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SO DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE; IT WILL BE RICHLY REWARDED. YOU NEED TO PERSEVERE SO THAT WHEN YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHAT HE HAS PROMISED.

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Mayor Walker gets to work

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Having won the September special mayoral election, Randall Walker is now officially the mayor of Perry. City Attorney Brooke Newby swore in the new mayor Monday afternoon. Elected officials, city staff and Perry residents gathered at City Hall and watched as the former councilman stepped into his new position.

Walker says he's thrilled about his new role, and thanked the voters for allowing him to once again serve his community. "I'm excited that the citizens of Perry allowed me to continue my public service as mayor of this wonderful town. We've got a lot great things going on here and we want to make sure that they continue," said Walker.

The first item on mayor Walker's agenda is creating a communication plan for the city. He says that plan would

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Randall Walker was officially sworn in as the mayor of Perry late Monday afternoon.



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WRPD arrest accomplices in robbery

Staff Reports

Warner Robins Police Detective Karmen Thompson identified two accomplices in a robbery by sudden snatching case from earlier this year.

Thursday, Apr. 4, at 12:15 p.m., Warner Robins Police Department officers met with an 85-year-old female

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H.A.L.O.'s Fire Truck Pull deemed successful

By KRISTIN MORIARTY

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The inaugural middle Georgia Fire Truck Pull fundraiser was held over the weekend and deemed a success. The proceeds went to the event's host, the H.A.L.O. Group of middle Georgia.

H.A.L.O. Group co-founder Angela Cuti said the group was grateful to all teams who participated, and to the community for coming out and supporting the event.

"We are still in the process of tallying the final amount raised for the event, but it was such a success," Cuti said. "We had 12 business sponsor teams participate, as well as 20 vendors on site

and a fully loaded kids zone with games, face paint and bounce houses. It was such an awesome day of seeing the community come together to have a great time while also supporting our (H.A.L.O. Group) mission."

H.A.L.O. stands for Helping Achieve Life Outcomes by having agape love for others. The group was established in 2018 and is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Its mission and vision is providing vocational and life skills training, employment and quality of life opportunities to adults with intellectual disabilities and autism; this provides continued opportunities to participate in the sharing of their abilities,

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There were 12 teams that participated in the Middle Georgia Fire Truck Pull event in Perry Saturday. The event benefitted the H.A.L.O. Group.

'Put the guns down'

Local nonprofit organization hosts anti-gun violence rally

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Community members of Warner Robins came together Saturday and took a stand against gun violence.

Brittany Wynn, CEO of nonprofit Black Girl Empowerment, hosted an anti gun violence rally Saturday at Fountain Park. Having seen one too many lives lost to gun violence, Wynn says she was inspired to host the rally

"Whether it's a child who got shot accidentally, to a husband getting shot in the street, it all has to stop," Wynn said. "It's happening more and more every day and it's not just one particular person or race, it's everybody. I wanted to do something in our community to start a conversation about something that's getting out of hand."

Wynn has a bachelor's of science degree in human services and is

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Brittany Wynn (holding microphone), CEO of nonprofit Black Girl Empowerment, held an anti gun violence rally Saturday.

RAFB awards \$400,000 bid at first ever "Pitch Day"



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John Brooks (sixth from left), CEO of Mass Virtual, was awarded a contract for over \$400,000 Friday.

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Robins Air Force Base awarded a \$400,000 contract at its first ever "Pitch Day" Friday. According to a press release from the RAFB Office of Public Affairs, vendors competed for a government contract with the JSTARS 116th and 461st Air Control Wing. The contract entails the procurement of virtual reality technology for the purpose of aircraft maintenance training. The "Pitch Day" was held Friday, at the Advanced Technology and Training Center in Warner Robins.

After competitors gave their individual pitches, the contract was awarded to Mass Virtual, a virtual reality, augmented reality and mixed reality company based in Orlando, Florida.

John Brooks, CEO of Mass Virtual, signed a contract with Robins for \$403,570.71 Friday afternoon. According to Elizabeth Midkiff, contracting officer at Robins, Mass Virtual received a portion of the contracted payment as well.

Midkiff says Mass Virtual will provide VR headsets and scan/digitize aircrafts so they can be incorporated into maintenance training.

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