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US HOUSE 9TH DISTRICT

## Democrat takes on long odds in bid

Cooley faces better-funded, more experienced GOP foe Collins in Nov. 6 vote

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Jody Cooley is a little nervous. He admits as much Friday as his wife, Lora, rushes around a pavilion in Gainesville's Longwood Park, tying balloons, adjusting a microphone, positioning signs — putting the final touches on what will, in minutes, be the official start to a challenge Democrats in Northeast Georgia have not mounted

since 2008. Cooley is running for Congress. Days after a contentious runoff election for the Republican nomination, the choice for Northeast Georgians in the 20-county 9th District U.S. House seat is now between Cooley, a Democrat, and Republican Doug Collins. Both men are attorneys from Gainesville.



Collins



Cooley

But Collins is well-funded, has political experience and represents a party that has dominated the

district in recent elections. He also has been campaigning throughout the region for nearly a year. Already, more than 39,000 of the district's voters have showed their support for Collins in the party primary, and he has the support of Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, who many in Northeast Georgia voted to re-elect

every two years for nearly two decades from largely the same House district. And Cooley, sitting on a bench in Longwood Park minutes before he gives the first speech of his campaign, is "pretty nervous." He's never done this before. And he seems to understand that he's expected to lose in November. "I don't think anybody's going

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## Insurance agreement is reached

N. Ga. health system, provider end impasse with new contract

From staff reports

After months of negotiations stalled last week, Northeast Georgia Health System and insurance provider UnitedHealthcare have reached a multiyear agreement, the two organizations announced Saturday. As of Wednesday, United policyholders were considered out-of-network for all of the health system's facilities, including Northeast Georgia Medical Center. The impasse left thousands in the area concerned about their ability to get affordable local medical care. The new contract is retroactive to Wednesday to cover all medical expenses within the network. The organizations had been in negotiations for more than eight months. "We've worked diligently to finalize the details of a new agreement that is mutually beneficial for all involved, most importantly our patients, and improves the overall health of the community we serve," Sean Couch, public relations manager at

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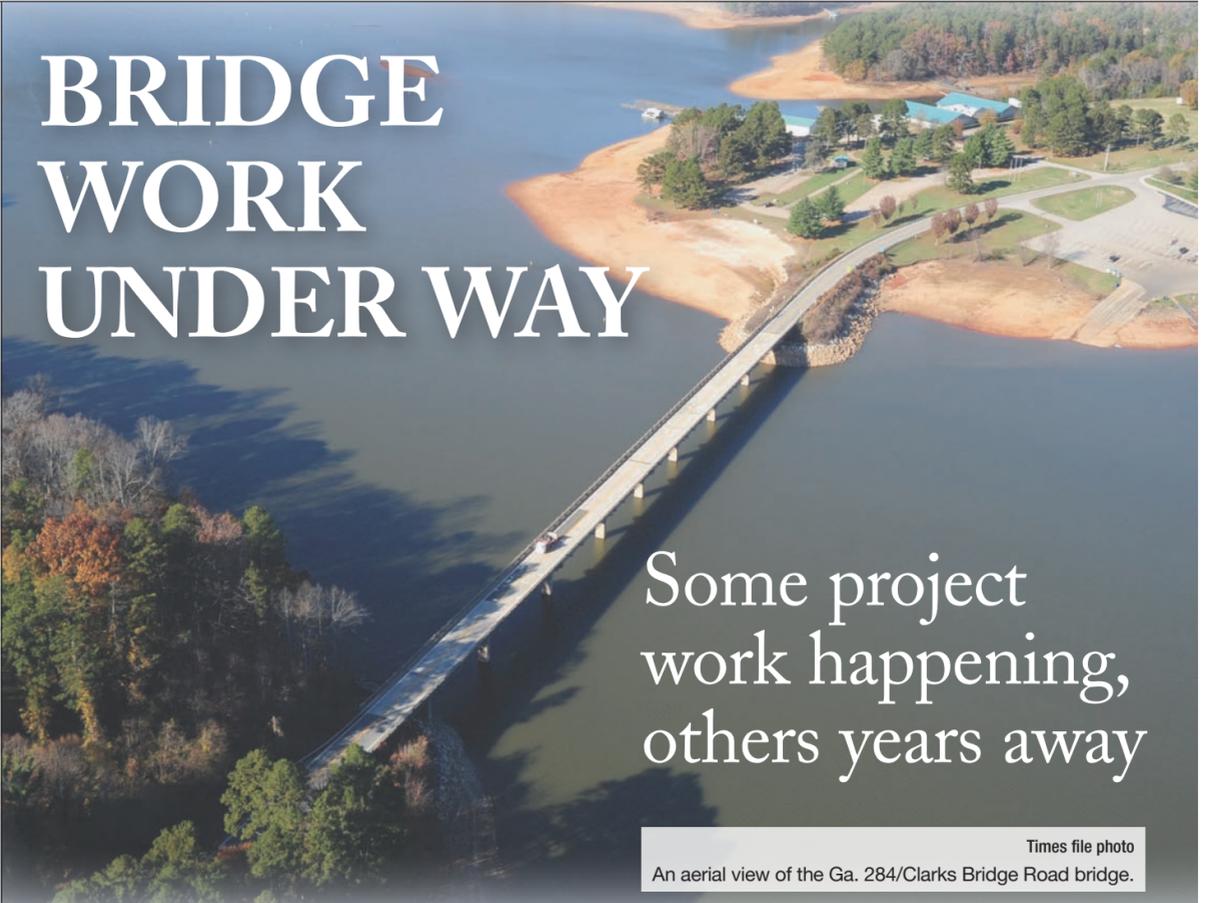
## Missing teen found dead

