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November 3 & 4

Gainesville Civic Center

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PREVIEW PARTY TONIGHT! 6:30 – 9:30 P.M. ($50 Tickets)

General Admission (Tickets $5):

Nov. 3, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. • Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Shop more than 80 merchants from four states to benefit a worthwhile cause. To purchase tickets or for more information, **visit nghs.com/marketplace, or call 770-219-1830.**

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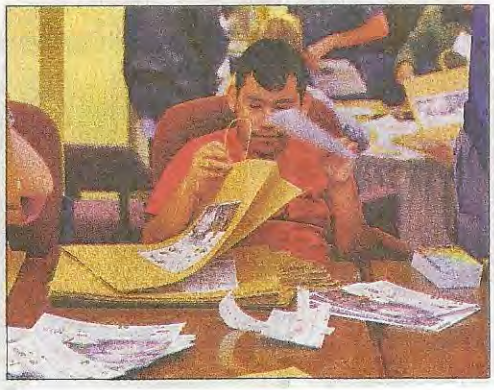
Annual Marketplace ready for shoppers

Photos by **SCOTT ROGERS** | The Times

Chestatee High School's Community Based Vocational Instruction class works alongside the school's Partner's Club on Monday preparing bags for the annual Marketplace event, which begins with a preview party tonight.



Above: Students prepared more than 4,000 bags for Marketplace, an annual fundraiser of the Medical Center Auxiliary. **Right:** Chestatee High student Luis Rabadan helps prepare bags.

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BY KAYLA ELDER
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Shoppers from across the region are venturing to Gainesville this week to search for gifts at the 26th annual Marketplace.

The Northeast Georgia Health System's Medical Center Auxiliary will host the event at the Gainesville Civic Center, welcoming more than 86 vendors from about eight states selling gift items including home interiors and vintage items; women's, children's and men's custom clothing; gourmet food; jewelry and accessories; holiday items; garden items; organic skin care; English and French country antiques; and handcrafted lighting.

"When you buy locally you realize that expressiveness is all around you, it's not somewhere else," Pottery for Living artist and Gainesville resident Donna Gilbert said. "It comes from your neighborhood, and I think it encourages people to be aware of the immediacy of the art and perhaps encourages them to see beauty in unexpected places. I hope that people get a sense of the potential of creativity wherever they look. It is really nice to support your local artists."

Gilbert and her husband, Greg Johnson, will be at Marketplace selling wheel-thrown, carved white stoneware.

Gilbert and Johnson began making pottery 20 years ago.

"Our work has evolved a lot," Gilbert said. "Our goal is to make elegant pottery but that people use every day and are functional. We use it, and other people we sell to use it for cooking, serving and vases."

Though the couple applies strictly to juried shows, they make a point to participate in Marketplace each year.

"We like to do one local show and that is the Gainesville Marketplace that raises money for the hospital," Gilbert said. "We have applied and gone to shows in about 20 states and it is always a gift to us to be able to do something locally."

There will be an Artist's Row in the Green Street tent Friday and Saturday. Lunch can also be enjoyed on the Green Street Porch or in the downstairs Chestatee Room.

Proceeds benefit Safe Kids Gainesville/Hall County, which provides education to families on preventing accidental injury. Safe Kids is an initiative within the Medical Center Foundation's Healthy Journey Campaign.

Chestatee High School's Community Based Vocational Instruction class worked Monday with the Partner's Club to put together more than 4,000 shopping bags for the event.

"I love helping the kids prepare the shopping bags," said Peggy Ward, Marketplace volunteer and friend of Chestatee students. "They look forward to this each year."

This is the fifth year the students have prepared the shopping bags. Ward said the Medical Center Auxiliary is "very grateful for their wonderful assistance."

"Putting the stickers on the bags is fun and with two groups of kids, it goes fast," Ward said. "It's a great partnership between school and community."

Chestatee High teacher Averie Conner said the class "encompasses learning in the classroom and in the surrounding community."

"Students learn academics and valuable employable job skills for in the future," Conner said. "Our students are proud of how they will transition into important members of society."

