



400 donated coats ready for those in need

They are available at The Salvation Army's East First Avenue location.

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Resaca teen dies in wreck

A second teen is being treated at Erlanger after the Calhoun wreck.

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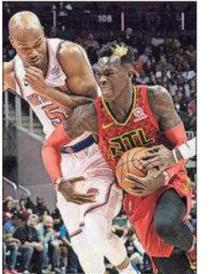
Reports show 200 more jobs than the month before.

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Schroder scores 26 as Hawks beat Knicks

Atlanta snaps a three-game losing streak with a 116-104 victory.

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Woman: 'I got stabbed, call 911'

● According to Rome police, a man became angry after the woman refused to return money he paid to have sex with her.

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A Rome woman was punched in the mouth and stabbed in the chest by an Alabama man on Nixon Avenue early

Friday morning after she refused to refund the money he'd given her for sex, reports stated.

According to a Rome police report filed Friday, while the woman was walking down Hardy Avenue following a visit with her brother, a silver Dodge Durango pulled up next to her. Of the two men inside, she said she only knew the passenger, who asked her where they could get drugs. She got in the car and directed the men to a Wilson Avenue home, but this stop wasn't for drugs. Rather, it was where she was paid to

have sex with the driver, who she said was the brother of the passenger.

Once all three were back in the Durango they headed out to buy drugs. They were on Nixon Avenue when the driver complained about the sex he just had, and told the woman to give him his money back.

When she refused, the report continues, he stopped the car and got out, opened her door, punched her in the mouth and stabbed her in her chest.

She got out of the truck before the two men, both said to live in Alabama, drove

off. After being stabbed, she was able to make it to the front steps of a Nixon Avenue home around 1:37 a.m. to bang on the door and rouse the homeowner from bed, telling him, "I got stabbed, call 911."

Police found a blood trail running from the driveway of 214 Nixon Ave., where the woman pleaded for help, to across the street. The homeowner said he found the woman sprawled out across his front steps and called 911.

She was treated and released from Floyd Medical Center on Friday, according to hospital spokesman Dan Bevels.

Mini storage vote set for Monday

● The Rome City Commission also is scheduled to unveil the proposed budgets for 2018.

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A special-use permit application for a mini-warehouse building on Dean Avenue is scheduled to go before the Rome City Commission on Monday night.

Thomas Shea wants to gut Dean Street Plaza, next to the Pick O' Deli cafeteria, and fill it with about 200 climate-controlled units.

Sizes would range from 5 feet by 5 feet up to 10 feet by 20 feet, according to a plat submitted to the Rome-Floyd County Planning Department.

Commissioners will hold public hearings before ruling on Shea's request and a proposed change to the Unified Land Development Code. The amendment would allow developers to use a vegetative strip instead of curb-and-gutter to direct rainwater runoff in subdivisions.

City Engineer Aaron Carroll has said there's been no local interest in the design yet. However, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has asked for the option to promote low-impact, environmentally friendly infrastructure.

The commission is slated to caucus at 5 p.m. Monday and start its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 601 Broad St. Both sessions are public.

Commissioner Bill Collins is expected to give a presentation during caucus on the National League of Cities' annual conference held last week in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nearly 4,000 city officials from around the country attended the four-day event, which featured workshops on topics ranging from economic development and climate change to transportation and leadership development.

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First Methodist interested in First Christian property



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First Christian Church, 209 E. Second Ave., has been on the market since late this summer. The church, which is made of marble and was built in 1912, is being listed at a price of \$600,000.

Historic church for sale

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Rome's First Christian Church on Second Avenue is hoping to get a concrete offer for its sanctuary and property before Christmas. The church has been on the market since late summer when the leadership and congregation decided it was becoming too expensive to maintain the 105-year-old church building.

"In a building of this age and this size there's always something," said Jane Slickman, interim board chairwoman.

She said the church's board of directors has been talking with a number of potential buyers, including one other church, Rome First United Methodist. The Rev. Scott Brown at FUMC said a congregational meeting has been called for Dec. 3 to allow the congregation to vote on whether or not it will make an offer for the First Christian property.

Brown said one idea for use of the First Christian building at 209 E. Second Ave. is for the development of a Serve Rome Center. "There have been many conversations about having a consolidation of service — or nonprofit — ministries in Rome," Brown said.

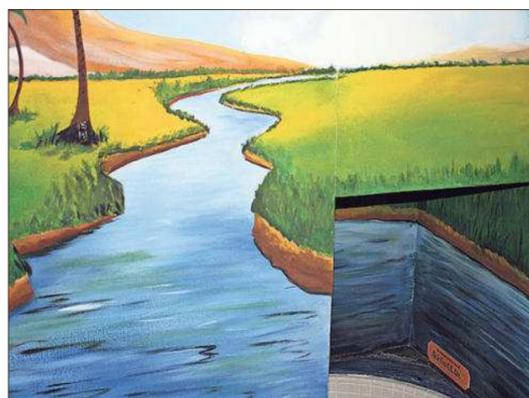
"We have the Hospitality House, Good Neighbor/Action Ministries and Murphy-Harpst occupying two of the properties we own. We're hoping to consolidate many others of the nonprofit sector, whether they're church or religious related or not."



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Jane Slickman, interim board chairwoman at First Christian Church, checks out notes on a music stand in the sanctuary of the church on Second

Avenue. The church property is for sale, and the congregation, which has dwindled over the years, is looking for other locations for their services.



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At least one other downtown church has expressed interest in buying First Christian Church, which has this mural of the Jordan River inside its baptistry.

He said the First Christian property could provide a space for that, but was certainly not the only space.

First Christian was organized in 1896 with 12 members. The building on Second Avenue was constructed in 1912 with

marble donated by Col. Sam Tate, president of Georgia Marble Co. Several train cars full of marble remnants were shipped to Rome.

"The stonemason put the scrap together so that it worked for the building, which is a great anal-

ogy for the kind of work that God does in our lives," Slickman said.

The exterior walls are 18 inches thick, and the downstairs was at one time certified as a fall-out shelter.

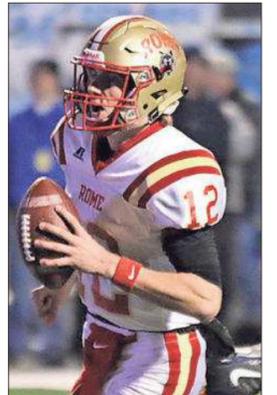
"It's a pretty sturdy old place," Slickman said.

The congregation, which has dwindled to about 20 or less on any given Sunday, does continue to meet each week. Guest ministers, even members of the congregation, lead the worship services.

"We're working on a plan to continue the congregation in some way here in town. We're working with our regional minister, who comes up every month or so from Macon," Slickman said. The last pastor, Craig McDonald, moved on to other opportunities at the end of the summer.

The church is being listed for \$600,000.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STATE PLAYOFFS



Jeremy Stewart / RN-T

Rome's Knox Kadum runs toward the end zone for a touchdown at Starr's Mill on Friday in the Class 5A state quarterfinals.

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TODAY'S YOUNG ARTIST



Today's artwork is by Madi Smith, a fifth-grader at Model Elementary School.

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