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

## Polly Boggess

Polly Boggess, born Pauline Francis Moore, 83, of Dalton, passed away on

Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center. She was born June 4, 1925, in Wilmore, Ky.

Polly was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dalton since 1962, and for many years she served as the director of Crown Gardens and Archives in Dalton. She was involved in many activities in Dalton, most notably her work with the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society. Her activities in service to her friends and the community are far too many to list. She was truly a blessing to all who knew her. "Miss Polly's" wonderful smile and cheerful laugh will be fondly remembered.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the Rev. Virgil L. Moore and Nannie Francis Blakeman, and her brothers, Howard Moore and James "Jay" Moore.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Bill Rice of Smyrna, Nancy and David Korekach of Lebanon, Tenn.; sons and daughters-in-law, Mike Boggess and Bambi Litchman of Tacoma, Wash., Neil Davis Boggess III and Pam Wilson of Cartersville; sister, Gladys Keith and the Rev. James Keith of Columbus, Ind.; brother, Virgil Moore Jr. of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; sister-in-law, Marjorie Moore of Nashville, Tenn.; grandson, Will Rice of Smyrna as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is today. Visitation will be at 2 p.m. with service following at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Dalton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, 715 Chattanooga Ave., Dalton, GA 30720.

Peoples Funeral Home



Boggess

and Crematory of Chatsworth is in charge of the arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

## Villa Atkins Crawford

Mrs. Villa Atkins Crawford, 96, of Chatsworth Highway, New Hope community of Ellijay, member of New Hope Baptist Church, passed on Friday, March 27, 2009, at the Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

Born on April 12, 1912, to her late parents Frank and Fannie Mae Smith Atkins in Cartersville and is preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Crawford and son Robert Howard Crawford.

Mrs. Crawford is survived by sons and daughter-in-law, David and Rita Crawford of Dalton and Grady Crawford of Ellijay; granddaughters, Susie Crawford King of Dalton, Lorrie Crawford of Dalton and Crystal Crawford Prentice of Dalton; grandson, Dr. Jimmy H. Crawford of Poquason, Va., and nine great grandchildren.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church in Ellijay with the Rev. Steve Jones and the Rev. Norman Gibbs officiating with the church choir performing.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Tim Starks, Keith Logan, Greg Martin, Alan Davenport, Phillip Pankey and Brent Land.

Flowers are being accepted or family requests donations be made to the New Hope Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Ed Woodring, 1867 Chatsworth Highway, Ellijay, GA 30540.

Logan Funeral Home and chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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## Lisa Ellis Morgan

Mrs. Lisa Ellis Morgan, 48, of Chatsworth, went to be with her lord, Saturday March 28, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, R.F. and Lois Rogers and Dalton and Nina Jo Ellis; father-in-law, Ray L. Morgan.

She is survived by her husband, Ray E. Morgan; daughter, Marisa Morgan both of Chatsworth; mother and stepfather, Elizabeth and Ernest Erwin of Chatsworth; mother-in-law, Jeanette Morgan of Dalton; sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law, Dianne and T.J. Hardie of Virginia, Karen and David Montgomery of Dalton and Darlene and Ricky Gwinn of Cohutta; special cousin, Lee Ann Orange of Rome; aunts and uncles, Etta Mae and Bob Dooley, Judy Skidmore all of Dalton, Bobby and Dale Ellis of Chatsworth; nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Cantrell, the Rev. John Bagley and the Rev. Travis Martin officiating.

Burial will be in United Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 9 p.m.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhome.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.com).

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

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## Willie Mae Nunley

Mrs. Willie Mae Nunley, 81, of Tunnel Hill died Saturday, March 28, 2009.

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## Annie Grace Painter

Annie Grace Painter, age 84, of Dalton, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Quinton Memorial Health Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Effie Jarrett; daughter, Ruby Grace Painter; brothers, Clyde Jarrett, Cecil Jarrett and sister, Lucille Mantooth.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mable and Charles Roberts of Ooltewah; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Dorothy Painter, Jerry and Mae Painter, Roger and Cathy Painter, Roy and Susan Painter all of Dalton; sisters, Edna Sutton, Leona Cooper, and Mary Aldean Jarrett; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral is Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel with the Rev. Rich Brock and the Rev. Clyde Painter officiating.

Burial will be in United Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 5 until 8 pm.

Messages of comfort may be sent to the guestbook signed at [www.julianpeoples.com](http://www.julianpeoples.com).

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For more information, call 706-259-7455. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

## Justin Andrew 'Andy' Reed

Justin Andrew "Andy" Reed, 32, of Dalton, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2009, at Erlanger Medical

Center in Chattanooga. Andy was a member of Varnell Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Kristina Reed of the residence; daughters, Gracie Madison Reed and Emma Kate Reed, both of the residence; parents, Wanda and Mac McGinnis and Ricky and Bridget Reed, all of Dalton; sister and brother-in-law, Kerri and Chuck Shirley of Dalton; maternal grandparents, Bill and Marcell Teasley of Dalton; paternal grandparents, Arthur and Emma Ruth Reed of Dalton; mother-in-laws and father-in-laws, Kathy and Brian Johnson and Edward and Debbie Eberhart, all of Fort Payne, Ala.; three stepbrothers, Austin and Skylar Brown, and Marty McGinnis, all of Dalton; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Amanda and Josh Eberhart and Hope and Ethan Eberhart, all of Fort Payne, Ala.; aunts and uncles, Kenny and Melanie Reed and Randall and Terri Teasley, all of Dalton; one niece, AnLeigh Shirley of Dalton; cousins.

The funeral is today at 3 p.m. at Cedar Valley Cathedral of Praise with the Rev. Edward Pippin officiating.

Burial will be in Teasley Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday.

Flowers will be accepted or contributions can be made to M.D. Anderson Research Fund, Brain and Spine, for Medical Record No. 640211, 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030-4009.

Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.julianpeoples.com](http://www.julianpeoples.com)

Arrangements are by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton. Call 706-259-7455 for further information. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)



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The FFA members at Gladden Middle School invite teachers, parents and members of the community to their Spring Plant Sale. The greenhouse will be open to the public Monday and Tuesday. Plant varieties, in an assortment of colors, include impatiens, new guinea impatiens, petunias, wave petunias, vinca, salvia, begonias, dragon wing begonias, geraniums, coleus and dusty miller. Plant prices are \$10/flat; \$2/6-pack; \$8/hanging basket; \$1/6-inch cup.

## Bagley Middle finishes second

Middle School Quiz Bowl continued with an invitation at New Hope recently. Bagley once again finished second, this time to the host school.

These academic Braves won five matches in the most recent competition to push their overall record to 37 victories for the year — in addition to a first place finish in the state at Junior Beta Competition last fall. Team captain Austin Fariss was joined by team members Hunter Cox and Anthony Silvers on the tournament's all-star team. Others participating in this tournament were Jacob Howard, Jacob Hickman, Timothy Southerland, Ethan Hart, Dara Cople, Alex Dyer and Jimmy Jenkins.

Victories came over Eastbrook (100-20), Westside (60-40), North Whitfield (110-0), Valley Point (145-20), and Gladden (125-60). The final match of the school year will be at Gladden on April 1.

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## Students attend Scholar's Day at GSU

Ashley Hooker from Murray County High School and Daniel Corley from Grace Baptist Academy recently attended Scholar's Day at Georgia Southern University.

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event, bringing to campus around 250 of the brightest high school seniors from within Georgia and across the nation. The purpose of the event was for the students to interview for academic scholarships, leadership scholarships and an

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# Today last dance for DDC seniors

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For nine seniors in Dalton Arts Project's "Dance Off!" production, today's 2 p.m. performance promises to be a bittersweet moment in their young lives. As they step onto the Dalton High stage for their last performance, it is both an achievement to celebrate, as all have been dancing for more than a decade, and a time of sadness as they will go their separate ways after many years of rehearsing, waiting backstage and performing together.

Dalton High senior Lizz Cambron, daughter of Lana and Jim Cambron, has been dancing for 14 years and describes her fellow seniors as "sisters."

"I have been dancing with these girls my whole life and it is going to be sad to dance without them," she added.

Cambron is a member of the National German Honor Society and interns at the local health department. Although her college choice is undecided, she is considering a major in dietetics.

Emma Ensley, a senior at Dalton High and daughter of Doug and Alice Ensley, has been a student of dance for the past 14 years. Her activities include art and participation in youth group at First Presbyterian Church.

"I feel like I have spent the past 14 years of my life working toward this and I am so excited to be performing in this show (Dance Off!)," she said. "Being a part of the March concert makes me happy. It is sad to think that I won't be doing this again next year."

Another Dalton High senior, Paige Herring, plans to attend Georgia College and State University in the fall. Daughter of Mark and Gayle Herring, she has been dancing for the past 15 years.

"Because it is our last year together, it has been a special time," said Herring. "The seniors have become closer, we have worked hard and enjoyed every moment of it."

Northwest Whitfield senior Lucy King is the daughter of Suzie and Gene King. A student of dance for the past 15 years, she is a member of the Northwest jazz band as well. She plans to attend the University of Georgia, majoring in math and continuing to dance.

"The March concert is one of my favorite events of the year," said King. "It is a mix of all of the different types of dance that we do."

Considering this is her last March concert performance, she added, "I have 'lived' in Ms. Long's studio for the past 15 years and I cannot

imagine my life without it."

Carter Patterson, daughter of Susan and Tony Patterson, is a senior at Dalton High School and an active member of the youth group at Rock Bridge Church. She has been a student of dance for the past 14 years.

"We (seniors) have spent so many hours at this studio practicing dances and it is so weird to think that after this performance it is all over," said Patterson. "This is going to be our best performance yet and the '09 seniors are going to make this a year to remember."

