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Paddlers leave foes in their wake

Lanier club fuels Olympic spirit with championship

One by one, the last monuments to Atlanta's 1996 Olympics have come down.

Recently, it was the tennis stadium at Stone Mountain, where Andre Agassi and Lindsay Davenport won gold medals. This fall, the Georgia Dome, dwarfed and abandoned by the billion-dollar monolith next door, will follow. In addition to serving as home to pro and college football, it was where gymnast Kerri Strug won gold for the U.S. team with a winning vault on a gimpy ankle.

Even the original Olympic stadium, which later became Turner Field, is being repurposed for Georgia State football.

Of the dozens of venues that played host to events that magical summer, only a few remain in place for the sports they were built to hold: the equestrian center in Conyers, Georgia Tech's scaled-down aquatic center and, most notably, the rowing and canoe/kayak at Lake Lanier Olympic Park on Clarks Bridge Road. And of those, the Lanier site is the only one that still may turn out Olympians.

One has already passed through,



For The Times

Members of the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club celebrate their U.S. Sprint National Championship last weekend. The local club dominated the event to claim the title.

2012 Olympic canoeist Tim Hornsby, who trained with the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club and competed in London. Don't bet a nickel he'll be the last.

Last week, paddlers from the LCKC captured the team title and numerous individual awards at the USA Sprint Canoe/Kayak National Championships in Clermont, Fla. Out of 27 teams, Lanier won the team championship by nearly 400 points over the next team. Lanier brought 49 athletes to the Sprint Championships and won 42 golds, 30 silvers and 31 bronzes — pure dominance for a club known as a powerhouse in its sport.

"We were expecting good results, but I was a little surprised by how good

across the board we were as far as the team points," Coach Karen Scholz said. "We also had the highest point-winner in almost every age category. ... There were gasps in the room when the scores were announced."

Several individual paddlers qualified for the Olympic Hopes Regatta set for September in the Czech Republic: Paige Farley-Klacik, Natalie Brunson, Edward Surles, Caleb Copper, Walker Peck, Andrew Surles, Lisa Swenson and Caitlin Marsh.

In the Sprint Championships, Farran Smith was the top points earner, followed by Owen Farley-Klacik in third and Kevin Rochester in fifth.

Other winners included best male

Bantam canoeist, Rochester; best male Juvenile canoeist, Edward Surles; best female Junior kayaker, Smith; best male Junior kayaker, Owen Farley-Klacik; best male senior K2 team kayakers, Stanton Collins and Aaron Mullican; and best male senior K4 kayakers, Owen Farley-Klacik, Drew Deppe, Collins and Mullican.

From these paddling stars, the club eventually could get its next Olympian and shot at a medal, possibly even in Tokyo in 2020.

The credit for the team's success goes to the athletes and coaches, but also to the continued excellence of a venue praised by competitors since the first pre-Olympic competitions were held there. The renovation of Olympic Park that began last year has helped restore it to its 1996 glory, giving young athletes a world-class facility to hone their craft.

Last summer, local officials and key figures from the '96 Games gathered at the venue to celebrate its rebirth and Hall County's role in the Centennial Games, one that earned uniform praise from Atlanta organizers, including Olympic chief Billy Payne himself. Even then, many may not have realized that the venue's impact on the Olympics may not yet be done.

We salute the paddlers who shone so brightly last weekend in Florida, and wish them Godspeed — and lots of speed — in the next round of their Olympic pursuits.

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Developers seek land for stormwater pond to improve Greenway trail

BY CARLOS GALARZA
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Gainesville officials are embracing a \$2.8 million watershed improvement project in midtown Gainesville that also promises to enhance the Midtown Greenway trail and eliminate blight.

Department of Water Resources officials pitched the project at a city council work session Tuesday. It calls for the purchase of eight parcels of properties below Parker Street and Grove Street adjacent to a section of the Midtown Greenway.

Water Resources Director Linda MacGregor said the multifaceted benefits to the

community would come by building a large detention pond that eliminates blighted properties identified within the midtown redevelopment area, improving water quality and at the same time enhancing the greenway.

"It will be a pond with another walkway around it," MacGregor said. "It will be an amenity on the greenway."

Water Resources official Horace Gee said the project "came on the radar" late last year when the state updated the city's watershed improvement plan. He said the project would tie to the headwaters that flow into Flat Creek.

Gee said there will be enough capacity in the detention pond that it could be used

by any new development in the area that requires stormwater capacity. He said that would eliminate developers building their own "ugly ponds."

"We've got enough stormwater capacity in this pond to sell back to those developers," Gee said.

"We can recover some of our expenses."

Gee said purchasing the properties is the key to making the Midtown Greenway project work.

"To make all this come together we really need all eight parcels," he said. "That way we can make the pond big enough and have enough storage available."

