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Local Band Prepares for Annual Little Big Jam



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A band native to Carrollton named Eva Rose & The Bottom Line is anticipating one of Carroll County’s popular music festivals Little Big Jam. This group of longtime friends have been a part of two projects together before becoming a newer, more soulful band. They will play in front of their fellow community this Friday, Sept. 29 at 10:30 p.m.

“It’s always special to play for our hometown crowd,” said guitarist Stephen Lee. “I’d say our hands down favorite event to play for is Little Big Jam. LBJ is the one time of year we know we will get to hang out with our friends and see them play as well as checking out

acts from all over. It’s really probably the coolest thing that happens in West GA every year.”

The band enjoys Little Big Jam the most because it is a home-grown festival that brings all their family and friends together. Having an audience filled with familiar faces who have encouraged them along the years makes it special. This festival lasts four days and is located in Bowdon, GA from Sept. 28-Oct. 1. Eva Rose and The Bottom Line look forward to their second year of performing at Little Big Jam and reuniting with those close to them.

“When it comes to describing our music we like to use the term soul revival,” said Lee. “As a band I’d say our roots are pretty firmly set in the late 60s and 70s soul/blues/R&B vibe but we like to

put a little spin on it.”

Eva Rose and The Bottom Line features Eva Rose Warner on vocals, Daniel Akin on guitar and backup vocals, Kelley Warner on drums, Ed Thrower on organ and keyboard, Stephen Lee on guitar and Jonathan Dorsey on bass. Each member comes from different musical backgrounds to help mold the band into its soul revival sound. Lead singer Eva Rose Warner is a classically trained singer even though she has a bluesy grit to her voice. Kelley Warner grew up playing drums for metal bands while the other members are big blues and R&B guys. The multiple individual influences between the band mates is how they all became so cohesive in making their music. A melting pot of different genres and musical

upbringings showcases their unique style.

“It’s hard to say where we see our music taking us,” said Lee. “Hopefully people will love it and things can really get rolling for us but we can’t exactly control that. You just have to keep your head down and keep working and eventually when you look up you’ll find yourself somewhere pretty amazing.”

For the band, it’s more about the reward of creating versus where their craft will get them in the future. They know it’s a process to build their way up but they see it as a chance to grow as artists and allow the big details to work themselves out. Opportunities like performing for hometown crowds is what matters most and why they eagerly await this upcoming festival.

Eins, Zwei, Drei! Oktoberfest Coming to Printer’s Ale

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Carrollton’s brewery, Printer’s Ale Manufacturing Co, is gearing up for a massive Oktoberfest celebration next month. Boasting a stacked music lineup, food trucks, games and of course, plenty of beer, Printers is looking to kick of the fall season in style.

Printer’s will have 20 different beers on tap for the celebration ranging from their four Everyday beers, and a mix of crowd favorites as well as some experimental one-off brews. Most of Printer’s beers are themed around the printing business, which is why their core beers are named after colors of a printer’s ink cartridge; Cyan (IPA), Magenta (Amber Ale), Yellow (Golden Ale) and Black (Porter). “20 different beers is by far the most we have had at any event,” said Elliott Hall, Managing Partner at Printer’s Ale.

“We are also bringing back the Intaglio, which is our IPA infused with green tea and ginger, which a lot of people have been asking about.”

The craft brewery will also rotate unique one-off brews on a timed cycle to increase variety. “Some of our special beers we will only have available for certain times,” said Hall. “We will have a certain beer from 1-2 p.m., and then swap that with a different beer at 2 p.m. and keep going like that until we have released all 20.”

In addition to the beer, Printer’s is hosting three local bands to play music throughout the afternoon. “These sets are going to be full, stacked sets as well,” said Hall. “At our Grand Opening, we had a couple bands that just played for a little while, but we are getting full sets this time.”

New Bocce courts and custom cornhole boards have also been put in place to give visitors something to play while they sample the craft beer. Disc golf enthusiasts can also play a three-hole disc golf course that runs along the outskirts

of the property.

For visitors that had a specific beer that they liked, they have the opportunity to take some beer home. “We still sell growlers that people can bring back and have refilled with whatever beer they want,” said Hall.

Hall also has more plans for distribution of his beer. Bottled Printer’s beer may soon be coming to local package stores and supermarkets. “We are working on setting up a bottling machine, but that is still a ways off,” said Hall. “We hope to start bottling by the end of this year, but no specific date is set in stone.