Daughter of Crystal Prentice and Dwain Peterman, Northwest Whitfield senior Taylor Peterman plans to pursue a career in dentistry and will begin classes at Armstrong Atlantic State University in the fall. She has been a student of dance for the past 15 years and is a member of the Northwest marching band and wind ensemble.

"I will never forget my very first March concert," she said. "We have made so many memories — crazy costume changes, helpful friends, many extra rehearsals, and lots of laughs and good times."

Bradley Central senior Allison Reedy is an active member in her school's show choir and plans to attend Lee University. She has been a student of dance for 15 years.

Daughter of Lori Beth Robleto and Brent Allen Reedy, she said, "I have danced with my good friends and had the opportunity to dance my favorite Nutcracker role, Spanish soloist. I will never forget the girls I've danced with and I want to thank my dance teachers with all my heart for always caring, helping and teaching me throughout most of my life."

Dalton High senior Hannah Snyder describes Dalton Arts Project's March concert as "the highlight of my dance year since I was able to participate in seventh grade."

"I am so blessed to be a part of this incredible group of girls," she added. "Although I am sad that this is my last March concert, I am excited about the great choreography, fun music, and performing with these dancers."

Snyder plans to attend the University of Georgia to major in exercise and sports science. A student of dance for 15 years, she enjoys tennis, cheerleading, and youth activities at Rock Bridge church. Her parents are Kelly and Kent Snyder.

Daughter of Holly and Mark Williams, Kathryn Williams is a senior at

Dalton High and a student of dance for 14 years. She is an active member in the youth group at Rock Bridge Church.

"March performance has always been my favorite dance concert," Williams said. "It gives all of the dancers an opportunity to dance many different styles and the outcome is very rewarding."

Today at 2 p.m. is the last performance for these seniors and concludes "Dance Off!" — this year's March "concert" for the members of Dalton Dance Company.

The show will be at the Dalton High Theatre at 1500 Manly St. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and available at the door.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

These senior members of Dalton Dance Company will perform together for the last time today in Dalton Arts Project's "Dance Off!" production. They are from left, sitting, Taylor Peterman and Allison Reedy; kneeling, Paige Herring and Hannah Snyder; standing, Kathryn Williams, Carter Patterson, Emma Ensley, Lizz Cambron and Lucy King.

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## Library board to meet

A special called meeting of the Dalton-Whitfield Public Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the library.

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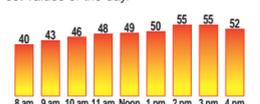
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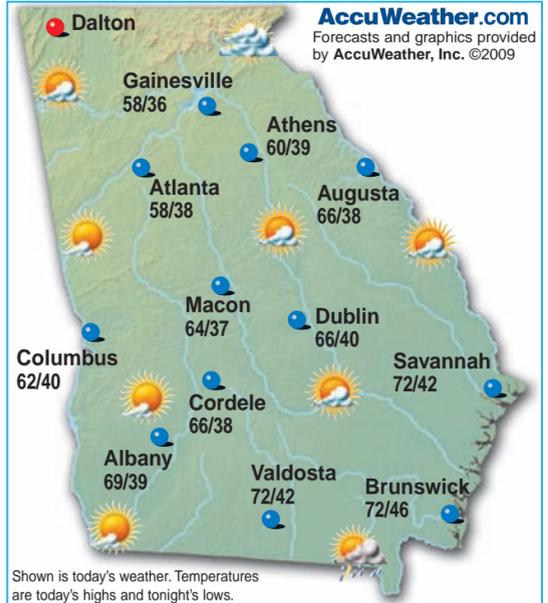
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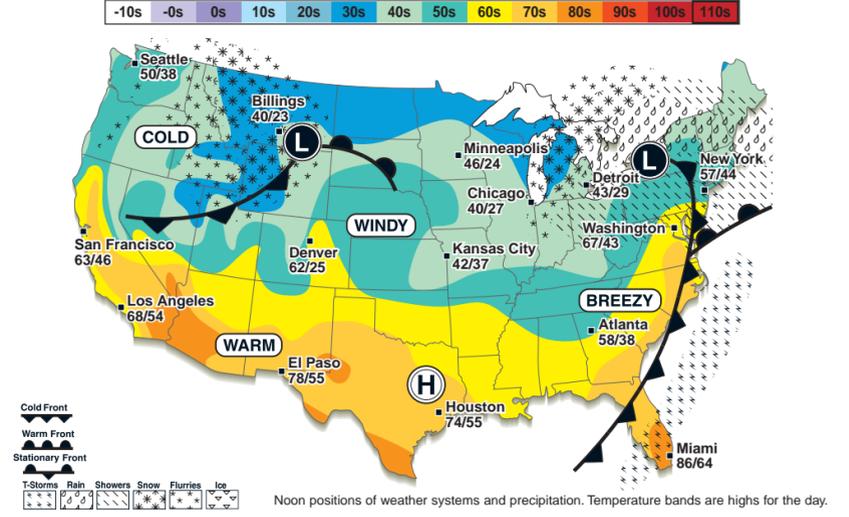
**Georgia Weather**



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albany	69/39/s	76/48/s	74/58/t	La Grange	60/34/s	71/44/s	64/45/c
Atlanta	58/38/s	71/48/s	65/50/c	Macon	64/37/s	76/45/s	74/52/c
Athens	60/39/pc	74/44/s	68/49/c	Marietta	57/35/s	72/43/s	66/48/c
Augusta	66/38/pc	74/38/s	74/53/pc	Newton	69/41/s	77/49/s	74/59/t
Brunswick	72/46/t	71/51/s	70/60/pc	Rome	58/39/s	76/45/s	68/49/c
College Park	58/38/s	71/48/s	65/50/c	Savannah	72/42/t	75/46/s	72/57/pc
Columbus	62/40/s	75/48/s	69/52/t	Sparta	64/36/pc	75/45/s	71/52/c
Gainesville	58/36/pc	71/46/s	69/47/c	Valdosta	72/42/pc	76/44/s	76/62/c

**National Weather for March 29, 2009**



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Albany	46/38/r	50/33/pc	53/33/pc	Denver	62/25/c	41/19/c	45/24/pc
Anchorage	36/27/c	38/24/c	35/19/pc	Detroit	43/29/sn	46/33/pc	55/37/r
Baltimore	69/40/t	60/36/s	62/40/s	Indianapolis	47/33/c	58/43/s	59/39/pc
Billings	40/23/sn	36/20/c	39/26/c	Kansas City	42/37/pc	55/36/t	53/31/pc
Boise	53/29/sh	55/33/pc	54/32/c	Las Vegas	80/51/s	70/47/s	74/53/s
Buffalo	52/32/sh	41/30/sf	51/38/pc	Los Angeles	68/54/pc	70/51/pc	72/54/s
Charlotte	64/36/pc	68/38/s	70/46/c	Memphis	56/43/s	73/54/s	67/44/pc
Cheyenne	52/26/c	35/19/sn	41/22/sn	Miami	86/64/t	82/71/s	86/74/s
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Cleveland	46/30/sh	45/32/pc	54/42/c	New Orleans	63/50/s	76/62/s	78/60/t
Dallas	68/55/s	74/48/pc	62/42/pc	New York	57/44/r	51/40/pc	58/43/s
San Francisco	63/46			Orlando	78/56/t	78/58/s	82/65/s
Los Angeles	68/54			Philadelphia	67/40/t	54/38/pc	60/40/s
San Jose	63/46			Phoenix	82/57/pc	78/50/s	81/53/s
Seattle	50/38			Pittsburgh	55/34/sh	47/30/pc	61/43/pc
Portland, OR	55/37/c	57/41/c	53/40/sh	Portland, OR	55/37/c	57/41/c	53/40/sh
San Diego	66/55/pc	67/53/s	67/55/s	St. Louis	48/39/s	64/49/pc	60/40/pc
San Francisco	63/46/s	68/47/s	67/50/pc	S.L. City	46/25/sh	47/30/pc	53/31/c
San Jose	66/55/pc	67/53/s	67/55/s	San Diego	66/55/pc	67/53/s	67/55/s
Seattle	50/38/pc	50/40/c	50/39/sh	Seattle	50/38/pc	50/40/c	50/39/sh
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## COMMENTARY

### Just turn the dial to WTTI

Three buddies are hoping to create a lot of buzz by giving local sports fans an earful. Stephen Roberts, Rodney Boyd and Bryan Rodgers are trying to turn a local talk radio show into an on-air success.

The friends have discussed sports for hours on end on their own. They have opinions. They don't mind talking about them. Roberts admitted he's called talk shows in Atlanta and Chattanooga on numerous occasions. Together, they figured if they were going to keep it up why not start a sports talk show on a Dalton radio station.

So they did.

Despite a sour economy, the trio pitched their idea to WTTI-AM 1530 station manager Troy Hall, who was, to be honest, a bit skeptical of giving up his Christian station air-



**Larry Fleming**

waves to sports talk guys. But these guys had a different idea. They wouldn't simply flap their lips, stir up controversy and concentrate the dark side of sports. Instead, they wanted to put a faith-based show on dials all over town.

They didn't, Roberts said, want to talk so much about the "bad guys" in sports and bad things they're doing as focus "on sportsmanship, character and community during their weekly sessions. The show can be heard each Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

They talk local sports. They hash out the national happenings. Recent on-air guests have included University of Georgia chaplain Thomas Settles, who is from Chattanooga, UGA strength and conditioning coach Dave Van Halanger, Dalton assistant football coach Matt Land and Catamounts football-baseball standout Garren Palmer. Dalton's All-Area footballer Jalen Fields, a talented defensive end who recently made a verbal commitment to Georgia, will be a guest on Friday's show.

Ridgeland football coach Mark Mariakis, who is back home and recovering from surgery to remove a benign brain tumor, will be a future guest on the show.

