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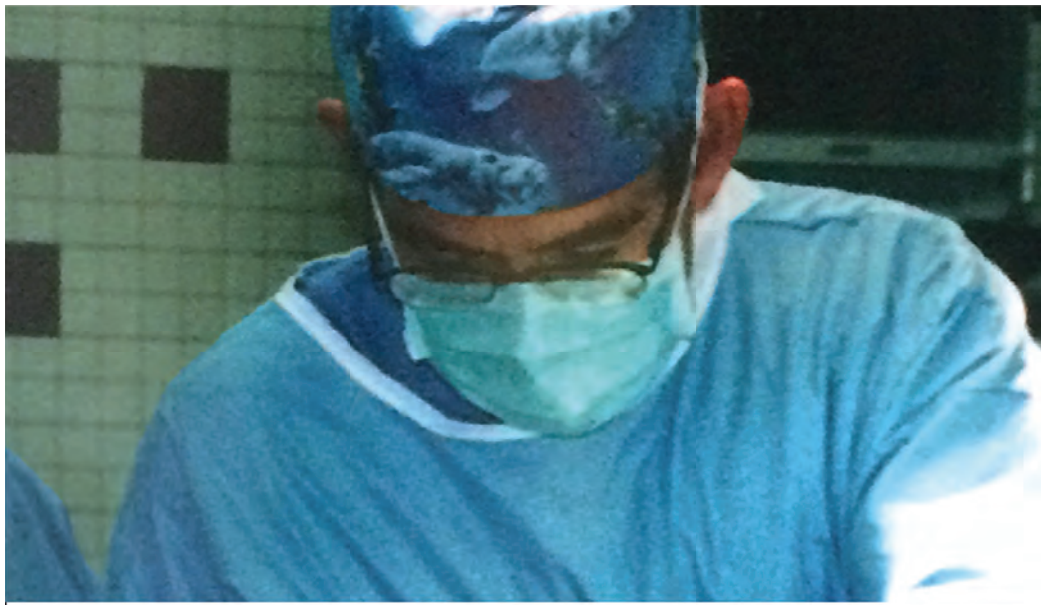
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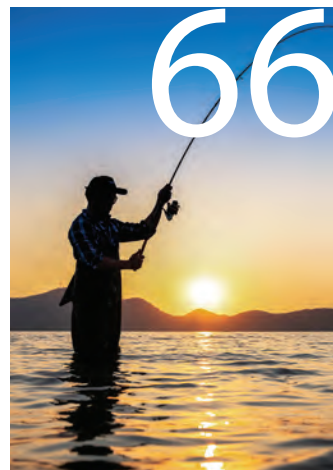


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First, Wayne was struck by the global COVID-19 pandemic—which had resulted in more than 900 cumulative confirmed cases and nearly 20 deaths here even before in-person classes finally resumed in the Wayne County school system Aug. 24.

Second, people here saw pandemic precautions dramatically change their lifestyles as people stayed at home more, avoided large gatherings, kept their distance from others and started wearing masks in public. Numerous events and activities were canceled while people found new ways to entertain themselves—and new ways to connect with each other by long distance.

Third, the economy sputtered as various businesses revised their operations, cut back or even closed—some



Above: Mavis and Theo Arnett celebrate their 67th anniversary on opposite sides of a glass wall at Harborview Health Systems' new visitation booth. Local nursing homes were locked down to protect their residents, such as Mavis, from COVID-19. This photo was taken by the Arnetts' granddaughter Melody Westberry.



temporarily and some permanently—and various workers were laid off or had their hours cut.

Then, when high-profile deaths of unarmed black citizens, sometimes at the hands of police officers, did not immediately lead to prosecutions in different venues around the country (including neighboring Glynn County), local peaceful protesters had to figure out how to take a stand while still trying to honor pandemic guidelines.

And on top of all of the other issues that took their toll on the county, a tornado tore through the Odum area the day after Easter as a huge line of thunderstorms was striking the eastern part of the country.

This year *The Press-Sentinel's Wayne County Living* focuses on Wayne County's resilience while continuing the magazine's tradition as both a good introduction to the county for newcomers and a handy year-round reference for established residents. ●

Left: Volunteers with chain saws and heavy equipment were out in force in Odum to clear up damage from a tornado that hit 35 homes and left thousands of power. Many residences, such as this one on Issac Street, suffered extensive damage.



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Nestled in southeastern Georgia, with its county seat of Jesup about an hour west of the Atlantic Ocean and about an hour north of Florida, lies Wayne County.

Covering 646 square miles, the county is bordered by Tattnall County to the north, Long County to the northeast, McIntosh County to the east, Glynn County to the southeast, Brantley County to the south, Pierce County to the southwest and Appling County to the west and northwest. Its shape is similar to that of the state of Georgia.

When the county was formed, though, its shape was quite different. In 1805, when it was first surveyed and divided into lots, it was 5 to 15 miles wide and 100 miles long and did not even contain the site of present-day Jesup, the current county seat. The first county seat, Waynesville, is now located 12 miles east of present-day Nahunta in Brantley County.

Although its shape has changed, Wayne County has always bordered the Altamaha River. Doctortown, one of the

county's first settlements, was established across the Altamaha River from what is now Long County. Though now only a memory, for many years it thrived as timber that was floated down the river to Darien in McIntosh County became an increasingly important component of the local economy.

Today timber remains a key element of the local economy, as evidenced by the Rayonier Advanced Materials specialty pulpmill near the site of the Doctortown settlement. A mainstay of Wayne County's economy, Rayonier is by far both the county's largest private employer and its largest payer of property taxes.

Jesup, located several miles southwest of the Doctortown area, became the county seat in 1873, only three years after it received its charter. Jesup became the economic center of the county because it marked the intersection of the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad (now CSX) with the Macon & Brunswick Railway (now Norfolk Southern). Today it remains

a transportation hub as the intersection of two developmental highways (U.S. 84 and U.S. 341). It contains 34 percent of the county's population (according to U.S. Census Bureau figures for 2010) and is home to a state technical college, a federal prison, and a variety of major industries manufacturing textiles and other products.

The county includes two other cities: Screven (formerly Station Seven on the Atlantic & Gulf line), and Odum (formerly the fifth station on the Macon & Brunswick line).

Smaller communities are sprinkled around Wayne County and include Gardi and Madray Springs. McKinnon is notable as a Finnish settlement dating back to 1921. Much of the farming in Wayne County takes place in the western area, where Lake Grace and the community of K'ville are located.

As local citizens will attest, each part of Wayne County offers its own distinctive character and its own distinctive charms. ●

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of the economy and schools and a loss of jobs, this pandemic has Wayne County, the country and the world reeling.

But with all of the turmoil, of this I am sure. Wayne County and its people will come out on the other side stronger. No doubt we are living in tough times, but Wayne Countians are tough people. Don't know when we'll see a new normal, but we will see one.

This year's edition of *Wayne County Living* is focused on

how a number of Wayne Countians have been resilient during this pandemic. We've touched on the heartache but also tried to find the bright spots. We hope you enjoy the read.

Wayne County Living is a publication of *The Press-Sentinel* and is available year-round as a guide to Wayne County and its people. It is designed with both the newcomer and the longtime resident in mind. It tries to capture the genuine hometown appeal of this area.

It's full of history and helpful facts about this very distinctive county. This guide will help visitors, newcomers and hometown folks feel right at home.

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County residents can take trash to the Convenience Center, located next to the Wayne County Farmers Market on First Street in Jesup (across from the Jesup Cemetery). The cost is \$10 a truckload and \$10 for a single-axe trailer. Mattresses and box springs cost \$5. The Convenience Center does not take yard debris, filled paint cans or food scraps, nor does it empty garbage cans. Large furniture such as desks and dressers must be broken down in advance, while cardboard should be flattened out. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Only one load allowed on Saturdays.

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and once a year the Tax Assessors' Office conducts a visual check of mobile homes for permits. For more information contact the Tax Assessor's Office at 427-5920.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

New property owners in Wayne County may register at the Tax Assessors' Office in the Wayne County Government Building for a homestead exemption. To apply, take the deed to the Assessors' Office the first January after the property is purchased. If the deed is recorded before Jan. 1, you may file for a homestead exemption any time until April 1 of the following year with the homestead exemption beginning with the following year. For more information, call 427-5950.

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To register to vote in Wayne County, stop by the Voter Registrar's Office in the Wayne County Courthouse between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (closed for lunch between noon and 1 p.m.); apply at Jesup City Hall, Odum City Hall, Screven City Hall, the Wayne County Library, Jesup Post Office, the tag office or DFCS or when you register for a driver's license; or go online to www.sos.state.ga.us.

The Courthouse also offers advance voting. A photo ID is required to vote. For more information call 427-5950.

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MEDIA OUTLETS

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AM) are Wayne County's only commercial radio stations. WTLD (90.5 FM) is a Christian radio station which broadcasts gospel music from Jesup.

WCAC-TV 16 on the local cable-television system is a locally controlled cable channel. Wayne Community Arts Channel Television runs community announcements, local advertising and *The Morning Show*. WCAC-TV 16 is located at 192 W. Pine St. and can be emailed at wcactv@gmail.com.

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Recyclable items including aluminum, newspaper and cardboard can be brought to Wayne Service Center at 1848 Sunset Blvd., 427-4491. Plastics are not accepted. Hours for recycling are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Ferrous and nonferrous metals can be taken to Harter Recycling Center at 1200 Doctortown Road in Jesup. HRC buys scrap metal, batteries and junk cars. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, call 530-7900. ●

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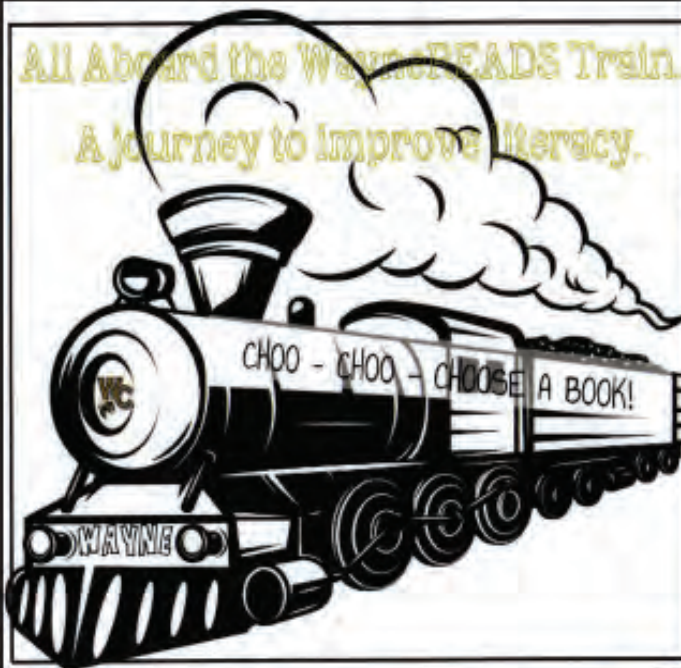
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The Silver Meteor Amtrak stops in Jesup four days per week. The northbound train, which includes stops in Savannah; Washington, D.C.; New York; and Boston, stops in the evening. For southbound service, the train stops in the early morning. Amtrak has served Jesup since the early 1980s, and the city is currently one of five stops in Georgia (including Savannah, Atlanta, Gainesville and Toccoa).

For ticketing or reservations and to obtain information about fares, visit <http://www.amtrak.com/>.

Wayne County Public Transit System

Wayne County's public transit system is open to anyone who wants to use it, including those who don't have other means of transportation, those who don't drive, and those who simply want someone else to drive for a change.

Trips can be made to work, the doctor's office, the grocery store, the beauty shop or even the movies.

The service is available seven days a week, although riders will have to sched-

ule their trips in advance.

The system includes 11 buses with two wheelchair tie-downs per bus and a conversion (high-topped) van for general use.

The fare schedule is as follows: 0-10 miles, \$4 one-way and \$8 round-trip; 11-25 miles, \$6 one-way and \$12 round-trip; 26-50 miles, \$13 one-way and \$26 round-trip; 51-100 miles, \$20 one-way and \$40 round-trip. Trips more than 100 miles will be charged at a charter price of 52 cents a mile. The fare is cut in half for the elderly (60 years and older), the handicapped, and children 5 years old and younger.

For more information, call 427-5914 or visit the office at 1896 S. Macon St. in Jesup.

Wayne County Airport

The county government has the responsibility for the operation of William A. Zorn Airport. The airport has a 5,500-foot landing strip, which enables corporate jets and larger planes to land in Jesup. The airport serves an average of about 120 planes a month and provides services to business executives.

The airport is located at 535 Airport Road, just off Hwy. 301 South in Jesup. The telephone number is 427-5949.

Commercial flights are available in airports in Brunswick (40 miles) and Savannah (70 miles) and at an international airport in Jacksonville, Florida (90 miles). ●

WHERE THE WATER IS

From the Altamaha River to the Satilla River, from Lake Grace to Boykin Lake, Wayne County's water supply is abundant.

Even more abundant are the opportunities the water provides.

James Boykin Lake in Bill Morris Park has been contoured specifically for fish breeding. Its 10-acre area is stocked with bream, bass and catfish and provides a habitat for ducks and other birds.

The Altamaha River, considered a natural and recreational treasure, is nearly essential for local fishers, boaters, campers and swimmers. In addition to teeming with wildlife, the river is also home to longleaf pine, colonies of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, gopher turtles,

Alabama milkvine and other rare plants.

Lake Grace is a popular spot for those looking to get away from it all and enjoy the relaxation of the countryside. It also is a place for fishing and swimming, and it includes a park area for picnickers.

A short section of the Little Satilla River serves as a boundary between Wayne and Pierce counties and offers many of the same sporting opportunities as the other water sources.



Lake Grace is a popular spot for fishing.

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The sudden emergence and then rapid spread worldwide of the coronavirus (COVID-19) is shaking the foundations of the economy in ways that may reverberate for years. The COVID-19 virus affects everyone differently. Whether it be medically or economically, we are all being affected. Among the most economically vulnerable are those who own or work in small businesses. Small firms with fewer than 50 employees, razor-fine profit margins and a reliance on face-to-face interactions are at risk of immediate and permanent closure.

While our state and federal governments struggle with the scope and scale of assistance to our businesses, a broad set of tools is being offered to aid in the short term. However, the short term is not all that matters. While the short-term outlook for small businesses varies greatly by industry, it is important to consider what recovery mode will look like once the economy begins to return to a state of normalcy—or establishes a new normal. Having an exit strategy in place for after COVID-19 can help prepare us to hit the ground running and rebuild.

Is it our goal simply to build back what we had or to “build back better”? Below are five steps to help get your business back on track.

- Assess the financial damage. Determine how deeply your business has been affected. This includes looking at hard numbers—examine and update your financial statement, and compare to last year’s numbers.
- Look at your business plan. Your business plan may have been working perfectly fine pre-COVID-19, but coming out of it may require some

fine-tuning. Consider how your business can pivot to adjust to the new normal. Analyze how your overall industry has been affected by COVID-19.

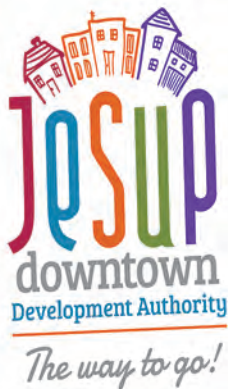
- Consider whether you will need funding to recover. Unless you had a large amount of cash on hand going into this pandemic, chances are you will need some working capital to jump-start and rebuild coming out of it. Carefully examine all options, and consult your financial adviser for guidance.

- Revamp your budget to account for new spending. Coming out of this pandemic, you may have to spend money to make money. Examples of this include hiring and training new employees, purchasing new or additional inventory, and revamping your advertising campaign. As part of the COVID-19 recovery, you should have a clear idea of what you need to budget for and what you can cut in order to make the most of the revenue you have coming in.

- Develop a timeline for rebuilding. You may have several things you need or want to do to recover following COVID-19. However, doing everything at once may not be realistic. Create a timeline that prioritizes your most important actions first. As you take individual steps toward recovery, always track your progress.

The Chamber has access to a wealth of resources that can help your business recover and build back better. We are here to help in any way we can. Give us a call at (912) 427-2028, or stop in to see us at 261 W. Plum Street, Jesup.

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GROUPS WORK TO PROMOTE LOCAL ECONOMY

At least four different groups are explicitly tasked with promoting key aspects of the local economy. The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne County Industrial Development Authority, the Wayne County Board of Tourism and the Jesup Downtown Development Authority work singly and in coordinated efforts to ensure that the local economy remains strong and grows.

The Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization consisting of volunteers who work to advance the commercial, industrial, agricultural, cultural, civic and general economic interests of Wayne County.

Deena Bennett is the executive director and is assisted by administrative assistant Kara Lopez. They work with a Board of Directors, which is led by an Executive Committee chaired (as of mid-2020) by Justin Franks. More information about the Chamber is found in the letter by Bennett to open this section of Wayne County Living.

The Chamber shares offices at 261 W.

Plum St. in Jesup with the Industrial Development Authority.

The Authority's mission is to promote economic development, thereby attracting and retaining jobs and capital investment. The Authority is considered an arm of the county government, which provides funding.

