



Maj. Gen. Terrence McKenrick

>> GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

GMC announces pick for 22nd president

The Georgia Military College (GMC) Board of Trustees announced that Maj. Gen. Terrence "Terry" McKenrick, U.S. Army (Ret.), will become the institution's 22nd president. Following a rigorous national search and comprehensive selection process, the Board solidified its vote on April 22. McKenrick will begin a transition with the current President, Lieutenant General William B. Caldwell IV, U.S. Army (Ret.),

in June and officially assume the position on July 1, 2025.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees George Hogan shared, "After an extensive search and thorough vetting process, the Board is confident that Maj. Gen. McKenrick will excel as he leads this great institution into its next chapter. His dedication to education and passion for providing hope and opportunity to students, combined with his proven character and

commitment to servant leadership, make him uniquely qualified to carry forward GMC's 145-year legacy of educating and developing servant leaders for our nation. We are proud to welcome him to our GMC family."

With 35 years of service in the United States Army, McKenrick brings a wealth of leadership experience from a distinguished military career. He has held command

positions around the globe and has extensive expertise in strategic planning and large-scale operations.

"My wife Liz and I are thrilled to be a part of the Georgia Military College family, the Milledgeville and Baldwin communities, and the communities GMC touches around the State of Georgia," said McKenrick. "I am honored

MORE GMC >> A2

>> GEORGIA COLLEGE



ELLA CLAIRE BEASON/CONTRIBUTED

On the left is an older man bent over as he fishes. On the right a young student leans against his backpack while reading a book. The photos show overlap in how individuals use space at the Oconee River Greenway, with both individuals finding a private moment at the same spot, 15 minutes apart.

Students to present research on building community

Bailey Ballard
bailey@bbnews.today

Georgia College professor Amy Johnson is partnering with Allied Arts to host the "Public Life, Public Space" exhibit April 30, which will feature four research presentations by student teams in her Ethnographic Methods class.

"Ethnography is a method that anthropologists use to study how people's everyday life is made meaningful for them. We look deeply into practices, activities,

ways of talking and interacting with other people," said Johnson. "Through those different actions, we discern what is important to the community and that particular place."

Nineteen students were split into four teams to study how public spaces facilitate community-building for Milledgeville residents. The sites they studied include the Oconee River Greenway, Walter B. Williams and City Parks, different branches of the Mary Vinson Public Library,

and downtown Milledgeville.

"The results show different dimensions of community-building that occur within and across these spaces, pointing toward the continued importance of public space for increasing meaningful social interactions among Milledgeville residents," said Johnson.

This was Johnson's first year teaching the class, as she began teaching at Georgia College in

MORE PUBLIC >> A5

Know your Neighbor



Coy Hollinshead (right)

Ansley Kate Allen
The Baldwin Bulletin

Coy Hollinshead has been a resident of Baldwin County for 42 years. He is a proud father to his three kids and will be celebrating his 17th wedding anniversary with his wife, Danielle Hollinshead, this July. Hollinshead grew up along a dirt road in south Baldwin County and his childhood was filled with memories of camping, playing sports with his brothers, and spending time with loved ones.

"My favorite memories of growing up in Baldwin are with my family," said Hollinshead. "I loved checking crawdad traps with my grandfather, riding with my mama in her Bronco to the corner store to get grape soda and watching my sister perform in 'The Nutcracker' every year at Georgia College."

MORE NEIGHBOR >> A2

>> UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

USG not increasing tuition for in-state students

Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

For the seventh time in the last 10 years, the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents voted Tuesday to hold the line on tuition for in-state students.

Since 2016, tuition at the state's 26 public colleges and universities has increased by less than 1% per year, Tracey Cook, the system's chief fiscal officer, told the regents at a meeting on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

"USG and the Board of Regents remain focused on keeping college affordable for Georgia families to ensure higher education stays within reach across the state," system Chancellor Sonny Perdue said. "As more students than ever enroll on our campuses, we

continue to prioritize reducing financial barriers and offering excellent value."

Among the 16 Southern Regional Education Board states, Georgia is third lowest in average undergraduate tuition and required fees compared to its public peers,

according to national data from the College Board. Nationally, the system has the sixth-lowest tuition and fees.