And before anyone not associated with Dalton High gets up in arms, Roberts said he either has or will extend invitations to coaches and athletes from other area schools. He has contacted the University of Florida and inquired about booking Tim Tebow's father for the show, titled Victory in Sports. Scott Parks of LaFayette has a NASCAR segment at 5:10 p.m. "So," Roberts said, "we're trying to get the word out about what we're trying to do. We're certainly hoping the community takes to the show, and so far we've gotten a pretty good response from those who are listening. They're shocked we know so much about sports."

But a sports talk show without callers is destined for obscurity. Without a wider audience, sponsors will stay away. It took "thought and prayer" for WTTI to be convinced to give up the one-hour time slot for the show. Deciding it was an "interesting idea," Hall put them on to see "what would happen."

Roberts admitted ad sales have been decent, but could be better. They are getting five or six calls per show and consider that a good number considering "we're running our mouths all the time."

> Please see **TALK, 3B**

## PREP BOYS BASKETBALL: 2008-09 ALL-AREA TEAM



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Christian Heritage senior Damien Chaney, the area's leading scorer and rebounder and No. 2 in steals, powered the Lions to another appearance in the Georgia Independent School Association Class 2A state tournament with his all-around athletic ability. He was especially tough in second-half situations, once rallying the Lions to a victory after they trailed by 17 with half a minute left in the third period. On another occasion, Chaney scored 30 of a career-high 38 points after intermission.

# Pressure converter

## Chaney at his best in tough situations

**BY ADAM KROHN**  
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When the game is on the line, some players fold under pressure. Not Damien Chaney. Time and time again during the 2008-09 basketball season, Christian Heritage's senior forward delivered big time in the most crucial situations while leading the Lions to the Georgia Independent School Association's Class 2A state tournament semifinals.

Against Furtah Prep back in January, the Lions trailed by 17 points with 30 seconds left in the third quarter. But Chaney, refusing to wilt or let the Lions lose, outscored the Falcons by himself, 16-11 in the fourth quarter and hit the game-tying shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

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### ALL-AREA . . . BEST of the BEST



C. Chaney



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T. Long



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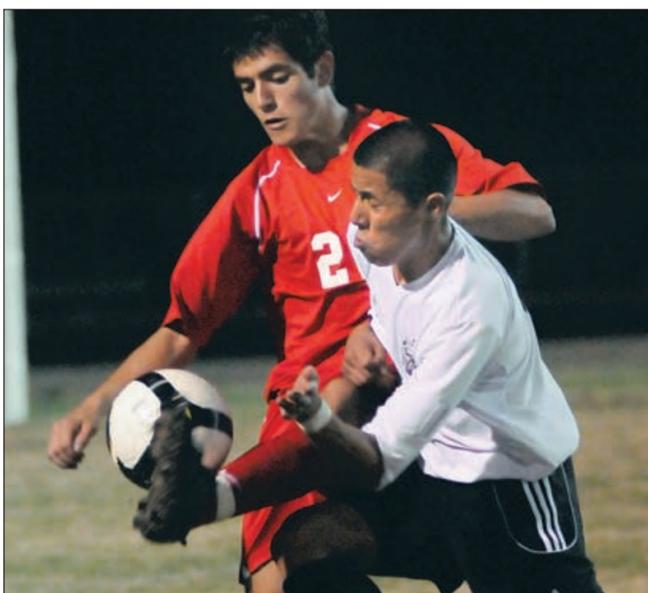
G. Sanford



### Honorable Mention

**Christian Heritage** — Will Clark (Jr.), Landon McClure (Jr.); **Dalton** — Shaquon Moore (Jr.), David White (Sr.); **Murray County** — Chase Sanford (Sr.), John Kiser (Sr.); **Northwest Whitfield** — Baker Chiddister (Jr.), Nermin Delic (Jr.); **Southeast** — Matt Hall (Sr.), Bradley Grant (Sr.), Trey Parris (Jr.)

## PREP SOCCER: REGION PLAYOFFS



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Southeast's Bernabee Rangel (front) and Dalton's Israel Mata, squaring off earlier this season, are preparing for region tournaments this week. The 7-4A tourney begins Wednesday and the Raiders open their 6-3A tourney on Friday.

# Area squads hope for state title runs

**BY ADAM KROHN**  
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It's playoff soccer time for teams and in Northwest Georgia, that means something. A lot actually.

Area powers Murray County, Dalton and Southeast loom as heavyweights heading into the region tournaments.

Top-seeded Murray County and No. 2 Dalton start Region 7-4A North play on Wednesday, and Southeast opens play on Friday as the No. 1 seed in Region 6-3A North. If the Indians and Catamounts win, they will clinch spots in the state tourney, while under 6-3A guidelines, the Raiders have already clinched a state berth.

The Indians will play Sequoyah or Hiram, but a start time has not been determined. Dalton will play

### INSIDE SPORTS

- Villanova, UConn moving on, **2B**
- Teixeira-led Yanks beat Braves, **2B**
- Hendrick recalls first victory, **4B**
- O'Hair leads Woods by 5 shots, **4B**

Hiram or Paulding County. Both games are set for Wednesday, with the Catamounts playing at 7 p.m. at Harmon Field after the Lady Cats take on Woodland or Sequoyah at 5 p.m. The Woodland-Sequoyah game, scheduled for Saturday, was postponed until Monday, and the outcome of that match will determine whether the Lady Cats are a No. 1 or 2 seed.

Regardless, Lady Cats coach

> Please see **SOCCER, 3B**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

# Villanova upends Panthers

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

BOSTON — Scottie Reynolds made a half-court dash for the game-winning shot with 0.5 seconds left, leading Villanova over Pittsburgh 78-76 Saturday night and back to the Final Four for the first time since its shocking run to the 1985 championship.

Dwayne Anderson scored 17 points for the third-seeded Wildcats, who responded to Pittsburgh's physical play by sinking 22 of 23 free throws in the East Regional final.

Villanova (30-7) will play the winner of the South Regional championship between North Carolina and Oklahoma. The Wildcats are the lowest-remaining seed in the NCAA tournament, though not quite as big an underdog as the eighth-seeded '85 team that was the lowest seed ever to win it all.

Sam Young scored 28 and DeJuan Blair had 20 points and 10 rebounds for Pittsburgh (31-5), the first No. 1 seed to leave the brackets this year.

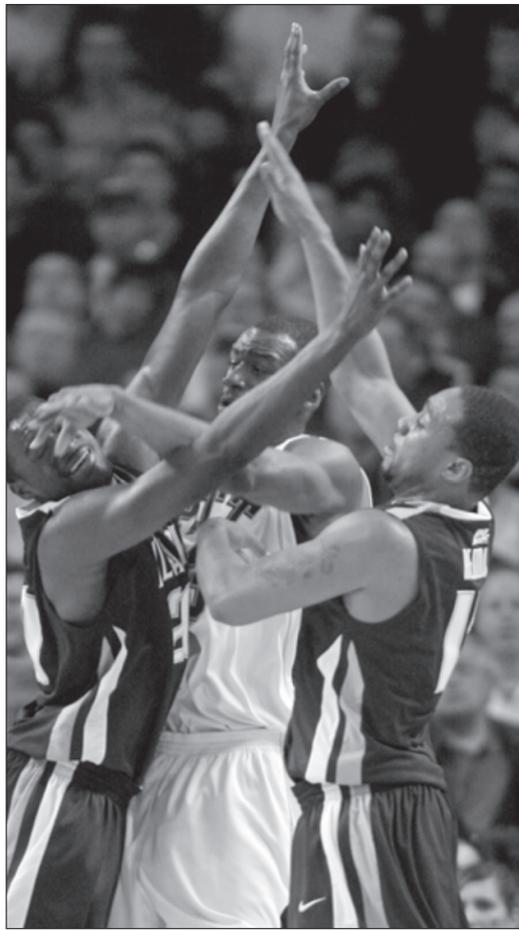
It was physical. It was defensive. It was ugly.

Just the way they like it in the Big East, which will send a second team to Detroit — with a chance at a third when Louisville plays Michigan State in the Midwest Regional final on Sunday.

With big bodies clogging the lane and 3-pointers clanging off the rim, the teams pushed and shoved their way through the first 35 minutes before they started making baskets and making plays. The lead changed 15 times — six of them in the last six minutes, before Pittsburgh's LeVance Fields hit a pair of free throws with 5.5 seconds left to make it 76-67.

Reggie Redding, who threw the ball away trying a full-court pass on the previous inbound play, got it to Dante Cunningham this time, and he dished it to Reynolds. The Villanova guard weaved his way into the lane for a falling-down floater in traffic.

The clock expired, and the Wildcats celebrated. But the officials immediate-



**AP PHOTO**  
Pittsburgh's Sam Young is double-teamed by Villanova's Shane Clark, left, and Reggie Redding during first-half action in their NCAA tournament game in Boston on Saturday.

ly moved to put a half-second back on the clock.

Fields took the inbounds pass and launched a 65-footer that hit the backboard but then bounced harmlessly to the floor.

■ **UConn 82, Missouri 75:** At Glendale, Ariz., freshman Kemba Walker scored 23 points as top-seeded Connecticut held off Missouri to earn a trip to Detroit and extend the Big East's dominance of the NCAA tournament.

The Huskies blew an early 11-point lead but survived against the frenetic third-seeded Tigers, who were denied their first Final Four berth.

UConn clinched the victory by going 10-for-10 from the line in the final 1:02. The Huskies are still in the hunt for their third national title — the first two went through regionals in Phoenix in 1999 and 2004.

"It's an amazing feeling," said A.J. Price, who added 18 points for the Huskies (31-4). "It was a total team effort."

Leo Lyons and Matt Lawrence each had 13

points for Missouri (31-7), which overcame an early 13-2 deficit but couldn't match the muscular Huskies on the boards. UConn outrebounded Mizzou 47-32.

Down 67-59 with 4:15 to play, the Tigers edged within 68-65 on Justin Stafford's tip-in with 2:42 to go.