Marketplace

When: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 3 and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 4; preview party, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 2
Where: Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green St. NE, Gainesville
How much: $5; preview party $50

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Annual Marketplace underway

Photos by DAVID BARNES | The Times

Robin Bird Smith, an artist from Blairsville, adjusts a Christmas tree Thursday during the Marketplace Preview Party at the Gainesville Civic Center in Gainesville. Shoppers and vendors are flocking to Gainesville for the 26th annual Marketplace.

Event planned today, Saturday at Gainesville Civic Center

The 26th annual Marketplace started with a preview party Thursday night.

Hosted by the Northeast Georgia Health System's Medical Center Auxiliary, the main event is set for 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Gainesville Civic Center.

Vendors from about eight states are selling a wide variety of items.

Times staff reports

Above: Attendees and vendors mingle during the Marketplace Preview Party. **Left:** Joyce Hornor, from Gainesville, picks up a pair of earrings during the event. **Below:** Attendees file up the stairs to shop during the preview party.

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Save the Date

Tuesday, November 14
Small Business Seminar

Tuesday, November 14
Industry Appreciation Lunch

Thursday, November 16
Business After Hours

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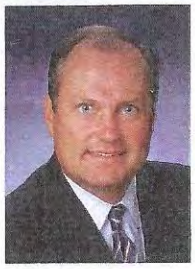

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
State of Georgia

Greater Hall Chamber's Annual Legislative Forum

Eggs & Issues

Thursday, December 14

7:30 am - 9:30 am
Gainesville Civic Center

Featuring
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle and the
Gainesville-Hall County Legislative Delegation

Senator Butch Miller
49th GA Senate District

Senator John Wilkinson
50th GA Senate District

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Main Street Jingle Mingle
Holiday Business After Hours
Thursday, November 16
5:00-8:00 p.m.
On the Square in Downtown Gainesville
Santa - Open Houses - Carriage Rides - Kiddie Train

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2017 Most Fit Company Awards presented at HealthSmart

The Greater Hall Chamber presented Most Fit Company Awards at the 11th Annual HealthSmart Breakfast. A VISION 2030 Initiative, judging criteria for the contest included wellness, nutrition and fitness opportunities provided for employees. Awards were presented in three categories: Small companies (50 or less employees), Medium companies (51-250 employees), Large companies (251+ employees). Congratulations to **Turner, Wood & Smith Insurance, Syfan Logistics** and **King's Hawaiian!**

Brett Fowler, Turner, Wood & Smith Insurance (TWS), winner of Most Fit Company in small employer category, with **Elizabeth Higgins**, *VISION 2030.* TWS employs 38 people and is the largest independent insurance agency in Northeast Georgia providing commercial and personal insurance, as well as employee benefits. TWS participates in the Go365 wellness program provided by their health insurance provider, Humana, with nearly 100% engagement. The program helps control health insurance costs and drives healthy behaviors. They partner with Longstreet Clinic to provide flu shots onsite and provide CPR training to all staff through the North Georgia Heart Foundation as well as training for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that was purchased for their office. Many employees have incorporated stand up desks to encourage movement for improved circulation and relief for lower back pain. The host an annual health and wellness event to encourage usage of the Go365 wellness program for employees and all of their Humana clients. Humana enrolled employees have the opportunity to receive a biometric screening, flu shot, and a results consultation with health feedback and wellness tips. ***twsinsurance.com***

Large employer Most Fit Company winner King's Hawaiian (L-R): **Bryan Everett, Rob Hathy, Belinda Muller, Samantha Steele, Alejandra Rodriguez, Michele Bertolino, Ryan Taylor, Dan Raatjes, Brett Radosta**. King's Hawaiian Bakery in Oakwood has 540 employees and produces the company's flagship product, Hawaiian sweet bread. King's Hawaiian has an employee driven wellness team at the plant. With the corporate wellness program offered through United Healthcare monthly topics are presented with an online incentive program where employees can earn gift cards by participating. They host their own on-site health fair that includes biometric screenings, flu shots, and local vendor booths. An onsite Early Intervention Specialist from ATI Worksite Solutions treats work related injuries, non-work related injuries, and health issues as well as bringing solutions that help improve safety. Weekly wellness activities offered include yoga classes, on-site circuit training with Team Radosta, trail hikes and golf. The company hosted the 4th Annual Lanier Tech Foundation 5K, and a "Biggest Loser" competition that resulted in the plant losing almost 350 lbs. Stress and financial management is offered on-site through the BB&T @ Work program. ***kingshawaiian.com***