Dell Keith is the executive director and heads the Authority staff, which includes executive assistant Candee Harris. They work with Authority members appointed by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and currently chaired by Randy Teston. More information about the Authority's plans for a new industrial park is found in this section.

The third leg of the county's economic-promotion tripod is the Tourism Board, which plans activities throughout the year to invite people to come and enjoy events that demonstrate what the community has to offer. Notably, the Tourism Board coordinates the team effort that puts on Day for Wayne the first Thursday in November,

when state officials are shown the county's natural resources and thanked for their support. The Tourism Board is based in the Jesup Train Depot, located at 176 N. West Broad St. in Jesup.

Heather Altman serves as the program and event coordinator and works with Board members appointed by different local governing bodies and currently chaired by Will Murphy. More information about some of the Board activities can be found in the "recreation" and "arts and entertainment" sections.

In addition to the three groups that explicitly work for the county as a whole, the Jesup Downtown Development Authority focuses on downtown-Jesup activities (such as the Arch Fest, described in the "arts and entertainment" section) and promotions. The Authority also provides grant and loan assistance and supports renovation projects.

Molly Hall is the DDA director and works for the Jesup City Council at Jesup City Hall. ●



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WAYNE BUSINESSES SUFFER VARIED EFFECTS FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Economic conditions in Wayne County were affected by some unusual factors this year. The long-term effects of these factors were still playing out in the closing months of the year.

During the first few months of 2020, the “shelter-in-place” executive orders and suspension of various business activities on account of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the closing of several businesses.

The virus and measures taken to stem its spread also resulted indirectly in a temporary downturn in the overall economy, though some indicators for the 2019 fiscal year show the overall impact was not significant.

Sales tax revenues in Jesup for FY19, which ended June 30, 2020, were up some \$200,000 over the budgeted expectations.

That increase shows that people were still buying, Jesup city clerk/treasurer Rose Marcus said, despite the shutdowns and struggles that many were going through.

The city ended the fiscal year in good shape, she reported to the Council in July.

Economic trends in the rest of the county seemed to be doing well overall, also.

According to reports from the county office, revenue balances at the end of August compare favorably to those from last year. The 2020 balance is some \$186,000 greater than the August 2019 balance.

Business closures

But for some, the impact was devastating.

Several popular establishments closed or were operating for months on a restricted basis.

Bart McKinney of B-Mac’s said he had to close his popular buffet restaurant recently on account of a lack of business stemming from the pandemic and the restrictions on restaurants.

B-Mac’s—which operates a restaurant in Waycross—opened in the old Sybil’s location in Jesup last year and was very popular locally. But after the state-mandated temporary closure, the restaurant began operating on a takeout-only basis in April, when the

pandemic guidelines allowed restaurants to open but excluded all buffets.

McKinney said the closure was due to the economic impact of the pandemic on his business after attempts to reopen the buffet had not met with adequate response.

“Pre-COVID, we were doing really good,” he said. “But the business just wasn’t there after it hit.”

He said he was very disappointed to close, especially because of the effects on his employees, and he said he had tried everything he could to stay open.

“I hate it for my employees!” he said. “It’s been tough. I’ve never had to close a restaurant before. I really hate it for the people who were relying on us for a job.”

Other closures in Jesup included the Fuji’s Express on North First Street, Callie’s Wraps on North Macon Street, and Woody Folsom Overflow on North First Street, which closed in late summer. No information on what exactly prompted the Folsom closing was available.

The Jesup Comcast office was also closed, though no indications as to the exact cause of the closure were provided. The company still is providing services through phone and internet contacts.

Most restaurants experienced periods of closure and/or limited services during the summer months, with a gradual expansion of services as public confidence began to return.

New businesses

Other new businesses not as likely to be affected by the pandemic or public confidence opened in the county in early 2020, bolstering the overall economic outlook for the area.

McKinney said he has no plans to reopen the Jesup B-Mac’s restaurant, and no word on a replacement restaurant has surfaced.

However, several new restaurants have opened or were planning to open in Jesup.

Countryside Fish and Chicken, a small chain based in Jacksonville, Florida, bought the Fuji’s Express building and began offering a full-service restaurant in late July. Countryside has dine-in, takeout and drive-through service and can be reached at 415-7111.

The manager said that the owners of the chain, which operates three similar restaurants in Florida and Georgia, were happy to take advantage of the opportunity to buy the building in Jesup and expand their business.

He said it’s a family business that aims to make everyone happy with the food, and he reported in August that business had been brisk.

The Salad Spot was also set to open in September on North Macon Street in the space formerly occupied by Callie’s Wraps,



Left: After its brief resurrection of the old Sybil’s, B-Mac’s was forced to close, as this sign at the railroad overpass announced in August. Owner Bart McKinney acknowledged that the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was a primary factor in the closure.

which recently closed, and Jerk Shack 2 is open at 110 E. Cherry St. next to MacDonald's.

The Salad Spot offers online ordering and delivery service, with a variety of salads. The restaurant can be reached at 402-7130 or online. Owner Schala Walton said she was planning for a grand opening in September after renovations were completed.

Jerk Shack 2 is an expansion to Jesup from a Brunswick Jamaican and Caribbean restaurant.

In early July, in the midst of the pandemic, Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen opened on the corner of First and Project streets, next to the Wayne Farmers Market.

Though the popular fast-food restaurant reportedly closed briefly after the initial opening, it continued to offer full service in August and September. It is operated and owned by Sailormen Inc., a Florida franchisee.

Reports continued to surface that a Baxley car dealer was considering taking over the Woody Folsom Jesup location, but as of September, no confirmation of this possibility had materialized.

A major new business operation began in the first week of August, when the Chemours mining company began operations on Trail Ridge in Wayne County.

The Chemours company said that it had not been affected by the pandemic and that it expected to be in full-scale operation in early September. The company says it plans to hire between 50 and 80 employees as the operation progresses.

The Jesup mine represents an \$85 million investment, operations manager David Settles reported.. ●



Above: The Salad Spot opened in the old Callie's location on Macon Street, but until renovations were complete, the restaurant was accepting only delivery orders. Owner Schala Walton said she hoped to have a date for the reopening of the dining room in September.



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Our Mission

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NEW INDUSTRIAL PARK PLANNED FOR JESUP

Gathering at the Wayne Commerce Center sign are, from left, Wayne County Industrial Development Authority member Randy Franks; Authority Executive Director Dell Keith; Authority members Randy Teston, Bryan Griffis and Clay Bethea; Jesup City Commissioner Nick Harris; and Jesup Mayor David Earl Keith.



To help the community remain economically resilient, the Wayne County Industrial Development Authority is adding a huge new tool to its toolbox for attracting industrial prospects.

In May of 2020, the Authority bought 300 acres off U.S. Hwy. 84 just southwest of Jesup for a brand-new industrial park.

Three months prior, the Authority had bought 12 acres that would provide access to the property from the highway.

By June a newly erected sign marked the entrance of what will be known as the Wayne Commerce Center.

"What we're trying to do is plan for the future," Executive Director Dell Keith says.

The current city industrial park, located off Sunset Boulevard, had only two empty lots remaining, and neither was of the size that industrial prospects often request, according to Keith. In contrast, the new park would have eight lots, three of which would be in the 50-acre range.

The Authority has been considering a new park for years, Keith says, and considers the new site ideal. Several visiting project managers recommended the

location, he said, which includes 90 percent "upland acres," easy access to city water and sewer service (unlike the park site the Authority has been developing near Mount Pleasant), room for expansion, partially cleared property, high visibility, and even the possibility of a future road to tie the two city parks together. (The new park will be off U.S. 84, on the Sunset Boulevard side, and the old park is off Sunset Boulevard, largely on the U.S. 84 side.)

"This is huge for us," he says.

The park is being planned to allow an ample buffer between any industrial sites and nearby homes, according to Keith.

The project also has the backing of both the county and city governments, he says.

"It's a great thing," County Administrator Ed Jeffords says. "... We got to grow. ... It's an exciting thing for the county. ... I think there's a lot of positive development happening around Wayne County."

"We're always trying to bring in new industries ..., hopefully to increase em-

ployment opportunities," Jesup Mayor David Earl Keith says, adding, "The Council's really excited about it."

According to the mayor, the city is willing to annex the property, allowing both the extension of water and sewer service to the property and the generation of new tax revenue for the city.

"It was many years in the making, really, trying to get some more land," Authority Chair Randy Teston says. "... We're optimistic about the future. We have learned, with economic development, that, if you don't have property ..., then you lose that prospect."

The Authority is also developing an industrial park near Mount Pleasant, not far from the Glynn County line, but only certain kinds of industries—for example, industries that don't need city water and sewer services—would be suitable for that area.

"The next step for us [on the new Jesup park] is to start applying for permits from the [Georgia Department of Community Affairs]," Dell Keith says, adding, "This is really going to be the future for us." ●

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Wayne Memorial Hospital	865 South First St. Jesup, GA 31545	(912) 427-6811	Joe Ierardi, CEO	500
Coastal Pines Technical College (*All campuses)	1777 West Cherry St. Jesup, GA 31545	(912) 427-5800	Dr. Glenn Deibert, President	349*
Federal Correctional Institution	2600 Highway 301 South Jesup, GA 31546	(912) 427-0870	Linda Geter, Warden	347
Wayne County	PO Box 270 Jesup, GA 31598	(912) 427-5900	Ed Jeffords, County Administrator	208 Full-time 122 Part-time
Walmart	1100 North First St. Jesup, GA 31545	(912) 530-6335	Warren Wohlgermuth, Manager	276
Georgia Dept of Transportation-- District 5 Office	204 Highway 301 North Jesup, GA 31546	(912) 427-5700	Robert McCall, District Engineer	183
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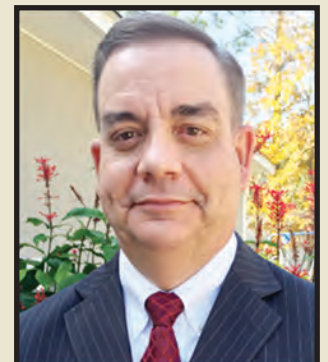
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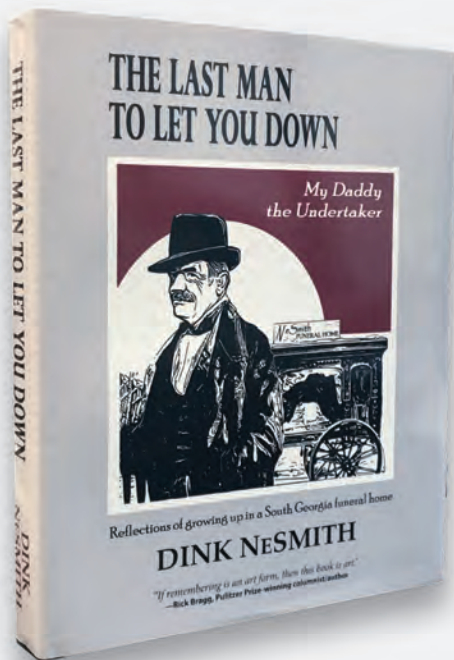
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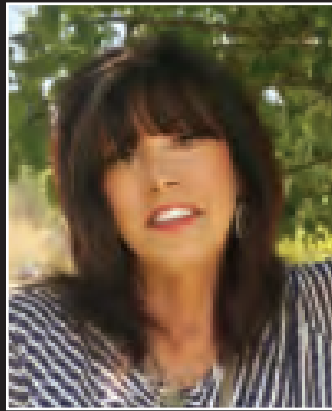
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Al-Anon meets every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 745 S. Palm St. Call 427-3900 for more information.

Altamaha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets every second Tuesday (September through May only) at 3:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Call Edna Williamson at 427-2437.

Altamaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution meets quarterly. For meeting information call secretary of the treasury, Jason Deal at 579-6521.

Altamaha Woman's Club meets every third Monday (September through May only) at 6:30 p.m. Call Edna Williamson at 427-2437.

Altamaha Wildlife Association meets periodically. For meeting information call Ryan Jones, president, at 547-8752.

American Legion Post No. 311 meets every first Thursday at 445 N. West Broad St. in Jesup 7 p.m. Contact Kevin Smiley at 207-6964.

American Legion Post No. 311 Auxiliary meets every first Tuesday at 445 N. West Broad St. in Jesup at 7 p.m. Contact Gloria Yarborough at 402-7396.

American Red Cross. For more information contact the Southeast and Coastal Georgia chapters at (912) 265-1695.

Animal Refuge Foundation (ARF) is located at 203 Trevor Circle. Call 586-6198 or visit the official Facebook page for more information.

Boy Scouts meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church. Call Bob Nash at 586-2049.

Cub Scouts meet Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church. Contact Bob Nash at 586-2049.

Elks Lodge No. 2133 meets every first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. Contact DeLane Crawford at 427-3339.

Exchange Club meets every Wednesday at Western Sizzlin at noon. The president is Shaun O'Quinn. Contact Antonia Harris at 294-5277.

First Baptist Church X.Y.Z. meets every second Thursday at noon except during summer months. A meal is provided. Call the church office at 427-4239 by noon on Tuesday.

Girl Scouts meet every second and fourth Monday at 6 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church. Contact Teresa Nash at 586-2049.

Good Samaritan Center, located at 395 S. West Broad St. Hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for food. Call 427-9515.

Good Samaritan Thrift Shop. Hours are 7 a.m. to noon on the first Monday and Saturday of the month. Contact Judith Montover at 223-8037.

Jesup Chapter No. 70 Royal Arch Masons meets at 865 W. Orange St. every second Monday of every odd-numbered month at 8 p.m. Call secretary Jim Arnold at 980-2515.

Jesup Council No. 70 Royal and Select Masters meets at 865 W. Orange St. every second Tuesday of even numbered months. Call secretary Jim Arnold at 980-2515.

Jesup Garden Club meets every third Wednesday September through May. Meeting sites vary. Contact Bobbie Scott, president, at 427-0992 or by email at bscott@bellsouth.net.

Jesup Lodge No. 112 F&AM Masonic Lodge meets every first and third Monday; dinner starts at 6 p.m., and meetings start at 7 p.m. Meetings are at 865 W. Orange St. in Jesup.

Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at noon at Western Sizzlin. Call Kathy Harrell at 269-6929.

Leadership Wayne. Call the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce at 427-2028.

Lily Garden Club meets every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Screven Recreation Department. Contact Willie Burch at 579-6620.

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NAACP member meetings are held every second Monday. Youth Council meetings are held every fourth Monday. All meetings are held at Hall-Richardson Recreation Center on Fourth Street in Jesup. Call president Thomas Fuller at 270-0104.

Odum Garden Club meets at noon, August through May, on every third Thursday at Odum Recreation Center. For more information, contact president Betty Benner at bbenner18@hotmail.com or 294-6841.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Call 424-5959.

Pine Forest Country Club Board of Directors meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Country Club. Call 427-4625.

Rotary Club meets Thursdays at 12 p.m. at Captain Joes. Call Brian Mooney, president, for more information, 318-7364.

Ruby Riggins Garden Club meets every third Tuesday between September and May at 3:00 p.m. Call Deborah Potter, president, at 294-5875.

Shrine Club meets every second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Shrine Club. Call John Johnson at 294-4603.

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United Daughters of the Confederacy meets quarterly on the second Monday of January, May, and September at 10 a.m. Call Rebecca Hayes at 402-9391 for location information.

VFW Post No. 4583 meets every third Saturday at 10 a.m. at the VFW Lodge, 436 W. Project St. in Jesup. Contact the VFW Lodge at 427-3838.

VFW Post No. 4583 Auxiliary meets every third Saturday at 10 a.m. at the VFW Lodge, 436 W. Project St. in Jesup. Call Michelle Huges at 266-7386.

Wayne Emergency Management Agency Amateur Radio Club meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Meetings are held over the 146.865 MHZ frequency. Any potential physical meetings will be at the emergency operation center, 155 N. Wayne St. in Jesup. Call Jim Cote at 427-5989.

Wayne County Arts Council meets the first Thursday of every month at 192 W. Pine St. in Jesup at 6 p.m. Visit the group online at www.wca-artists.org. Contact Vickie Davis at 202-5311.

Wayne County Christian Ministerial Association meets September through May every first Wednesday. Contact Dale Bange, president, at 427-9723.

Wayne County 4-H Club meets monthly during the school year. Contact Lauryn Gilmer, 4-H agent, or Donna Harris, 4-H program assistant, at 427-5955.

Wayne County Farm Bureau is located at 1322 W. Orange St. Call Wanda Daniels at 427-9312.

Wayne County Historical Society meets every second Thursday at 7 p.m. September through May. Contact Mary Lou Drury, program head, at 427-6545.

Wayne County Lions Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. Call Chris or Cynthia Griffis at 202-6265 for meeting locations.

Wayne County Quilting Guild meets every second Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Library. For more information call the library at 427-2500.

Wayne County Retired Educators Association meets every third Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Coastal Pines Technical College in September and at Western Sizzlin October through May. Contact Dr. June Thomas at winn70@gmail.com.

Wayne County Young Farmers. Contact Reggie Beasley at 427-1096 (ext. 425). For more information, visit the website www.wcyf.net.

Wayne County Garden Club Council meets five times per year, 10 a.m. at Jesup Presbyterian Church. Contact Deborah Potter by email at debonthehill@gmail.com or call 294-5875. ●

WAYNE RESIDENTS ADAPT TO PANDEMIC

The coronavirus pandemic has presented Wayne County residents and people all across the world the opportunity to adapt and become resilient. How have people in Wayne County changed their professional and personal lives to be safe during a pandemic?