The festivities will start at noon on Saturday, Oct. 7th and run until 9 p.m. “We are extending our tap room hours an extra hour so people can have more time to enjoy the festivities,” said Hall.

Beer enthusiasts can show their excitement on social media using the hashtag #Pick-Printers on Twitter and Instagram.

Living West

Carrollton Civic Women's Club Honored with New Emergency Fund

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The University of West Georgia's International Student Admissions and Programs (ISAP) has launched a new emergency fund aimed at giving international students a little extra help during a time of need.

Founded in 1968, the Carrollton Civic Woman's Club (CCWC) is a women's civic organization in Carroll County that provides volunteer service to the community. It offers members the opportunity for personal growth and skill development through participation in projects and social activities. ISAP and the CCWC have been involved with one another for over 30 years.

"Originally, the number of international students at UWG was so small that CCWC members were able to entertain these incoming students with a dinner in one of the Members' home," said Nancy Johnson, CCWC's International Liaison. "As more people became involved, it progressed to a picnic at Tanner State Park. Later it was moved indoors due to August being so hot."

The fund is named after this prestige club to show gratitude for their involvement with ISAP over the years. CWCC also sponsors the fund. It is available to students who are experiencing financial hardship due to extenuating circumstances.

"We are thrilled that our donation is now being used to help the international students in a more personal way," said Johnson. "We just want to help the students at UWG feel at home while here in Carrollton and to know that the community is delighted they are here."

The Emergency Fund is reserved for currently enrolled students who experience a true emergency causing a financial hardship such as money needed for unplanned trip home due to a death or illness of a family member, replacement clothing or books due to a fire or other disaster, medical emergencies or other unforeseen but urgent situations. Although the fund was just launched, it already has a recipient.

Tambe Helen Mpeh, a Cameroonian student, first entered the



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U.S. in 2016, joining UWG during the spring semester that year.

"It was my first time leaving my family and country, and I was coming for a new study experience," said Mpeh. "When I got here, I was struggling to settle into my new environment, academic system and still experiencing cultural shock."

Within three weeks of her arrival, tragedy struck when Mpeh received word that her mother had passed away. Besides causing her a lot of emotional distress, the situ-

ation left Mpeh in a financial state of emergency.

"It more than just broke me because aside from being my main sponsor, my mother was my pillar, confidant and best friend," said Mpeh. "Coupled with all these, her accounts were frozen, and I couldn't pay my fees or have any other form of funding especially since I came as an international student and have limited chances of raising money through loans or credit cards."

Fortunately, the emergency

fund proved to be of great help to Mpeh, and she's grateful to ISAP for all the help she received.

"The emergency fund helped me get my basic needs like food and toiletries for a month, and I am incredibly grateful for their intervention," said Mpeh. "I was given hope that someone out there cared about what was going on with me. It made me feel like I hadn't made the wrong decision to have come here, that I could get through the toughest time of my life."

Off Campus Student Apartment Safety

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The total amount of police reports for each off campus student apartment has raised a red flag to incoming residents. Only a handful of off campus student apartments, including The Orchard at West Georgia, The Brumbelow at West Georgia and Haven West have had only minor incidents, or no incidents at all. When deciding which apartment complex is safest, the facts are what come first. According to Carrollton crime log, there have been 63 crimes at off campus apartments reported to the UWG police this past year.

The Brumbelow is a newly renovated complex that was recently taken under new management. Before, when this complex was called Rivers Edge, there were many reports to the UWG police including robbery, theft, assault and even shootings.

The new manager of The Brumbelow, Britt James states, "We strive to make this complex safe and ensure that only students are living

at the complex. We hope with our security cameras and a police presence on-site that it will deter people from coming into our apartment complex to start trouble."

Within the last year, Haven West has become a much safer environment for students. The crime reports to UWG police have dropped to only one since last October.

"Before this past year it was almost like the police were always being called for either robbery, gun fire or simple assault all the time," said Haven West resident, John Love. "Now I never hear or see of anything bad happening in Haven."

Haven West is known to have police stationed by the front gate or next to the guest call box more often than not. This could be the cause of the low crime rate within this past year. Both Haven West and The Brumbelow have a courtesy officer that lives on site who at night walks around and checks the complex for anything suspicious before calling it a night.

Justin Croft, manager of Haven West said, "To manage the safety of each new resident, our locks are electronic and after each lease ends

the keys are reprogrammed or disabled."