Happy Ferguson, Syfan Logistics, accepts award from **Elizabeth Higgins**, *Executive Director, VISION 2030.* Syfan Logistics has a Drug-Free Workplace Certification through the Georgia State Board of Workers Compensation. They offer biometric screening and flu shots to their employees through their health insurance provider, Humana. Syfan Logistics sponsors and participates in many community 5K races and supports employees that walk in the 3-day breast cancer event. Their co-ed softball team came in first place, and they also have a men's softball team and a men's golf team. Syfan has an onsite exercise facility and two trainers that team members have the option to work with. The company has installed an automated external defibrillator (AED) and are making plans to host a blood drive later this month. ***syfanlogistics.com***

Chamber Chairman **Perry Barnett, CPA**, *Rushton,* with **Laura Darr, CIGNA**, presenting sponsor and **Kit Dunlap**, *Chamber President & CEO.* Over 250 people took advantage of free health screenings provided by Longstreet Clinic at the HealthSmart Expo that also included over 60 vendors, and health and wellness seminars.

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Business Beautification Awards

Lake Lanier Olympic Park

Joe Wood Jr. (left) and **Rob Fowler**, *Turner, Wood & Smith Insurance,* with **Robyn Lynch**, *Executive Director, Lake Lanier Olympic Park.*

The **Butterfly Garden** at the entrance of **Lake Lanier Olympic Park** in honor of **Olympian Bill Fields.**

Mr. Bill Fields was a member of the "Great 8" rowing crew, who captured the Gold Medal in the 1952 Olympics. After his military service, Fields returned to Gainesville, where he consulted with the U.S. Olympic Atlanta Organizing Committee, who chose Lake Lanier to be the sight of the 1996 Rowing and Canoe/Kayak events. Because of Bill Field's role in creating Lake Lanier Olympic Park, a beautiful butterfly garden was installed in honor of him and his family. The garden is sponsored by **Turner, Wood and Smith Insurance** and welcomes visitors to the venue.

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Veterans Day ceremony 11-11-17

When: 9-10 a.m. today
Where: Rock Creek Park, 223 Northside Drive, Gainesville
How much: Free
More information: 770-967-8733, craigsgerman@charter.net

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Upcoming Chamber Events

Thursday, December 14, 2017: **Eggs & Issues Breakfast**
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Gainesville Civic Center

Wednesday, February 28, 2018: **Healthy Hall Healthcare Awards Luncheon**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Brenau Downtown Center

Thursday, March 22, 2018: **Chamber Chase 5K & 2 Mile Wellness Walk**
6:00 p.m. – Riverside Military Academy

Friday, April 27, 2018: **Hackers Holiday Golf Tournament**
10:00 a.m. – Legacy on Lanier Golf Club at Lanier Islands

For Event Sponsorship Information, call 770-532-6206.

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Christmas on Green Street

When: 5:30-7 p.m. Dec. 3
Where: Quinlan Visual Arts Center, 514 Green St. NE, Gainesville
How much: 770-536-2575, paula.lindner@quinlanartscenter.org

11/9/17

Honoring our protectors

Photos by DAVID BARNES | The Times

U.S. Army veteran Lamar Millsap recites the pledge of allegiance Saturday during a Veterans Day event at Rock Creek Veterans Park in Gainesville.