Walker answered with an off-balance bank shot, and then Price hit a jumper from the lane to push the Huskies' lead to 72-67. The Tigers never recovered.

Early on, it was all UConn. The Huskies easily broke Missouri's pressure defense and built a 13-2 lead before Mizzou coach Mike Anderson called timeout three minutes into the game.

The Tigers regrouped, and on the next possession they drew the first foul on 7-foot-3 center Hasheem Thabeet, who went to the bench. Thabeet returned six minutes later but soon returned to the bench with his second foul.

It was clear the Tigers weren't going to go away.

# All-Area: Sanford, Long led Indians to state tournament

➤ Continued from page 1B

The Lions went on to win and Chaney scored a career-high 38 points, 30 coming in the second half.

After scoring just 10 first-half points against Collegedale, also in January, Chaney rose to the occasion — once again in the second half — pumping in a game-high 31 points. He added 15 rebounds and seven steals in another Lions victory.

Not only did Chaney deliver in numerous games after halftime, but he also was clutch in the home-stretch of the season and in postseason play. In six play-off games between the Region 2-2A playoffs and the Class 2A state playoffs, Chaney averaged 21 points, 10.1 rebounds, 1.3 steals and an assist per game, with the Lions winning four of those six contests.

Through the season, Chaney's stat sheet was impressive: 23.3 points, 9.2 assists, 2.7 steals and 1.8 assists per game, and he scored 2,000-plus points in his career.

For his efforts, Chaney is the 2009 *Daily Citizen* All-Area Player of the Year.

Chaney is joined on the senior-laden team by guard Garrick Sanford and post Tanner Long of Murray County, guard Tanner Reno of Northwest Whitfield and post Caz Cole of Dalton. Reno and Cole were unanimous selections.

The All-Area Team and Player of the Year are selected through a combination of coaches' nominations and input from *The Daily Citizen's* sports staff.

For Chaney, his pressure-proof play added substance to his statistics and helped the Lions to a 26-6 record.

"I just feel like I can't let my team down," Chaney said. "It's about keeping your composure while playing with adrenaline. In some games, I felt like maybe I was slacking a little in the first half and I didn't want to end the game knowing that I didn't give 100-percent. I didn't want that negative energy."

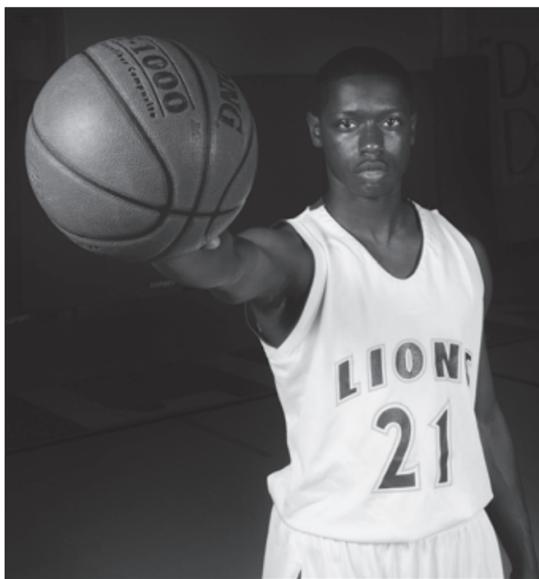
Coach Chad Woodson, who has led Christian Heritage to the state semifinals in each of his two seasons at Christian Heritage, said the intangibles Chaney exhibited separates him from most players.

"Just his athletic ability is the first thing that stands out to me," Woodson said of his 6-foot-2-inch star. "He's not that tall for a post, but he plays big. He's an explosive player and he has the ability to do things you just can't coach. He listens well, and because of all those factors, I knew he was going to be a good player for us when I got here."

Willingness to listen and learn, as well as being his own worst critic, allowed Chaney to work on the weaknesses of his game during last offseason in preparation for his final fling with the Lions.

Coming into this season, Chaney knew the loss of David Greene, one of the team's best players in 2007-08, he would have to take his game up another notch, even though he led the Lions in scoring (19.7 points), rebounds (8.6), blocks (2.4) and steals (1.8). He worked all summer on two aspects of his game that needed improvement: ball-handling and the mid-range jump shot.

Chaney decided the best way to improve was to play high-level competition and he joined an Atlanta-based Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team headed by



**MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen**  
Christian Heritage's Damien Chaney could hold his own with the stiffest competition throughout the Lions' successful 26-6 season.

coaches Walter Jordan and Jamaal Greer.

"I got to work on my entire game against some great players," Chaney said. "We traveled all around the country and I played with people from all over the Southeast, and even a few international players. That experience really helped."

Through his offseason work and progression during the basketball season, Chaney evolved into a more complete player. As a result, he said colleges like Milligan (Tenn.), Covenant (Lookout Mountain), Middle Georgia (Cochran) and Georgia College and State University (Milledgeville) have shown interest in him.

"It's just a matter of finding the best fit for him," Woodson said. "At 6-2, he's a 'tweener. He's got great size for a guard but his strongest skills are in the post, so he'll have to use his perimeter game more to play at the next level. But I'll tell you, he'll have the best post moves you'll ever see from a guard."

Whatever the future may be, Chaney said he'll always remember his senior season for the Lions.

"The thing that sticks out most to me," he said, "is that we all came into the year knowing our roles and we all matured and grew as the season went along. The team chemistry and bonding on and off the court, we were brothers. It was a great experience."

A glance at the rest of this year's team:

■ **Tanner Reno, Northwest Whitfield:** With the departure of Blake Gash, last season's *Daily Citizen* All-Area Player of the Year, Bruins coach Ryan Richards was looking for a leader to fill that void.

Reno, a pure-shooting senior guard, accepted the challenge by using a school-record 77 3-pointers to average a team-best 14 points.

"That was certainly the big question mark, who was going to replace Gash?" Richards said. "We saw big signs that it might be Tanner early on in summer camps. He'd outscore some teams by himself with 3 after 3. I always recognized him as a good shooter, but he was a smart player that was good at reading the screens and knew how to get open. A lot of high school players never figure that out. That led to a lot of open shots for him."

■ **Garrick Sanford, Murray County:** One of nine seniors on the team, Sanford came through for the Indians all season with his outside shooting and all-around skills. He averaged

12.5 points, 4.4 rebounds, four assists and two steals while helping the Indians reach the Class 4A state tournament. He also shot 35 percent from the 3-point line, 50 percent from the field and 77 percent from the free-throw line.

"He did great stepping into his role this year," Indians coach Greg Linder said. "He did everything we asked of him, and a lot more. He really took on the challenge and performed at a high level."

■ **Caz Cole, Dalton:** Making his second appearance on the All-Area Team, the senior post led the Catamounts in scoring (14.1) and rebounding (7.2). The 6-7 Cole was also known for his high-flying abilities, often dunking in games off breakaways and alley-oops, and blocking shots.

"Caz had a lot of big games for us," Dalton coach Mike Duffie said. "He was a big defensive presence in the middle that blocked shots and he was a pretty consistent scorer. It's going to be hard for us to fill his spot in the lineup. I've had him all three years I've been here and it's going to be strange not having him in the lineup."

■ **Tanner Long, Murray County:** The senior post was a solid and always reliable contributor for the Indians and his play down the stretch on offense and defense as the Indians earned a state tournament berth with a third-place finish in the Region 7-4A tourney.

Long averaged 12.2 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.4 assists. He blocked 50 shots and took a team-high 14 charges.

"Consistency was the key with him," Linder said. "His ability to score inside opened up the offense for us. He was a centerpiece in us being able to play the way we did."

"And it's easy to forget what he did for us defensively. He had a well-rounded year and showed he could really play the game, especially as we got deeper into the season."

The honorable mention selections:

■ **Christian Heritage** — Will Clark (Jr.), Landon McClure (Jr.)

■ **Dalton** — Shaquon Moore (Jr.), David White (Sr.)

■ **Murray County** — Chase Sanford (Sr.), John Kiser (Sr.)

■ **Northwest Whitfield** — Baker Chiddister (Jr.), Nermin Delic (Jr.)

■ **Southeast** — Matt Hall (Sr.), Bradley Grant (Sr.), Trey Parris (Jr.)

## WCPRD baseball results

The Whitfield County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Dixie Baseball and Softball Leagues began action on March 23. Scores, leading hitters and outstanding players included:

**Dixie Angels 10U Girls**

Valley Point Lady Waves 5, Pleasant Grove Lady Dawgs 2 (VP) Sydney Ross winning pitcher, with 11 Ks and no hitter.

Westside Diamond Dolls 5, New Hope Gold Grizzlies 0 — (WS) Alyssa Ward 2-3, Molly Massingill 2-3.

Dawnville Lady Dawgs 10, Antioch Lady Stingers 5 — Addison Hasty WP.

Dug Gap Explosion 18, Dalton Rip Tide 6 — (DG) Leslie Rodriguez HR 2-3, Lily Johnson 2-3, Cheyenne Bradford 2-3, Madison Pearson WP 6K. Pleasant Grove Eagles 11, Dalton Force 0 — (PG) Rachel Burton WP.

**Dixie AAA 9 Boys**

Tunnel Hill Cannons 5, Beaverdale Wildcats 5 — (TH) (BW) Will Douglas 2-2 9K.

Pleasant Grove Red Sox 8, Eastside Astros 2 — (PG) Dillon Clark 2-2 HR.

Varnell Bruins 10, New Hope Grizzlies 4 — (V) Lucas Cole WP 6K.

Dawnville Rays 12, Dug Gap Dodgers 2 — (D) Preston VanMeter 2-2 HR WP. (DG) Hughes 6K.

**Dixie AAA 10 Boys**

Westside Red Sox 10, Westside Demons 10 — (RD) Coby Griffith HR, Carson Frye HR, Branson Stricklan HR.