Melinda Chancey, Melissa Thomas and Misty McCormick are all local residents who have had to adapt to changing conditions.

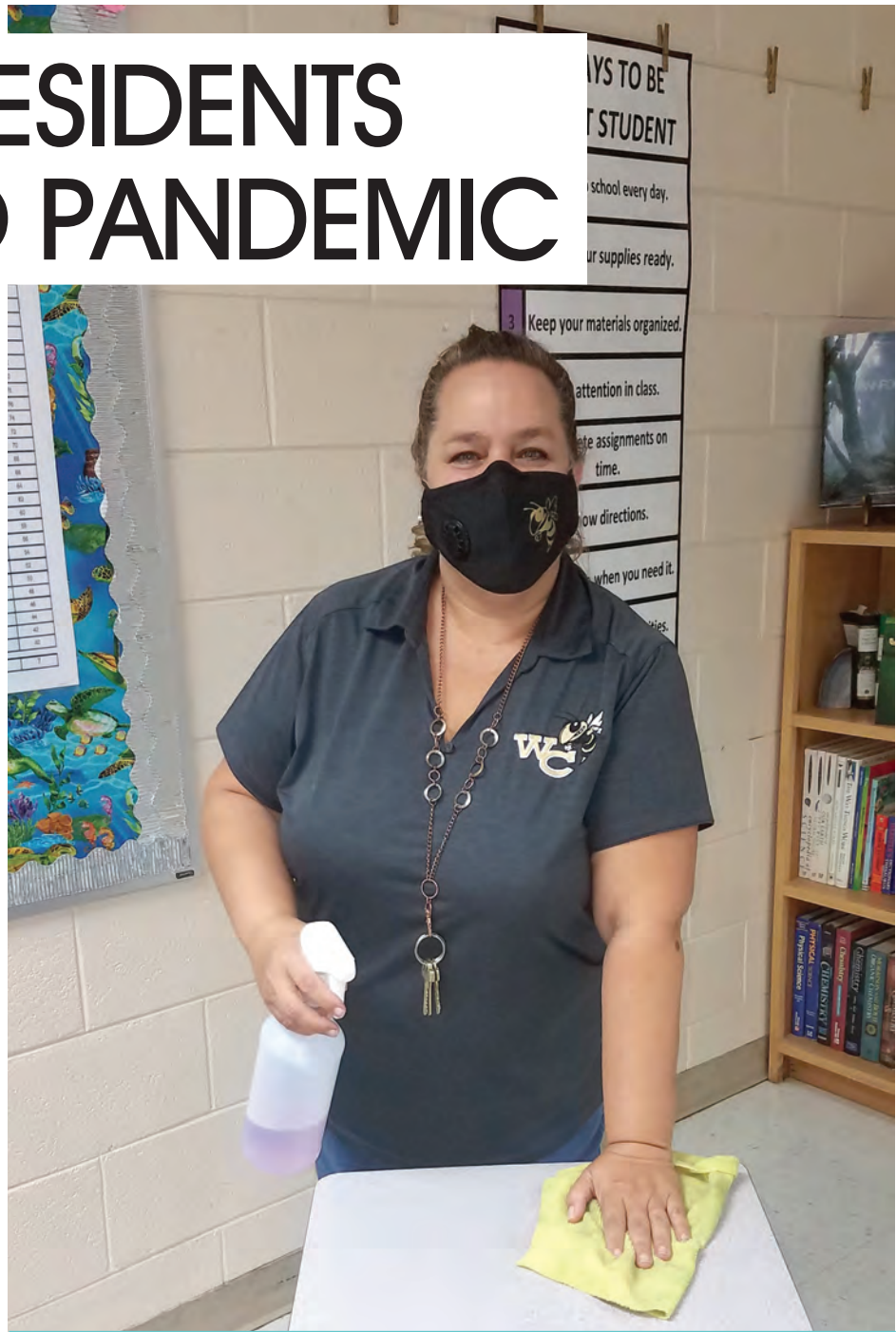
Before the pandemic began, some people were already taking precautions, such as regularly washing their hands and sanitizing things that are commonly used.

"Being a science teacher, I am very aware of the risk of bacterial and viral infections," said Chancey, a teacher at Wayne County High School. "In my classroom, I have students help with sanitizing desks and door knobs every few weeks and more frequently during flu or stomach virus outbreaks.

"Other than that, I normally try to support my immune system, especially during the school year. I try to take my vitamins, drink plenty of water, and try to get adequate sleep. Those efforts generally keep me healthy through the school year."

Throughout the pandemic, people have had to make some changes to their lifestyles. These changes have been made to their professional and personal lives.

"As an essential worker, I am able to continue to work full-time; however, the procedure/protocol for



Above: Melinda Chancey wears a mask as she sanitizes her classroom.

seeing patients in the office is restricted to patient only," said Thomas, a nurse practitioner at Diversity Health Clinic. "Patients are screened prior to entering the buildings. We also test patients for COVID-19 at our place of practice.

"My personal life has been impacted because we no longer gather together for big family dinners, and vacation was canceled due to travel restrictions."

McCormick, the general manager at the Wayne Memorial Hospital Cafe,

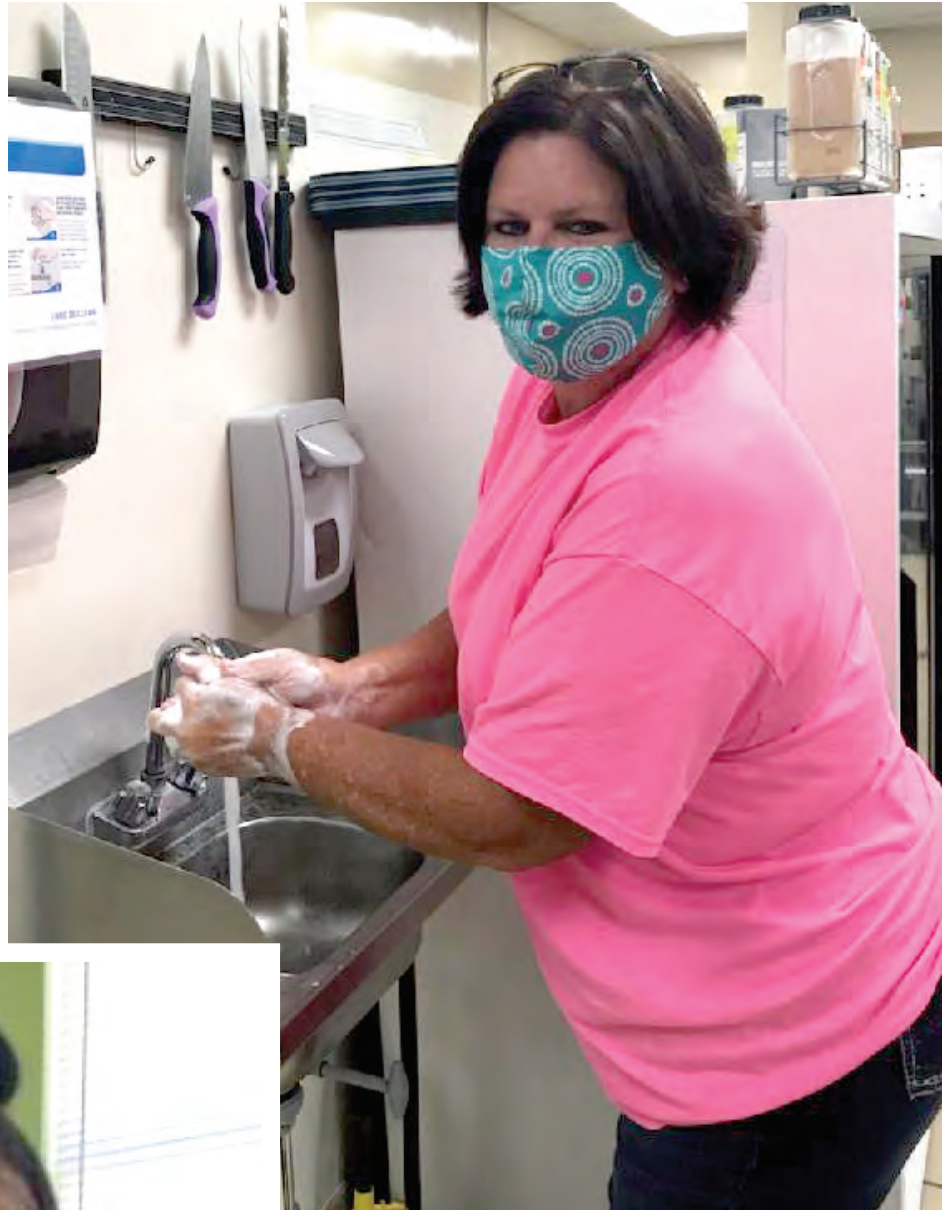
said that the hospital had to close the cafeteria to outside customers because of the pandemic, and she misses greeting customers.

To help decrease the spread of COVID-19, people have implemented virtual classes, online shopping, social distancing, and mask wearing in their new lives.

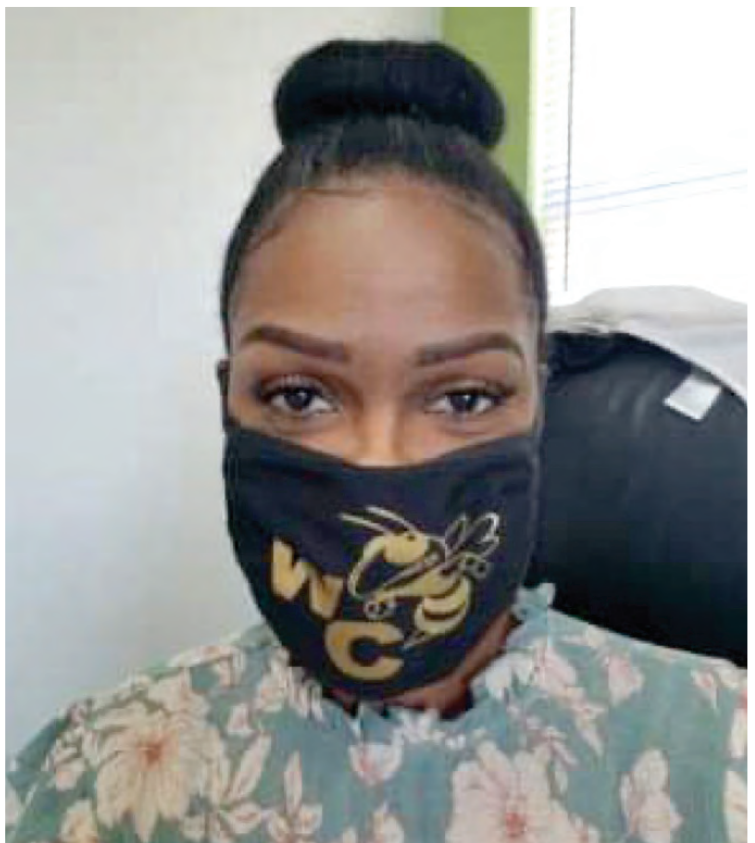
"I started wearing a mask when going into any public places. I am making only necessary trips to the grocery store instead of wandering around shopping leisurely," said McCormick.

The changes people have made to their lives to adapt to life during a pandemic is all in the name of resilience.

"Resilience is overcoming obstacles physically, mentally, emotionally and/or financially by improvising and compromising to maintain viability-- learning to accept life's events which we have no control over. Resilience with COVID-19 is accepting what I see as a temporary new normal. Yet, we must be



Above: Misty McCormick wears a mask as she washes her hands in the kitchen at Wayne Memorial Hospital.



concerned and vigilance with standard precautions but not fearful to the point we forget to enjoy life and live," said Thomas.

With a global pandemic came many cancellations and rescheduling of events. Chancey said she has learned that everything must be fluid because everything is constantly changing.

As these examples show, residents of Wayne County have proven to be able to and make changes in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. ●

Left: Melissa Thomas sports a Wayne County mask to support the Yellow Jackets.



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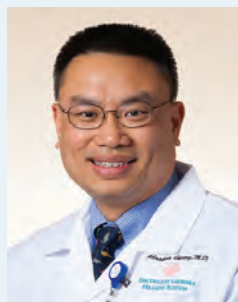


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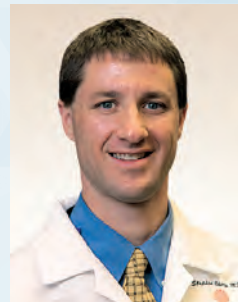
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Left: In May the Iron Order, a local motorcycle club, provided free meals including Boston butts to more than 250 Wayne Memorial staff members in recognition of their efforts in battling COVID-19. Club president Tom Biele said that Vann's BBQ, Tricare Ambulance Service, Zaxby's and Absolute Precision Chiropractic provided the food.

Wayne Memorial Hospital and its staff have been on the front lines in our community's battle against the spread of the coronavirus for most of this year.

The hospital began to deal with the growing crisis in February, when there were only 15 cases reported in the United States. Sondra Grantham, infection control nurse at Wayne Memorial Hospital, said then that the hospital was not under any unusual directions regarding the virus because normal hospital triage protocols require screening any patients who present symptoms such as the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) symptoms typical with the COVID-19 infection.

She urged calm awareness and educating people about being careful. Testing was required when the patient had a travel history or close contact with anyone with a travel history that included affected areas. Results went to the CDC and the state epi-

demologist.

Angie Jones, director of quality/risk management for Wayne Memorial, said in February that the hospital had control plans in place with guidelines for communicable diseases.

Things were looking more serious by March. The hospital closed visitation for most patients and began locking the front door at 8 p.m. daily. The hospital cafeteria was also closed to the public.

Wayne Memorial served as a primary information source on the virus for the community, with a hotline and numerous links to online information.

In May, things were looking better for Wayne County as the long-awaited flattening of the curve seemed to be materializing and the county continued to show one of the lowest case rates in the state, reporting a rate of some 43 cases per 100,000 population.

Wayne Memorial CEO Joe Ierardi said at the time that the hospital was managing its caseload very well, and he commended the people of the county for their response.

"They've done the things they were asked to do," Ierardi said.

He said that most in the county seemed to be wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, and he noted that the county was doing much better than most of the counties around us.

The hospital had begun screening all staff, taking temperatures at every shift change and sending people home if they felt sick, Ierardi said. The hospital continued to restrict visitation and keep the cafeteria closed to the public, taking a phased-in approach to restoring services with some elective surgery offered and labs operating.

July surge

Following the easing of restrictions by the state, things began to heat up again, and by early July, the county was reporting 113 cases. Hospital staff were strongly encouraging everyone to wear masks in public, maintain social distancing and sanitation practices, and stay home if not feeling well.



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Some 1,200 tests were administered by the hospital by early July, and testing expanded to a number of other sites as well.

Later in July, lerardi told the hospital authority that the patient load was increasing, but he reported that most of the patients were able to ride the virus out at home.

"However, we have plenty of capacity at the hospital to take care of those that need inpatient care," lerardi said.

The hospital began using the drug remdesivir in July, and lerardi reported excellent results.

By early August, the county was reported as having 630 cumulative cases with four deaths, reflecting a surge at local nursing and assisted-living homes and a surge of 257 cases at the Federal Correctional Institution.

lerardi reported the hospital had administered 1,640 tests by Aug. 3.

By Aug. 26, the death toll in the county had reached 22, up from 13 the week before. WMH reported 78 patients hospitalized from the virus. lerardi reported that more than 5,000 Wayne Countians

had been tested for the virus at that point, 1,858 of them by WMH.

September

As of the first of September, the county was reported to have 967 cases—36 more than the week before, indicating a slow-down in the rate of increase for the second week in a row.

Early in September, lerardi said, "I could not be more pleased with the tenacity, grit



and spirit of excellence our staff has shown in this battle with COVID-19. I'm also equally proud of our community members abiding by the recommended protocols, which keep our area's positive case numbers lower than most. For many weeks at the onset of COVID-19, our county was one of the few with zero cases. Our staff has committed to be here 24/7 for the care of the community, and we are honored to do so." As Jha settles in to his own new home, he's eager to show off its charm to his family.

Next on his agenda is taking his wife and two children to both the Jesup Drive-In Theatre and the Historic Strand Dinner Cinema.

Jha imagines that each of these venues will include cuisine his children are likely to eat. ●

Left: Wayne Memorial ER nurses Beth Youngblood and Stephanie Moore were among those served hot meals by the Iron Order motorcycle club in recognition of the hospital staff's heroic work in the battle against COVID-19.

An advertisement for Ankle & Foot Associates, LLC. The background is a light blue gradient. At the top left is the company logo, which consists of a stylized blue graphic of an ankle and foot above the text "ANKLE & FOOT ASSOCIATES, LLC". Below the logo, the names "Rob Spinola, DPM" and "Danielle McKenna, DPM" are listed. Underneath their names is the text "COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL TREATMENT OF THE ANKLE AND FOOT". A large, bold, italicized headline reads "Put Your Feet in Great Hands!". Below this headline is the text "Make an Appointment Today at one of our convenient locations!" followed by "Most Insurance Accepted". At the bottom left, two addresses are listed: "331 Peachtree Street, Jesup, GA 31545, 912-427-9990" and "118 Azalea Road, Suite 1&2, Baxley, GA 31513, 912-705-3338". At the bottom center is the website "www.AnklesandFeet.com". On the right side of the advertisement is a photograph of Rob Spinola and Danielle McKenna. Danielle is a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a black sleeveless top, with her arms crossed. Rob is a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a light blue bow tie, also with his arms crossed.

WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UPDATE

Quality health care is one of the greatest advantages to living in Wayne County, and the reason for that is in large part Wayne Memorial Hospital.

A three-time winner of the state's Small Hospital of the Year award, Wayne Memorial provides world-class care for the community and the surrounding area.

Serving the area since 1956, the hospital built a new 84-bed facility in 2007 and has continued to expand its state-of-the-art care with new equipment and physicians.

Two new operating rooms—part of a \$6 million expansion—were added to the facility in December, and the hospital assisted in the opening of the Diversity Health Care clinic.

The Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion at Wayne Memorial, operating in conjunction with St. Joseph/Candler Hospital to provide high-quality cancer care in



Above: The "Heroes Work Here" art on the hospital lawn reflects the support of the community for the sacrifices made by the hospital staff during the demanding conditions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

the community, continues to expand since opening last year and recently received a grant from the National Cancer Institute.

State-of-the-art MRI and CT scanning equipment, including a new GE Revolution scanner and a PET/CT scanner, make accurate, early detection of health issues possible right here in the county as well.

A new MAKO robotic-arm assisted system makes the highest level of care in knee replacements available locally.

New lab equipment to allow for quickly available results has improved services in recent months, and a new building to house three doctors was set for completion in December of 2020.

The third largest employer in the county, WMH had patient revenues of \$231 million for fiscal year 2019.

For an updated listing of hospital doctors visit <http://wmhweb.com/medical-staff>



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COASTAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Coastal Medical Equipment and Uniforms is a locally owned, family-owned business that provides durable medical equipment and professional medical uniforms for Southeast Georgia.

Formerly Jones Medical Equipment (in business since 1993), the business is now owned and operated by Terri and Kevin Brake, who purchased it in July of 2013 and changed the name to Coastal in March of 2019.

"We strive for excellence in providing only the best equipment at the lowest cost to meet medical needs in a manner that reflects our commitment to do what is right in all circumstances," the company website states.

In addition to the Jesup location, the company has locations in Brunswick and Pooler. Terri Brake is president of the company, and Lisa Webber is manager for the three locations.

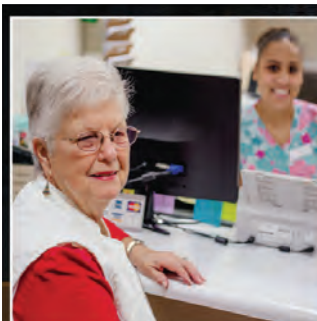
The company offers same-day delivery service and files all insurance claims for customers.

Products offered include oxygen equipment, respiratory aids, wheelchairs and power-chairs, hospital beds, nebulizers, ambulatory aids, and uniforms.

Medical equipment and uniform brands offered include Drive Medical, Attends, Cherokee, Peaches, Med Couture, Compass Health, ResMed, Restronics, Fisher & Paykel, and Heart & Soul.



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Phone: (912) 427-9338

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

24-hour Crisis Line: (1-800) 746-3526

Wayne Service Center Ph.: 427-4491

Pineland Behavioral Health exists to develop and provide the services needed to minimize the impact of mental illness, developmental disabilities, and alcohol and drug abuse in the lives of those it serves and their families, while supporting their inclusion in Wayne County as well as surrounding counties.

Pineland Behavioral Health & Disability continues to meet local behavioral-health needs in three different ways:

- Through the Wayne Counseling Center,

located on South First Street, Pineland offers child and adolescent outpatient services to work closely with schools and community groups to strengthen and increase the availability of services.

- In prevention, Pineland provides flexible services, including assessment; individual, group and family therapy; education; relapse prevention; follow-up components nursing and physicians' services.

- Through Wayne Service Center, located at 1848 Sunset Blvd., Pineland provides job training as well as fun and games for developmentally disabled adults.

- Pineland also provides two group homes for the developmentally disabled. Together they serve 10 individuals. In addition, Pineland works with Wayne County Addictive Diseases (formerly Drug Court), located at 263 N. Brunswick St., providing services for some 50 individuals.



Above: Wayne Service Center's recycling program accepts cardboard, aluminum and paper for recycling from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday. The center, located on Sunset Boulevard, is one of the services of the Pineland BHBD program in Wayne County and provides employment for adults with developmental disabilities.

Pineland charges fees for its services and accepts Medicare, Medicaid and insurance. It is also supported by some federal and state funding. ●

WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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For hours of operation, check the website at

www.sehdph.org/our-counties/wayne-county-health-department/ as the hours may vary.

The Wayne County Health Department is a part of the Southeast Health District of Georgia.

The department provides information and services on a wide range of health-related areas and has taken a major role in helping the community deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, including a coronavirus hotline and pop-up testing sites, as well as providing information on the virus and its transmission in the district.

Areas of primary concern for the department include:

- Children's health and medical services from birth to age 21.

- Adolescent services to improve health from ages 10-19.

- Women's health including family planning, perinatal care and breast cancer.

- Environmental health including the inspection and permitting of food-service establishments, private drinking-water wells, septic systems, public swimming pools and

- body art studios (also includes injury prevention and rabies control).

- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and nutrition services and programs, including supplemental food programs.

- Immunizations and vaccines for children and travel.

- Emergency preparedness for natural disasters and terrorist attacks with plans for home and family, community preparedness and public health.

- Infectious-disease surveillance, investigations and interventions (includes HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases).

- Chronic-disease care, providing population-based health information, education and interventions through the Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative (CDPI) in communities, schools and worksites (includes tobacco, stroke and heart attack, arthritis and osteoporosis, asthma, diabetes, physical activity, and nutrition). ●

HOSPICE CARE

Hospice care for the community is supplied by four full-time local hospice services:

- Hospice of South Georgia
1625 Sunset Blvd., Jesup, GA 31545
TEL. (912) 588-0080

- Heartland Hospice
161 N. Macon Street, Jesup, GA 31545
TEL. (912) 427-3163

- Georgia Hospice
141 S. Macon St., Jesup, GA 31545
TEL. (912) 427-3202

- Affinis Hospice
248 N. East Broad St., Jesup, GA 31546
TEL. (912) 916-9795

In addition, the county is served by out-of-county hospices.

Hospice serves patients with a life-limiting illness or a terminal diagnosis who need short-term or long-term care. It provides services to manage the patient's symptoms and support their families when they can no longer be assisted by curative care.

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HOSPICE CARE

involved, with optimum care to minimize pain and assist in providing dignity.

All of Wayne County's local hospices provide home and hospital visits by nurses and case-management staff. Services may be provided in-home or at Wayne Memorial Hospital or other in-patient facilities. All four facilities provide services to veterans, as well as to the general public.

Social workers are available for patients and for families and friends. Volunteers play a large role in providing assistance to both, and help is available to patients around the clock.

Hospice of South Georgia is the oldest established hospice in the county, serving the area since 1999. It is a community-based, community-supported nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing clinical, emotional, spiritual and bereavement support to patients and families. The website is www.hospicesoga.org.

Heartland Hospice is Brunswick-based,

but it operates a full-time office in Jesup. The hospice may be contacted in Jesup or at the Brunswick location (664 Scranton Road, Unit 103) or by calling (912) 261-8760.

Heartland is part of HCR Manor Care, a for-profit organization that provides hospice care in more than 500 locations in 32 states and has 70,000 employees.

Georgia Hospice is a Jesup-based hospice providing full-service care for the county. It has grown quickly and now has offices in Savannah, Brunswick, Waycross, Hinesville and Ridgeland, South Carolina. It has both for-profit and nonprofit branches.

Affinis Hospice is a non profit Georgia hospice serving all the counties of the state. It has been in Wayne County for the past several years.

All four hospices accept payment through Medicare/Medicaid and most private insurance companies. Those unable to pay are not turned away. ●



Above: This lovely garden memorial walk at Hospice of South Georgia commemorates former patients of the hospice.

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We invite you to contact our office, email us at information@hospicesoga.org or browse our site at www.hospicesoga.org to learn more about hospice services and how Hospice of South Georgia, Inc. may be able to assist someone you know and love. "if it doesn't say South, it's not us. We are Hospice of South Ga., Inc."

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Jesup Health & Rehab
912-427-6873

Wayne Memorial Hospital
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PEACEFUL PROTEST CALLS FOR JUSTICE



Marchers walk down East Plum Street toward the Jesup police station.

Below: John and Karen Swingle “take a knee” in front of the Jesup police station.



An estimated 150 protesters gathered for a “Justice & Peace” rally in front of the Wayne County Courthouse in June of 2020 after marching for more than a mile against racism and police brutality. In this case, though, police were working with the protesters, and Jesup Police Chief Mike Lane led the march in a police vehicle. The march was spurred by the high-profile deaths of unarmed black citizens in cities around the country. It was preceded by several days of ad hoc peaceful protests in central Jesup and followed by a series of “community conversations” about race. ●

Below: Demonstrators relive George Floyd’s final moments.



GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Jesup City Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and on the third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. in Jesup City Hall. The City Hall number is 427-1313.

Odum City Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Odum City Hall. The City Hall number is 586-2211.

Screven City Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Screven City Hall. The City Hall number is 579-2211.

Wayne County Board of Education meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the tech center. The Board of Education number is 427-1000.

Wayne County Board of Commissioners meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Wayne County Government Building. The county administrator's office number is 427-5900.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets monthly. Call 427-2028.

Hospital Authority of Wayne County meets on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Wayne Memorial Hospital conference room.

Industrial Development Authority meets on the second Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the IDA Conference Room.

Jesup Housing Authority meets on the third Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Housing Authority office.

Wayne County Library Board meets quarterly. Call 427-2500.

Wayne County Tourism Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Jesup Train Depot.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT OFFERED IN WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County Arts Council

The Wayne County Arts Council offers a wide variety of continuing activities and one-time programs.

Most of the events fall into one (or more) of four major divisions: the visual arts, drama, music and writing.

Special events have ranged from movie programs to Fairy Day.

The Arts Council is based in the Wayne County Arts Center—where it also operates a local TV station (Comcast

channel 16)—at 192 W. Pine St. in Jesup. The Arts Council's mailing address is PO Box 158, Jesup, GA 31598.

For more information call president Vickie Davis at 202-5311. More information about the Arts Council is also available at wcartists.com; from the Arts Council, Altamaha Children's Community Theatre and writers'-guild Facebook pages; and by emailing wcartists@gmail.com.



Above: Ethan Collins, left, and Dean Crause paint pumpkins at the 2019 Arch Fest.



Above: Ellie Green takes a leap during her performance at the 2019 Odum Day. Like many other local events (including the Dogwood Festival and the Screven fireworks show), the Odum Day festival was canceled for 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wayne County High School

The WCHS Drama Department generally presents a one-act play and a major spring production each year. The WCHS Band presents Christmas and spring concerts, as well as providing music for varsity football games. The Wayne County school system's band and drama department add to the cultural opportunities available in Wayne County.

Local festivals

The festival season begins with the Dogwood Arts & Crafts Festival at the Jesup Jaycee Fairgrounds. Held in March, this annual event features displays and sales of art and craft items such as quilts, paintings, dolls, woodworking, clothing and other goods. Food, entertainment and a big turnout are always part of this spring celebration. For more information call Vickie Davis at 202-5311.

On the first Saturday of October, Odum's annual Homecoming celebration culminates in Odum Day. After watching the Odum Homecoming Parade, attendees enjoy various festival attractions, including homemade treats. For details call Odum City Hall at 586-2211. (The Odum Day festival has been canceled for 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Later in October, the city of Jesup offers a wide variety of activities at the Arch Fest. The festival celebrates the beauty and vitality of the downtown area. It is named for the Jesup Arch,

whose current location is at the end of West Walnut Street. Call Jesup City Hall at 427-1313 for more information.

Fireworks

The city of Screven hosts a fireworks show for Independence Day, usually in conjunction with vendor booths and other attractions.

Rural-themed events

The Wayne County Board of Tourism presents fall and spring fairs, featuring rides, games, exhibits, treats and shows, at the Jesup Jaycee Fairgrounds.

The Southeastern Pullers Association typically puts on spring and fall truck and tractor pulls at the fairgrounds.

The Willene Todd Memorial Rodeo takes place at T&T Arena outside Screven on the second weekend of October. (The rodeo has been canceled for 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Movies

Current major motion pictures are shown at two Jesup locations. The Historic Strand Movie Theatre has been renovated with three screens. It is located at 169 W. Cherry St.

The Jesup Drive-In Theater is a two-screen drive-in located on the Savannah Highway. ●



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WAYNE MUSICIAN PERFORMS AT WOODBINE OPRY

Below: Bill Garlen plays the guitar during a show at one of his shows.



From being a real estate broker to a business consultant to a college professor and now a performer at the Woodbine Opry, Dr. Bill Garlen of Wayne County has done it all.

Garlen grew up in Alabama singing everything from bluegrass to gospel to rock and roll. His father kept a bunch of records of quartet music that he used to play, inspiring his love for music.

"Music has always been a part of my life. I sang my first song standing on a chair at my father's church. The song was 'Peace in the Valley,' and I was 5 years old," he said.

After hearing Chet Atkins on the *Grand Ole Opry* radio show, Garlen was even more inspired. He purchased his first guitar and began taking it to church.

"The piano player at church would tell me what key the song was in, and I would play one key until she changed keys. I would stop playing until she got to the keys I knew," he said.

Garlen said that, when he bought his first album, he would put it on the record player to learn the notes. He had to pick up the needle and restart the album over and over.

In early 1960 Garlen's family moved to Sweetwater, Texas. This did not stop him from pursuing his love for music. He put together a country and gospel group that would play on the weekends without the Curly Gatlin Family.

Throughout his life in music, Garlen has had the opportunity to meet and perform with many people.

"After getting married, I was honored to meet Bob Hope, Roy Clark and Riders in the Sky. I've sat and played with Okefenokee Joe and Chief Jim Billie," said Garlen.

In his most recent endeavor, Garlen is a member of Satilla Blue, a country and bluegrass gospel group. The group came together to perform at the Woodbine Opry in Woodbine.

"I became involved with the Woodbine Opry in late 2016, when the College of Coastal Georgia sent me to direct their Camden Center campus. I started attending and performing with the original founders," said Garlen.

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bill Garlen plans to resume performing at the Woodbine Opry with limited seats to maintain social distancing. ●

SCHOOL SYSTEM PREPARES FOR PANDEMIC CHALLENGES

For the Wayne County school system, 2020 turned out to be a year like no other.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started forcing widespread closures and cancellations in March, the Wayne County Board of Education decided at a called meeting March 16 (a teacher work day) to close school for four weeks, beginning March 17.

Before the Board had time to reassess the situation for itself, Gov. Brian Kemp began issuing a series of statewide orders that kept schools closed the rest of the school year.

So with no warning, students and teachers had to do their best to finish the school year with distance learning for which no one had had a chance to prepare.

Local school personnel scrambled, though, to ensure that students would still have meals, which were distributed in multi-day, multi-meal bags on a drive-through basis.

And graduating seniors finally had a socially distanced graduation ceremony July 18—nearly two months later than the

scheduled date for the traditional ceremony that had been originally planned.

As the scheduled beginning of the new year approached, officials worked to prepare a comprehensive reopening plan to allow in-person instruction to resume relatively safely.

Yet as the Aug. 10 start date neared, the Board approved a two-week delay—not only to monitor emerging trends but also to ensure that the school system was ready to institute an effective system-wide distance-learning option should it become necessary.

Distance learning had already been planned as an option for students in populations especially vulnerable to COVID-19, but on Aug. 5, in the face of obvious citizen concerns, the school system announced that the option would be made available to all students, subject to certain conditions with which participating families had to agree.

On Aug. 24 schools reopened for classes for the first time since March 13. And no one knew how the new year would progress.

According to School Superintendent Jay Brinson, though, even if another system-wide shutdown was to become necessary, students would still benefit from having time to establish relationships with their teachers—and from the school system's having the chance to verify families' contact information for possible distance learning.

No one would pretend that the travails of local schools in 2020 have promoted ideal educational experiences.

Yet the efforts by local schools and families to somehow work through the challenges and uncertainty reflect a determination to show resilience in the face of a global pandemic unlike anything seen for a hundred years.

On the second day of classes, Brinson mused, "Educating children is just one of the most important jobs on the face of the earth and also one of the hardest. And certainly the challenges of the pandemic have made it even harder. But as I tell teachers, the hardness is what makes it great." ●



Above: Odum Elementary receptionist Tina Thornton wears a colorful mask on the first day of school.