Veterans Day observed in Gainesville with patriotic ceremonies

BY KAYLA ELDER
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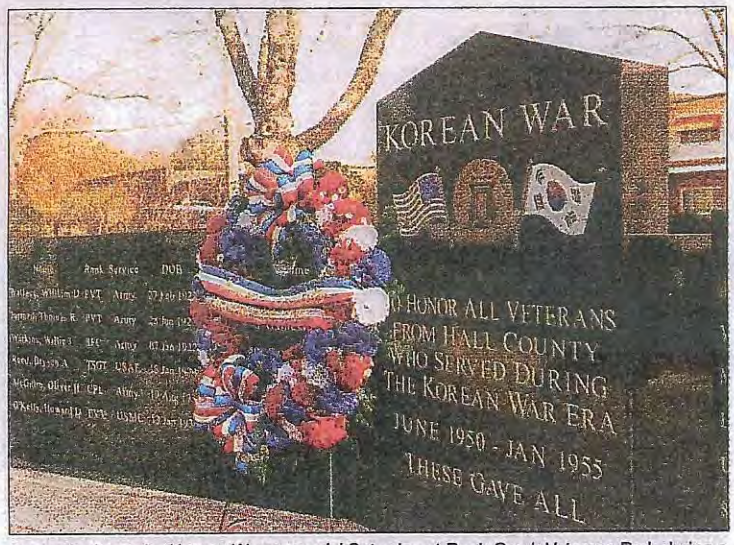

A wreath sits at the Korean War memorial Saturday at Rock Creek Veterans Park during a Veterans Day event in Gainesville.

Residents were in quiet reserve Saturday taking time to honor and remember the nation's veterans.

Veterans Day in Gainesville began with a wreath ceremony at Rock Creek Veterans Park, followed by a program at Lakewood Baptist Church.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 772 held the morning ceremony, where they displayed a wreath at the Vietnam War and Korean War monuments in the park.

"Setting up the wreath is an act of honoring those who have served and especially those who are no longer with us, whether they died during the time of conflict or at home," said Craig German, VVA president. "We are remembering everybody, whether they are still with us and here to remember, or have gone before us."

Hall County Superior Court Jason Deal was the featured speaker.

"Today we honor all of those that have worn or are wearing the uniforms of our armed services," Deal said. "We honor our veterans because they put they own interests aside in the interest of our country."

Deal said every veteran chooses to take an oath in order to join the military.

"When a person stands to take that oath, they give up a lot of the freedoms that they are agreeing to protect for others," Deal said. "Today we honor our veterans because they willingly stand to take the oath knowing that they may be called upon to lose everything in order to protect our Constitution, our country and our way of life."

Deal noted that veterans have stood on the "battlefields of Europe, in the frozen reservoirs, on the decks of aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf, in fire basins in the jungles of Vietnam, in the desert sands of Kuwait, on the streets of Baghdad, the mountain passes of Afghanistan, on tarmacs and airbases all over the world" in order to protect the U.S. from enemies.

"Let's not forget that our veterans not only serve overseas, but they serve here at home. Today we honor veterans because they have lived up to their oath to bare truth, faith and allegiance to our constitution, to support and defend it," Deal said.

"Today we stand up for our veterans because they stood up to take an oath to protect us and our freedom, and they stand here among us today."

Lakewood Baptist Church was the setting for the annual Veterans Day Program sponsored by the American Legion Paul E. Bolding Post 7.

The event started at 11 a.m., customarily the time when Veterans Day is observed during official ceremonies. The day is rooted in the signing of the armistice that ended World War I at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

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VETERANS

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The featured speaker, retired Army Col. Larkin Vance, served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He also served in different stints in the Navy, Air Force and Army, and on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C.

"I am honored to be here today to honor the veterans, those who did not come back and those who are wounded," Vance said. "Not only do I belong to the American Legion Post 7, but also I am a member of North Georgia Veterans Association The Wounded Warriors."

Vance spoke on his time and dedication to service.

"Remember the veterans because we definitely remember each other," Vance said.

The American Legion event also featured the posting of colors by the Hall County Honor Guard, patriotic performances by the Chestatee High School Band, Maranatha Christian Academy and a 21-gun salute by the Hall County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.

Photos by DAVID BARNES | The Times

Above: Retired U.S. Army Col. Larkin Vance speaks to attendees during a Veterans Day event Saturday at Lakewood Baptist Church in Gainesville. **Right:** Craig German, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 772, places a wreath at the front of the sanctuary.

