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Hawkinsville
PULASKI COUNTY

Welcome to our fifteenth edition of “What’s going on at HOME” a monthly newsletter of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce. This newsletter will feature news and happenings in and around our community. If you have an article that you would like to share with the community, please feel free to submit it to the Chamber office. Deadline for submission to be included in the next newsletter will be December 7, 2020. It can be dropped by or emailed to info@hawkinsvillechamber.org

What's going on at HOME



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We would like to say a

BIG
Thank You!

to our out going board members:

Bianca McBurse—past Chair and current Vice Chair
Robert Lancaster—board member
Grady Griffin—board member

Your leadership and service is appreciated!

GOLD Members

SILVER Members





PLEASE
WELCOME
OUR
2021 BOARD

2021 Board of Directors

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2020
Hawkinsville-Pulaski
 Chamber of Commerce
ANNUAL MEETING

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
 Harris Kuntry Meats



Guest Speaker
Chris Clark,
 President & CEO
 Georgia Chamber

CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR
 Bernice Banks



2020 CHAIRMAN
 Jonathan Rogers





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Development Center**
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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**GEORGIA'S
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Regions Bank Entrepreneurship Academy

The University of Georgia Small Business Development Center is now introducing the Regions Bank Entrepreneurship Academy!

This program is a new series of four educational webinars that will be offered at no-cost to business owners around the state. These webinars will instruct on how to grow your business and incorporate new processes to improve efficiency. You can attend any or all of the Entrepreneurship Academy Webinars.

See available times & register above. Business owners who attend all four of the online programs will be eligible to receive a certificate of completion.

Session 1: Building a Plan

This program will help business owners create and update their business plan. Attendees will learn the different types of business plans and steps to build one in order to create a firm foundation for their company for the next decade.

Session 2: Marketing

This is an interactive course designed to teach small business owners and key managers how to market their business effectively and efficiently. This program will get small business owners up to speed on marketing strategies to develop innovative marketing tactics that build loyal customers and

Session 3: Digital Marketing

This course is designed to teach small business owners how to be successful in the digital landscape. This class will equip small business owners to develop successful digital marketing strategies, get their business found online, reach and engage customers, and grow their business.

Session 4: Funding

This informative course will teach business owners how to use financial information to evaluate their company's financial health. After this webinar, attendees will feel confident understanding and analyzing financial statements to make solid business decisions.



Schedule for the Holidays

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, November 28th

5pm-6:30pm

Join us for the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony! We will have TONS of Christmas music during the event along with an “Ornament Decorating Station” where you are able to sponsor your very own ornament and place it on the community tree. This event will take place on the Pulaski County courthouse lawn.

Hometown Holiday Market

Saturday, December 5th

11am-5pm

Take a walk into downtown Hawkinsville on December 5th to shop with some of our amazing vendors! Lots of handcrafted items, home decor and even personalized gifts! The event will take place on Lumpkin Street between Broad and Commerce (where the Chamber of Commerce and Opera house are located). This is a fully outdoor event for the entire family, so come out and watch the Christmas Parade and do a little shopping! Make sure to stop by our GREAT local merchant as well. Santa told us that after he is finished riding in the Parade, he is going to stop on Lumpkin Street from 3:30pm - 4:30pm to see all of the little ones! So be sure to come by and grab a **PHOTO WITH SANTA!!**

Hawkinsville Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 5th

2pm-3pm

The parade features our very own high school marching band, a number of fire trucks, tons of floats made by local businesses and always ends with Santa in his sleigh! The theme for the 2020 Christmas Parade is: **“Memories of Christmas”** The parade will begin at 151 Commerce Street, just in front of the Library. It will continue down Commerce Street and take a right turn onto **Houston Street**, then another right onto **Broad Street** and continue down Broad Street until it ends in the **1st Baptist Church** parking lot.



“Memories of Christmas”

Annual Christmas Parade

2020 Parade Registration Form

Saturday, December 5th @ 2pm

Each entry is to represent the Parade Theme, “Memories of Christmas” in a creative way. This is your opportunity to have fun and create something unique and special!

To ensure excellence in presentation and efficiency in coordination, placement within the parade lineup is at the discretion of the Chamber of Commerce Parade Committee. Line up begins at 12:45pm and judging will begin at 1:30pm. You must be present and on time in order to be considered for judging and a trophy.

