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Weather: Showers, mainly before 4 p.m. High near 57. **B3**

Woman, 29, found dead near Bridgepoint Plaza

Rome police report there's no evidence of foul play

Staff reports

No foul play is suspected in the death of a woman found near Bridgepoint Plaza off Broad Street Tuesday morning. According to the Rome Police Department, at around 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, Rome Police Department officers and Rome-Floyd Fire/EMS personnel responded to a call regarding an

unresponsive female located behind a business at the end of Broad Street. First responders located a 29-year-old woman at the scene. Emergency medical personnel initiated aid, however the individual was later pronounced dead on scene. Preliminary investigation indicates the woman had recently walked to the location where she was found.

A release from the Rome Police Department said that as of Tuesday afternoon, there was no evidence of foul play, and the death does not appear suspicious. The investigation is ongoing, and the Coroner's Office has taken the body to the GBI Crime Lab. The identity of the deceased woman is being withheld pending notification of family, and RPD has said it will release further information as it becomes available.



Adam Carey

Police tape blocks the area of Bridgepoint Plaza where the body of a 29-year-old woman was found Tuesday morning. According to police, no foul play is suspected.

Recognizing (and walking) a local treasure

11th annual Robert Weed Marshall Forest Memorial Walk a success

By Emily Bradshaw
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The rain held off while more than 50 hikers tied up their walking shoes and joined in on the 11th annual Robert Weed Marshall Forest Memorial Walk. The weekend walk took them through the 300-acre Nature Conservancy preserve off Horseleg Creek Road, learning more about the old-growth forest and keeping a local man's memory alive.

This event is held each year in memory of Robert Weed, whose dedication to the historic woods left behind a legacy that many community members continue fanning the flame for to this day. "Robert Weed was a cousin of Mac Marshall and, for decades, he was the liaison between Rome and The Nature Conservancy in Atlanta and even with local women," said Mimi Weed, Friends of the Forest board member and husband of Robert Weed. "There were a lot of women



Above: More than 50 area residents gathered Sunday for the 11th annual Robert Weed Marshall Forest Memorial Walk, which was led by Owen Kinney, science department head at Darlington School. Left: The group examines a Joro spider found during the walk.

Photos by Doug Walker, Special

through different garden club associations that were very involved with Marshall Forest, and he was the go-to guy to get things done. So, after his passing, we created this walk." Friends of the Forest board members Weed and Mary Hardin Thornton, along with The Nature Conservancy's Upper

Coosa River Program Director Katie Owens, began the event with a program before Teresa Dulaney, Robert Weed's mother-in-law, led a prayer. Then, everyone laced up their shoes for a peaceful walk through the forest guided by Darlington School's Science Department Head Owen Kinney. While the annual event served as a way to remember Weed, it also provided the opportunity for local residents to connect with the nature around them. "We had a wonderful Sunday afternoon," Mimi Weed said. "We learned, took in nature and walked away feeling relaxed and grateful to have this treasure in our backyard, the only old growth forest in city limits in the United States."

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Several family members of Robert Weed and Mac Marshall gather at the walk in memory of their loved ones.

City Commission tables 'heartfelt' zoning case

◆ Officials are exploring other paths for the couple trying to regain their son.

By Mo Burge
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The Rome City Commission tabled a vote on a zoning application that pits the Unified Land Development Code against a local couple struggling with a real estate transaction that threatens their ability to regain custody of their son. "It's a sad situation," said Commissioner Jamie Doss, at a commission meeting Monday.

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Mo Burge

"We don't want y'all to walk out of here thinking that we don't care."

Rome City Commissioner
Elaina Beaman

Left: Community residents fill the room at Monday's Rome City Commission meeting.

Atrium FMC creates a Nurse Honor Guard

From Atrium Health Floyd

In a light-filled solarium on the sixth floor of Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center, nurses Amy Burgess and Jamie McKnight struggled with a cherished relic from their past. Their hands fumbled above nurse Katie Wingate's head in an attempt to secure a stiff, perfectly molded, white nurse's cap. They joked that a seasoned nurse would have managed it effortlessly. "I think we may need to plan to start 30 minutes earlier, next time," said nurse Donna Sentell.

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Atrium Health Floyd

Jamie McKnight, Katie Wingate and Amy Burgess put on traditional white nurse's uniforms along with caps as members of the area's first Nurse Honor Guard. Their ceremonies involve a triangle percussive instrument, a candle lamp and a white rose.



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