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# Business Briefs

## Prudente new branch manager of Delta Community Credit Union branch in Newnan

Delta Community Credit Union recently announced Darlene Prudente as manager of its Newnan-Coweta Crossroads Branch.

Prudente brings 18 years of banking experience to her role, having previously served as a manager at Heritage Bank before joining Delta Community in 2020. Beginning as a teller with the credit union, her professionalism, positive attitude and leadership skills enabled her to quickly advance her career. She held multiple roles in various departments before being appointed to lead the Newnan-Coweta Crossroads Branch.

"I look forward to helping my team develop into the best versions of themselves," Prudente said. "Having held many positions during my professional journey, I can draw from many unique experiences to ensure we provide members with the best customer care while supporting them in their financial goals."

With approximately 37,000 members living or working in Coweta County, Prudente understands many families rely on Delta Community for their financial services.

"I was attracted to this branch because I enjoy staying busy," she said. "I am excited to meet the existing demand from our strong membership base in the area, while also welcoming new members to join the Delta Community family."

Having previously worked at Delta Community's Newnan-Highway 34 branch, Prudente is excited to work in the community again. She looks forward to partnering with local schools and orga-

nizations through the credit union's programs that teach budgeting and financial literacy to students.

## AARP hosting smart driving course April 2

AARP will host an AARP Smart Driver Course on Tuesday, April 2, at the Newnan Carnegie Library in downtown Newnan. The class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This course is open to all licensed drivers. Attendees should bring their driver's license. There is a \$25 fee for non-AARP members and a \$20 fee for AARP members who have a valid membership card (must bring the card with you).

Payment must be made by cash or check only. Checks should be made payable to AARP. Wearing a face mask during class is optional. Students should bring their lunch.

Call or text Jesse Johnson at 678-485-0655 to reserve your seat. Please arrive 15 minutes early to sign papers and complete registration.

## Neweta Club to host virtual 2024 Women's History Month program March 26

The Neweta Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. will host its annual 2024 Neweta Women's History Month Program March 26 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

The program is a celebration of the accomplishments of black women, women from the past and a special presentation from the Coweta NAACP Unit: "Student Performance on the GA Milestones."

For the Zoom link, email Brenda Mart at [brendamartin3577@gmail.com](mailto:brendamartin3577@gmail.com).

## Delta Community invites local elementary students to enter youth essay contest until March 31

Delta Community Credit Union is now accepting entries for its 2024 Youth Essay Contest, which is open to third, fourth and fifth grade students enrolled in a school within the 16 metro Atlanta counties the Credit Union serves. DCU launched the contest in 2016 to recognize the importance of youth financial education and invest in future generations.

To enter, students must submit an essay of 75 words or less answering this year's essay question: If you had unlimited money, what would you do to make an impact at your school?

Essays must be completed and submitted online at [DeltaCommunityCU.com/YouthEssayContest](http://DeltaCommunityCU.com/YouthEssayContest) by March 31. Seven student winners from each grade level will be selected based on their essay responses and awarded a \$100 Delta Community Youth Savings Account. The 21 student winners will be announced in April, to help celebrate National Youth Month.

As part of its commitment to community education, Delta Community also offers two scholarship programs and hundreds of free classes in metro Atlanta through its Financial Education Center.

## AARP Tax-Aide to offer free tax help

AARP Volunteers, certified by the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, and the Coweta County Public Library System have partnered once again to prepare federal and state tax returns for free.

The free help is offered at the Central Library 85 Literary Lane, Newnan, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Feb. 6 through April 10 (except March 12 and 13), from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Reservations for the Central Library may be made by calling 770-683-2052. Please come by the library to pick up an interview sheet to be completed before you come to have your taxes done.

It is not a requirement to be an AARP member to receive the help, and all ages are welcome.

## Goodwill to provide free tax prep service

Goodwill will be offering free tax preparation services through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, an IRS-sponsored tax program for those who earn \$64,000 or less annually.

Goodwill will file tax returns beginning Jan. 29 through the end of tax season, April 15. Current year tax returns will be prepared during tax season, while prior-year tax returns (2022-2018) will begin May 2024.

Individuals interested in stopping by Goodwill for free tax prep should bring the following original documents:

- Social security cards for yourself and all dependents (no copies)
- All income documents.
- All tax documents.
- Photo ID.
- Health insurance for 1095 A/B/C.
- Form 1098.
- Child care expenses.
- 2022 tax returns.
- Bank account information.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [www.goodwillsr.org/vita](http://www.goodwillsr.org/vita) or call 833-755-2179.

Taxes will be completed at the Thomas Crossroads



DELTA COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION  
Darlene Prudente

Career Center at 3121 Highway 34 E., Newnan.

## Free COVID-19 testing at YourTown Health

YourTown Health, a network of seven community health centers, is now offering COVID-19 testing at all of its locations at no charge. This includes both antigen and rapid PCR tests. No insurance is needed, and Spanish-speaking providers are available. The purpose of the program is to help alleviate the current demand linked to CDC reports citing the recent rise in COVID-19 emergency department visits, hospitalizations and deaths.

