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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA NEWNAN

The official ground breaking ceremony for the University of West Georgia is planned for Monday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. at 80 Jackson Street. The public is invited to join the City of Newnan in this celebratory event. Mayor Keith Brady, members of City Council and members of University of West Georgia will break ground.

The Newnan Hospital Redevelopment Project, a partnership between the City of Newnan, Newnan Hospital, Coweta County, The University of West Georgia and the University System of Georgia/Board of Regents, involves the acquisition and redevelopment of the historic Newnan Hospital on Jackson Street for use by the University of West Georgia to expand and enhance their curriculum offerings. The project will result in 51K SF of instructional space as well as 31K SF of warm shell space and a construction of new 120 person lecture hall.

It is anticipated that the Newnan Hospital Redevelopment Project will produce an immediate one-time economic impact of \$21M during the construction phase, including the creation of 176 jobs. Over the long term, the project is anticipated to generate between \$1.4M and \$3.4M in annual economic activity within the community (operational and student expenditures). * *figures provided by the University of West Georgia's Center for Business & Economic Research*

Outside of the direct economic impact, the Newnan Hospital Redevelopment Project is a catalytic project that will undoubtedly improve the overall business climate of the downtown district. Retail, restaurant, service and professional as well as financial institutions and all other providers of goods and services within the local trade area will benefit from the project.

In addition, the project will provide individuals with the opportunity to obtain a university education here in Newnan. Providing our current and

future businesses with a well-trained workforce is of paramount importance and this project simply adds to our current compliment of post-secondary educational opportunities.

“Newnan must remain a globally competitive community, connected to the modern economy, with access to economically sustainable opportunities and the advancement and availability of a university education supports that goal.”

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