Organization/Business Name ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE

Contact Person Lisa Ham, 78 ABW/PA Email lisa.ham@us.af.mil

Complete Mailing Address 78 ABW/PA, 620 Ninth St, Ste 230, Robins AFB GA 31098

Telephone#: Business 478-222-0808 Home or Cell 478-365-1516

Type of Entry (Please Check One)

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antique vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official (local or state) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X-military rep__ Other (Please Specify) |

Due to potential danger of injury to those attending the parade, we DO NOT allow candy to be thrown from any float, vehicle or person participating in the parade. You are however, allowed to pass out candy directly to attendees.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT – PLEASE SIGN BELOW

Neither the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce or the City of Hawkinsville or the County of Pulaski assumes any responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to property of entry or injury or death to any persons by action of inaction of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce or the City of Hawkinsville or the County of Pulaski and the entry owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless damages, expenses, or losses arising there from. It is agreed the considerations herein expressed in conditioned on the foregoing indemnity and assumption of liability of parade entry.

Signature Lisa Ham Date 11-9-2020 **MUST BE**

SIGNED BEFORE LEAVING ON PARADE ROUTE



“Memories of Christmas”

Annual Christmas Parade

2020 Rules and Information

The HAWKINSVILLE-PULASKI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is in charge of the parade. Local Sheriff's Department and Fire Department are in charge of staging areas and have final authority over the parade units assembled there.

- **SAFETY is #1.** During the parade, participants will follow the instructions of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, Hawkinsville–Pulaski County Fire Department and all Parade Officials. Drivers of vehicles and floats are responsible for the conduct and safety of their passengers. When in the staging area, have your float/vehicle positioned on the **RIGHT HAND** side of the street and all participants need to be on the float/vehicle or on the sidewalk until the parade starts. Once you have left the staging area, no one is permitted to get on or off until you reach the designated dismount area. (1st Baptist Church parking lot) Any incident, injury or unsafe act will be immediately reported to the nearest law enforcement officer, fireman or parade official.
- We are asking anyone who is feeling sick or has been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to this event to stay home. If you attend this event, that you have a mask available for everyone in your party and that everyone wears their mask during the event, especially if they are in a situation that they can't social distance, such as when they are at a vendor booth paying for a purchase. We will have extra masks available for **FREE** if you don't have one. We are asking participants to follow social distancing guidelines by keeping a distance of 6 feet between you and people not in your party whenever possible throughout the event.
- Drivers will drive in the center of the street at all times. In the event of a breakdown, please move float/vehicle to nearest parking lot or to the side of the roadway to permit others to pass.
- Performance groups will stop at the intersection of Commerce and Jackson Streets to perform one number and then continue down Commerce to turn on Houston Street.



“Memories of Christmas”

Annual Christmas Parade

2020 Rules and Information

- Parade line up will begin at 12:45PM on Commerce Street starting in front of M.E. Roden Library and judging will begin at 1:30pm. Parade will begin at 2PM.
- Please park vehicles **NOT IN THE PARADE** in the 1st Baptist Church parking lot.
- In order to have a successful parade, we reserve the right to adjust your placement in the parade on the actual day of the parade. Our volunteers will be easy to spot and are there to help make the line up as smooth as possible.

EQUESTRIAN ENTRIES

Proof of Coggins Test is required for ALL equestrian entries. NO EXCEPTIONS! For health reasons, animals must wear a bag for waste .

CANDY & SANTA

- **THROWING CANDY IS NOT ALLOWED**, however; you may handout candy to parade bystanders. If you would like to donate candy for Santa, please contact the Chamber of Commerce.
- **REMEMBER**, there is only one “LIVE” Santa attending the parade and an organization has been assigned to provide this float. More than one Santa will cause confusion for smaller children.

DECORATE
IT
YOURSELF

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

NOVEMBER 28, 2020
3:00pm UNTIL DARK

HAVE US
DECORATE
IT
FOR YOU

SPONSOR AN ORNAMENT

COME JOIN US AT THE
ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
AND DECORATE AN ORNAMENT TO GO
ON THE COMMUNITY TREE!