From staff and wire reports

Law enforcement officials continue to search for clues in the death of a teenage girl found dead Friday night on the shoreline of Lake Lanier. The Hall County Sheriff's Office confirmed Saturday that the body found near the shoreline of Lake Lanier on Friday night was that of Gainesville High student Hannah Truelove, 16, who had been missing since Thursday. The Sheriff's Office took over the case when it was determined her body was found outside of the Gainesville city limits, Sgt. Stephen Wilbanks said. The body was found Friday evening by a man walking on a trail in a wooded area

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## BRIDGE WORK UNDER WAY



Some project work happening, others years away

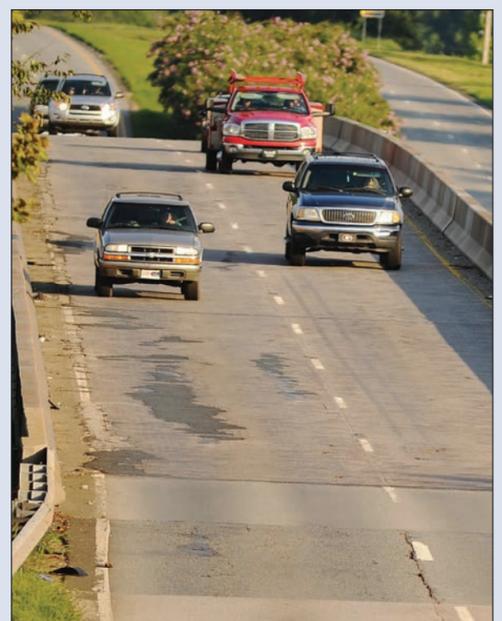
Times file photo  
 An aerial view of the Ga. 284/Clarks Bridge Road bridge.

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While most of area bridge work is still years away, the Georgia Department of Transportation is making some headway on a few key projects that could start within the next year. One of the biggest projects on the horizon is the replacement of Ga. 284/Clarks Bridge Road bridge over Lake Lanier, near Clarks Bridge Park and the Olympic rowing and canoe and kayak venue. The DOT is "working to get environmental studies updated" for the Federal Highway Administration and with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on permitting, said Teri Pope, a spokeswoman based in the DOT's District 1, which includes Hall County. The project has a tentative December bid letting, with work possibly starting in the spring, Pope has said. Right-of-way acquisition is finished.

"The lake is a very sensitive area and we are being extremely diligent and careful to ensure we protect (it) before, during and after this project," she said. The work features a 63-foot pedestrian tunnel connecting Clarks Bridge Park and the boat-house shared by the Lake Lanier Rowing Club and Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club to the venue and boat ramps. Overall, the new bridge will be 952 feet long, nearly 50 feet wide and have five columns in Lake Lanier. Bike lanes and sidewalks will run along Ga. 284/Clarks Bridge Road for 2,781 feet, officials have said. The current bridge, built in 1958, is 834 feet long and nearly 24 feet wide. Its 2010 average daily traffic count was 6,130 vehicles, Pope said. Plans call for workers to "build the new bridge parallel to the existing structure, then shift traffic to the new bridge and demolish the old bridge," she said. The project is estimated to

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**TOM REED | The Times**  
 Traffic approaches sections of broken pavement on the Jerry Jackson Bridge on Dawsonville Highway.



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**WEATHER 2A**  
  
 High 85 Low 67  
 Lake Lanier level: 1,062.46 feet  
 Down 0.03 feet in 24 hours

**DEATHS 2B**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jerry Travis Allgood, 70   | Francis Raymond "Ray" McCarty Jr., 84 | Daniel Timothy Tatum, 15 |
| Fannie Lou Anderson, 89    | Janice Elizabeth Nelms, 66            | Mary "Willene" Tolbert   |
| David Kenneth Arroway, 74  | Courtney Alisha Phagan, 18            | Victor Joseph Turner, 54 |
| Lincoln Ryder Cole, infant | Myra Rynae Reed, 78                   | Gertrude Dayton          |
| Bruce Harrell, 58          | Loren Jerome Sadler, 12               | Worthington              |
| Mary Lois Helton, 80       | Vivian Ione Shearer, 95               |                          |
| Major Banks Lewallen, 81   |                                       |                          |

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