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MARIETTA — Delhaize America announced on Wednesday that it plans to close 113 underperforming Food Lion stores, including one in Marietta.

The Food Lion located at 2909 Austell Road, Suite 100, in Marietta will be shutting down.

In addition to the closures, Delhaize America will no longer operate the Food Lion banner in Florida, but will continue operations of its Sweetbay and Harveys banners in the state. The company is increasing its density of Food Lion stores in other states by converting Bloom and Bottom Dollar Food stores to Food Lion, specifically in Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia. After these actions are complete, Food Lion will operate in 10 states and have 1,127 stores.

“Food Lion is focused on repositioning our business for future growth,” said Cathy Green Burns, president of Food Lion. “By closing underperforming stores, we will continue to position Food Lion for success, especially in light of our brand strategy results ... We also determined the most successful markets for these investments are areas where we have strong store density or high market share. As we move forward with implementing our strategy this year, Food Lion will launch its next market this quarter and expects to be substantially complete by year-end.”

Six Flags to hire 2,400 for 2012

AUSTELL — Officials from Six Flags Over Georgia, based in Austell, said the amusement park is hiring 2,400 employees for the 2012 season, which begins March 17.

Positions are available in the following areas: food service, park services, toll booth attendants, merchandising, ride operations, games, loss prevention, ticket services, security officers, cash control, human resources and marketing research.

According to a news release sent out by the company, interested applicants must complete an online application at www.SixFlagsJobs.com. Applicants are encouraged to complete applications by Friday to be considered for an invitation-only hiring event that will take place in late January. All applicants must be 16 or older.

Selected candidates will be notified of an interview date and time via email. No walk-up interviews will be available.

* Attorney Justin O'Dell of Marietta law firm Cauthorn, Nohr & O'Dell was presented the Georgia Power "Citizen Wherever We Serve" Award by Pedro Cherry, Georgia Power's vice president of community and economic development, and Nicole Faulk, region manager for the metro west region of Georgia, during Monday's meeting of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Club.

Cherry said that in the past year, O'Dell led the effort on behalf of Reconnecting Families, Inc. and the Marietta Kiwanis Club to renovate and upgrade the children's care facilities at Mothers Making a Change.

* Micah Tepper, M.D., F.A.C.C., has joined WellStar Medical Group's cardiovascular medicine team. Tepper began seeing patients in late December at the Douglasville and Austell Cardiovascular Medicine offices, located at 1700 Hospital South Drive, Suite 409, in Austell and 6001 Professional Parkway, Suite 2080, in Douglasville. He is on staff at WellStar Cobb and Douglas hospitals, where he also serves on the Cardiac Performance Improvement Committees.

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