\$3 PER ORNAMENT

FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM
AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO
THE CHAMBER OFFICE NO LATER THAN

NOVEMBER 20TH

Ornaments will be provided at the tree lighting ceremony on November the 28th. We will have a "Decorate your Ornament" booth set up in front of the courthouse for each person to come and decorate. We will provide paint pens, stickers and other decorating supplies.

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED. After you decorate your ornament you will be able to place it on the tree before the tree is lit.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
HAWKINSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
46 S LUMPKIN ST. HAWKINSVILLE GA, 31036**



ORNAMENT SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Each Ornament is \$3 to sponsor. These funds are due at the time of registration .

NUMBER OF ORNAMENTS _____

Please choose ONE option below for the decorating process. If you chose OPTION A, you will need to be present at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 28th to obtain and decorate your ornament(s). If you choose OPTION B, we will add ONLY TEXT to your ornament for you and place it on the tree the day of the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

OPTION A

I would like to decorate my ornament(s) myself on November 28th at the Tree Lighting Ceremony

OPTION B

I would like to have a member of the Chamber of Commerce decorate my ornament(s) for me.

OPTION B

What SHORT TEXT would you like us to add to your ornament(s) for you? You are limited to **3 words or 20 characters**.

EXAMPLE- "The Claus Family" or "Merry Christmas 2020"

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM BY NOVEMBER 20th.

Questions? Contact the Hawkinsville Chamber of Commerce at 478-783-1717

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Hawkinsville Chamber of Commerce
46S Lumpkin Street
Hawkinsville GA, 31036**



ART

on the

An open air market featuring local artists & makers with items from quaint & quirky to useful essentials. Stop by before or after the Christmas parade.

We will follow Covid 19 guidelines, please wear a face cover and social distance.

Yard & Junk Art

Pottery

Cutting & Charcuterie Boards

Automotive Art

Repurposed Home Decor

Handcrafted Soap, Lotion & Candles

Folk Art

Woodworking

Multi-Media Greeting Cards

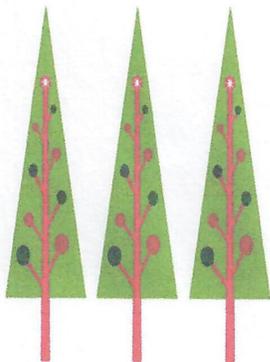
Acrylic & Oil Paintings

Fabric Crafts

Stained Glass

Nativities

Claire Cinnamon will be here signing her latest novels



PORCH

Dec 5th, 2020 10 am to 5 pm
110 S. Dooley St., Hawkinsville, GA



JOB CENTER

Industrial Systems Tech Instructor Position Available

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 30, 2020

POSITION STATUS: Full Time

Position Description: Under general supervision, provides instruction to students in the classroom and lab settings, prepares syllabi and lesson plans. The instructor must possess the ability to teach all assigned classes in the Industrial Systems curriculum. Demonstrates the use of appropriate teaching techniques; use of appropriate testing and grading procedures including proper maintenance of grade books and any other record-keeping required; effective use of oral and written communication skills; and knowledge of current in-field procedures. Follows approved course syllabus. Maintain program requirements, attend/complete all professional development training; meet with students and college personnel to discuss students' instructional programs and other issues. Evaluates student progress in attaining goals and objectives. Completes all reports, records and invoices in a timely manner and maintains accurate inventory of all assigned properties. Maintain qualifications for employment as described by the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) Policy Manual and accreditation standards. Follows rules and regulations as described by the TCSG Policy Manual and other policies and procedures established by the institution. Position may involve teaching traditional day and/or evening classes or distance education classes and may require travel to instructional locations within the College's service area as well as other travel as needed.

For full job description and instructions to apply go to: https://www.easyhrweb.com/JC_Central_GA/job%20descriptions/IDSY%20Instr%20-Multi%20-113020.pdf

Creative Loafing Marketing Opportunity

List your handmade or locally produced products in Creative Loafing's holiday market. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about your and the wonderful goodies that you are producing. This is also a great way to get search engine happy links out there to make Google happier and potentially increase traffic to your website.