The regents did raise tuition for in-state undergraduates by 2.5% last year. Perdue cited

MORE TUITION >> A2

SPRING CAMP
» PAGE B1



WEATHER

87 HIGH
Friday
Few Showers
62 LOW

Detailed forecast / B8

INSIDE THIS WEEK

CRIME WATCH.....A6	OPINIONS.....A4
CROSSWORD PUZZLE...A5	PROPERTY TRANSFERS...A6
EVENTS CALENDAR...B4	SERVICE DIRECTORY...A8
OBITUARIES.....A3	SUDOKU.....A5

Published by
Smith
Communications Inc.



SUBSCRIBE ONLINE AT **BBNEWS.TODAY**

GRIFFIN

LUMBER & HARDWARE

478.452.1511

550 W MLK JR DRIVE, MILLEDGEVILLE, GA 31061

- LUMBER
- BUILDING MATERIALS
- HARDWARE
- ROOF TRUSSES
- WINDOWS
- DOORS & MILLWORK
- ENGINEERED WOOD PRODUCTS

EVERYTHING TO BUILD ANYTHING!

LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED WITH PERSONALIZED CUSTOMER SERVICE PLUS THE BEST PRICES!

>> FINANCIAL FOCUS

Three stops on the road to financial stability

Achieving financial stability doesn't happen overnight — it takes a journey. And, as with every journey, you'll need to make some stops along the way. These stops, or milestones, can tell you how far you've gone — and where you need to go next.

Milestone 1: Build a foundation

When you're first starting on your financial journey — typically, when you are beginning your career — you'll want to build a foundation by acting on key issues, such as saving, paying down debts and investing for the future. Here are some suggestions:

- Start your emergency fund. Eventually, you'd like to have several months' worth of living expenses kept in a liquid, low-risk account to deal with unexpected costs, such as large medical bills or a major car repair. For now, though, at least try to put away a few hundred dollars or a month's worth of expenses. To make it easier, have some money moved automatically each month from a checking or savings account into your emergency fund.

- Take your employer's match. Contribute enough to your 401(k) and health savings account (HSA) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

- Pay down your higher-rate debt. Try to pay down as much high-interest, non-deductible debt as you can afford. If



possible, refinance debt at lower interest rates.

Milestone 2: Gain a better foothold

Once you've got your financial foundation in place, and you're established in your career, consider these steps to gain an even better foothold:

- Continue building your emergency fund. Try to get at least a couple of months' expenses in this fund.

- Put away more into your retirement accounts. If you can, try to put anywhere from 10% to 15% of your gross income into your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- Check your debt-to-income ratio. Divide your monthly debt payments by your monthly gross income to calculate your debt-to-income ratio. If you're paying a mortgage, try to keep this ratio to 35% or less. Without a mortgage, try for 20% or less.

Milestone 3: Keep moving forward

As you move into your middle years — and beyond — it's time to further solidify your financial situation and keep

making progress toward a comfortable retirement. These moves can help:

- Maintain your emergency fund. By now, you should be able to keep up to six months' worth of expenses in your emergency fund. A sizable emergency fund can help you if you need to switch jobs, and enable you to meet larger expenses without dipping into your long-term investments.

- Review your retirement goals. At this stage of your life, you should review your retirement goals regularly to determine whether you're still on track toward meeting them. If you aren't, you may need to adjust your investment strategies. Of course, your goals may have changed over time, and this, too, may require adjustments on your part. You may want to work with a financial professional who can suggest appropriate moves to help you on your way.

Reaching all these milestones will take diligence and commitment — but it will be worth the effort in helping you on your journey toward financial stability.

—Contributed by Edward Jones financial advisor

PUBLIC

CONTINUED FROM >> A1

Fall of 2023. She also teaches anthropology. When creating the curriculum, she chose locations to study that were easily accessible to the public and students, were inclusive, and welcoming for a broad number of people.

"Students conducted what is known as participant observation, which is essentially a way of immersing yourself in a site by doing what others are doing," said Johnson. "They were doing activities happening at the site. For example, at the City Park, they were studying the playground and were assisting the parents and playing with kids. At the Oconee River Greenway, students were kayaking, fishing, or walking the trails and so on."

