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NEWSUPDATE

# Goodwill making connections easier

**Background:** In April, Goodwill Industries opened the Brunswick Job Connections Community Career Center at 249 Village at Glynn Place, near Publix.

The center invites the public to use its resources, including computers, fax machine, telephones and educational workshops, to search for jobs, create resumes and ultimately secure employment.

In addition to a row of computers and an open room to work or study, the center includes a classroom where courses are taught to prepare people for the General Educational Development test and the Test of Adult Basic Education.

Since its grand opening, the demand from the public for workshops, such as those on financial literacy, small business development and healthy eating, was met with resources from growing community partnerships, said Shauntia Lewis, career center manager.

Some of its partners include Altamaha Technical College, AARPM L Bailey Consultants, Totally Free, Star Foundation and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

**What's new:** The center is reaching a number of people, assisting in the employment of 77 of them since May. It provides referrals to temporary employ-



Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News

Shauntia Lewis is the Goodwill Industries Career Center manager.

ment agencies for professional and nonprofessional positions at restaurants, hotels, retail stores, hospitals and doctor offices.

"This center offers a second opportunity to people who don't think there is one," Lewis said. "We're very proud of the fact that we're here to help. I still think there are a lot of people who don't know we're here."

She said the center will

expand its outreach to employers and to those seeking employment by continuing to add more services.

Its Senior Network Club, open to people 50 years of age or older, not only provides a social outlet for those who attend but also training through various workshops and help to find work.

The center refers people to

Star Foundation to earn a Georgia Work Ready certification, which tells prospective employers that a person has basic employment skills. It also works with the Weed and Seed re-entry program, which helps people with criminal records enter the workforce.

— Shanessa Fakour

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## Deal, Barnes oppose mosque

**1 ATLANTA:** Georgia's gubernatorial hopefuls both say they oppose building a mosque near ground zero in New York City.

Nathan Deal told The Associated Press on Thursday that as "a potential governor of the state of Georgia" he really didn't have a say.

But the Gainesville Republican said "that as an American" he opposes the mosque being placed there, saying it "keeps the wounds of 9-11 alive."

Barnes, a Democrat, said in a statement that the area "is hallowed ground and it is too painful and divisive to build a mosque there."

The issue has become a political flashpoint this election season.

**2 AUSTELL:** Representatives of Norfolk Southern Railway and Georgia Operation Lifesaver took a train ride together to promote safety.

About 100 local, state and federal officials made a roundtrip ride in two Norfolk Southern passenger cars from Austell to Rome on Wednesday to get a look at motorists' and pedestrians' responses to passing trains from an engineer's perspective.

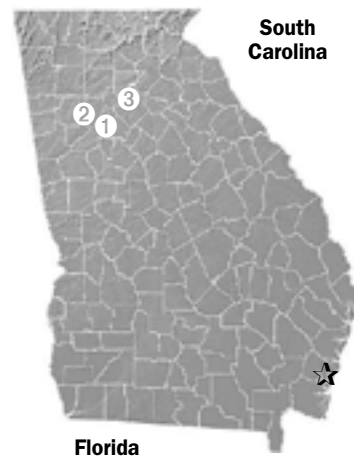
A video camera was mounted on the front of the train that enabled passengers to view the tracks ahead.

Bill Barringer Jr., Norfolk Southern's director of grade crossing safety, estimates the railroad has 300 to 400 accidents in its 22-state system each year.

Operation Lifesaver is a national, nonprofit program dedicated to preventing injuries and fatalities on railways.

**3 FLOWERY BRANCH:** Worshipers gathered for services at Chestnut Mountain Church took time to think about church members David

InSTATE



Numbers on stories correspond to map locations. The star locates Brunswick.

and Carolina Bellino, who suffered back injuries in a plane crash in Colombia.

A LaGrange couple on the same flight, Don and Cathy Henderson, also remained in Colombia for treatment.

The Bellinos live in Jackson County. They and the Hendersons were among 130 people who survived when the plane crashed while preparing to land Monday in a storm on San Andres, an island off the coast of Colombia. One person died.

Tim Tipton, pastor of administration at the church in Chestnut Mountain, near Flowery Branch in Hall County, told the congregation Wednesday night that both Bellinos suffered vertebrae fractures and were expected to undergo surgery at a Bogota hospital.

On Tuesday, the Henderson's family received a call from the U.S. Embassy in Colombia that both Hendersons had been admitted to a hospital in Bogota. Family members said Cathy Henderson had a wrist injury and doctors were examining Don Henderson's kidneys and

checking out his rib and shoulder pains.

The couple had traveled to the island for a two-week vacation, celebrating Cathy Henderson's retirement from teaching in Gwinnett County. The couple are both retired teachers who moved to LaGrange, Don Henderson's hometown, about 18 months ago.

**1 ATLANTA:** The chairman of the Public Service Commission says that a Georgia utility could soon boost the amount of solar power it offers to customers.

Lauren "Bubba" McDonald says Thursday that Georgia Power Co. will propose a new solar tariff it would use to purchase an additional 2.5 megawatts of electricity generated by solar power from independent producers.

If the proposal is adopted by the commission, Georgia would have 6.4 megawatts of solar capacity. He said "it is an advancement of this industry of which we, as a state, can be proud."

McDonald's comments came at the Southern Solar Summit in Atlanta.

— The Associated Press

Lottery picks

For winning numbers in Georgia and Florida lottery drawings Thursday, go to [www.thebrunswicknews.com](http://www.thebrunswicknews.com) and click "lotteries."

Winning numbers Wednesday in Georgia were Middyay 3, 5 7 9; Cash 3, 5 9 8; Middyay 4, 6 0 0 2; Cash 4, 1 9 7 6; Middyay 5, 9 6 5 6 6; Ga. Five, 6 9 4 5 7; Fantasy 5, 21 32 33 37 39; Powerball, 4 32 33 47 55, PB: 39, Power Play: 3.

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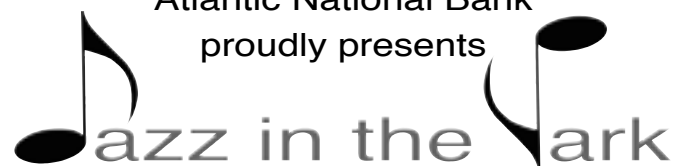


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