[List your products.](#)

How Pumpkin Patches And Corn Mazes Help Bring Visitors Into Rural Areas

Pumpkin patches and corn mazes are common on the outskirts of cities, but even more rural areas are getting in on the action. [See the full story by clicking this here!](#)



Hipcamp, the Airbnb of Camping: Farmers Find New Source of Income Renting Land for Out-

Maryland farmers are finding a new source of income through a vacation rental platform. Hipcamp is similar to Airbnb, which allows people to rent out their homes, apartments and other private quarters for short stays. But as the name suggests, Hipcamp focuses on camping accommodations. The company was started in 2013, and slowly grew in popularity out West before making its way to the East Coast. It has grown in popularity since the onset of COVID-19 and the creation of the socially distant vacation. [Click Here for Details!](#)





Fork to Farmer

by Natalie Hampton

In the midst of North Carolina's thriving farm-to-fork movement, a recent graduate alumnus has developed a series of videos that focus on the farmers behind some of the state's best known local chefs.

[Click Here for the full story.](#)

Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE)

Annual renewal for the Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) program is now open. Eligible farmers can renew their GATE card for 2021 online starting Friday, November 6, 2020, by visiting <https://forms.agr.georgia.gov/GATE/>.

GATE cardholders who are to renew in 2021 will automatically be placed on the new three-year renewal program and will receive their renewal invoice in 2024. All current cards will expire December 31, 2020. Cardholders currently on two and three-year renewals will receive their 2021 cards with the new expiration date of December 31, 2021, and do not need to renew or apply for the 2021 year. The GATE program was created through legislation to offer qualified agriculture producers a sales tax exemption on agricultural equipment and production inputs. Qualified farmers and agricultural producers can apply to receive a certificate showing that they are eligible for this exemption. Farmers are required to present the current year GATE Card at the time of each purchase. Producers needing assistance can contact the GATE program team at 855-FARMTAX or farmtax@agr.georgia.gov.