Tunnel Hill Rangers 13, Westside Sidewinders 5 — (TH) Brandon Martin 2-2 HR, Hogan Higgins 2-2, Alex Standridge 2-3, Dakota Dills HR. (WS) D. Merry 2-2.

New Hope Blue Grizzlies 7, Westside Storm 1 — (NH) Preston Ausmus HR, Will Blanchard WP.

Pleasant Grove Muckdogs 15, Dawnville Devils 0 — (PG) Michael

Layman HR, Garrett Weaver HR, David Thomas WP.

Dug Gap Storm 16, Antioch Mustangs 0 — (DG) Thomas Wright 3-3 HR, Vinny Vega 2-3 HR, Anthony Flores HR, Wesley Hagan HR, Oscar Hernandez HR.

**Dixie Majors 11 Boys**

Varnell Bulldogs 2, Varnell Red Sox 1 — (VB) Jantzen Smith 2-3, Zachary Williams WP 9K. (VRS) Alex Fisher 2-2, Nathan Johnson 7K.

Beaverdale Wildcats 5, Westside Warriors 3 — (B) Hunter Cronan WP.

Pleasant Grove Tar Heels 6, Antioch Yellow Jackets 3 — (PG) David Dickie 2-2, Noah Ramsey 2-2, Omar Hernandez WP.

**Dixie 0 Zone 12 Boys**

Valley Point Wave 16, New Hope Grizzlies 6 — (VP) Dusty Baker WP, Tyson Cooper & Chase Jenkins 3-4; Andrew Williams 2-3; Maverick Curtis 2-2.

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## EARLY BIRD CHAMPS



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The 8-year-old Dug Gap Dodgers captured the recent Eastside Early Bird tournament championship. Team members are front row, left to right, Justin Ketchem, Matthew Page, Davison Reynolds, Will Harvey and Will Dennard; second row, coach George Page, Austin Hackney, Hardin Chambliss, Carter Sides, Henry Hanson and coach Jason Reynolds. Not pictured is Davis Ward.

### PREP BASKETBALL: MURRAY COUNTY

## Sanford, Long, Marchant, Brock top award winners

BY LARRY FLEMING

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Garrick Sanford and Tanner Long were key players in Murray County's drive to the Class 4A state tournament this season. The two seniors were rewarded for their roles by being chosen as co-MVPs at the Indians basketball banquet.

Coach Greg Linder said Long, when he wanted to be, could almost be an unstoppable force on offense and "understands the game and knows what to do on offense and defense."

The veteran coach praised Sanford for being "probably our most versatile player" who stepped up and handled his new role as a scorer and "main focus of our offense, as well as other team's defense" very well.

Sanford was selected as the Northwest Georgia Tip-Off Club's Player of the Year for Murray County High, a second-team All-Region pick and a member of *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Basketball Team published today on page 1B. He led the Indians in scoring with 12.5 points and assists with 4.0 per game, and was third in rebounding with 4.4 an outing. He had 58 steals and blocked six shots.

Long operated effectively in the post and often drew double teams from opposing teams. Yet, he was second on the team with a 12.2-point scoring average and rebounding (5.5 per game) and led the Indians with 50 blocked shots. Like, Sanford, Long is on the All-Area Team and was on the All-Region second team and earned the Northwest Georgia Tip-Off Club's Player of the Month award in December for Murray County.

Chase Sanford earned the Coaches Award, John Kiser took home the Hustle Award and Chandler Puryear got the Best Rebounder Award.

Senior Chase Sanford averaged 10.1 points, two rebounds, 1.7 assists and had 37 steals for the Indians, who finished 19-10 and had their season end with a 68-50 loss to Rockdale County in the first round of the state tournament.

Kiser, a senior, constantly energized the Indians and averaged five points, two rebounds and 2.3 assists while recording 60 steals and took five charges.

Puryear, another senior, was the Indians' best rebounder, getting 7.3 per game, and he averaged eight points, 2.6 assists and had 24 steals.

Junior Tember Marchant, the area's third-leading scorer with a 12.5-point average, earned the Lady Indians' Offensive Player of the Year Award. In 25 games, Marchant scored 312 points and helped the Lady Indians to a 9-16 record. Their season ended with a 56-43 loss to Cass in the region tournament.

Marchant also averaged 3.3 rebounds, 2.2 steals and 1.9 assists for coach Traci Rankin's team.

Cayla Brock earned the Defensive Player of the Year Award. She was second on the team with 43 steals, third in rebounding with 3.2 per game and averaged 8.8 points.

Jenna Rogers was selected as the Most Improved Player, Brittney Spence got the Coach's Award and Shanda Crowe took home the Academic Award with a 98.125 average.

Lady Indians junior varsity awards: Offensive Player of the Year, Kellie Newport; Defensive Player of the Year, Haleigh Rymer; Coach's Award, Kolby Keener; and Most Improved, Kayla Stanley.

The Most Improved freshman was Kaitlyn Lowery.

## Talk: Raines holding his own

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However, to sustain the show, the commercials and call-ins need to increase.

■ Dalton athletic director Ronnie McClurg attended Tennessee's scrimmage in Knoxville on Saturday and said former Catamount Stephaun Raines, *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Player of the Year in 2005, started with the No. 1 secondary, right alongside All-America strong safety Eric Berry.

Raines, McClurg said, looks much more confident at safety, was around the ball on several plays and his techniques looked much better.

"Right now I'm running first team at free safety," Raines said by telephone, "and I'm battling Prentiss Waggoner for the job. The new scheme is not easy but we're picking it up pretty fast."

The former Cat has been impressed with the entire coaching staff, despite head coach Lane Kiffin's tough approach to everything the players do, on and off the field.

"That's nothing that wasn't expected Raines said. "No one thought he'd come in here soft. We knew he'd lay down the law."

He said the entire staff is "real cool" and the players like the fact many of them are young coaches, enabling the players to relate much better with them.

Raines works closely with secondary coach Willie Garza and is thrilled to be under the wide umbrella of defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, who left the Tampa Bay Bucs to join his son in Knoxville.

Garza, Raines said, is less experienced than some of the other coaches but he's a rising star in the coaching ranks.

"And he's a really good guy," Raines said. Raines called Monte Kiffin "the man" and said he's so energetic that he gets all the defensive players hyped up. He said Kiffin actually does some of the drills with players during practice.

"He acts like he's 30 or 40 years old," Raines said of the 60-plus Kiffin. "And his scheme is all about getting to the quarterback, a big-time blitz. He's all about hitting that quarterback."

Raines said he performed well in Saturday's scrimmage. While "no balls were thrown his way," he said he had no busted assignments."

Kiffin said early on that players would have equal opportunities to compete for all positions in the spring and that's what he's doing. The coaches have yet to publish a depth chart, and won't have one until spring practice concludes. That said, Raines has as good a chance as anyone else to earn playing time this season.

McClurg said he enjoyed meeting the Vols' new coaching staff, headed by Lane Kiffin, and watching the early drills and then the scrimmage. He met basketball coach Bruce Pearl and chatted with former Vol head coach Johnny Majors, who watched spring practice last week for the first time since his dismissal in 1992. Majors' departure, and the ascension of his top assistant Phillip Fulmer to the head coaching position, was, to put it mildly, contentious and severely strained Majors' relationship with the university.

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### PRO BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

## Teixeira homers, Yanks beat Braves

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Mark Teixeira is fitting in quite nicely with the New York Yankees.

The first baseman, who signed an eight-year deal worth \$180 million in the offseason, hit his second spring home run and raised his Grapefruit League average to .391 as the Yankees defeated the Atlanta Braves 6-4 on Saturday.

"I've been spending a lot of time in the cage and my swing is coming around," Teixeira said. "By opening day, I should be about where I want. It takes a while when you are a switch-hitter."

Teixeira was 2-for-2 and walked against Braves starter Jair Jurrjens. His homer came on the first pitch of the fifth inning and sailed well over the fence in right-center field.

"We've got a great lineup and I'm going to get pitches to hit all season," Teixeira said. "We should score a lot of runs."

Atlanta All-Star catcher Brian McCann had to leave in the first after being struck on the right ring finger by a foul tip by Teixeira, but said it was just a bruise.

"We caught a break there," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said.

McCann started five consecutive games so he could catch the entire Atlanta rotation after missing much of spring training while playing for the United States in the World Baseball Classic.

"It's just a bruise," McCann said. "I should be able to play in a couple days."

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter bruised a knuckle on his left pinkie when he was involved in a collision at



AP PHOTO

Atlanta catcher Brian McCann holds his right hand after getting hit by a foul tip off New York Yankees batter Mark Teixeira during Saturday's spring training game in Kissimmee, Fla. McCann left the game.

first base leading off the game. He left after three innings, but isn't expected to miss any time.

Jurrjens gave up nine hits and six runs in five innings, but three of the runs were unearned after an error by shortstop Yunel Escobar in New York's four-run second inning. He walked three and also gave up a homer to Robinson Cano.

Brett Tomko, trying to win the long reliever spot in the Yankees' bullpen, lowered his spring ERA to 1.17 with three scoreless innings as the starter. He allowed three hits and a walk while striking out one.

"It's probably the best spring I've ever had," said Tomko, a non-roster invitee

who's coming off arm surgery. "I'm just trying to win a spot and I'd be happy in any role that they'd give me."

Tomko got the start because Chien-Ming Wang stayed in Tampa to pitch in a minor league game. He allowed nine hits and four runs in five innings in the Triple-A game, with three strikeouts and a walk. Two of the hits were homers.

Atlanta rookie Jordan Schafer, battling for the starting job in center field, had three hits to raise his average to .396. He also made a nice running catch.

"He's got speed and he can patrol center field," Cox said. "He's looking good at the plate, too. He's going to be a good one."

## Soccer: Indians strong No. 1

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Rebecca Snellman likes her team's prospects.

