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## Future of recycling center still unclear

◆ Despite city officials saying the public has incorrect information, questions have yet to be clearly answered about the future of Calhoun Recycling Center.

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This week, city officials attempted to correct the public's "misinformation" about a proposed move of the Calhoun Recycling Center from its current space, yet numerous questions remain concerning the future of its operations and where it will be based.

Over the past few years, Calhoun City Schools has shared its warehouses off Pine Street with the city's recycling center, and over time, the school district has needed more of the warehouse space to store furnishings, equipment and construction materials, according to Superintendent Michele Taylor.

When the recycling center moved into the warehouse, they were able to use most of the building's space. Yet currently, the center only occupies about 12 percent of the facility, according to City Recycling Coordinator Judy Peterson, which they use to gather and bale cardboard — the center's main source of revenue.

The school district reached out to Assistant City Administrator Paul Worley on Nov. 8 to ask what the long plan range was for the recycling center, as CCS wanted the remainder of the warehouse space for storage, operations and filing records, Taylor said in an email. The district's administration said they wanted the space by April/May, and after a requested extension from the city, a June 1 date was given, according to Taylor.

"We're not forcing anybody out by June 1," Taylor said. "June 1 was the date they were aware that we would be moving additional items into the warehouse. That's some misinformation that's out there."

According to Taylor, at the beginning of the year, CCS Facilities and Operations Director Tom Griffith

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Above: A Gordon County Sheriff's Office deputy surveys the crash site of a small airplane near Spencer Drive south of Calhoun. The crash resulted in the death of a single occupant of the plane. Below: A wheel from the airplane lies in the field near Spencer Drive. / Frank Crowe

## Cause of fatal plane crash unknown

◆ A NTSB spokesman says a preliminary report on the crash in Gordon County on Saturday will be released sometime next week.

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A preliminary report on the fatal crash of a small airplane in Gordon County is expected to be released sometime early next week, according to Keith Holloway, a media relations member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Holloway said an NTSB investigator was on the scene of the crash, in a field near a residential neighborhood on Spencer Drive, on Saturday, examining the site and documenting the aircraft. The plane is being moved to a secure facility for further examination by the NTSB investigator, he added.



The report will not state a cause of the crash, rather it will just give factual information documented by the investigator, Holloway continued. It will look at the pilot's flight record, medical history and flight certification, he added.

According to Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen, an Innovator experimental plane, being flown by 63-year-old Richard Hogan, of Dawsonville, crashed

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## World-traveling singer McEuen visits Calhoun

◆ Founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band comes to Gordon County; says he is looking forward to coming to Calhoun.

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John McEuen started off as a teenager working a part-time job. Now, he has traveled the world, touring and performing his songs for thousands of his fans, and he's coming to perform in Calhoun this week.

McEuen, who started off his performance career as a high school student working at Disneyland's Magic

Shop, said he discovered at a young age that he loved being making people laugh, and through his brief career as a magician, doing tricks and performing, he knew that he wanted to make a life out of being on stage.

Later, after discovering influential bands and attending a few bluegrass concerts, he decided not only to pursue show business in general, but to specialize in playing music.

"I intended for my music to take me as far as it has, I just wasn't sure it would," McEuen said. "I intended to be in show business and travel and play and see as many parts of the world as I could while doing it."

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John McEuen, founder of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, is coming to perform in Calhoun on Friday night.

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### Young Artists



This artwork is from Sonorville High School junior Jacquelyn Perez.



This artwork is from Sonorville High School junior Kaitlyn Turner.

The Calhoun Times is looking to feature student artwork in our Young Artists section. Pictures of artwork can be emailed to Managing Editor Spencer Lahr at SLahr@CalhounTimes.com. Please keep photos in their original format and do not alter them. Also, be sure to include the name of the student, their grade and the school they attend.

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