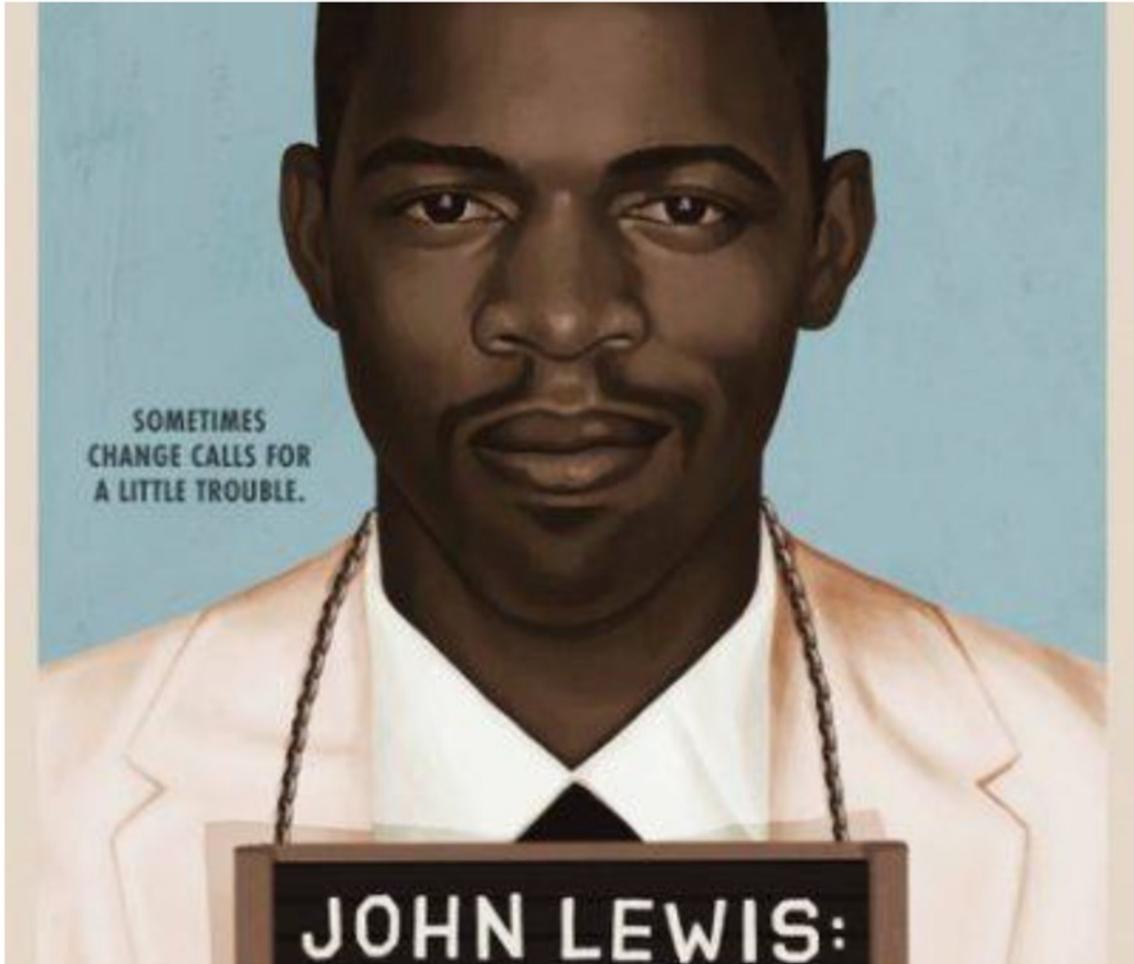
Hawkinsville, GA

Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote
for Senate Runoff Election – January 5, 2021



A Nonpartisan Event

FILM SCREENING: "JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE"
– A DAWN PORTER FILM



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

Colson Park Hawkinsville, GA
Park Opens 5:00pm Film Starts at Sunset

Sponsored by Black Voters Matter

Come Early to Register to Vote

Bring Your Identification (driver's license, state ID)

Your Vote Counts. Show It by Registering. Show It by Voting.



PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING and WEAR MASKS



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READING



Join Pulaski County Family Connection in their effort to improve reading proficiency and school success for the children of Pulaski County.

BY 2020,
ALL CHILDREN
IN GEORGIA
WILL BE ON A PATH TO
READING
PROFICIENTLY
BY THE END OF
3RD GRADE.



GET GEORGIA
READING

CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE-LEVEL READING

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You Can Help Save Lives

Shepard Community Blood Center has been tasked with collecting lifesaving Covid-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) to help treat patients. To meet this challenge, Shepard has established a CCP Program to collect products for community hospitals.

Taylor Regional Hospital will be holding its first CCP drive on Saturday, January 9 from 11am until 6 pm. Every CCP donor will receive a \$100 Visa gift card as a "thank you" for donating.

Want to donate? To qualify, donors must meet the following criteria:

- Proof of a positive Covid-19 test
- Be symptom-free for 14 days
- Meet FDA eligibility to donate
- Female donors may require additional screening before donating

There will be a pre-screening drive for potential donors at Taylor Regional Hospital on Monday, December 14 to determine eligibility.

If you would like to donate convalescent plasma, or have questions about eligibility, please call Jacqueline Clemmons at 706-339-9970 or email ccpdonor@shepeardblood.org. CCP donations are by appointment only.



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REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Building a skilled workforce through training and partnerships.

What is Registered Apprenticeship?

Registered Apprenticeship is a nation-wide training system that produces high skilled workers to meet the demands of a skilled American workforce. It is a unique, flexible system that combines job-related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences.

Central Georgia Technical College is committed to supporting the on-the-job curriculum through technical instruction.

Apprenticeships are employer-designed and structured for on-the-job learning (OJL). Technical instructors complement and parallel OJL by working with employers to craft a customized curriculum.

Apprenticeships can be found in industries such as:



Construction & Manufacturing



Information Technology & Networking



Healthcare



Service & Retail Industries



Military



Public Sector & Public Utilities

Employer Benefits

- Skilled workers trained to industry specifications to produce quality results
- Reduced turnover
- Pipeline for new skilled workers

Apprentice Benefits

- Jobs that typically pay higher wages
- Higher quality of life and skills versatility
- Opportunity for college credit and future degrees

National Benefits

- Highly skilled workforce
- Increased competitive edge in global competition
- System that contributes to and sustains economic growth

FAST FACTS:

847,000

new apprentices entered a Registered Apprenticeship in FY 2017.