"I think we're in a good position," the first-year coach said. "I just think if we play our best we can go against any team and should have a good chance of winning."

Southeast coach Jamison Griffin said the Raiders most likely will play at Carrollton — the expected No. 1 seed from the south sub-region. To reach that game, Carrollton must beat Cedartown for the second time this season. Carrollton won the earlier meeting, 6-1.

Local soccer fans should be used to the stiff in-town competition between Dalton, Southeast and Murray, especially since the defense-minded Indians moved back to Region 7-4A from Region 5-5A.

Last season, Southeast defeated Dalton 5-3 in a thrilling penalty kick match after two scoreless overtime periods where the score remained tied at 4. It was the first time in Catamounts coach Matt Cheaves' 14-year tenure the Raiders beat one of his teams.

The win essentially clinched the Region title for the Raiders and ended the Cats run of seven consecutive years at the top. Southeast's incredible postseason run would take the Raiders into the state title

match where they lost to Lakeside-DeKalb on penalty kicks. The Cats reached the state quarterfinals last season before falling to Whitewater.

This year however, the playoff script is even juicier with Murray County in the mix. In an eerily similar fashion to the Raiders in 2008, the Indians defeated Dalton earlier this month 6-5 on PKs to secure he No. 1 seed.

Indians coach Randy Baggett said it's the first time in school history the Indians have defeated Dalton in soccer, but he's not completely taken aback by the program's biggest win.

"I wouldn't have been surprised if Dalton had come out on top," he said. "But we knew we were capable (of beating Dalton) as well."

The Cats remain a strong playoff contender and Cheaves understands why his squad came up just short of the No. 1 seed.

"We haven't finished opportunities when we've had them," he said. "I don't know why. There's nothing specific I can point to, it's just one of those things."

Griffin said his team can use last year's title match to its advantage.

"Players from last year's team still have the taste of a state championship appearance in their mouth and their ears are still ringing from all the fans that cheered them on," he said. "That motivates them."

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## LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

### Banquet

• Dalton High's basketball banquet is scheduled for April 1 at the school commons at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and on sale at the school business office.

### Road races

• The Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic is scheduled for May 2 at the Bradley Center for Wellness. Scheduled races are a timed 5K at 8 a.m., the timed 2K "Kid's Classic" (ages 19 and younger) at 9:30 a.m. and an untimed 2K walk at 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$15 before April 21 and \$20 after. Pre-registration is urged — T-shirts and desired sizes are limited for race-day registrants and pre-registrants are eligible for door prizes. Race-day registration will be held from 7-9 a.m. Entry forms can be printed at [nwghealthpartners.org](http://nwghealthpartners.org).

### Registration, tryouts

• Whitfield County Parks and Recreation is forming a Dixie Boys baseball league for ages 15-19 and a Dixie Girls softball league for ages 13-18. An organizational meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on March 30 at the Whitfield County Recreation Department. Meeting is open to the public, including middle school and high school coaches. For information, call (706) 226-8341 or write [jmanis@whitfieldcountyga.com](mailto:jmanis@whitfieldcountyga.com).

• The North Georgia Bulldogs, a semi-pro football team based in Calhoun, are still looking for linemen to fill out their 50-man roster. The Bulldogs will hold preseason games in May and open on June 13. Anyone interested in trying out for the positions can write to co-owner Kacee Smith at [northgeorgiabulldogs@hotmail.com](mailto:northgeorgiabulldogs@hotmail.com).

• The Whitfield Reds are looking for one 8-year-old boy to play travel baseball. Contact Ricky Chumley at (423) 593-5020.

• The Georgia Sting fastpitch softball team is seeking a pitcher to compete in an all 16-underschedule and almost all the ASA 14-under qualifiers in metro Atlanta. Contact Greg Boyd at (706) 581-7624 or e-mail [gasting@optilink.us](mailto:gasting@optilink.us).

### Clinics, camps

• Advantage Basketball Camps is accepting registration for its spring break camp on April 4-6 and

10-12 at Trinity Chapel Academy in Powder Springs. Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. For information, visit [advantagebasketball.com](http://advantagebasketball.com) or call Charles Overall at (404) 425-0890.

• Ten Star All-Star Basketball is accepting applications for its invitation-only summer camp for boys and girls ages 10-19. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison, and players from all 50 states plus 11 foreign countries attended last year's camps. Camp locations include Gainesville, Ga. and Lebanon, Tenn., as well as other sites. A camp for ages 9-18 of all skill levels is also available. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 before April 15.

• The Catamount Ladies Football Clinic is scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 7 at Dalton High. The clinic will give an inside look at the program and raise money for the Catamount Care Fund, which will support a community project such as last year's adoption of a family for Christmas. Instruction will be provided by Dalton coaches and Chuck Harris is the featured motivational speaker. Cost is \$20 and also includes dinner. Call (706) 876-4882 or write [adam.winegarden@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:adam.winegarden@dalton.k12.ga.us).

• Dalton High will hold the Catamount Football Camp for ages 7 through rising eighth graders on June 22-24 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Camp will focus on fundamentals and basic skills and techniques of football, and campers will receive individual attention with encouragement to improve their game, sportsmanship and football knowledge. Motivational speakers, competitions and awards will also be part of the camp. Cost is \$50; campers will receive a T-shirt and camp picture. Registration will be available the day of camp. Contact Chad Jordan at (706) 217-5577 or [chad.jordan@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:chad.jordan@dalton.k12.ga.us).

• Northwest Whitfield's Fighting Bruins Football Camp for boys entering grades 1-6 is scheduled for June 22-24 from 8-11:30 a.m. each day at the high school. Cost is \$50 per camper and pre-registration is requested. Check-in will begin at 7:45 a.m. at the field-house. Contact Mike Falleur at

(706) 516-2217.

• Reebok's Mountain High Running Camp for middle and high school ages is scheduled for July 13-18 in Mars Hill, N.C. The camp will feature great trails and be staffed by elite U.S. and Kenyan runners and coaches. Participants will receive Reebok gear, including a pair of shoes. Information and registration are available at [mountainhighrunning.com](http://mountainhighrunning.com). Contact Scott Simmons at (704) 688-2814 or [coach@mountainhighrunning.com](mailto:coach@mountainhighrunning.com).

### Tournaments

• USFA girls fastpitch tournaments are scheduled April 4-5 at the Bradley Industrial Park in Cleveland, Tenn.; April 11 and April 18-19 at Heritage Point Park in Dalton; April 25-26 at Tinsley Park in Cleveland, Tenn.; and May 2-3 at Heritage Point Park for teams 8 to 18-under. Contact Garry Headrick at (706) 483-1346 or [garry\\_headrick2001@yahoo.com](mailto:garry_headrick2001@yahoo.com).

• The Northwest Whitfield Dugout Club will host a fundraiser golf tournament with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on April 19 at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. Format is two-person select shot and cost is \$75 per person. Contact Ricky Darnell at (706) 217-9338 or Kip Allen at (706) 260-9664.

• An ASA girls fastpitch tournament will be held April 4-5 at Heritage Point Park in Dalton. Entry fees are \$100 for 8-under and 10-under through 18-under \$200. Contact Jeff Gallmon at [vipdalton@optilink.us](mailto:vipdalton@optilink.us) or Leon Behr at [lhbhr1@yahoo.com](mailto:lhbhr1@yahoo.com).

• A basketball tournament for boys and girls teams 10 through 18 age groups will be held at the Sonorville Recreation Complex April 24-26. Fee is \$150 per team. Entry deadline is April 17. Contact Taylor McDaniel at (770) 324-3727 or Derrick McDaniel at (706) 936-6254.

### Add your news

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## AUTO RACING



NASCAR'S Rick Hendrick was a car owner with a fading dream when he went to church with his wife 25 years ago as his team prepared to race at Martinsville Speedway.

AP PHOTO

# Hendrick looks back at first win 25 years ago

By HANK KURZ JR.

Associated Press Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Rick Hendrick was a car owner with a fading dream when he went to church with his wife 25 years ago as his team prepared to race at Martinsville Speedway.

When he emerged, life as he knew it would never be the same.

Geoff Bodine, the driver who ached for an opportunity to race, and Harry Hyde, the mechanical whiz who convinced Hendrick he could build a winning race car, had proven it at the track in southwest Virginia, giving the car dealer his first NASCAR victory as an owner.

There have been 174 more victories since, as well as eight Sprint Cup Series championships, making Hendrick one of the dominant figures in a sport he almost abandoned.

"Had we not won that race 25 years ago, Hendrick Motorsports would not be here today," Hendrick said this week.

"A couple of weeks before, we were going to have to shut the team down because we had no sponsor," Hendrick said. "I told Harry we absolutely were going to quit two races before that. And we went on and won Martinsville and picked up enough help to make it through the year."

It helped that Bodine won twice more before the season was finished, and Hendrick was on his way.

"In some ways, it feels like it was yesterday," he said, "and then you look back at all the drivers and the people that have been involved, and it feels like it was a long time ago."

Those early years included some of

the biggest names in racing: Benny Parsons, Darrell Waltrip, Tim Richmond and Ricky Rudd.

Now, he boasts four of the biggest names in the racing — Jeff Gordon, a four-time series champion; Jimmie Johnson, the winner of the last three championships; Dale Earnhardt Jr., the most popular driver in the series; and Mark Martin, who came on board for this season.

"I think that everyone that works for him wants to succeed for him," Martin said.