WAYNE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM DIRECTORY

Screven Elementary.....579-2261
414 School St., Screven (prekindergarten through fifth grade)
Principal, Raeghan Given

Odum Elementary586-2225
322 Walter St., Odum (prekindergarten through fifth grade)
Principal, Gena Ierardi

James E. Bacon Elementary.....427-1077
1425 W. Orange St., Jesup (kindergarten through fifth grade)
Principal, Jamie Ellis

Jesup Elementary427-1033
825 U.S. Hwy. 301 S., Jesup (kindergarten through fifth grade)
Principal, Karla Ogden

Martha Rawls Smith Elementary.....427-1044
1206 N. Fourth St. Jesup (kindergarten through fifth grade)
Principal, Dr. Brian Simon

Arthur Williams Middle School427-1025
1175 Hwy. 301 South, Jesup (sixth through eighth grades)
Principal, Jeremy Foreman

Martha Puckett Middle School427-1061
475 Durrence Road, Jesup (sixth through eighth grades)
Principal, Dr. Mark Priestler

Wayne County High School427-1088
One Jacket Drive, Jesup (ninth through 12th grades)
Principal, Dr. Brett McDaniel

NEW-STUDENT INFORMATION

A family relocating in Wayne County should visit the school that the family's child is zoned for. To find out which school your physical address is zoned for, you can contact the Wayne County Board of Education at 427-1000 year-round, or visit the office at 710 W. Pine St. A parent/guardian of a transfer student must fill out a Records Request that provides the name and address of the previous school

with written consent for a student record transfer.

A parent or guardian wishing to enroll his or her child in school must provide the child's state-issued birth certificate, Social Security card or waiver, Georgia immunization record, and proof of residency. Acceptable proofs of residency are a rental agreement (with a current rent receipt), property-tax statement or home-

ownership title (property deed, warranty deed or security deed) or a current utility bill (gas, electric, water, landline phone or cable). Proofs must include the name and physical address of the parent/guardian.

Pre-K students must be 4 years old, kindergarten students must be 5 years old, and first-grade students must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1. ●

HOW TO FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION

GED Tests

GED (General Education Development) Tests are computer based and administered at Coastal Pines Technical College. Classes from the Adult Education Program are offered, free of charge, to help assist with the preparation for the GED tests. For more information about the classes, call 427-5822. The fee for all four content areas of the GED is \$160 (\$40 per content area). Some scholarships are available for testing fees. For more information about testing, call 427-1000.

Coastal Pines Technical College

Coastal Pines Technical College is the 16th largest technical college in Georgia. Wayne County is one of the 13 counties served by Coastal Pines. Technical pro-

grams are provided at the college for gainful employment or to continue one's education. To provide more opportunities for working adults to attend Coastal Pines Technical College, a varied schedule of day, evening, weekend and online classes is provided. The Jesup Campus, located at 1777 W. Cherry Street, offers degrees, diplomas and technical certificates in the following occupational and career areas:

- Accounting
- Air Conditioning Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Business Healthcare Technology
- Business Technology
- Computer Information Systems
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice

- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Electrical Construction and Maintenance
- Electronics Technology
- Electrical Systems and Wiring
- General Business
- General Studies
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health Care Assistant/Science
- Industrial Technicians
- Industrial Systems Technology
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Machine Tool Technology
- Marketing Management
- Nurse Aide
- Nursing (Associate of Science)
- Paramedic Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Welding and Joining Technology ●

MORE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Altamaha Area

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Altamaha Area offers a wide variety of constructive activities to youth after school and during the summer. Club activities for members include crafts, board games, music, movies, books, computers and other fun events.

The registration fee is \$25 per year. The After School and Summer Camp dues depend on the family size. The After School program rate is \$30 for the first child, \$15 for the second child and \$15 for the third child.

During the Summer Camp, the rate is \$50 for the first child, \$25 for the second child and \$25 for the third child. Both After School and Summer Camp program dues are weekly fees and are based on the number of children from the same household. During the After School Program, the program dues include a snack and dinner for each child. The club also provides transportation for all registered youth from school to the club. The local club also offers tutoring for any youth that may be in need of a little extra help. The After School hours are 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Summer Program dues include breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner for each youth. The club offers a variety of field trips to various local and area recreational sites during the weeks of Summer Camp. The summer camp is offered from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Summer Camp field trips are an additional cost separate from the weekly program dues.

Some local businesses and/or individuals in the community are generous enough to donate funds as grants to offset the cost of their program dues. If you are interested in having your youth attend, stop by and pick up a registration packet. The club is located at 550 E. Orange St. in Jesup, in the former Jesup Elementary School gym and campus. It is operated by professional staff members and trained volunteers and is supported by grants and community donations. For more informa-

tion about the club, call 559-2133.

Coastal Plains Charter School

Local residents who are 14-20 years old and have at least tried the ninth grade have another way to earn a high school diploma. Coastal Plains Education Charter High School's Wayne County campus is offering high school night classes tuition-free. Residents age 21 and older can apply for classes but must pay tuition. Classes are taught at the Thomas P. James Building, located at 1365 W. Orange St. in Jesup. For more information call 810-1854 or visit www.coastalplainscharter.org.

Prekindergarten programs

A state-funded prekindergarten program offered through the Wayne County school system helps ensure that 4-year-olds have the chance to be ready for school. Classes are offered at James E. Bacon, Jesup, Martha Rawls Smith, Odum and Screven elementary schools. Enrollment in this voluntary program is open to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. The current number of classes offers places for about 260 students.

Parents of children 3-4 (3 by Sept. 1) may apply for enrollment in Head Start (3-4) and/or pre-K (4) but must meet certain income or educational needs criteria. Slots exist for 102 children; beyond that number, children are put on a waiting list. Applications are taken throughout the year for enrollment or the waiting list. Wayne County Head Start is located at 724 N. Fourth St. in Jesup (427-4527).

Two local church programs offer other preschool opportunities—First School at Jesup First Baptist Church, offering 60 slots to children ages 2-4, and School of Discovery at Jesup First United Methodist Church, offering 73 slots. School of Discovery accepts children ages 2-4; they must be 2 by Sept. 1.

The Learning Place offers curriculum and 52 slots to children ages 6 weeks to 13 years. It is located on the site of Gilead Ministry Center. It offers a quality-rated program for 6 weeks to toddlers, a preschool program for ages 4-5 and an after-school tutorial program called "The Cove" for ages 6-13. Hours are 6 a.m. to

6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some local day-care programs also offer preschool opportunities.

Solid Rock Christian Academy

Solid Rock Christian Academy offers classes from preschool through eighth grade and is located at 1580 Sunset Blvd. Faculty, students and parents are looking forward to moving to the new SRCA facility in spring of 2021.

Students participate in a learning curriculum, fine arts, weekly chapel services and community-service projects. SRCA maintains a student-teacher ratio of 12-1. Parental involvement is valued. Enrollment is limited. For more information visit SRCA online at www.srcajesup.org or call 424-8316.

Wayne County Library

The Wayne County Library opened at its present location on Sunset Boulevard close to the current football, baseball, softball and soccer fields in 1988. It is located near the old Wayne County High School.

The library features a large selection of adult and children's books, including fiction and nonfiction, as well as other literary publications such as magazine and newspapers. Videos, audio books, and services such as copying, faxing and notarization are available. Other services include a photocopy machine (which provides photocopies at 25 cents a copy), a Microfilm reader and printer, a genealogy collection, and a community room for rent (available to government organizations at no charge if reserved in advance). The library also offers Internet access to the public on more than 20 public computers, as well as a free Wi-Fi (wireless) internet service. The circulation system is fully automated.

The Summer Reading Program, a six-week program of summer activities with available online activities, is among the many special library programs geared toward children. The library also offers Story Time for all ages every Wednesday (even during the Summer Reading Program) from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Visit the library online at www.waynecountylibrary.wordpress.com. ●

RECREATION

Wayne recreation department offers activities for all ages

The Wayne County Parks and Recreation Department is an asset not only for local athletes but also for the community as a whole.

The department has moved to the Ben Park Complex, 743 Hinson Mosley Road, in Jesup and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The department also offers assistance through its website, www.waynecountyrecreation.com. This site gives more information on the sports and registration dates.

Activities

Winter activities include youth basketball, which begins in early January.

Youngsters ages 4-17 can register for basketball from mid-October to early December. The season begins in early January and ends in late February.

Spring and summer activities include youth T-ball, baseball, softball and basketball. Boys and girls ages 4-17 can register in February for baseball and girls softball. The softball and baseball seasons begin in late March and continue into June.

Youth track is also offered in the spring months. Children 7-14 may register in February as well. This year, the WCRD added a summer basketball youth league. Registration is in May with the season running June-July.

Adult softball is also a spring-summer sport; that season opens in mid-April and ends in June.

The Babe's Mighty Mites program, directed by the recreation department, is open to children in the 4- to 6-year-old range. This instructional T-ball and coach-pitch league was founded by the late Babe Davis. The Mighty Mites learn the basics of baseball and soft-



Above: Marina Howard fires a ball from third to first.

ball throwing, catching and hitting. The program serves as a feeder program for recreation-department leagues, which in turn help prepare children for school sports.

The summer swimming program for youths ages 6-18 starts in May. The season winds up in late July. While the county doesn't have a community pool, practices are taking place at private residences. The community is in the process of planning to build a new pool.

Golf and tennis programs are offered for children ages 7-18. Golf and tennis registration is held in May; the seasons begin in June and run through July.

Fall activities include youth cheerleading, football and soccer. Girls

ages 4-12 can register for cheerleading in early July, and the season begins in late September. Boys and girls ages 4-6 are eligible for flag football. Tackle football is set for youth 7-12. Registration for youth football begins in early July, and the football season begins in late September.

Youngsters interested in playing soccer (ages 4-17) can register beginning in early July and the season begins in late September.

Youth registration fees are \$30. Tackle football is \$30. The track fee is \$15 and summer basketball is \$20.

Buddy Ball

With each season the recreation department offers a Buddy Ball event for

youth 3 to 18. This program offers an opportunity for children with disabilities to participate in sports and other activities. The programs include soccer, baseball and basketball games and a fishing derby. For more information call 427-5915.

Locations

Most of the action takes place at Bill Morris Park on Sunset Boulevard.

The park has been transformed from just a few baseball fields and one football gridiron to include a multipurpose soccer field, a T-ball complex, a girls softball field, a three-field soccer complex and a 10-acre recreational lake.

The Ben Park Complex has added a four-field baseball-softball complex for

youths between the ages of 7 and 14. Bill Morris also has a pond, a nature trail and an asphalt walking track.

Facilities

The WCRD offers community centers which include Hall-Richardson Community Center, Gardi Community Center, Piney Grove Community Center, Mount Pleasant Community Center, Jaycee Fairgrounds Community Center, and four pavilions at Lake Grace. The community centers are available for the public to rent for meetings and

events.

For more information on cost and availability, call 427-5915.

Facility pictures are available at waynecountyrecreation.com.

Screven and Odum also offer community centers to rent. For more information about the Odum and Screven community centers, call their respective city halls. For Screven call 579-2211, and for Odum call 586-2211. ●



Above: Logann Echols, who is on a softball scholarship at West Georgia University in Carrollton but is home owing to the coronavirus, helps to disinfect dugouts between games at the Ben Park Complex.



Above: The Wayne County Recreation Department went to great lengths this summer during a shortened baseball/softball season keep youth safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Branton Ray hustles out a double.

SAFETY FIRST IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN WAYNE

A number of WCHS athletes receive college scholarships, including Terren Ward, who received a basketball scholarship to Georgia Southern University.



While many Wayne County sports programs shuttered for several months during the height of the coronavirus, a number have restarted with extra precautions in place. Some are still closed at the time.

The Wayne County Recreation Department was the first to gear back up with a shortened summer baseball and softball season.

"We are through with the younger kids, and it really went better than we thought it would," said WCRD director Speck Echols. "I want to thank the staff, coaches, parents and players for sticking with us and working through this. It went great. Now, we are getting ready for football, soccer and cheerleading."

The opening of the WCRD programs has been gradually followed by the high school's, middle schools' and gyms reopening.

In addition to the WCRD sports leagues, hunting and fishing, Wayne County offers a wide variety of physical activities.

These activities include school sports, as well as programs conducted by volunteers and local businesses.

Right: Some of Wayne County's twirlers are now majorettes at universities around the country. From left, Emily Teston, Logan Trapnell, Madeline Dukes and Alyssa DeLoach twirl for the University of Georgia Bulldogs.



● **Wayne County school sports**

Wayne County's middle schools, Martha Puckett and Arthur Williams, offer baseball, cheerleading, football, golf, soccer, tennis, track, majorette line and boys and girls basketball to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students.

Wayne County High School offers 14 different sports at the varsity and junior varsity levels. Kicking off the school year are football, girls' fast-pitch softball, volleyball, competition cheerleading and cross country. Basketball, wrestling and swimming share the spotlight during the winter months and are offered for both boys and girls. Spring sports bring a bustle of activity, with baseball, soccer, tennis, golf, and track and field teams all in action.

● **Martial arts**

Corky Sikes' world-renowned Shotokan school, World Class Karate, has oper-

ated in Jesup since 1990. The school was ranked No. 1 in the world in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2012 by Sport Karate International and has produced scores of world champions. For more information call 427-0435.

● **Aerobics**

For a general workout, Velocity Health and Fitness offers multiple aerobics classes, as well as a wide variety of other services. For more information call 427-3637.

ComTacFit Training Center, located at 180 Sunset Blvd., offers a variety of exercise classes along with on-site day care. The telephone number is 427-9220.

Anytime Fitness is located at 348 S. First St. The telephone number is 912-415-7049.

Advocare Kickboxing and Fitness is located on Broad Street can be reached at 424-3901.

The personal training and health club, Fit Miss, is located at 110 N. Macon St. The telephone number is 424-7537.

● **Dance and gymnastics**

Local residents interested in learning how to dance, twirl or tumble have five Jesup schools from which to choose. Serving a wide variety of ages are Angelique's Studio of Performing Arts; Gina's Academy of Dance, Baton and Acrobatics; Young Attitudes Dance Center; Leaps and Bounds Gymnastics; and Called To The Dance Floor, which uses the facilities of Jesup Church of God's fellowship hall.

● **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Altamaha Area**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Altamaha Area offers a variety of recreational activities. In addition to summer and after-school events, the club offers sporting and dance opportunities. For more information call 588-0022. ●



Above: WCHS golfer Antonio Juarbe plays on the links at Pine Forest Country Club.

HUNTING ACTIVITIES ARE PLENTIFUL IN WAYNE COUNTY



Above: A number of hunters in Wayne County participate in the Quality Deer Management Association. This photo was provided by QDMA.

Wayne County has a long tradition of avid outdoorsmen, and the area's hunting heritage is both a point of pride for locals and a draw for many visitors.

While the rich woodlands, which include Wayne County, teem with a variety of game ranging from alligators and bears to marsh hens

and squirrels, opening day for the firearms deer-hunting season is easily one of the most-anticipated events for area outdoorsmen. This year, opening day is Oct. 17 and the season will run through Jan. 10.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division

(WRD) enforces game laws that are set by the state legislature, and for deer season, these laws specify that a season total of 12 deer may be harvested per person per season. The WRD further outlines that no more than 10 may be antlerless and no more than two may be antlered. One of the two antlered

deer must have at least four points, 1 inch or longer, on one side of the antlers.

Continuing this year for deer hunters is the requirement to provide a harvest record. All harvest records must be reported within 72 hours online through Georgia Game Check www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com or by calling 1-800-366-2661.

A confirmation number will be provided with each report. Hunters will be reporting a harvest date and the county where the animal was taken. This information will be used to aid hunters, managers, conservation rangers and biologists.

- For hunters unwilling to wait until the Oct. 17 opening day for firearms, archery and primitive-weapon seasons offer a unique experience for outdoorsmen. Archery season runs Sept. 12 through Jan. 10, and primitive-weapon hunting is allowed from Oct. 10 through Jan. 10. Youth firearm season is Oct. 10-Oct. 16.

- Dog-hunting for deer is permitted for Wayne County in areas north of Hwy. 341, west of Beard's Bluff Road, north of Hwy. 169 and south-east of Hwy. 84. Buck only season is set for Oct. 17-18, and either sex season will be held Oct. 19-Jan. 10. Deer hunting with dogs will be allowed during the "buckshot only dog-deer either sex quota hunt" at Sansavilla Wildlife Management Area. Dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and a valid telephone number. The buck only dates for Little Satilla WMA are Oct. 17-18. For the Sansavilla WMA the dates are Oct. 8-Oct. 10; Nov. 28-Dec. 27; and Dec. 30-Jan. 10. Buck only days at Sansavilla are Oct. 24-30.

- Turkey season is also a much-anticipated time of year for Wayne County hunters. The season opens March 20 and closes May 15. There

is a statewide limit of three gobblers per season.

- Bear and alligator seasons offer local hunters the chance to bag big game in their own backyards. The Southern Bear Zone consists of Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes and Ware. Bear-season dates in the southern zone include Sept. 17-19, Sept. 24-26, Oct. 1-3 and Oct. 8-10. There is a limit of two bears per season. However, only one of the bears may be taken in the southern zone.

- For 'gator hunters, the swamps are the No. 1 destination, and the season will be longer starting this year. The season is from sunset on Aug. 14 through sunrise on Oct. 5. Gator-hunting permits are in high demand and short supply, and a limit of one harvest per permit is in effect. The number of permits for Zone 7--which includes Wayne, Appling, Glynn, Long, McIntosh, Tattnall and Toombs counties--is 150 this year.

Quota-selected hunters are no longer sent a plastic tag in the mail, nor required to bring the harvested alligator to a WRD Game Management office for a CITES tag. Hunters must report the harvest through Georgia Game Check system with 24 hours of harvest.