\$70,000

is the average starting annual salary of apprentices while earning a credential equivalent to a 2 or 4 year college degree.

94%

of apprentices remain employed by their apprenticeship company.



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FREE Online Personal Development Classes

To register go to www.centralgatech.edu/ce

Attention Management - Learn how to identify priorities and strategies for developing and maintaining focus on the things you need to get done and want to achieve for success. (Approximately 90 minutes)

Business Etiquette - Navigating work and professional activities with confidence – knowing what's appropriate in what type of setting – is crucial for your career. Learn the basics of business etiquette and apply them throughout your life. (Approximately 90 minutes)

Customer Service - Having the skills to offer good customer service – even in difficult circumstances – can set you apart from your colleagues and make you a valuable member of your work team. Get the basics of effective customer service, whether it's face-to-face or on the phone. (Approximately 120 minutes)

Emotional Intelligence - Emotional intelligence describes the ability to understand one's own feelings, and that of groups, and how these emotions can influence motivation and behavior. When you understand yourself – and your coworkers and customers – you can be an invaluable part of any work team. (Approximately 120 minutes)

Goal Setting and Getting Things Done - Understanding the qualities of a good goal, and having strategies to help you stay motivated and moving forward toward those goals, can be the key to great success – in life and on the job. (Approximately 100 minutes)

Job Search Skills - Searching for a job can be intimidating. Finding leads. Networking. Developing a strong resume and cover letter. Even staying focused on the hunt can be difficult. Get some strategies to help you in your search for your next great job. (Approximately 100 minutes)

Telework and Telecommuting - Teleworking requires a unique set of skills and it can be awkward to transition from a workplace with other employees to a home office. Learn strategies for managing your time, your space - and yourself – so your employer can be confident that you can be productive – even from home. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Ten Soft Skills You Need - Being successful in the workplace involves so much more than just being able to carry out specific job duties. Gain insights on improving communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and other skills, so that you can be effective on the job. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Time Management - Personal time management skills are essential for professional success in any workplace – and they can also make your work life much more manageable. Learn strategies to help you prioritize, and attack tasks, staying productive, while avoiding becoming overwhelmed. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Workplace Diversity - Chances are good, you work for, or with, someone who is not exactly like you. Whatever the differences, being aware of, and sensitive to, those differences in the workplace, can be key to your success. (Approximately 120 minutes)

To register, go to www.centralgatech.edu/ce

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Cow Cuddling is the Latest Wellness Trend

BY: Lindsay Campbell

Hugs from cows—just what the doctor ordered.

In these turbulent times, we're all looking for ways to de-stress. Some have taken up meditation. Others cuddle cows. Yes, that's right. Like goat yoga and horseback riding, hugging cows is the latest therapeutic farm pastime that has been gaining traction, according to a report from **BBC**.

Offering cow cuddles as a form of therapy originated in rural regions of the Netherlands more than a decade ago, and it has started to emerge on farms in the United States as a form of agritourism.

This experience usually involves a tour of the farm and then a rest leaning against cows for a cuddle that lasts around two or three hours. The combination of the animal's warmer body temperature, slower heartbeat and larger body size reportedly sets the tone for a calming, oxytocin boosting experience (the chemical that's released during social bonding). Human touch is something that's been lacking with social isolation brought on by COVID-19. Medical professionals have said that being deprived of human touch has negative health implications on its own. Also known as touch starvation, lack of human touch has been linked to increases in stress, depression and anxiety. And with stress comes the release of the hormone cortisol, which can increase heart rate, blood pressure and respiration while also suppressing the digestive and immune system.

Other research has shown that this therapeutic farm experience could also be beneficial for the cows. In 2007, a European study published in the journal *Applied Animal Behavior Science* found that when the animals were massaged, they showed cues of deep relaxation like lowered heart rate, stretching out their necks and allowing their ears to fall back. So if you're feeling victimized by touch starvation, you might want to try treating yourself to some cow hugs. You'll thank us later. The cows will too.





{GIVE THANKS}

for each new morning
with its light
FOR REST AND SHELTER
OF THE NIGHT
for health and food
for love and friends
FOR EVERYTHING
THY GOODNESS SENDS

~ralph waldo emerson~