The Orchard at West Georgia is a town home neighborhood for students only. There have never been any reports from the Orchard to UWG police. There have been three reports for small incidents occurring within The Orchard since the opening.

The Orchard manager, Hali Young states, "We have had a small domestic dispute, one roommate dispute, and one record of property being stolen. We have an officer that rides through to patrol every week."

The Orchard does not have a courtesy officer living within the neighborhood. There is a patrol cop that most residents are familiar with. If there are ever any problems, residents know to call him for any assistance needed within the neighborhood.

For incoming students looking for off campus living, knowing the crime rate and courtesy officer if any can become crucial when choosing a complex to live in for a year or more. Feeling safe and also knowing you are safe is the number one priority for all student residents.

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Living West

UWG Holds Women's Self Defense Classes

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The University of West Georgia is offering women's self defense classes as part of the Rape Aggression Defense. The five-week self defense classes will focus on what is needed in order to keep women safe on campus and everywhere they go.

"The thing I hope to teach the students is self-confidence in themselves," said Lt. J. Michael Keener, Patrol Division and Evening Watch Commander for the UWG Police. "The techniques taught in the class are effective but you have to be confident in yourself to successfully implement them."

The fall session began on Wednesday, Aug. 30, and will continue on until Wednesday, Sept. 27.

"We currently offer one course per semester, but additional classes are offered on request to groups who are interested," said Lt. Keener. "We have taught courses for sororities, faculty, staff, and community groups."

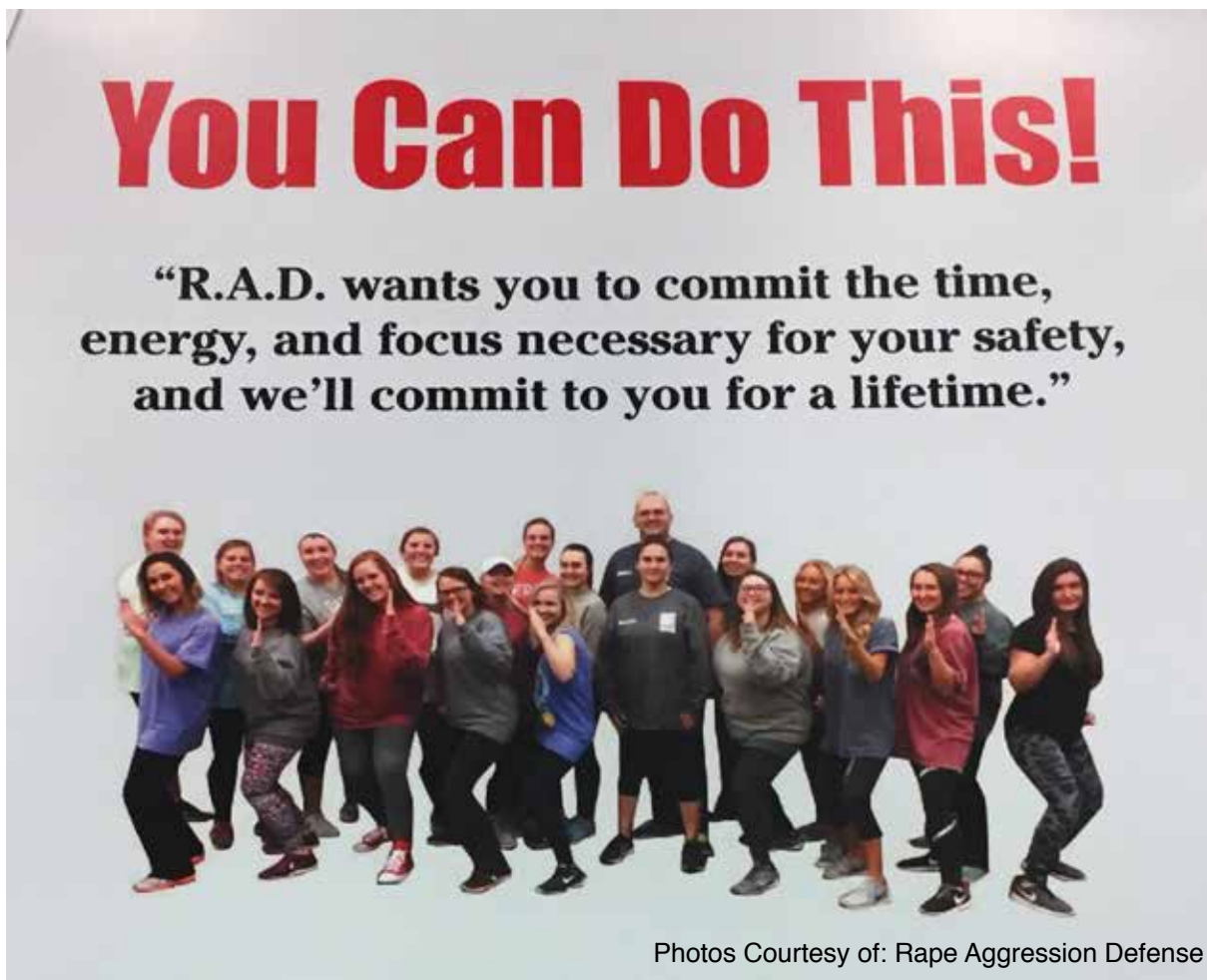
The history of this self-defense class dates all the way back to 1980, then making its first appearance at UWG in 2003.