The deadline for permit applicants is July 15. More information for all quota hunts can be found at www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com.

- Georgia's dove season opens at noon on Sept. 5, and the first season runs through Sept. 30. This season is followed by seasons Nov. 21-Nov. 29 and Dec. 8-Jan. 31. The daily limit for doves is 15 per day and 45 in possession.

- Several small-game animals, such as bobcats, crows, rabbits, foxes, opossums, squirrels, grouses, quails and raccoons, have seasons beginning in the fall and extending

through Feb. 28.

- Also, trapping season for minks, otters, foxes, opossums, muskrats, skunks, bobcats and weasels is Dec. 1 to Feb. 28.

- There is a designated furbearer-dog training at Little Satilla WMA and Sansavilla WMA.

- There is designated bird-dog training at Penholoway Swamp WMA. Pigeons and pen-raised quail may be used for the training of pointing, flushing and retrieving dogs in designated areas only.

Before doing any kind of hunting, hunters must be aware of the Georgia rules and regulations. Each year the WRD publishes an updated Hunting Seasons and Regulations book, including changes made by the state legislature. It lists each hunting season, which counties lie in which zone, outlines of each wildlife management area, quota hunts and requirements expected of all hunters.

The Griffin Ridge WMA is located in Long County off Hwy. 301; Little Satilla is located off Hwy. 32 eight miles from Patterson; Paulks Pasture is located off Hwy. 341 eight miles north of Brunswick; and to get to Sansavilla, turn left at Mount Pleasant on Hwy. 341.

The Flatwoods Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation facilitates a youth hunter safety course each year.

The 24-hour number to report poachers is 1-800-241-4113.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division offers a variety of licenses and annual packages to better tailor Georgia sportsmen's needs. There is also an option to donate for those who want to help restore and protect Georgia's non-game wildlife.

Information for licenses can be found at www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com. ●

FISH ON!



Left: Jaden Kruger shows the fish that won her the prize for “kids biggest fish.”

Right: Marty Highnote caught the biggest fish in this year’s Wayne County Catfish Tournament. The fish weighed in at 41.5 pounds.



Fishing remains strong in the area. When the weather and fishing conditions are right, the waters of Wayne County teem with aquatic life, and area anglers are regular visitors to the vast opportunities for fishing in the county.

Catfish touney

The most popular fishing event in the community is the Wayne County Catfish Tournament, held the first weekend in June. The tournament featured a \$7,500 first-place payout this past year and averages a \$12,000 total pot.

Several other fishing tournaments are held throughout the year along the river and bring in fishermen of all descriptions to the banks of the Altamaha. The Wayne County Tourism Board is also studying the possibility of adding a bass tournament in late summer.

Altamaha River

The Altamaha River is the largest waterway in the Southeast and the second largest undammed river east of the Mississippi. A 71-mile stretch of the mighty brown river encompasses Wayne County’s border to the north and east. The Altamaha has been called one of the “75 last great places in the world” by the Nature Conservancy, and it is a great natural attraction for nature lovers and fishermen alike. Bluegill, largemouth bass, catfish, shellcracker, striper, white perch, red-breast and warmouth thrive in the river’s waters and provide plenty of variety for area anglers.

Carl Sawyer of Screven landed the state-record flathead catfish in June 2006 in the Altamaha River. He caught the flathead on a rod and reel, and the fish weighed 83 pounds. The previous record was 67.8 pounds set in 2000. This fish can be seen

at the Wayne County Heritage Center.

Lake Grace

Lake Lindsay Grace is a great fishing asset to the area. Wayne County and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources have implemented regulation changes to increase the trophy bass size in Lake Grace.

Slot limits on Lake Grace will allow bass to grow in size, increasing the opportunity for a state-record fish to be caught. Each year, DNR tests the lake for bass growth and tags about \$1,000 worth of fish. The tags have a number to call to report the catch and each fish can be worth between \$50 and \$100.

At Lake Grace, fishermen can also catch catfish, gar, white perch and redbreast.

Improved boat ramps

There are no federal, state or county parks connected with the Altamaha River in the county, but there are several public and private boat ramps and campsites. Several of the creeks that branch off from the main part of the river are privately owned or restricted to hunting-club members.

Fishermen have great access to the Altamaha, as Jesup boasts the best landing on the river at Jaycee Landing, the site of a Go Fish Georgia project. Improvements include 150 feet of floating boat ramps and an improved lagoon for unloading and loading boats. The bait

and tackle store is under renovation and will operate daily at the landing. Jaycee Landing is located off Hwy. 301 near the Wayne-Long county line.

On the south side near Glynn County is the historic Williamsburg Landing. The landing can be accessed from Howard Road in Mount Pleasant or from Akin Road. Paradise Park, a private landing on the Penholloway Creek, is located off River Road near Gardi. Near Hwy. 169 going toward Tattnall County is Upper Wayne County Landing. The county maintains a nature trail at Upper County. Off Hwy. 169 out from Madray Springs is Oglethorpe Bluff, also known as Pig Farm Landing. Also, Johnson’s Station Landing, located under the bridge at Hwy. 84 on the Long County side of the Altamaha River, has been open since the spring of 2002.

DNR

Wayne County’s own Mark Williams continues as the DNR commissioner and Miki Thomaston serves on the DNR Board of Natural Resources.

Rangers from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division patrol Wayne County. They will determine whether fishing licenses are current and whether legal equipment is being used. They also make sure there is no boating under the influence of alcohol.

The DNR officers for Region 7 are Sgt. Phillip Scott, Cpl. John Evans and Cpl. Bobby White. Those who need DNR assistance may call (912) 264-7237. ●

BIKE RIDING AND RIVER RUNS



Left: Jaycee Landing (the end point of the Fall Leaf Paddle) offers access to the Altamaha River, which draws paddlers to Wayne County Tourism Board events.

Routes are marked year-round for bicyclists to enjoy the scenic areas of Wayne and adjoining counties.

For those more interested in canoes and kayaks than bicycles, the Wayne County Board of Tourism sponsors two paddles a year on the Altamaha River.

The second paddle, the Fall Leaf Paddle, is held the second Saturday in October. This 16-mile excursion starts at Upper County Landing and ends at Jaycee Landing.

More information about these events can be found on the Tourism Board website at www.waynetourism.com.

PARKS

Beaver Creek RV Campground

Complete hookups and pond, restrooms, shower and laundry facilities; only a mile from the Altamaha River. 218 Beaver Creek Road, Jesup. 427-7802 or 294-7802.

H&H ATV Ride Park

Drag racing, trail riding, swimming, fishing, primitive camping, and mud-bogging sure to challenge and delight any ATV enthusiast. Pets are welcome. Permanent restrooms are available. 875 Woods Bridge Road, off Hwy. 169. 221-0169.

Jaycee Landing

On the Altamaha River, ramp, restrooms, picnic tables and shelter. U.S. Hwy. 301 at Jaycee Fairgrounds, Jesup. 427-5915.

Mossy Oaks RV Park & Camp

Mossy Oaks RV Park and Campground gets its name from the massive live oak trees that grace the park entrance. The campground has 33 full RV hookup spaces, a stocked fishing pond, bath houses and a coin laundry. Daily, weekly and monthly rental sites are offered. 1162 Whaley Road, Jesup. Call 256-5989 or 427-4459 for more information.

Pine Forest Country Club

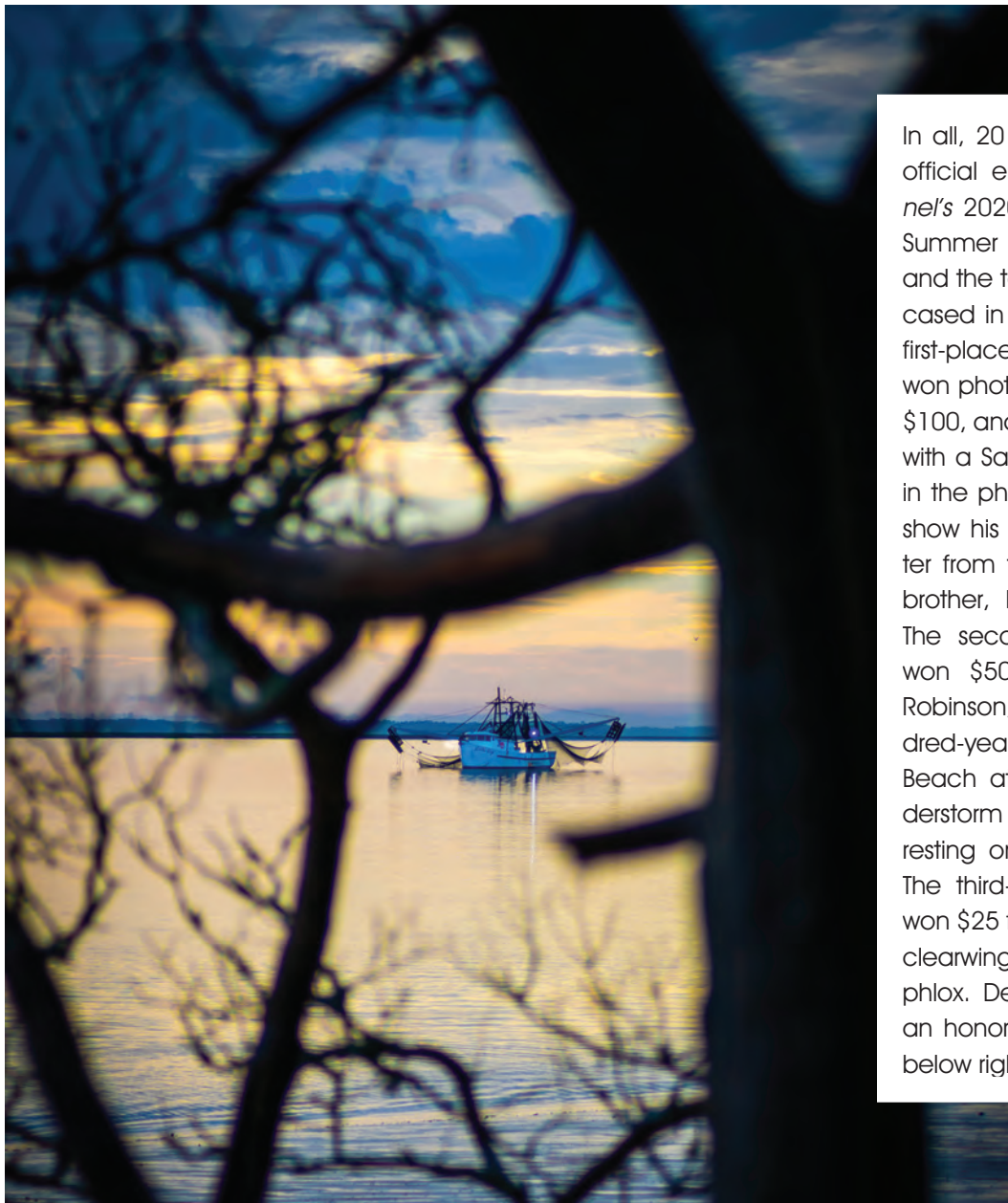
Public 18-hole course with a pro shop and restaurant. Beautiful landscaping and challenging course. Located at 2401 S. Hwy. 301 in Jesup. Call 427-6505.

WAYNE COUNTY JAMS



This logo helped publicize the 2020 Wayne County Hog Jam. The Wayne County Board of Tourism sponsors the Wayne County Coon Jam (also known as the Paul Sheffield Memorial Hunt) in January, the Hog Jam in February and the Big Buck Jam in October. These hunting competitions are part of a schedule that also includes the Wayne County Catfish Tournament in June.

SUMMER SHUTTERBUG SHOWDOWN V



In all, 20 contestants submitted 38 official entries into *The Press-Sentinel's* 2020 Summer Photo Contest, Summer Shutterbug Showdown V, and the top entries are being showcased in *Wayne County Living*. The first-place photo is the front cover, won photographer Jessica Conners \$100, and was taken of her two sons with a Samsung Galaxy S-9 phone; in the photo, Rhett Conners tries to show his resilience to the cold water from the hose that his younger brother, Reid Conners, is holding. The second-place photo, at left, won \$50 for photographer Mark Robinson, who shot through a hundred-year-old oak on St. Andrew's Beach at sunset after a big thunderstorm to capture a shrimp boat resting on the Jekyll Island Sound. The third-place photo, below left, won \$25 for Lisa Klinner and shows a clearwing sphinx moth in her garden phlox. Dean Wohlgemuth receives an honorable mention for his shot, below right, of a model ship. ●



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TONE FOR ANIMAL CARE



The grandchildren called him Wolfe.
His children called him Daddy.
Friends called him John.

And the community called on him to
keep their pets and livestock healthy.

For 61 years Dr. John Wolfe Sr., a
graduate of Auburn University College
of Veterinary Medicine, cared for ani-
mals, large and small, in Wayne and
surrounding counties.

The veterinarian moved his family
from Alma, where he had practiced
for six years, to Jesup in 1955, when
he bought Cliff Pittman's practice.
Wolfe Animal Hospital was located in
a small building on Cherry Street with a
stable behind it. Over the years, Wolfe
expanded the facility three times,
doubling it in size. Today the clinic's
owners, Dr. Clint Hall and Dr. David Bar-
wick, have opened a new facility sev-
eral blocks north of the old one, still on
Cherry Street, still bearing the name of
the legendary veterinarian.

The family of the late Dr. Wolfe ap-
preciates the generosity of Hall and
Barwick, not only in keeping the Wolfe
Animal Hospital name but also in dis-
playing, in the lobby, memorabilia
from Wolfe's working days.

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NEW VET FACILITY OPTIMIZES PET CARE



Wolfe Animal Hospital's newer and larger
facilities (located at 1313 W. Cherry St. in
Jesup) have been optimized to accommodate
an increased client base and to meet a wider
variety of pet needs.

Those who step inside the new site of
Wolfe Animal Hospital will see perpet-
ual motion: pets rotating in and out of
the waiting room, nearby groomers
pampering furry clients, and kittens
frolicking in a glassed-off view-space.

It would be hard to imagine that-
just a few months ago--this same
core team fit its services in a space
that was roughly a third of the size of
its current facility.

"I miss the old building a bit," admit-
ted veterinarian Dr. Clint L. Hall. "This
place felt like home, though, from
the moment I walked in that door."

"The new facility actually seems larg-
er than what I thought it would be,"
added veterinarian Dr. David Bar-
wick. "We've gotten a great deal of
satisfaction from all the room we now
have and the increased capabilities
to care for our patients."

A rich legacy

Wolfe Animal Hospital is named
after the late Dr. John Wolfe. Its for-
mer building dates back to 1948,

when Dr. Cliff Pittman used it to help
eradicate hog cholera.

Today's Wolfe Animal Hospital, lo-
cated at 1313 W. Cherry St., covers a
variety of offerings the former space
simply couldn't address.

"We've actually included a lot of
features that we don't need just yet,
such as a dental X-ray machine,"
said Barwick. "We did that on purpose
because we're planning ahead with
growth and training in mind. We want
to have a lot available so that we
can anticipate future needs before
they occur."

Hall and Barwick remain business
partners at the new location. Hall's
tenure at Wolfe began in 1982, when
he bought the practice from Wolfe.
Though a bovine-related knee injury
had limited what Wolfe could do at
the time, Hall hired Wolfe back onto
the team the same day he bought
the practice. Wolfe continued to
practice until his death in 2010.

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Large animal practice

"When we moved to Jesup, 75-90 percent of his business was with large animals, and he went to them. There were 26 dairies in Wayne and surrounding counties. Some were small with only a dozen or so cows; others had a hundred or more. Everyone had a milk cow, a few hogs," says dentist Dr. John Wolfe Jr., who, as a young boy, traveled with his dad at night to care for the livestock.

"I always wanted to go," he says.

His memories of those long nights are vivid.

"Many farms didn't have electricity. Most roads were dirt. Farmers checked their animals in the evening, so Dad would make night calls, usually after supper. He would drive his truck as close to the animal as possible and leave the lights on. Then I held a flashlight in one hand and his tray in another. Five minutes seemed like an eternity to an 8-year-old boy," says Wolfe Jr., who stabled his two horses at the clinic.

When the vet was growing up, his own dad had cattle, so Wolfe felt at home with his practice. It didn't take him long to learn all of the dirt backroads throughout Wayne County and beyond. The family, which always had a pet dog at home, agrees; he didn't always charge for those night calls.

A family business

But it was a family business. All five children—John Jr., Gena Daniel, Kathy Dent, Downie Wolfe and Nora Wolfe—along with their mom, the late Ila Wolfe, worked with this man who loved animals. Mrs. Wolfe served as office manager.

"She did everything but work with the animals," Daniel says. "The boys helped their dad with the animals, especially washing dogs and cleaning cages. The girls worked in the office. I remember 'warming puppies' with our hands after they were born, but that's about all we girls did with the animals."

Dr. and Mrs. Wolfe, who were childhood sweethearts, had been married for 40 years when she died after a long

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Above: Morgan Brantley (CVA) administers IV fluids to Summy the alpaca through Wolfe Animal Hospital's newly offered curbside care.

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About a decade after Hall's arrival, Barwick joined the team, and in 1996 he became a full partner.

A well-oiled machine

As much as the move to a new facility was about space, it was about efficiency as well.