According to Johnson, alongside this participation, students reflected on the actions, interviewed subjects, held informal conversations, used the sensory method to take videos, photos, and take stock of the different smells and sounds, completed spatial mapping, and spent time coding.

"Their projects began in early February. They had eight weeks of direct field work and two weeks of preparing their findings," said Johnson. "At Allen's Market each team will give a 15-minute presentation

describing their main findings and present one theme they focused on. Then, following all presentations, there will be a Q & A to talk one-on-one with the students."

The exhibit is free to the public and will be hosted at Allen's Market, at 101 Floyd L. Griffin Jr. St., from 2-3:30 p.m. Each team followed the Institutional Review Board (IRB) ethics review process at Georgia College, which makes it possible for them to share what they learned from residents with the community.

"The board looks over research proposals and ensures ethical standards are met in terms of research with human

subjects. The class underwent an ethical review to be able to share our research and each student was certified through an ethics class by the IRB," said Johnson. "They are excited to share their research with the community and we hope people will come out to listen and interact with them."

Johnson stated there are plans to host this project again next year and part of the event will also be taking feedback for ideas about how the class can explore different sides of public life in the future. For any questions about the project or any specifics after the presentations, email Amy Johnson at amy.johnson@gcsu.edu.

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10					
11						12						13	14	15	
16						17				18					
19					20	21			22	23				24	
25								26					27		
28								29				30			
					31	32						33			
34	35	36	37							38					
39							40	41	42						
43							44					45	46	47	48
49						50					51	52			
53										55					
56		57							58					59	
60						61	62							63	
														64	
															65

CLUES ACROSS

- Narrow piece of wood
- African desert
- Waxy covering on birds' beaks
- Sour
- Infrequent
- Former AL MVP Vaughn
- Policemen wear one
- Out of the question
- Used to chop
- Symptoms
- Not moving
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Comedian Armissen
- Quantitative fact
- Incline from vertical
- Scottish musician
- Rooney and Kate are two
- Positioned
- A very short time
- Tropical American shrubs
- Yemen capital
- Spanish municipality
- Medical professionals
- Fibrous material
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Without covering

CLUES DOWN

- Unshaven facial hair
- More thin
- Show up
- Seethed
- Ancient Greek city
- Poisonous plant
- Hello
- College sports official
- Monetary unit of Russia
- Wings
- Take too much of a substance
- A citizen of Uganda
- Most appealing
- Atomic #18
- Global investment bank (abbr.)

- Jewish calendar month
- Popular sandwich
- Swiss river
- Incorrect letters
- Popular entree
- Foot (Latin)
- A driver's license is one form
- Extinct flightless bird
- Appetizer
- After battles
- It neutralizes alkalis
- Beverage container
- Partner to "Pa"
- Gray American rail
- Salt of acetic acid
- Canadian province
- Dish made with lentils
- Narrative poem of popular origin
- For each one
- Come to terms
- Test
- More dishonorable
- Unit of loudness
- The Ocean State
- Monetary unit in Mexico
- Lying down
- Thus
- Where LA is located
- Western State

SEE PUZZLE ANSWERS >> PAGE B4

SUDOKU PUZZLE

7								1
			7		1	4		3
	2			9				
						3		
3	8	5		4				
		1	9					4
		8	4					7
				8		6		9
		9	6					5

Level: Advanced

SEE PUZZLE ANSWERS >> PAGE B4

Sunday at the Museum Lecture Series

Sunday, May 4, at 2:00 PM

Event takes place in the theater at The Plaza Arts Center

LECTURE TOPIC: "PUBLISHING PRINT IN A DIGITAL AGE"

GUEST SPEAKERS: WILLIAM "DINK" & ERIC NeSMITH

Right here in Georgia, we have a father/son team, who are making history with their skillful blending of two forms of journalism. Join us to learn about their "cutting edge" approach to modern-day newspapers!

**Admission is free but donations are appreciated.
Enjoy light refreshments after the lecture.**

The Old School History Museum is located in The Plaza Arts Center
305 N. Madison Avenue, Eatonton, GA | www.oldschoolhistorymuseum.org

THE LAKE AREA'S

GREATEST HITS!