"This class was originally designed by a University of Virginia police officer in the 1980s," said Lt. Keener. "He determined that the type of techniques taught to women were ineffective and sought to alter the philosophy behind women's self-defense."

Lt. Keener notes that the Virginia officer used different methods in order to effectively teach women self-defense.

"The University Police saw the need for a comprehensive and effective self-defense course for women in our community," said Lt. Keener. "By that time, R.A.D. was the largest and most successful program and was an obvious choice."

Self defense is typically defined as being able to defend oneself from threats, but it means something even more to Lt. Keener.



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"Every life is sacred and you have a duty to protect yourself," said Lt. Keener. "This philosophy [self-protection] encourages someone to pursue self-defense as a lifestyle."

Lt. Keener also encourages women to use the tools they are taught in order to protect themselves as well as others.

"They should seek self-improvement with the goal of being capable of protecting themselves and their loved ones from threats," said Lt. Keener. "Georgia Law says anyone has the legal authority to protect themselves and others from harm but must use objectively reasonable means to do so."

There are many helpful tools taught in

the women's self defense classes; however there is one specific word of advice Lt. Keener has for students.

"The most important 'move' taught in the class is to be aware of your surroundings at all times," said Lt. Keener. "We believe that all women have this right (to protection), and we hope to give them the tools necessary to be safe."

The fall self defense classes are coming to a close; however, they will be offered again next semester, or by request.

"Self defense is every person's right and responsibility," said Lt. Keener. "The techniques and information you learn attending the course may save your life."

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News

The Wolf Who Cried 'HURRICANE'



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The Category 5 hurricane that destroyed islands in the Atlantic Ocean and majority of Florida, Hurricane Irma, also grazed UWG's campus, which led to the entire university closing for two days. Students, faculty members and citizens of Carrollton, in a Tropical Storm Warning, prepared for destruction as this record storm only affected some leaves and branches.

After a declared State of Emergency, residents of Florida and South Georgia panicked and evacuated north as the tropical system moved up its coast. The roads in and around Atlanta were bumper to bumper traffic and every grocery store around was completely cleared out of bottled water, milk and bread.

Irma was the most powerful storm ever recorded in the Atlantic, but it weakened as it moved north towards Georgia. Despite Irma's weakened state, it caused millions of Georgians to be without electricity for days.

UWG closed campus Sept. 11-12 for safety purposes as the West Georgia area was in a Tropical Storm Warning.

"It was big decision for Dr. Marerro to close the University since it has an impact to our strategic imperatives, academic and student success. But it gave the University the opportunity to recover, and gave our traveling students the time to return to campus," said Risk Management Director, Matt Jordan. "During Irma, Risk Management was embedded with Facilities in identifying and mitigating occupational safety concerns (such as tree removal) and defining and strengthening communications within Facilities and between Facilities and Command."

The storms created rain and strong winds over UWG but luckily nothing too serious. Only a few large trees were knocked down by the storm around Carrollton. Unlike the tornado that hit the campus last spring which caused enormous damage, the Wolves' campus was fortunate to have only small debris to clean up.

"Before the storm hit, I informed my students that we may not meet and I moved everything to Course Den," said UWG professor Sonya Barnes. "I just did like most people and went to the store and got my bread and my milk, the usual things. I made sure my family was okay and well prepared. I was actually at home when the storm hit and that worried me because I live underneath a bunch of pine trees that were doing the tango during the storm but they stayed up there thankfully."