Upon arriving at Wolfe Animal Hospital, one might note the considerable increase in parking (about 19 more spaces than the old facility), as well as more room to spread out pets in the central lobby.

In the lobby, pet owners with non-emergencies are greeted by a member of the front-office staff—people such as front-office manager Jennifer Bollinger (a certified veterinary assistant); receptionist Jessica Solomon (CVA); receptionists Rebecca Harper, Alexis Chewning and Jessica Fabean; and reception assistant Marissa Mobley. Accounts receivable manager Georgia Aspinwall (CVA) can often be spotted as well. The particularly observant might notice brief blurs of hospital administrator Maudie Wilder or financial administrator Adrienne Hunter before they dart away to the

next task at hand.

One distinction of the new front-office layout is its circular orientation, allowing for brisk and efficient interactions. Different receptionists service the lobby, handle the checkout procedures and provide other functions. "Optimized flow," said Wilder, was the plan from the building's start.

Nothing proved more optimized than the decision to provide drive-through service immediately before the COVID-19 pandemic would bring lobby visits to a halt.

"The drive-through service was a lifesaver during COVID," Wilder recalled. "We almost didn't follow through with it after the move, but I'm glad we did."

The service was initially designed for animals suspected to be contagious, though it has proven essential in minimizing human contagion during the pandemic.

Once a pet is checked in, it accompanies its owner to an exam room. There, it meets at least one member of the veterinary assistant team—Amy Barwick (CVA), Renea Kilpatrick (CVA), Karen Harper (CVA), Morgan Brantley (CVA), veterinary as-

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sistant Shelby Daniels or laboratory technician Angela Hughes.

These experienced professionals perform the initial checkup and later assist one of the primary veterinarians--Hall, Barwick or Dr. Hunter Lamar.

A new face

Lamar is relatively new to the team, having just started at Wolfe in March 2020 (at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic).

"On day one, I was already hitting the ground running," he recalled. "We were not letting everyone in during COVID, so it's been different now starting to see people's faces for the first time."

The Statesboro native and former offensive lineman for the Georgia Southern Eagles received his doctorate of veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia. Like Hall (an Alabama native who started his veterinary work in Cairo, Georgia) and Barwick (a Wayne County native), Lamar is drawn to rural communities.

Of his areas of expertise, he's most interested in canine reproduction and cattle herd management.

Behind the scenes

The off-unsung heroes of any veterinary team are the animal care attendants. Their job is to ensure that extended-stay animals receive optimal care in humidity-controlled and climate-controlled kennels. (Some kennels even include their own TVs.)

Whether these animals are recovering from a procedure or simply remaining boarded while their owners vacation, animal care attendants Tonya Todd (CVA), August Crosby and Zachary Justice address the physical and emotional needs of creatures in their care. Todd also supervises Wolfe's hospital ward.

Wolfe now has a dedicated overnight manager as well, veterinary technician Faith Durrance.

This expanded service ensures that patients receive around-the-clock care and emergency treatment when needed.

Grooming service

Another new service that Wolfe provides is a grooming facility adjoining the main lobby. Its separate exterior entrance allows grooming customers to avoid lobby traffic altogether.

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Below: French bulldog Reyna finds reassurance in the eyes of Amy Barwick (CVA) as Dr. David Barwick, veterinarian/partner at Wolfe Animal Hospital, inspects her lungs.



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battle with cancer. The grandchildren called her Mama Wolfe.

Daniel recalls that she learned to spell "veterinarian" in the third grade when children began to fill out their own forms at school. Her teacher would not let her write her dad's occupation as "vet."

In addition to the family, William Flowers was the veterinarian's "right-hand man." Leroy Armstrong worked at the animal hospital when Wolfe bought it. He stayed on, but Flowers, Armstrong's stepson, started coming to the clinic to help at a young age. He continued to work with Wolfe until retirement.

In addition to traveling to farms to care for sick and injured animals and to administer required vaccines, Wolfe also worked at the livestock sales twice a week. Cattle had to be tested regularly. Early on, he charged \$1 for a rabies shot and \$1 a night to board a pet.

In an essay titled "Doc Wolfe Traded His Needles and Medicine for a Lasso Rope," L. Bryson Moody of Alma wrote about the time the veterinarian came to his mother's rescue. After a kid goat had fallen into an abandoned well, Moody's mother lowered a foot tub on a rope and coaxed the animal into the tub. However, it would jump back into the water each time she tried to pull it out. She called Doc Wolfe. The vet showed up and used his professional lasso to keep the goat in the tub while he pulled it out.

Later, as Moody recalls, his dad chided his mother for calling Doc Wolfe on his day off for such a trivial matter since "the kid goat probably was not worth \$2 at the time." Moody says, "The best I remember, Doc Wolfe didn't charge anything for the rescue of the kid goat."

The telephone

"The phone at home was his livelihood," remembers Daniel. "We were forbidden to use it. At supper time, the phone with its long cord was stretched down the table to his place at the end. I don't think we ate many meals

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not interrupted with a call from someone needing him."

By the time the five children were teenagers, the phone had truly become a bone of contention. Friends, even those who knew not to call, called. Finally, Wolfe had a second line installed for family use.

"Our sister remembers the day of her wedding. That afternoon someone called him. Kathy says she remembers thinking, as he talked, that her dad wouldn't be at her wedding. However, he told the caller he couldn't come. She says that is the only time she remembers him ever refusing to go to an animal in need," Daniel says.

Later years

With time, the dairy industry declined in Southeast Georgia, and more families had pets. Thus, the practice changed with the changing society. Gradually, the vets began to treat more small animals than large. In 1982 Wolfe sold the practice to Dr. Clint Hall, but the veteran vet continued to work.

The years of wrestling large animals had taken its toll on Wolfe's legs. One day, as he was working at the stock yards, a cow broke loose and knocked him down. The doctor had to take time off to heal himself. Otherwise, he worked continuously until about three weeks before his death in 2010.

"I remember the last time he went to the animal hospital to operate. As he viewed his patient, he knew that he couldn't see well enough to operate," Daniel says.

Almost a decade after his wife died, he remarried. Lou Wolfe—who recently passed away—recalled one of their first dates. Friends had called to say that the old family dog was suffering. As he grabbed his bag to go, she asked whether she could go with him.

"When we got there, everyone was crying," his wife of almost 15 years said. "I sat off to the side and watched John pet the animal lovingly as he put him to sleep. He held the dog and petted him until he was still. I cried, too.

"He once told me that he was drawn to animals, and he wanted to help them. He loved his profession." ●

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Wolfe's groomers include grooming department supervisor Courtney Taylor (a certified dog groomer as a CVA), grooming receptionist/groomer/luxury boarding manager Lacey Sawyer and groomer Kayla Gowen. Whether pet-icures are what's needed or a puppy's ears need a splash of pink dye, the groomers are prepared for a variety of sanitary and cosmetic services.

A dedicated approach

Longtime customers, such as Patricia Alisau and her well-fed ginger feline, "Bad Kitty," are apt to rave about the customer service at Wolfe Animal Hospital.

Hall chalks it up to a business model inspired by Jeremiah 29:11 ("For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'").

The theme of spiritual optimism is literally written on the walls of the new

facility. One expansive hallway is emblazoned with the prayer of Jabez found in 1 Chronicles 4:10 ("Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain.")

Behind the reception team is a ceiling-to-floor painted reminder of the Wolfe mission. It cites a goal to establish long-term relationships with clients while prolonging the quality of life for their pets.

Both Wilder and Hall expressed enthusiasm over a dedicated bereavement area, which allows beloved pets to spend their final hours with caretakers in a comforting space. Hall himself was recently moved to tears when tasked with euthanizing a dog that had been his patient for the span of its life. By having a dedicated space, the family was able to hug and cry as long as the members of the family needed to bid a final fare-

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Below: Laboratory technician Angela Hughes (CVA) prepares canine blood work in Wolfe Animal Hospital's in-house lab.



well. Services such as these, Hall said, are what Wolfe is all about.

The path ahead

Though the new-paint smell still lingers, Wolfe Animal Hospital is already looking ahead to what might come next.

"We've recently acquired the forestry property next door," Barwick announced. "We plan to convert this into a haul-in center for horses and cattle. We also have plans to create a dog park in the front of the property for Jesup's four-legged residents."

As Wolfe continues to expand its identity as a regional pet care facility, the individual moving parts continue to operate and expand.

"If John Wolfe could see us now!" Barwick noted. "I think he would be overwhelmed. From such humble beginnings to this. His legacy of hard work, customer service and making clients feel like family has provided a great foundation. We've been privileged to build this new regional facility on all of that." ●



Above: Dr. Clint "Beau" Hall, veterinarian/partner at Wolfe Animal Hospital, checks Raven's pearly whites during a routine checkup.



Adoptive siblings Brenley, left, and Heidi wait together for beauty appointments now offered through Wolfe Animal Hospital's grooming services.

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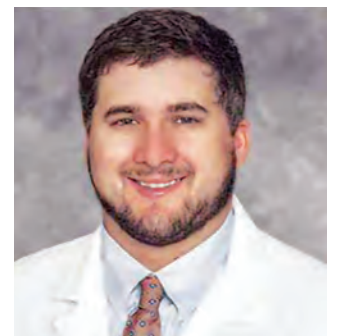
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WAYNE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Wayne County is a large county covering 649 square miles located mostly in the Altamaha River and Satilla River basins.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county had 30,099 residents in the 2010 census, but current estimates are slightly lower at 29,927, according to Georgia Demographics.

The Census Bureau reports the population density as about 47 people per square mile, with some 10,500 households in the county.

The county is almost evenly divided male and female, and most of the population is between the ages of 18 and 65.

Six percent of the population is under 5 years of age, 24 percent is under age 18, and 16 percent is over 65, according to the 2010 census. The median age was 37.6 years.

According to the racial divisions set up in the census, the county is about 76 percent white, 20 percent black, 0.8 percent Asian and 0.6 percent Native American. About two percent are considered "Other," and about 2 percent are considered multiple races by the census.

Persons of Hispanic origins are about 6 percent.

The census put the ancestry of Wayne Countians as 15 percent American, 12 percent Irish, 11 percent English, 6 percent German and 3 percent foreign-born.

Veterans accounted for 2,198 persons in the county in the 2010 census.

About 38 percent of the county's households had children under 18 living in them; 53 percent were married couples; 15 percent were single females; 27 percent were non-families; and almost 24 percent were made up of individuals. The average household size was 2.63 persons, and the average family size was 3.09 persons.

The county issued 56 building permits in 2019, the census bureau reports.

The county's per-capita income in 2010 was \$18,393, but that was up to \$21,000 for 2014-2018, according to Census Bureau reports.

The median household income of \$37,340 in 2010 was up to \$44,869 for 2014-2018.

The median family income was \$45,649, with the median income for males at \$40,167 while females' median income was \$26,283, according to the census.

The census reported that the median value of owner-occupied housing units was \$107,900.

The census found 18 percent of population and 13

percent of families living below the poverty line (\$10,830 plus \$3,740 each family member in 2010).

Other interesting data on the county reported on the census bureau's website include:

- Households with a computer, 2014-2018, 82 percent
- Household with an internet connection 2014-18, 68 percent
- High school graduates or higher (persons 25 years or more), 82 percent
- Person with a college degree, 13 percent
- Persons without health insurance under age 65, 18 percent
- Businesses in 2018, 567
- People employed in 2018, 5,922
- Annual payroll 2018, \$223,984
- Minority-owned firms in 2012, 520
- Women-owned firms in 2012, 844
- Retail sales in 2012, \$293,000. ●

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WHAT ARE FAMILY CONNECTION'S GOALS FOR NEW YEAR?

The Wayne County Family Connection goals for the year 2021 involve focusing on mental health awareness and homelessness throughout the community.

"We have been able to accomplish this awareness through the development of a mental health task force committee within our collaborative," said Executive Director Lana Wright. "This year we are directing our priorities to individuals who are in need of mental health care due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and the issues that result from the loss of jobs, substance abuse, and the hardships placed on families and children of our community. Our goal is to offer care to individuals within our community that are not able to pay for it themselves when they are not in a crisis situation and are not currently under the care of a provider.

"The generous donations from Rayonier Advanced Materials Foundation and other partners have enabled us to provide this support to the community. Additionally, this year our collaborative is raising the community's awareness regarding mental health by sharing the BeThe1To Campaign with the citizens of Wayne County by improving our social-media capabilities as well as news articles, in hopes to raise the awareness of the effects of

mental illness on society."

Family Connection has also entered into a partnership with the Georgia Homeless Coalition and will be taking steps to identify individuals who need assistance.

"Our collaborative remains focused on sustaining close relationships with our partners through supporting our schools, civic organizations and private businesses within our community," Wright said. "Through our collaboration and collective efforts, we have learned that we can make positive impacts. Listening, learning, acting, and gaining wisdom, along with our statewide network, allows us to share stories of success and resources. Ultimately, our primary accomplishments are to enjoy the prosperity that comes from having vibrant, healthy families and communities throughout Georgia."

Further information regarding the mental health initiative and the homelessness project is available from Wright at 256-2150.

"We invite the community to join our collaborative," she said.

Wayne County Family Connection meets the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at 367 Bamboo St. in Jesup. The website is www.waynehelp.com, and the email address is familyconnection@waynehelp.com.



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FAMILY CONNECTION RESOURCE DIRECTORY

We are pleased to present the Wayne County Family Connection Resource Directory. This directory is a compact listing and cross-reference of resource agencies that serve Wayne County residents. The service agencies are divided into categories and some agencies appear in more than one category if they offer services in different areas of need.

TO USE THIS DIRECTORY - First look at the CATEGORY LISTING to select an agency which offers the service you need, then go to the CONTACT LISTING and get the phone, address and email information to reach that agency. You may also like to see more information such as details of service description, hours of operation, and eligibility requirements of these agencies in the online edition of the Family Connection Resource Directory at www.waynehelp.com.



CATEGORY LISTING

Alcohol/Drugs/Substance Abuse

Al-Anon
Altamaha / N.S. Baptist Assoc.
Bethesda House of Mercy
Bridges of Hope Trust
Cord of Three Counseling Services
FreeHart Center
Gateway Behavioral Health
John's Place - Pineland CSB/CSU
Wayne Counseling Center
Pineland Women's SA Day Services
Safe Kids
Saint Simons By The Sea
Teen Challenge of Middle Georgia
Fraser Counseling Center
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
Wayne County Family Connection

Child Abuse

Altamaha / N.S. Baptist Assoc.
Cord of Three Counseling Services
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy
Tri-County CASA-Court App. Adv.
Victim Assistance Program
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne Counseling Center
Exchange Club
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency

Childcare

Childcare Resource and Referral
Methodist Home / Children & Youth

Parent to Parent of Georgia
Wayne Counseling Center
UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
UGA Extension Services
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne County Head Start/Pre-K
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.

Children & Youth Services

Alee Temple Shriners - Medical Care
Altamaha / N.S. Baptist Assoc.
American Cancer Society
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area
Child Support Services
Cord of Three Counseling Services
Cub Scouts (Boy Scouts of America)
Fraser Counseling Center
Foster Parenting (Tri-County CASA)
Gateway Behavioral Health
GA Dept. of Juvenile Justice
GA Telecom. Equipment Distribution
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
Guardian Ad Litem
Hospice of South Georgia
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Methodist Home / Children & Youth
Parent to Parent of Georgia
PeachCare for Kids
Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy
Safe Kids
Speech, Hearing, & Rehabilitation
The Howard Center
Tri-County CASA-Court App. Adv.

UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
UGA Extension Services
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
Wayne County 4-H
WC 4-H FFA Livestock Show Team
Wayne County 4-H Archery Team
Wayne County 4-H BB Team
WC BOE- Special Ed. Parent Mentor
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Exchange Club
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Head Start/Pre-K
Wayne County Library
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.