Above: A wreath stands next to a pew as the Hall County Color Guard posts the colors at the start of the Veterans Day event. **Below:** U.S. Air Force veteran James Brooks searches for his name in a memorial to veterans of Hall County at Rock Creek Veterans Park.

Above: Ray Shubert, a U.S. Army veteran, holds his hand over his heart during the playing of "God Bless America." **Left:** U.S. Air Force veteran Asberry Turner greets fellow veterans before the start of a Veterans Day event at Rock Creek Veterans Park.

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GAINESVILLE

Southside upgrade may get fresh start

Park, sidewalk improvements sought in underserved area

BY JOSHUA SILAVENT
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Stowe

The logistics of developing a park and community center on Gainesville's southside have proven nightmarish for civic and local government leaders over the years.

Millions of dollars in land deals have fallen through, funding has come up short, and plans have been scuttled and then redrawn.

Now Hall County Commissioner Jeff Stowe said he is pushing forward with a proposal to piece together vacant property with existing infrastructure to

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SCOTT ROGERS | The Times

New progress is being made to develop park, improve roads and sidewalks, and redevelop some dilapidated housing in Morningside Heights after being pushed off for years.

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PARK

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finally bring the idea to life.

"We're trying to figure out how to proceed," he said.

Residents have beaten the drum for a park in Morningside Heights since at least 2004.

The neighborhood spans approximately 9 square miles east of EE Butler Parkway with Athens Street serving as its main thoroughfare. Interstate 985 splits the community.

Members of the Concerned Citizens of Gainesville-Hall County, a grass-roots organization, have worked to revitalize the area that is home to more than 3,000 people residing in either public housing or single-family homes.

There are no city or county schools, parks or recreational facilities located within the community.

While South Hall, East Hall and North Hall each have community centers, no such comprehensive development exists in minority and immigrant neighborhoods in the Gainesville city limits.

DeSota Park in the Newtown neighborhood, however, shows what benefits even a small park can bring to a community. The park includes basketball and tennis courts, as well as a pavilion for dining and community events. It's been the scene of fundraisers and celebrations, serving as an anchor in a historic African-American neighborhood.

Gainesville architect Garland Reynolds once designed a park in Morningside Heights for the Concerned Citizens group that included walking trails, basketball courts, group shelters, a fishing pond and a pavilion.

And as recently as last fall, plans were in order to develop a parcel adjacent to the Harrison Square public housing complex with these amenities in mind.

But an environmental assessment revealed potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars in added costs just to get the property ready for construction.

Now, restarting the project begins with developing land the county owns behind the Hall County Health Department property off Athens Street. Stowe envisions basketball courts, a pavilion, a water feature and a playground at the site.

Expanding parking at the health department location and, advocates suggest, incorporating the old Butler Gym could be included in the project.

But the proposal could hinge on whether a broader redevelopment plan Stowe has in mind comes to fruition.

For example, Stowe wants to package the deal with projects that include sidewalk and intersection improvements around the Harrison Square apartments, as well as affordable housing renovations.

The county commission is pursuing state grant funding for these projects, Stowe added.

"At least it gets us started," he said.

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GAINESVILLE PARKS & RECREATION TEAMS WIN YOUTH FOOTBALL SUPER BOWLS

For The Times

The Gainesville Parks & Recreation 11-and-under team coached by Jeremy Kemp defeated North Oconee 31-0 for the North Georgia Youth Football Association Super Bowl title on Nov. 18 at Madison County.

For The Times

The Gainesville Parks & Recreation 9-and-under team coached by Joe Kemp defeated Madison County 35-0 for the North Georgia Youth Football Association Super Bowl championship on Nov. 18 in Madison County.

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For The Times

The Gainesville Parks & Recreation 6-and-under team coached by Alex Murray defeated Flowery Branch 12-6 in triple overtime for the North Georgia Youth Football Association championship on Nov. 11 in Dahlonega.