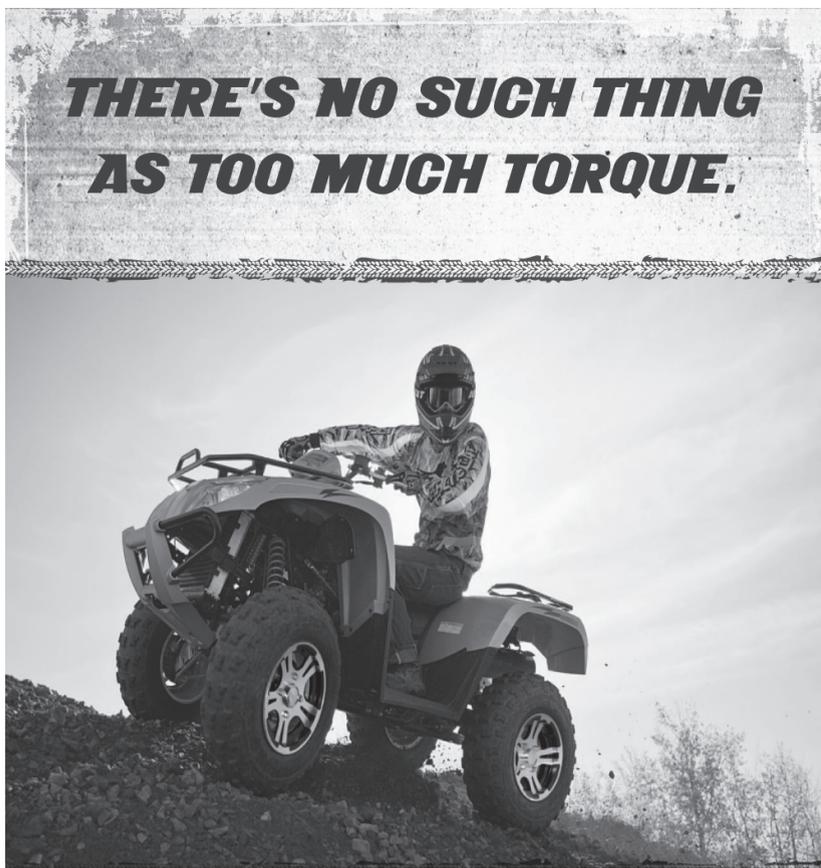
He drives the No. 5 Chevrolet for Hendrick, the same number car that Bodine drove into Victory Lane back in 1984, and would like to take the checkered flag Sunday for Hendrick.

But he'll have to get past his teammates who have dominated the 0.526-mile oval. Gordon has seven wins here and Johnson has five, including four of the last five races.

For all the good memories at Martinsville, the track is also a reminder of perhaps Hendrick's darkest day. In October 2004, son Ricky, brother John and eight others were killed when a Hendrick plane crashed on fog-shrouded Bull Mountain nearby.

Hendrick, a native of Palmer Springs who grew up coming to races at the track, said he can't fly over Bull Mountain on a clear day without looking for the 14-foot crossed placed at the crash site. And he always asks himself if he wants to be at the track on race day.

"And then," he said, "when I start thinking about it, it's tougher being at home than it is being there, too, because it's just then that you know you should be there with them."



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**PREP SPORTS**

Catamounts beat Heritage easily, 9-2

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Dalton baseball Catamounts (6-4) defeated Heritage-Catoosa on Saturday, 9-2.

Nick Ray picked up the win, pitching seven innings and giving up a run on two hits while striking out two and walking two.

Carter Crutchfield led the Cats by going 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

**GOLF**

O'Hair leading Woods by 5 shots

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Sean O'Hair couldn't think of a bad shot he hit over the last four holes, yet he still made three bogeys.

Tiger Woods was thrilled with his last two bogeys — one after a shot caromed off the cart path, another after a shot no one could find along the banks of the lake guarding the 18th green.

Right after the sonic boom from the return of space shuttle Discovery resounded across the course, Bay Hill lowered a boom of its own Saturday and turned the Arnold Palmer Invitational into a windy, wacky test of survival.

O'Hair managed better than most with a 1-over 71 that put him in the final group with Woods for the second straight year, with one big difference. Instead of being in a five-way tie, O'Hair has a five-shot lead over the world's No. 1 player.

O'Hair had a six-shot lead with four holes to play, made three bogeys and still was five ahead, finishing at 7-under 203.

**LOCAL**

**Prep Schedule**

**Monday**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 Northwest Whitfield at Rome, 5:55  
**Varsity golf**  
 Murray County girls vs. Dalton, Nob North, 3:30  
 Furtah Prep vs. Christian Heritage, Nob North, 4  
**Varsity soccer**  
 Christian Heritage at Arlington Christian, 4:30  
 Heritage-Catoosa at Murray County, 5  
**Varsity tennis**  
 Arlington Christian vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore Park, 4  
 Dalton at Darlington, 4  
 Calhoun at Northwest Whitfield, 4:30  
 Allatoona at Murray County, 5  
**JV baseball**  
 Northwest Whitfield freshmen at Murray County (DH), 5

**JV soccer**  
 Dalton at Ooltewah, Tenn., 5:30  
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Rome, 5:45

**JV golf**  
 Northwest Whitfield boys at MCI at Bull Creek, 2:45  
 Murray County girls vs. Dalton, 3:30

**Middle school baseball**  
 McCallie at Dalton, 5  
 Christian Heritage at Lookout Valley, 5:30  
**Middle school softball**  
 Boyd Buchanan at Christian Heritage, 5  
**Middle school tennis**  
 Christian Heritage at Boyd Buchanan, 4:15

**Tuesday**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 The Heritage School at Christian Heritage, 5  
 Lakeview Fort-Oglethorpe at Southeast, 5:30  
 Northwest Whitfield at Woodland-Bartow, 5:55  
 Dalton at Cass, 5:55

**Varsity golf**  
 Gordon Central at Murray County, Spring Lakes, 3:30  
 Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Gordon Lee at Battlefield, 4

**Varsity tennis**  
 Southeast at Heritage-Catoosa, 4  
 Collegedale, Tenn., at Dalton, 4

**Varsity track and field**  
 Gordon Lee at Northwest Whitfield  
 Southeast, Fannin at Murray County, 4  
**Middle school baseball**  
 Christian Heritage at Boyd Buchanan, 4:30  
**Middle school softball**  
 Christian Heritage at Grace Baptist, 4:30

**Wednesday**  
**Varsity golf**  
 Gilmer vs. Murray County, White Path, 3:30  
 LFO, Ringgold, Southeast boys at Nob North, 3:30  
**Varsity soccer**  
 Region 7-4A playoffs, first round  
**Middle school baseball**  
 McCallie at Dalton, 4:30

**Thursday**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 Southeast at Boyd-Buchanan, 5  
 Woodland at Murray County, 7  
 Sequoyah at Dalton, 5:55

**Varsity golf**  
 Murray County at Cass, Plantation, 3:30  
 Heritage-Catoosa vs. Southeast at Indian Trace, 3:30

**Varsity tennis**  
 Southeast at Cartersville, 4:30  
 Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun

**Varsity track and field**  
 Murray County at Gordon Central  
**JV baseball**  
 Woodland at Murray County, 5:15  
 Northwest Whitfield at Cartersville, 7:30

**JV soccer**  
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Dalton, at The Farm, 4  
**JV soccer**  
 Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 4:30

**Freshman baseball**  
 Northwest Whitfield at Cartersville, 5  
**Middle school baseball**  
 Temple at Christian Heritage, 5  
**Middle school JV baseball**  
 McCallie at Dalton, 4:30

**Friday**  
**Varsity baseball**

Cass at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55  
 Dalton at Woodland, 5:55  
 Murray County at Sequoyah, 5:55  
 Central Carrollton at Southeast, 6  
**Varsity soccer**  
 Region 7-4A playoffs, second round  
**Varsity tennis**  
 Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun

**Middle school tennis**  
 OLPH vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore

**Saturday**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 Murray County at Northwest Whitfield, 5

**Varsity golf**  
 Southeast boys at Lion Invitational, Oak Mountain GC, Carrollton 9 a.m.

**Varsity tennis**  
 Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun

**Varsity soccer**  
 LaFayette Christian at Christian Heritage, 2  
**Varsity track and field**  
 Rotary Invitational at Dalton, 9 a.m.

**JV baseball**  
 Northwest Whitfield at LaFayette (DH), Noon  
**Freshman baseball**  
 Heritage-Catoosa at Northwest Whitfield, Noon

**Middle school softball**  
 St. Jude at Christian Heritage (DH), 10:30 a.m.

**TELEVISION**

**On Today**

**AUTO RACING**  
 1:30 p.m.  
 FOX — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Goody's Fast Relief 500, at Martinsville, Va.

4:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — NHRA, Spring Nationals, final eliminations, at Baytown, Texas (same-day tape)

**BOWLING**  
 2 p.m.  
 ESPN — PBA, Long Island Classic, at West Babylon, N.Y.

**GOLF**  
 9 a.m.  
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Open de Andalucia, final round, at Seville, Spain

1 p.m.  
 TGC — Champions Tour, The Cap Cana Championship, at Cap Cana, Dominican Republic

2:30 p.m.  
 NBC — PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, final round, at Orlando, Fla.

7 p.m.  
 TGC — LPGA, Phoenix International, final round, (same-day tape)

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 2 p.m.  
 CBS — National coverage, NCAA Division I tournament, regional finals, doubleheader, Louisville vs. Michigan St. at Indianapolis and Oklahoma vs. North Carolina at Memphis, Tenn.

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 1 p.m.  
 ABC — Dallas at Cleveland

3:30 p.m.  
 WGN — Chicago at Toronto

8 p.m.  
 ESPN — San Antonio at New Orleans

**RODEO**  
 8 p.m.  
 VERSUS — PBR, Ty Murray Invitational, at Albuquerque, N.M. (same-day tape)

**TENNIS**  
 1 p.m.  
 FSN — ATP World Tour/WTA Tour, Sony Ericsson Open, early round, at Miami

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Noon  
 ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Connecticut vs. California, at Trenton, N.J.

2:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Arizona St. vs. Texas A&M, at Trenton, N.J.

7:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Purdue vs. Rutgers, at Oklahoma City

9:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Pittsburgh vs. Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City

**SCOREBOARD**

**PRO HOCKEY**

**NHL Glance**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-New Jersey	47	24	4	98	228	186
Philadelphia	41	23	10	92	239	213
Pittsburgh	41	27	8	90	239	225
N.Y. Rangers	39	28	9	87	196	208
N.Y. Islanders	25	41	9	59	189	244

**Northeast Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Boston	47	17	10	104	250	176
Montreal	38	27	10	86	226	229
Buffalo	37	30	8	82	226	217
Toronto	31	32	13	75	230	271
Ottawa	32	32	10	74	197	215

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Washington	46	23	7	99	245	222
Carolina	42	28	7	91	220	214
Florida	36	28	11	83	207	213
Atlanta	32	38	6	70	237	262
Tampa Bay	24	34	17	65	196	249

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Detroit	49	17	9	107	276	221
Chicago	40	22	11	91	242	198
Columbus	39	28	7	85	207	202
Nashville	37	30	8	82	192	206
St. Louis	35	30	9	79	205	214

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	42	26	6	90	238	228
Vancouver	40	25	9	89	225	203
Edmonton	36	30	9	81	216	228
Minnesota	35	31	8	78	190	182
Colorado	31	42	2	64	192	243

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-San Jose	48	15	11	107	240	185
Anaheim	37	32	6	80	215	216
Dallas	33	32	9	75	206	228
Los Angeles	31	33	11	73	191	219
Phoenix	31	36	7	69	184	227

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**Saturday's Games**

Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 3  
 Nashville 4, Los Angeles 3, OT  
 Atlanta 6, Ottawa 3  
 Boston 7, Toronto 5  
 Buffalo 4, Montreal 3, SO  
 Carolina 2, New Jersey 1  
 Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO  
 Florida at Dallas, late  
 Columbus at St. Louis, late  
 Minnesota at Calgary, late  
 Phoenix at San Jose, late

**Today's Games**

Nashville at Detroit, 5 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Columbus, 5 p.m.  
 Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Colorado at Anaheim, 8 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**

**NBA Glance**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	55	19	.743	—
Philadelphia	37	34	.521	16 1/2
New Jersey	30	42	.417	24
New York	29	44	.397	25 1/2
Toronto	27	45	.375	27

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	54	18	.750	—
Atlanta	42	31	.575	12 1/2
Miami	39	34	.534	15 1/2
Charlotte	33	40	.452	21 1/2
Washington	17	57	.230	38

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	59	13	.819	—
Chicago	36	38	.486	24
Detroit	35	37	.486	24
Milwaukee	31	43	.419	29
Indiana	30	43	.411	29 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	24	.667	—
Houston	47	26	.644	1 1/2
New Orleans	44	27	.620	3 1/2
Dallas	43	29	.597	5
Memphis	18	53	.254	29 1/2

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	47	26	.644	—
Portland	45	27	.625	1 1/2
Utah	44	27	.620	2
Oklahoma City	20	52	.278	26 1/2
Minnesota	20	53	.274	27

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-L.A. Lakers	58	14	.806	—
Phoenix	40	32	.556	18
Golden State	25	47	.347	33
L.A. Clippers	18	55	.247	40 1/2
Sacramento	15	56	.211	42 1/2

x-clinched division  
 y-clinched playoff spot

**Saturday's Games**

Chicago 112, Indiana 106  
 Charlotte 96, New York 85  
 Detroit 98, Washington 96  
 Miami 102, Milwaukee 85  
 L.A. Clippers at Houston, late  
 Phoenix at Utah, late  
 Golden State at Denver, late  
 Memphis at Portland, late

**Today's Games**

Dallas at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 Chicago at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
 Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

**Monday's Games**

Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
 New York at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

**BASEBALL**

**Spring Training Glance**

**Saturday's Scores**  
 Boston 4, Florida 3, 7 1/2 innings  
 Atlanta 12, N.Y. Mets 1  
 Houston 9, Toronto 6  
 Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., p.p.d., rain

St. Louis 12, Washington 11  
 Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5  
 Minnesota 2, Philadelphia 1  
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Detroit 3  
 Texas 8, Colorado 4  
 Seattle 8, Oakland 5  
 Milwaukee 4, L.A. Angels 4, tie, 10 innings  
 Chicago Cubs 13, Chicago White Sox 2  
 Kansas City 13, Arizona 6  
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Cleveland 4  
 San Francisco (ss) 8, Oakland (ss) 4  
 San Francisco (ss) 12, San Diego 4

**Today's Games**

Florida vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Toronto vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Washington vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Baltimore vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10

p.m.  
 Texas vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.  
 Seattle vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Arizona vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.

San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

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# REAL ESTATE

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## REAL ESTATE WATCH

# Mortgage rates drop to lowest since '50s

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 10 basis points, to 5.19 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.42 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 5.91 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.45 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 6 basis points, to 4.8 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage fell 3 basis points, to 5.21 percent. The 30-year jumbo, for bigger loans, showed the biggest improvement, falling 22 basis points, to a diabolical 6.66 percent.

Bankrate has surveyed mortgage rates weekly since September 1985. Before this week, the record low for the 30-year fixed had been 5.28 percent, set in June 2003 and again this January. This week's rate sets the record low in the nearly 24-year history of Bankrate's survey.

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the average rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate, FHA-insured mortgage was 5.15 percent in December 1956. That appears to be the last time that

rates were lower.

It appears that homeowners, eager to refinance, took advantage of the lowest rates since the Eisenhower administration.

The Mortgage Bankers Association says home-loan applications soared by more than 30 percent last week. Four-fifths of those applicants were homeowners who had loans and who wanted to refinance at lower rates.

There's evidence that some of those homeowners applied at more than one place, swelling the MBA's numbers. According to Mortgage Maxx, a research firm, the MAX index of loan applicants was up just 1.8 percent last week. Mortgage Maxx aims to count the number of households applying for mortgages while the MBA counts how many loans they applied for. If the number of people applying for mortgages went up 1.8 percent, but applications rose 32 percent, then some people are applying with

more than one lender.

If there's one thing that stops people from applying at more than one place, it's the upfront request for the borrower to pay for an appraisal. "One of the things we try to do is get an appraisal ordered from the beginning," says Michael Moskowitz, president of New York-based Equity Now, one of the largest direct mortgage lenders in the Northeast. "A very small percentage of people will order an appraisal in three places."

People in the mortgage industry say they hear from a lot of people who say they won't refinance until mortgage rates fall to 4.5 percent or even 4 percent. Few lenders think rates will drop that low.

"It is ridiculous for somebody to hold out for 4 percent because there's no evidence that we're going to see that immediately," says Barry Habib, CEO of Mortgage Market Guide. It would be better, he says, to refinance now to take advantage of lower rates — and if rates unexpectedly drop even further, refinance again.

Another reason to act now, instead of waiting, is that lenders keep tightening their standards — and, at the same time, house prices are falling. The combination of

more stringent lending and falling prices can push homeowners out of the category of people who are eligible for loans and into the category of people who are ineligible.

Here's the most recent example: Until this month, the Federal Housing Administration would insure a loan for a cash-out refinance to 95 percent loan to value. "They just lowered that to 85 percent. That was a big change," says Matt Hackett, underwriting manager for Equity Now.

The FHA will do a rate-and-term refi, in which the new loan is for the same amount as the balance on the old loan, for up to 97.75 percent loan to value.

For conventional loans — those not insured by the FHA — standards are tighter. Hackett says mortgage-insurance companies won't insure cash-out refinances. In most places, a rate-and-term refinance can go as high as 90 percent loan to value. In the few areas that aren't defined as "declining markets," people with good credit scores can refinance at up to 95 percent loan to value.

record low in the weekly Bankrate survey.

The average 30-year, fixed-rate fell 10 basis points, to 5.19 percent. A basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

This week's rate sank below the previous all-time Bankrate low of 5.28 percent on both June 11, 2003, and Jan. 14 of this year.

Rates fell sharply after the Federal Reserve's March 18 announcement that it plans to buy an additional \$750 billion in mortgage-backed securities. Previously, the Fed had committed to buying \$500 billion in these securities, bringing the purchase total to \$1.25 trillion.

This week's average 15-year, fixed-rate — a popular option for refinancing — fell 6 basis points, to 4.8 percent.

The average jumbo 30-year fixed plunged 22 basis points, to 6.66 percent.

Adjustable-rate mortgages also fell this week. The one-year, adjustable-rate mortgage dropped 18 basis points, to 5.3 percent. The popular 5/1 ARM slipped 3 basis points, to 5.21 percent.



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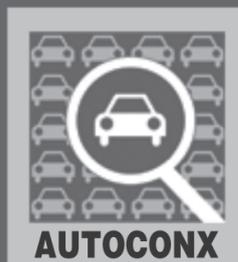
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Faith Christian Academy students attended the King Tut exhibit at the Atlanta Civic Center recently. From left are Faith Scriven, Valerie Weirsma, Susan Harris,

Kayleen Weirsma, Kaitlyn Chastain, Preston Bartley, Cyric Graham, Syd Goble, Tristan Taylor, Lilly Harris, Taylan Carnes, Taylor Blair and Haley Reed.

## EVENTS AT FCA



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Students at Faith Christian Academy who had perfect attendance in the third quarter were second-graders Taylor Casey and Ellie Downey.



Faith Christian Academy in Chatsworth recently named students for its third quarter honor roll. Students in first through ninth grade who earned As and Bs were on the list. On the first row, from left, are Nicolas Carvell, Ellie Downey, Taylor Casey,

Hunter Wagnon, Nick Casey, Jazzmin Cannon, Trey Butler, Isabella Parker and Jacob Vineyard; second row, Syd Goble, Preston Bartley, Cyric Graham, Lilly Harris, Tristan Taylor, Taylor Blair and Kaitlyn Chastain.

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