MacGregor said funding for the Midtown

Greenway project, as well as a \$2.3 million Flat Creek ecosystem restoration project to be done in tandem with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will come from the department's capital improvement fund used for watershed projects.

Gee said the city is a 35 percent sponsor of the Flat Creek project, and its share of the cost is \$834,000.

"It's going to be a great project," Mayor Danny Dunagan said. "I think this is a no-brainer."

Council placed resolutions defining both projects on the consent agenda for its regular Tuesday meeting.

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Rocks get in way of \$6.6M sports complex project

BY CARLOS GALARZA
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Plans for a long-awaited \$6.6 million sports complex for multiple youth activities in Gainesville have encountered an unexpected hiccup when initial soil tests uncovered more rock than anticipated on a 190-acre site adjacent to the Allen Creek Soccer Complex.

Gainesville Parks and Recreation Director Melvin Cooper said Monday he's waiting for a report from Lose & Associates Inc., the company contracted to design the complex, to determine how to move forward. He expects to have the report soon.

Cooper said he recommended the site because of its size and because it is owned by the city.

"It's land we would not have to pay for," Cooper said.

Cooper declined to make any con-

jectures over the future of the project.

"I have no idea what the alternatives would be until we look at the report," he said. "Then we'll see about a plan B or plan C."

Parks and Rec Deputy Director Michael Graham recently told The Times that boring and seismic refraction was done at the site to find out how much rock is underneath the surface.

"Lose & Associates are going to determine how that's going to affect the project from a cost standpoint," Graham said.

Late last year, Gainesville City Council approved \$450,000 to front the cost of design for the project, which will be paid for with revenue from a special purpose local option sales tax approved by voters in 2015.

Graham said that up-front money to go ahead with design has helped to keep the project on track despite the

uncertainty with the rocky site.

"In essence, we're really a year ahead of schedule," Graham said. "So, it's good timing because if we did find a problem with rock, and it's going to cost us more money, it'll give us a little more time to plan and figure out what we need to do."

Construction on the project was targeted to begin in 2019, once the money from SPLOST is collected.

The first phase of the project includes new baseball and softball fields, a concession building and parking lots situated across from the Allen Creek Soccer Complex.

Cooper and Graham admit that even after the youth complex is built, the city will still be lacking in athletic fields. They said the last time the city built athletic fields was in 1984. And the city is below the national standard in terms of athletic fields per population.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Exhibitions at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center. 5:30-7 p.m. Aug. 17. Quinlan Visual Arts Center, 514 Green St. NE, Gainesville. paula.lindner@quinlanartscenter.org.

Pico's Hot Dogs and Beers & Beers. 5-9 p.m. Aug. 17. Left Nut Brewery, 2100 Atlanta Highway, Gainesville. Mirva@leftnutbrewing.com.

Youth Explosion 2017. 7 p.m. Aug. 17-18. The Barn at Jaemor Farms, 5340 Cornelia Highway, Alto. 678-617-0993. Free.

One Gainesville tailgate. 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Aug. 18. City Park Stadium, 898 Longstreet Circle, Gainesville. 770-536-4441, darby.jackson@gcssk12.net. Free.

A Red and Black Ball. 10th annual gala presented by the Children's Center for Hope and Healing. 7-10 p.m. Aug. 19. Chattahoochee Country Club, 3000 Club Drive, Gainesville. 770-532-6530, cwilson@hopeandhealingga.org. \$75-1,000.

Elachee Solar Eclipse Festival. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 19. Elachee Nature Science Center, 2125 Elachee Drive, Gainesville. 770-535-1976, elachee@elachee.org. \$10.

Fall-themed Greeting Card Workshop. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 19. Hall County Library System, Gainesville Branch, 127 Main St. NW, Gainesville. 770-532-3311, ext. 114, gkoecher@hallcountylibrary.org. Free.

Pickled Holler. Alternative bluegrass string band. 8-10 p.m. Aug. 19. The Crimson Moon, 24 N Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$12-15.

Sheriff's Office Show & Shine Car Show. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 19. Hall County Sheriff's Office, 2859 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville. cmustachio@hallcounty.org.

Solar Eclipse Party. Noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 19. Left Nut Brewery, 2100 Atlanta Highway, Gainesville. Mirva@leftnutbrewing.com.

Back in the Saddle. All-star Western music band. 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20. The Crimson Moon, 24 N. Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$13-16.

UNG Solar Eclipse Program. 1-5 p.m. Aug. 20. University of North Georgia, 82 College Circle, Dahlonega. Free.

Total Eclipse of the Park. Bouncy houses, live entertainment, food vendors and more. Noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 21. Pitts Park, 221 Sam Pitts Circle, Clarkesville. 706-778-4654, habochamber@gmail.com. Free.

Dancing for a Cause. 7 p.m. Aug. 26. Chattahoochee Country Club, 3000 Club Drive, Gainesville. All4lit@bellsouth.net. Sold out.