GAINESVILLE 6-AND-UNDER TEAM EARNS YOUTH SUPER BOWL VICTORY

For The Times

The Gainesville 6-and-under beat Flowery Branch in triple overtime for the North Georgia Youth Football Association Super Bowl championship on Saturday. Team members are Daylan Young, Eliljah Murray, Jonathan Maddock, Caiden Wiley, Jason Johnson, Matthew Gutierrez, Samuel Walker, A.J. Jenkins, H.P. Williams, Charles Kimsey, Jayden Sanchez, Cooper Papka, Jayden Bonds, Kevin Burnett Jr., Lincoln Porter, Siron Wade, Will Waldrop, Logan Johnson, Jordan Sanchez, Quavis Carruth Jr., Spencer Walker Jr., Adarean Swanigan, Tidas Hampton, Saul Arellano, Micah Loggins, Taj Moore, Jacques Dixon and London Hendrix.

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CANOE AND KAYAKING

Finding new waters

For The Times

Gainesville native Morgan House has taken a new position as the director of high performance and competition for the American Canoe Association.

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House accepts role with American Canoe Association

BY BILL MURPHY
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Morgan House has a very specific goal in mind with his new job: He wants to start stacking Summer Olympic Games races with US athletes.

On Monday, the Gainesville native started work in his new role as director of high performance and competition for the American Canoe Association, which is now the governing body for all paddle sports for the Olympics and Paralympics competitions.

"I'm extremely excited for this opportunity," said House, who will remain in Gainesville for his new position. "With the ACA now in charge, it's a new era for canoe and kayak."

House has a decorated career as a veteran paddler for the Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club, winning 50 national championships and placing in numerous world championship events since taking up the sport in 1995.

He has extensive background working in the paddle sports community, having served as manager of the Lake Lanier Olympic Park for 3 ½ years, during which he helped orchestrate more than $1 million in renovations to the home of the rowing and paddling events during the 1996 Summer Olympics.

House's new position is in a capacity of working with coaches nationally to promote the sport and develop athletes as well as possible. He will also develop criteria and programs for teams across the US.

"I'm going to wear a lot of different hats with the new job," said House, who most recently worked in the real estate market.

House, who lived and trained for five years at the US Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, learned about this new opportunity by seeing a post about it on social media. He immediately threw his name in the hat of job candidates, liking the direction in which the ACA will take the sport in the future.

"It's got me very excited working in this new position," said House.

For The Times

House won 50 national championships as a member of the Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club before becoming manager of the Lake Lanier Olympic Park for 3 ½ years.

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11-27-17

Eggs & Issues back with slate of state lawmakers

BY NICK BOWMAN
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Want to grill your state lawmaker on the issues of the day while enjoying a hot breakfast? The Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce has you covered.

On Dec. 14, the chamber is hosting Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and all Hall County state representatives for its annual Eggs & Issues breakfast at the Gainesville Civic Center. The event is open to the public, but reservations are required.

Cagle

Miller

Wilkinson

Hawkins

Dubnik

Dunahoo Jr.

Barr

Beginning at 7:30 a.m., local residents will get the opportunity to ask questions of Cagle and six other state legislators: Sen. Butch Miller, R-Gainesville; Sen. John Wilkinson, R-Toccoa; Rep. Lee Hawkins, R-Gainesville; Rep. Matt Dubnik, R-Gainesville; Rep. Emory Dunahoo Jr., R-Gillsville; Rep. Timothy Barr, R-Lawrenceville.

"The Greater Hall Chamber always has 100 percent participation from the Hall County delegation at this event," said chamber President Kit Dunlap. "Our legislators remain interested in hearing what the citizens of this community have to say, and the attendees want to hear what the legislators have to say."

Dunlap said the slate of issues on the breakfast's agenda include transportation, water, taxes, jobs, education, health care and workforce development.

Cagle has been a frequent guest of the breakfast, which in previous years has covered a wide range of topics, from medical marijuana to gun rights to the economy.

Not only is it a time for the business community and the public to pose questions to lawmakers, it's often an early look into the issues and bills that the Georgia General Assembly will take up in its next session, which begins in early January.

Reservations can be made by contacting Gerri Collins at 770-532-620, ext. 106, or by email at gcollins@ghcc.com.

Eggs & Issues breakfast

When: 7:30 a.m. Dec. 14
Where: Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green St. NE
How much: $25 for chamber members, $30 for nonmembers
More info: 770-532-6206, ext. 106

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