



SHARING YOUR NEWS

October 15, 2018

PICKENS COUNTY DFCS needs sponsors for children for Christmas. If you or someone you know would like to provide wish list gifts for a child please contact Heidi Smith at 706.692.4730 or heidi.smith@dhs.ga.gov

SNACK PACK PROGRAM will be offering the weekend backpacks with food again this year to students. There is no requirement for a student to receive food, students can speak with their counselor about receiving food. They are also having a yard sale Saturday, November 3, 2018 to raise funds. Donation for the sale can be made at Tate United Methodist Church from 11:00-12:00pm daily. Please contact Fran Bishop heads if you want to make a donation or volunteer at 770.735.1434.

PICKENS COUNTY LIBRARY is hosting a Halloween Costume Spooktacular on October 27, 2018 1:00-3:00pm. Games, snacks, costume contest, and more! Come on out and have a spooky-fun time!

Don't forget about Pumpkin Palooza! You have just over a week to decorate (NOT CARVE) a pumpkin to bring into the library for display in October. Book themes are encouraged, but not required. You can decorate any way you'd like. Then stop by the library for story time and drop off your pumpkin!

Also on Wednesdays, during the month of October beginning at 10:00am Food Talk: Better U is a series of four interactive sessions aimed at helping you identify ways to make small changes for big results! Expect easy movements, a cooking demo, food tastings, and free gifts for all at each session. Presented by Becca Pritchett, UGA SNAP-ED Program Assistant. Registration is required and preferred for each session. To register or for more information, please contact Pickens County Library at 706-692-5411.

CERTIFIED LITERACY PROGRAM is offering scholarships to Pickens County residents planning to take the GED test. They will be launching a new App for students. Please email pickensclcp@gmail.com for more information.

JASPER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is hosting a marriage enrichment group the 2nd Saturday of each month at the church. The evening will begin at 6:00pm, dinner and child care are provided. Please call 706.253.2100 for more information.

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FERST READERS has launched a new website ferstreaders.org, with a new logo. If you know of anyone who has a child birth to age 5 and isn't registered, please encourage them to visit the website, ferstreaders.org.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY has intake every Wednesday to meet with individuals about financial assistance. They are also currently accepting families for the Family Uplift Program. Call 706.692.7604, be sure to leave a message.

DOUBLE H RANCH & COWBOY CHURCH IN JERUSALEM offers after school tutoring and workshops until 7:00pm on Mondays for students age 7-12, Wednesdays for girls age 13 & up and Thursdays for boys age 13 & up. They will also be having a fall festival at the Ranch on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Visit the website cowboychurchij.org or call 706.337.4774 for more information.

ACES YOUTH HOME is hosting a Yard Sale at Georgia Mountains Hospice on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 at 8:00am. Lots of clothing, home decor and more. Come out and support ACES youth home!

GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER is a full service health center, accepting patients from Pickens and surrounding counties, either with or without insurance, including Medicaid and Peachcare. They offer lab services, pharmacy, dental and mental health. Please call 706.253.4673 to set an appointment. The Center is open 8:30am-5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Thursday hours are 8:30am-8:00pm. They also have 4 trailers that they are ready to donate. Please contact Good Sam for more information.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES wants to remind everyone of the LIPT (Local Interagency Planning Team) meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 1:00pm in the Pickens Room at the County Administration Building. The purpose of LIPT is to improve and facilitate the coordination of services for children living with severe behavioral health needs or addictive diseases. Please refer children that you are working with who may benefit from services.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES invites you to volunteer for a child. Training to become a CASA Volunteer begins October 16, 2018. Please call 706.276.2272 for more information.

PIEDMONT MOUNTAINSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER offers early pregnancy classes, child birth classes, car seat instruction and breastfeeding support. Please call 706.692.2441 for more information.

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PICKENS COUNTY HEADSTART is having their Fall Festival on October 31, 2018 from 9:00-11:30am. If you would like to host a table please call 770.735.3434.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY needs volunteers, please visit pickenshfh.org for more information on how you can help.





CHERYL'S PLACE a supportive housing initiative requests your attendance at their monthly meeting to generate more support. Meetings are the first Monday of every month at 2:00pm at the Stancil Room at Georgia Mountains Hospice. Contact Joe Schroeder at 706.579.2498 or joeschroeder@gmail.com for more information.

CARES invites you to A Taste of Pickens on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 11:30am-1:30pm at Chattahoochee Technical College. Tickets are \$10.00 and proceeds benefit the food pantry. Contact CARES at 706.253.4777 for more information on where to purchase tickets.

NORTH GEORGIA PREGNANCY CENTER is having their annual banquet on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Tate House. They want to remind everyone that they offer free services to pregnant mothers as well as parenting classes to mother and fathers. The Angel Baby Boutique has clothing, diapers and other baby needs and is open to the public. Please call 706.253.6303 for more information.

COOL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH is partnering with There's Hope For The Hungry (THFTH), is offering non-perishable free food to those in need on the second Tuesday of every month, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This service is for anyone in need, and everyone is welcome! Cool Springs Baptist Church is located at 4671 Hwy. 53 East, at the Tate four-way in the south part of Pickens County. More information about this ministry can be found on the Cool Springs Facebook page [/coolspringschurch and thereshopeforthehungry.org](#).

CHEROKEE FOCUS invites everyone to attend the ZombieFest on Saturday, October 20, 2018 in downtown Woodstock. More information is available at georgiazombiefest.org

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS HOSPICE is celebrating 25 years of service by wanting to complete 25 Acts of Kindness. They are also actively recruiting volunteers. Please contact Carol Stancil or Kayla Kinser at 706.253.4100.

CHILDREN 1st - Children 1st provides families with a single point of entry into a wide range of public health and community programs. The focus is on children age birth to five because the earliest years in life are critical to a child's development. Early nurturing, good health, and stimulating experiences yield dramatic, positive influences on how a child develops and functions throughout life. Children 1st provides family support and addresses conditions in a child's environment that may negatively impact that child's overall well being. Children 1st operates within every county in Georgia.

GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM is currently seeking applicants for the November 18th class at our Milledgeville campus, located in Milledgeville, GA. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the FREE Residential program, please share this information with them. •Visit our website at www.georgiayouthchallenge.org and download an application under the "How to Apply" Tab.