Testing is free and does not require an appointment. If a patient is positive, YourTown starts the patient on Paxlovid at no cost. For a list of YourTown Health locations, visit [www.YourTownHealth.com/locations](http://www.YourTownHealth.com/locations).

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# State Senate panel passes bill giving coroners big raises

BY DAVE WILLIAMS  
Bureau Chief  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Coroners in Georgia would receive hefty pay raises under legislation that

cleared a state Senate committee Tuesday.

House Bill 625 would upgrade coroner to a full-time position and set a range of salaries, depending on the population of the county

they serve.

The minimum salary for coroners would be \$35,000 a year. Minimum salaries would go much higher for coroners in the largest counties that use coroners.

Under current law, coroners in many counties earn no more than \$3,600 annually.

Deputy coroners would be paid \$250 for each case they handle, up from the current

\$175.

"We're not trying to put a burden on counties," state Rep. Danny Mathis, R-Cochran, told members of the Senate Economic Development

and Tourism Committee Tuesday. "What we're trying to do is compensate people in these positions who are competent."

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## BRIEFS

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### Seniors meet at Panther Creek Community Center every Thursday

Seniors meet at the Panther Creek Community Center, located at 2285 W. Highway 16, Sargent.

The senior group meetings every Thursday from 10 a.m.-noon. This month the center will be offering brunch, a Sip & Paint class, and a health talk on diabetes.

Zumba class is free for all Coweta County seniors 55+ every Thursday at 11:15 a.m. There is no yearly membership, but small fees may apply for some activities.

For more information follow Coweta County Senior Services on Facebook, or call 770-683-8600.

### Meals on Wheels delivers to homebound seniors

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to homebound seniors in the community. For more information, call Meals on Wheels at 678-423-1700.

### Affordable Connectivity may help pay for

### internet

Anyone who qualifies may be eligible for a monthly discount on a new or existing internet service plan through a government program called the Affordable Connectivity Program, according to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

You may also qualify for a one-time device discount of up to \$100 to buy a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers.

To apply, visit [AffordableConnectivity.gov](http://AffordableConnectivity.gov) or call 877-384-2575 to request an application. Once your application is approved, you can contact a participating internet service provider to start receiving your monthly discount.

### Newnan Carnegie crochet classes meet on Mondays

The Newnan Carnegie Library hosts Judy Davenport, a crochet instructor, on Mondays from 1:30-4 p.m. Participants must bring their own crochet implements. Supplies will not be provided. Recommended supplies include a size H crochet hook, Red Heart yarn and your own water. There is no need to RSVP.

### Column open for senior adults to

### share advice

Older adults have encountered various experiences, equipping them with knowledge and wisdom, and The Newnan Times-Herald wants to share that wisdom with its readers — young or old — or anyone seeking wisdom.

The NTH will publish a column, hopefully weekly, in the Senior Living section with various advice from our elders from the community. The advice can be on various topics or whatever the writer feels is important to share.

To be considered for submission, email submissions to Kandice Bell at [kandice@newnan.com](mailto:kandice@newnan.com).

Submissions can also be mailed to The Newnan Times-Herald, Attn: Kandice Bell, P.O. Box 1052, Newnan, GA 30264.

Photos are welcomed and encouraged, but not required. Please identify who is in the picture. Feel free to be creative, as the word limit is flexible.

### Recognize a caregiver in your life

Nominations for a "Caregiver of the Week" are open. Nominees will be highlighted in the NTH weekend edition on the Senior Living page.

To nominate someone you think is worthy of

the honor, email [kandice@newnan.com](mailto:kandice@newnan.com) with the nominee's name, why they should be the Caregiver of the Week and a photo.

Submissions will be published as received in order, and submissions cannot be submitted anonymously.

Personal caregivers and caregivers at nursing homes, assisted living and senior care facilities are all eligible to to be considered.

### Senior of the Week nominations open

Seniors are an important part of the community who are often not recognized as much as they should be. Do you know a senior who uses their retirement time to volunteer or help others?

A "Senior of the Week" will be highlighted in the NTH weekend edition on the Senior Living page.

To nominate someone who you think is worthy of the honor, email [kandice@newnan.com](mailto:kandice@newnan.com) with the nominee's name, why they should be the Senior of the Week and a photo.

### "Remembering When..." open for submissions

"Remembering When..." is a segment that is featured in the Senior Living section of the NTH weekend

edition.

Cowetans and NTH readers can submit a story describing their "Remembering When..." moment. Each month will have a theme to help spark some of those memories we have all had with our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or other role models.

The theme for March is memories about spring, St. Patrick's Day, or any memory that someone would like to share.

There is no word limit, and photos are encouraged with submissions. Please identify those in the pictures if possible.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**G** **GEORGIA CHARTER**  
Educational Foundation, Inc.  
& Coweta Charter Academy

### WHEN

Tuesday,  
March 26,  
2024  
5:00 PM

### WHERE

Coweta Charter  
Academy  
6675 E. GA-16  
Senoia, GA 30276

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda Approval
- III. Current Financials
- IV. '24-'25 Budget
- V. Employee Retention Credit Update
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment

Next Finance Committee Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024