Fretting the Foothills. 6-10 p.m. Aug. 26. Braselton Town Green, 9924 Davis St., Braselton. apinnell@braselton.net. Free.

Gainesville's Water Balloon Festival. Water balloon wars, bouncy houses, food, music and photo booth, hosted by

Auditions

Who: Blue Palm Productions
What: "The Moonshiner's Wife"
When: 4-8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 5-8 p.m. Aug. 25
Where: Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green St. NE, Gainesville
More info: 470-290-8801, bluepalmprod@gmail.com

Basan Ministries. Noon to 8 p.m. Aug. 26. Main Street parking lot, 301 Main St. SW, Gainesville. 678-769-7552, lbotello.basanministries@gmail.com.

Michelle Malone. 8-10 p.m. Aug. 26. The Crimson Moon, 24 N Park St., Dahlonega. crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$25-30.
Starlight celebration. Music and fireworks. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 26. University of North Georgia-Gainesville, 3820 Mundy Mill Road, Oakwood. \$10-20.

Grand opening. 1-4 p.m. Aug. 27. Barretts Baked Goods, 922 Gainesville Highway, Buford. Barrettsbakedgoods@gmail.com. Free.

Whispering Gypsies. Pop and soul. 8-10 p.m. Sept. 1. The Crimson Moon, 24 N Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$10-12.

8th Annual Crush Fest. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 2. Yonah Mountain Vineyards, 1717 Ga. 255 S, Cleveland. 706-878-5522, info@yonahmountainvineyards.com. \$15-30.

Boomers Gone Wild. '60s and '70s hits by full live band. 7-10 p.m. Sept. 3. The Crimson Moon, 24 N Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$9-12.

Drop-in Craft for Adults: Mini 2018 Wall Calendar. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 5-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 7 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 8-9. Hall County Library System, Gainesville Branch, 127 Main St. NW, Gainesville. 770-532-3311, ext. 114, gkoecher@hallcountylibrary.org. Free.

Founder's Day. Noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 5. The Oaks Limestone, 2560 Flintridge Road, Gainesville. 770-536-3391, khooks@pruitthealth.com. Free.

The Texas Kelly Green Band. Original Americana music. 8-10 p.m. Sept. 9. The Crimson Moon, 24 North Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$10-12.

Matthew Hoyle and The Tall Order. "Y'all-ternative" blues and folk. 7-10 p.m. Sept. 10. The Crimson Moon, 24 N Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$11-13.

Georgia's Spirit of Appalachia Food, Wine & Art Festival. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16. Hardman Farm Historic Site, 143 Ga. 17, Sauttee Nacoochee. 706-865-5356, jennie@whitecountychamber.org. Free.

North Hall Lions Club Cupcake Challenge Road Race. 7:30-9 a.m. Sept. 16. Stricklands Funeral Home, 260 Main St., Clermont. 770-983-7637, lj2@bellsouth.net. \$20-25.

Roxie Watson. Harmony-soaked honky-grass. 8-10 p.m. Sept. 16. The Crimson Moon, 24 N. Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$15-18.

Lunch-n-Learn: Bobbin Lace Making. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 21. Hall County Library System, Gainesville Branch, 127 Main St. NW, Gainesville. 770-532-3311, ext. 114, gkoecher@hallcountylibrary.org. Free.

Pete Schlegel. Renowned country songwriter. 8-10 p.m. Sept. 22. The

Crimson Moon, 24 N. Park St., Dahlonega. 706-864-3982, crimsonmoonpublicist@gmail.com. \$12-15.

Swim Across America. 7:30 a.m. to noon. Sept. 23. Lake Lanier, 7000 Lanier Islands Parkway, Buford. ebhaas98@gmail.com. \$20-50.

5th Annual A Broad's Brush Fundraiser. 2-5 p.m. Sept. 24. Chattahoochee Country Club, 3000 Club Drive, Gainesville. 770-406-3406, gcsurvivor@gmail.com. \$50-5,000.

Dinner and dance. Hosted by My Sister's Place. 6-10 p.m. Sept. 28. Chattahoochee Country Club, 3000 Club Drive, Gainesville. 912-220-0840, jeannemahnke@yahoo.com. \$75.

Hall County Master Gardener Fall Garden Expo. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 29 and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 30. Chocoochee Woods Agricultural Center, 1855 Calvary Church Road, Gainesville. 770-531-6855.

Pottery Comes to Town. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 30. White County Courthouse, intersection of Ga. 129 and Ga. 115, Cleveland. 706-878-3933, helenartshc@helenarts.org. Free.

Chanticleer. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 5. Piedmont College Chapel, 992 Central Ave., Demorest. 706-778-3000, dprice2@piedmont.edu.

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Pooches in the Park

When: 2-10 p.m. Sept. 9
Where: Braselton Town Green, 9924 Davis St., Braselton
More info: 706-684-0369, apinnell@braselton.net
How much: Free

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