Students prepared for major damage from Hurricane Irma, only to relax with two full days off from

school and assignments pushed to later dates. 'Irma parties' were popular when students realized the storms were not as strong as anticipated. Fortunate enough to not be affected like Florida, UWG and Carroll County resumed school on Wednesday.

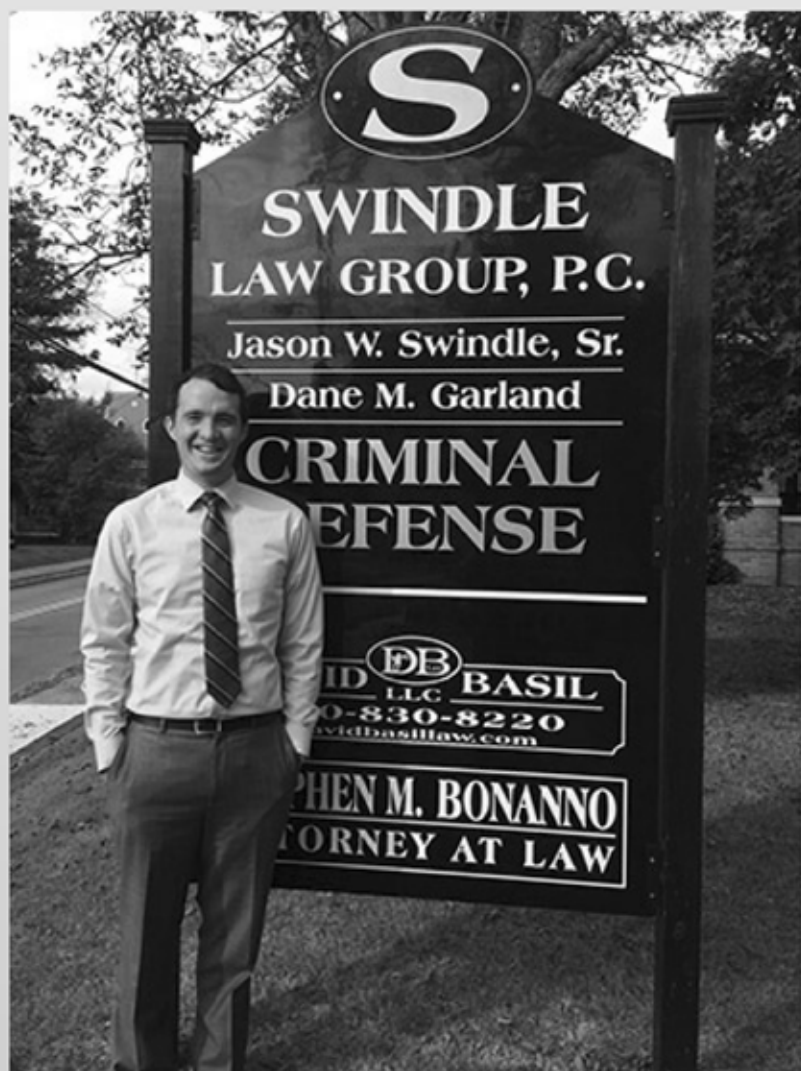
"I find it funny that every time we get school closed for weather purposes nothing happens, but the time we get hit hard by a tornado last year I still had to go to class," said UWG senior Logan Carr.

Carrollton was spared from Irma's path but unfortunately unlike others who were greatly impacted by this intense hurricane season. The islands of the Atlantic, Florida and Georgia are recovering from Hurricane Irma. Other storms such as Hurricane Maria are currently devastating more in the Atlantic Ocean. We can only hope that this hurricane brigade is almost over but it seems that more storms keep surfacing.