Clothing

American Red Cross
American Red Cross
Fairhaven Market
Georgia Homeless Coalition Skylark
The Good Samaritan Center
UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
UGA Extension Services
Unity Church of God Programs
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency

Counseling & Therapy Services

Al-Anon
Alzheimer's Assoc. Reg Office
American Cancer Society

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Bridges of Hope Trust
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Cord of Three Counseling Services
Depression Support Group
Fraser Counseling Center
FreeHart Center
Gateway Behavioral Health
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Hospice of South Georgia
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Methodist Home / Children & Youth
Saint Simons By The Sea
Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy
Skylark
Speech, Hearing, & Rehabilitation
Teen Challenge of Middle Georgia
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.
Wayne Service Center
Wynn Care, LLC

Disabilities

Aging & Disability Resource Center
Alee Temple Shriners - Medical Care
American Cancer Society
Belton, Hearing Care Resources
Child Care Resource & Referral
Georgia Dept. of Labor / Voc. Rehab
Georgia Learning Resources
Goodwill of the Coastal Empire
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Hospice of South Georgia
Parent to Parent of Georgia
Pineland Supported Employment
Speech, Hearing, & Rehabilitation
UGA Extension Services
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
WC BOE- Special Ed. Parent Mentor
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne Counseling Center
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne County Transit
Wayne Service Center
Wynn Care, LLC

Domestic Violence

Altamaha / N.S. Baptist Assoc.
Cord of Three Counseling Services
Elder Abuse Program
Georgia Legal Services
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Victim Assistance Program
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
Wayne Counseling Center
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency

Education/Training

Adult Education
Alzheimer's Assoc. Reg Office
American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Boy Scouts of America

Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area
Coastal Pines Technical College
Concerted Services, Inc.
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Cord of Three Counseling Services
Cub Scouts (Boy Scouts of America)
Experience Works, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area
Coastal Pines Technical College
CARE, Inc. (Aids Resource)
Concerted Services, Inc.
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Cord of Three Counseling Services
Cub Scouts-See Boy Scouts of America
Empowering Minds
Experience Works, Inc.
Fraser Counseling Center
FreeHart Center
GED Instruction and Testing
Georgia Learning Resources
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
HOGARC Agency on Aging
JCVison and Associates, Inc.
Jesup Fire Department
Job Training Unlimited
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Methodist Home / Children & Youth
PeachCare for Kids
Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy
Safe Kids
Skylark
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Wayne County 4-H Archery Team
Wayne County 4-H BB Team
Wayne County Board of Education
Wayne County BOE- School Health
WC BOE- Special Ed. Parent Mentor
WC Chamber of Commerce /IDA
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Head Start/Pre-K
Wayne County Library
Wayne County School Nutrition
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Service

Family Services

Action Pact - Wayne Senior Ctr. Al-Anon
American Cancer Society
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area
Child Care Resource & Referral
Child Support Services
City of Jesup
Community Home Care
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Cord of Three Counseling Services
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Foster Parenting (Tri-County CASA)
Fraser Counseling Center
FreeHart Center
GA DCA Rental Assistance
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
HOGARC Agency on Aging

JCVison and Associates, Inc.
Jesup Housing Authority
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
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WellCare of Georgia, Inc.
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Wynn Care, LLC

Food

America's Second Harvest
American Red Cross
Concerted Services, Inc.
Georgia Homeless Coalition HOGARC Agency on Aging
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Tabitha's Place
Telamon Corporation
The Good Samaritan Center
UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
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Unity Church of God Programs
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Health Department
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne County School Nutrition
Wynn Care LLC

Home Health & Nurse Services

Community Care Services Program
Community Home Care
Concerted Services, Inc.
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Hospice of South Georgia
PruittHealth Home First
St. Joseph's/Candler
Wayne County BOE- School Health
Wayne County Family Connection
WellCare of Georgia, Inc.
Wynn Care, LLC

Housing & Shelter

American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Bridges of Hope Trust
FreeHart Center
GA DCA Rental Assistance
Georgia Homeless Coalition Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
Jesup Housing Authority
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Methodist Home / Children & Youth

FAMILY CONNECTION RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Teen Challenge of Middle Georgia
Telamon Corporation
UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
UGA Extension Services
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Service Center
Wynn Care, LLC

ID & Licenses

Cities of Jesup, Odum, Screven
License - Gun Permit
License- Hunting, Fishing, Boating
License- Marriage
Social Security Administration
Voter Registration
Wayne County Administration
Wayne County Registrar

Job Assistance

Coastal Pines Technical College
Experience Works, Inc.
Express Employment Professionals
FreeHart Center
Georgia Dept. of Labor / Voc. Rehab
Georgia Department. of Labor
Goodwill of the Coastal Empire
Job Training Unlimited
Pineland Supported Employment
Pineland Women's SA Day Services
Telamon Corporation
WC Chamber of Commerce /IDA
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne Counseling Center
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Service Center

Legal Assistance

Child Support Services
Concerted Services, Inc.
GA Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Elderly Legal Assistance
Foster Parenting (Tri-County CASA)
Georgia Legal Services
Guardian Ad Litem
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy
Tri-County CASA-Court App. Adv.
Victim Assistance Program
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency

Medical Services

Action Pact – Wayne Senior Ctr. Advanced
Hearing & Balance Center
Alee Temple Shriners - Medical Care
American Cancer Society
Belton, Hearing Care Resources
Bridges of Hope Trust
Diversity Health Center
Emergency Medical Assistance
Hearing Plus
Hospice of South Georgia
Insure Georgia
Jesup Lions Club
Jones Medical Equipment
PeachCare for Kids
Presumptive Pregnancy Medicaid

Right From The Start Medicaid
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
Wayne County BOE- School Health
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Health Department
Wayne County Protective Agency Wayne Memorial Hospital
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.
WellCare of Georgia, Inc.
Women's Health Medicaid

Mental Health

Cord of Three Counseling Services
Depression Support Group
Fraser Counseling Center
Gateway Behavioral Health
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Insure Georgia
John's Place - Pineland CSB/CSU
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Pineland Supported Employment
Pineland Women's SA Day Services
Saint Simons By The Sea
The Howard Center
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
Wayne Counseling Ctr. (Pineland)
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Service Center
Wynn Care, LLC

Multi-Cultural

American Cancer Society
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts (Boy Scouts of America)
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
Parent to Parent of Georgia
Telamon Corporation
UGA Extension Services
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Health Department
Wayne County Library
Wayne County Protective Agency

Pregnancy Support

Presumptive Pregnancy Medicaid
Right From The Start Medicaid
Skylark
PeachCare for Kids
Safe Kids
UGA Extension Services

Wayne Behavioral Health Services
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne Counseling Ctr. (Pineland)
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Health Department
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.

Senior Citizens

Action Pact – Wayne Senior Ctr. Advanced Hearing & Balance Center
Aging & Disability Resource Center
Alzheimer's Assoc. Reg Office
American Cancer Society
Belton, Hearing Care Resources
Community Care Services Program

Elder Abuse Program
Elderly Legal Assistance
Experience Works, Inc.
Georgia Legal Services
GA Telecom. Equipment Distribution
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Hospice of South Georgia
Safe Kids
Speech, Hearing, & Rehabilitation
UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne Counseling Ctr. (Pineland)
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Library
Wayne County Transit
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.
Wynn Care, LLC

Teen & Young Adult Resources

Adult Education
Al-Anon
American Cancer Society
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area
Cord of Three Counseling Services
GED Instruction and Testing
Georgia Department of Labor
GA Telecom. Equipment Distribution
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
License- Hunting, Fishing, Boating
PeachCare for Kids
Safe Kids
Saint Simons By The Sea
Skylark
UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
UGA Extension Services
Wayne Behavioral Health Services
WC BOE- Special Ed. Parent Mentor
Wayne Counseling Ctr. (Pineland)
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Health Department
Wayne County Library
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.

Transportation Services

Alee Temple Shriners - Medical Care
American Cancer Society
Magnolia House Shelter (Abuse)
HOGARC Agency on Aging
Telamon Corporation
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Protective Agency
Wayne County Transit
WellCare of Georgia, Inc.

United Way Agencies (Wayne County)

Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area
Fairhaven
Freehart Center
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
Hospice of South Georgia
Tabitha's Place
The Good Samaritan Center
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Wayne County Farmers Market
Wayne County Partners in Education

Utilities

Action Pact – Wayne Senior Ctr.
Cities of Jesup, Odum, Screven
Concerted Services, Inc.
Telamon Corporation
WC Dept. Family & Children Svcs.
Wayne County Family Connection
Wynn Care, LLC

Veterans Services

American Legion Post 311
GA Telecom. Equipment Distribution
Georgia Homeless Coalition
HOGARC Agency on Aging
License- Hunting, Fishing, Boating
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4583
Wayne Behavioral Health
Wayne Counseling Ctr. (Pineland)
Wayne County Family Connection

Volunteer Opportunities

Adult Education
Al-Anon
Alzheimer's Assoc. Reg Office
American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Boy Scouts of America
Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area
Concerted Services, Inc.
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Cord of Three Counseling Services
Cub Scouts (Boy Scouts of America)
FreeHart Center
GA Telecom. Equipment Distribution
Georgia Homeless Coalition Girl Scouts of His-
toric Georgia
Guardian Ad Litem
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Tri-County CASA-Court App. Adv.
UGA Extension: Family/Cons. Sci.
UGA Extension Services
Unity Church of God Programs
Voter Registration
Wayne Counseling Center
Wayne County 4-H
WC 4-H FFA Livestock Show Team
Wayne County 4-H Archery Team
Wayne County 4-H BB Team
WC BOE- Special Ed. Parent Mentor
WC Chamber of Commerce / IDA
Wayne County Family Connection
Wayne County Library
Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Svcs.
Wynn Care, LLC

CONTACT LISTING

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Wayne Senior Center
409 S. Third St.
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Adult Education

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Jesup, Ga 31545
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Advanced Hearing & Balance Ctr.

3228 Shrine Rd.
Brunswick, Ga 31523
Ph: 912.267.1569

Agling & Disability Resource Ctr.

311 West Parker St.
Baxley, GA 31513
Ph: 912.367.3648

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837 Pine St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 800.334.3322 or 912.427.3900

Alee Temple Shriners/ Medical Care for Crippled & Burned Children

Hospitals and Burn Centers in U.S.
Ph: 800.237.5055

Altamaha / N.S. Baptist Association

230 W. Bay St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.4991

Alzheimer's Assoc. Reg Office

201 Television Circle
Savannah, Ga 31406
Ph: 912.920.2231

America's Second Harvest

134 Indigo Dr.
Brunswick, Ga 31525
Ph: 912.261.7979

American Cancer Society

3011 Hampton Ave Ste 361
Brunswick, Ga 31520
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American Legion Post 311

Call for meeting locations.
Ph: 912.530.8498

American Red Cross

207 Rose Dr.
Brunswick, GA 31520
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Jesup, GA 31546
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Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.427.9392

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1010 Mary St.
Waycross, Ga 31501
Ph: 912.284.8580

Boy Scouts of America

675 S.Third St. Epworth UMC
Jesup, GA 31545
Ph: 912.427.4833

Boys & Girls Club-Altamaha Area

550 E. Orange St.
Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.559.2419

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1326 Antioch Church Rd.
Homerville, Ga 31634
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Port Wentworth, GA 31407
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Child Support Services

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Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.5866

City of Jesup

162 East Cherry St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.1313

City of Odum

217 S. Church St.
Odum, Ga 31555
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City of Screven

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Screven, Ga 31560
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Ph: 912.427.6600

Coastal Pines Technical College

1777 West Cherry St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.5800

Community Care Services Program

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Baxley, Ga 31513
Ph: 912.367.3648

Community Health Works (Insure GA)

Call for details
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Jesup, Ga 31545
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Consumer Credit Counseling

501 Gloucester St. Ste. 202
Brunswick, Ga 31520
Ph: 800.821.4040

Cord of Three Counseling Services

5920 Reese St.
Patterson, Ga 31557
Ph: 912.282.0992

Diversity Health Center

244 Peachtree St.
Jesup, GA 31513
Ph: 912.385.2453

Elder Abuse Program

331 W. Parker St.
Baxley, Ga 31513
Ph: 888.367.9913
Report: 866.552.4464

Elderly Legal Assistance

331 W. Parker St.
Baxley, Ga 31513
Ph: 912.367.3648

Emergency Medical Assistance

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Exchange Club

P.O. Box 1222
Jesup, Ga 31598
Ph: 912.427.8880

Experience Works, Inc.

10140 Ford Ave.
Richmond Hill, Ga 31524
Ph: 912.756.7708

Express Employment Pros.

792 East Cherry St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.580.9874

Face to Face Recovery Center

189 . Brunswick St. Jesup, GA 31546
Ph: 912.559.6291

Fairhaven Market

488 SW Broad St.
Jesup, GA 31545
Ph: 912.588.1998

Fraser Counseling Center

203 Mary Lou Dr.
Hinesville, Ga 31313
Ph: 912.369.7777

FreeHart Center

446 W. Plum St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.530.7793

Gateway Behavioral Health

700 Coastal Village Dr.
Brunswick, Ga 31520
Ph: 866.557.9955

GED Instruction and Testing

1777 W. Cherry St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
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GA Dept. of Community Affairs Rental Assistance

500 Alice St.
Waycross, Ga 51501
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Georgia Dept. of Juvenile Justice

212 NE Broad St.
Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.427.5846

Georgia Dept. of Labor / Voc. Rehab

106 South Main St.
Reidsville, Ga 30453
Ph: 912.557.7558

Georgia Department. of Labor

263 N. Brunswick St.
Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.427.5842

Georgia Homeless Coalition

912.271.3192

Georgia Learning Resources

720 Church St.
Claxton, Ga 30417
Ph: 912.739.1551

Georgia Legal Services

1607 Union St.
Brunswick, Ga 31520
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GA Telecom. Equip. Distribution

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Decatur, Ga 30032
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Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.

6869 Columbus Rd
Lizella, Ga 31052
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990 North Macon St.
Jesup, Ga 3155
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Guardian Ad Litem- (Tri-Co. CASA)

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Ph: 912.367.0064

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Waycross, Ga 31501
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331 W. Parker St.
Baxley, Ga 31513
Ph: 912.367.3648

Hospice of South Georgia

1625 Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.588.0080

JCVision and Associates, Inc.

135-G East Martin Luther King, Jr.
Hinesville, Ga 31313
Ph: 866.883.4243

Jesup Fire Department

411 West Bay St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.1322

Jesup Housing Authority

327 Bay Acres Rd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.2535

Jesup Lions Club

Ph: 912.202.6265

Job Training Unlimited

261 North Brunswick Street
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.415.7034

John's Place - Pineland CSB/CSU

4 West Altman St.
Statesboro, Ga 30458
Ph: 912.764.6129

License - Gun Permit, Marriage

Probate Court 345 E. Walnut St.
Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.427.5940

License- Hunting, Fishing, Boating

Various locations in Wayne County
Ph: 888.748.6887

LIFE (Disability Resource)

4811 Waters Ave.
Savannah, GA 31404
Ph: 912.920.2414

Magnolia House Shelter for Abused

P.O. Box 1824 Waycross, GA 31502
Ph: 800.994.2836

Methodist Home/ Children & Youth

201 Kings Bay Rd.
Kingsland, Ga
Ph: 912.882.7770

Parent to Parent of Georgia

3070 Presidential Pkwy
Atlanta, Ga 30340
Ph: 800.229.2038

PeachCare for Kids

240 Peachtree St., Health Dept.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 855.473.4374

Pineland Women's SA Day Services

Call for Information
Ph: 912.764.6906

Pineland Supported Employment

11 N. College St.
Statesboro, Ga 30458
Ph: 912.537.9316

Presumptive Pregnancy Medical

240 Peachtree St., Health Dept.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 855.473.4374

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PruittHealth Home First
9100 White Bluff Rd. #303
Savannah, GA 31406
912.925.9181

Right From The Start Medicaid
240 Peachtree St., Health Dept.
Jesup, GA 31545
912.427.3224

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Ctr.
2514 Wren St.
Brunswick, Ga 31520
Ph: 912.554.0609

Safe Kids
155 North Wayne St.
Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.427.5986

Saint Simons By The Sea
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St. Simon's Island, Ga 31522
Ph: 912.638.1999

Skylark
212 S. 1st St. Ste 6
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.588.0010

Social Security Administration
303 Isabella St.
Waycross, Ga 31501
Ph: 800.405.3578

Speech, Hearing, & Rehabilitation Ent.
2228 Starling St.
Brunswick, Ga 31520
Ph: 912.264.3141

St. Joseph's, Candler Home Health
5353 Reynolds St.
Savannah, Ga 31406
Ph: 912.819.6000

Tabitha's Place
209 N. 6th St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
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Teen Challenge of Middle Georgia
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Dublin, Ga 31021
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Telamon Corporation
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Douglas, Ga 31533
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395 SW. Broad St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
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1316 W. Orange St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
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The Oaks
1245 S. 1st St.
Jesup, GA 31545
Ph: 912.385.2627

Tri-Co. CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates
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Baxley, Ga 31513
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Jesup, Ga 31545
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1900 Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.5965

United Way of South Georgia
261 W. Plum Street
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.614.4566

Unity Church of God Programs
1580 Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.530.6625

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4583
436 Project St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.3838

Victim Assistance Program
145 North Brunswick St.
Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.427.6379

Wayne Behavioral Health Services
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Jesup, Ga 31545
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Wayne County Administration
341 East Walnut St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.5900

WC Chamber of Commerce / IDA
124 N.W. Broad St.
Jesup, Ga 31546
Ph: 912.427.2028

Wayne Counseling Center (Pineland)
1240 S. 1st St.
Jesup, GA 31545
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Wayne County 4-H, FFA Livestock Show Team, Archery Team,
4-H BB Team
1900 Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.5955

Wayne County Board of Ed., School Health, Special Education
555 South Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.1000

Wayne County Family Connection
Meeting Location:
367 Bamboo St. Jesup, Ga 31546
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1052, Jesup, GA 31598
Ph: 912.256.2150

Wayne County Head Start/Pre-K
724 N. Fourth St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.4527

Wayne County Health Dept.
240 Peachtree St.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 855.473.4374

Wayne County Library
759 Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
Ph: 912.427.2500

Wayne Co. Protective Agency
Call for details
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**Wayne County Registrar
Voter Registration**
174 North Brunswick St.
Jesup, GA 31546
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Wayne County School Nutrition
555 Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
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Wayne County Transit
1848 S. Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, Ga 31545
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WC Department of Family & Children Services
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Jesup, Ga 31545
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Wayne Memorial Hospital
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Jesup, GA 31545
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Wayne Memorial Hospital Ed. Services
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Jesup, Ga 31545
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