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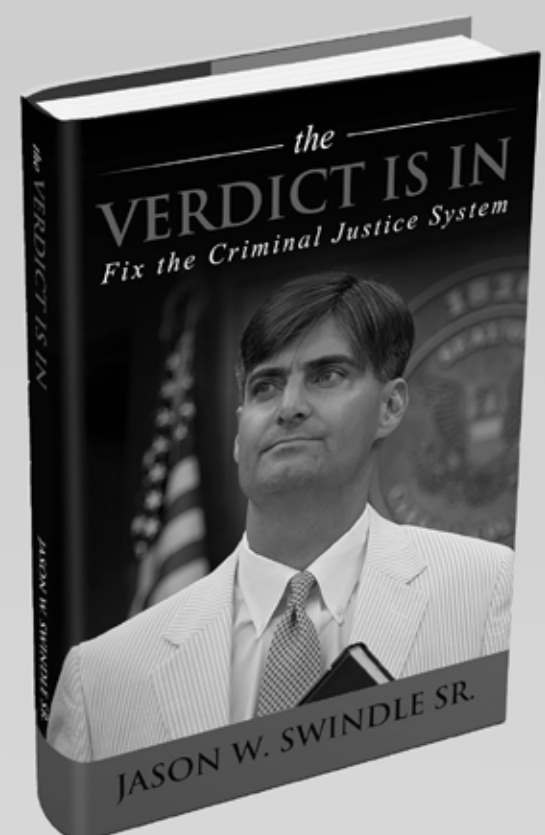
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Taste of Carrollton has come and gone leaving behind another year of fun filled memories. Taste of Carrollton (TOC) is a family filled environment that has brought Carrollton together for years. This event is held each year in September. This year, Taste of Carrollton was held Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the square. This event allowed any and everyone to try a taste of Carrollton's restaurants for as little as a dollar apiece at each food stand.

2017 marked the 26th annual Taste of Carrollton Event. What makes this event such a suc-

cess each year is the low cost, the opportunity for the community to try new and delicious foods, while also meeting local family friends.

"Our community supports this event every year with a great turnout," said Aundi Lesley, manager of Carrollton Main Street. "It's a family-friendly atmosphere and fun for everyone. Taste of Carrollton brings two of our favorite things together: community and food. The attendance for TOC continues to grow each year, 2017 was no exception."

For restaurants involved, TOC means growing and expanding their customer base within the community. The exposure to new, and maybe even old recipes can become popular dishes throughout the community allowing people to become regulars at these restau-

rants.

Manager of Longhorn Steakhouse, Lauren Griner said, "To prepare for TOC, we bring out our best cooks and most of our managers to allow not only the Carrollton community to taste our food, but also to speak with all of us and ask any questions they may have about our business."

After this event has happened, there are awards given out to the winning restaurants. There are only three awards so for each restaurant that won something, this meant only outstanding feedback from the Carrollton community for these specific restaurants.

"Our participants had the opportunity to win Best Restaurant Around Town, Best Restaurant on the Square and Restaurant of

the Year. These awards are very competitive – you can go into many restaurants around town today and see their plaques proudly displayed from TOC's of the past," said Lesley.

To determine the winners of these awards, the tickets are counted from each individual restaurant's stand and also the judge's opinion for each restaurant becomes crucial. The winners will be posted two weeks after TOC on Sept. 28 on the Carrollton Main Street official website, carrolltonmainstreet.com.

The city of Carrollton is full of incredible restaurants that so many locals have never tried or even heard about. At TOC, new restaurants have the ability each year to rise from the bottom and become Carrollton's favorite and most popular dinner or lunch spot.



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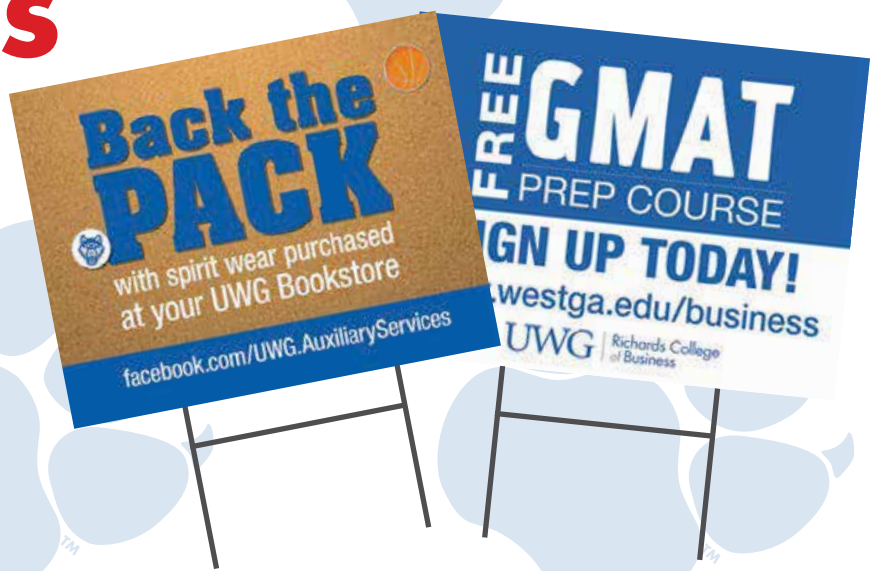
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