



## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### WIGGLE & TWIST FESTIVAL 2026

Planning has begun for the 2026 Wiggle & Twist Festival. Wrightsville/Johnson County Chamber of Commerce Director Judy Scott says that this year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17. The festival will include arts & crafts, food and drink vendors, entertainment for kids and adults, and the annual car show. This year's event will also feature a tractor and motorcycle show! Scott says they are still in the planning stages and if anyone would like to see a particular event added to please contact her. Volunteers are also needed to help with the event. For more information, contact Scott at (478) 864-7200, (478) 278-6191 or reach out by email to [Wrightsville-JohnsonCtyChamber@gmail.com](mailto:Wrightsville-JohnsonCtyChamber@gmail.com).

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous (Wrightsville Serenity Group) meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. (closed meeting) and every Saturday at 8 p.m. (open speaker meeting). For more information, call 864-9955 or 864-3438.

### SENIOR CENTER

Over 60? Looking for something to do during your day? Come check out the Johnson County Senior Center, 108 Hilton Holton Drive in Wrightsville, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. We have lots and lots of fun activities.

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## Booster cards, other sales prohibited unless through school

By DEIDRE LEDFORD  
Editor

A vote by the Johnson County Board of Education members during their meeting on July 21 had many community members in an uproar on social media that same evening. The vote, which was to no longer allow the sale of booster cards, sports passes or any other tickets unless it is through the school, effective immediately, passed with a 4-1 vote. BOE members Donald Smith, Jacob Waller, Sherrie Smith and Marty Thompson submitted votes in favor while Kevin Brantley submitted the only vote against the motion.

The board also held a first reading of Board Policy LEC: Booster Organizations. This policy states as follows:

"The Johnson County Board of Education encourages parent participation in all aspects of student life in the Johnson County School System. Parents and others who wish to support school programs are encouraged to participate in the various booster clubs and other parent organizations that play an important role in supporting, encouraging and advancing school programs. The term "booster club" in this policy refers to all volunteer parent organizations that operate to support school programs in the Johnson County School System. All booster clubs must receive Board approval before organizing and beginning operation. The booster club seeking approval must furnish the Principal with the following information:

1. A statement requesting to

form a booster club and information regarding its purpose and objectives.

2. The club's proposed constitution and by-laws, including a description of its officers and their duties and a description of the club's accounting procedures to adhere to generally accepted accounting procedures.

No booster club may require or mandate that students participate in the fundraising activities of a particular booster club in order to be involved in the activity that the booster club supports. Booster clubs shall have no authority to hire or fire personnel or to subsidize the salaries of any personnel. Booster clubs shall make no improvements to properties or construct new facilities on properties owned by the Johnson County Board of Educa-

tion without prior approval of the Board. In such cases, a detailed written plan must be submitted to the Board that includes the need, scope, detailed listing of anticipated costs and associated funding for the project. Board approval is not required for cutting grass and other routine preparations for athletic events. While the Johnson County Board of Education recognizes that academic and athletic booster clubs and other parent/teacher organizations have significant autonomy, the Board also holds clubs accountable to all applicable laws and to follow all generally accepted accounting procedures. While school system employees are encouraged to participate in booster organizations, they may not act as an agent

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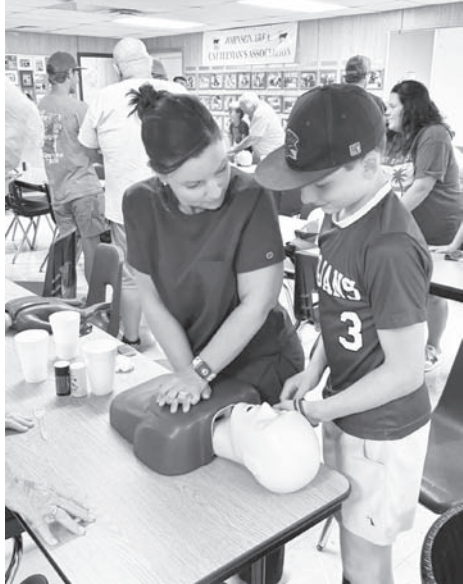
### SNAPSHOTS: JOCO SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW PERSONNEL

The Johnson County School System welcomed new teachers and staff to the JoCo family on July 23. A huge thank you to the community members, businesses and organizations who donated items to help welcome our new staff. The generosity is a beautiful reminder that in JoCo, we truly come together to support one another. Join us in giving our newest Trojans a big welcome to the JoCo family! /DEIDRE LEDFORD



### SNAPSHOTS: SAFETY AND CPR AWARENESS TRAINING

The Wrightsville Fire Department and Johnson County EMA visited the Johnson County Young Farmers Association meeting last Thursday night. Firefighters and Emergency Management personnel provided safety and CPR awareness training for everyone. Special emphasis was given on farm safety. EMA Director Shawn Womble is pictured speaking to those in attendance. Left photo, Courtney and Weston Foskey learn CPR basics /DEIDRE LEDFORD



### SNAPSHOTS: BAND CAMP COOLS DOWN FOR SEASON

The Johnson County Marching Trojan Band enjoyed a special surprise during the final day of Band Camp on Friday. The Wrightsville Fire Department brought its ladder truck and provided a fun way to cool down after a hot day of practice /DEIDRE LEDFORD



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OBITUARIES



Edward Harold Sumner

Funeral services for Edward Harold Sumner, 87, were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2026, in the Richard N. Stanley Jr. Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory. Interment followed at Westview Cemetery. Rev. Sammy Hall officiated.

Mr. Sumner was born March 10, 1939, in Johnson County, Georgia. He was the son of the late Joseph Archie Sumner and Allie Hutchinson Sumner. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Martha G. Coleman Sumner and his son, Bobby Sumner. He was a self-employed carpenter and a millwright worker. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. He was an avid fisherman and hunter where he loved spending time enjoying the outdoors. He was man of deep faith. He always had a passion for helping others and lending a hand to anyone that needed help. He loved spending time cutting grass, but his greatest passion of all was spending time with his grandbabies. Mr. Sumner passed away Monday, July 27, at his residence surrounded by family.

Mr. Sumner is survived by his two daughters, Angela Lowe of Augusta and Sherry Wilcher of Wrightsville; a son, Danny Sumner of Ackerman, Miss.; three brothers, Curtis Sumner of Soperton, Lewis Sumner of Dublin and Fred Sumner of Eatonton; a sister, Margaret Coleman of Scott; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were T.J. Wilcher, Ryan Sumner, Ben Sumner and Wesley Logue. The family received friends from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, at the funeral home.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Wrightsville Chapel had charge of funeral arrangements.



Phyllis Ann Reece

Phyllis Ann Reece, age 74, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2026, surrounded by family at Southland Nursing Home in Dublin.

Ms. Reece was born October 22, 1951, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She was the daughter of the late Bernard Nitzel and Edna Duis Nitzel. She proudly served her country in the United States Navy. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Ms. Reece is survived by her 2 sons, Michael Reece of Maine and Ian Reece of Wrightsville; a daughter, Kellie Eads of Knoxville, TN; a brother, Robert (Victoria) Nitzel of Davenport, IA; and 2 sisters, Donna Crum of CA and Shirley (Kevin) Mital of Moline, IL; 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The family will have a private celebration of life service at a later date.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Wrightsville Chapel has charge of funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit [www.stanleyfuneral-home.com](http://www.stanleyfuneral-home.com)



Higher electric prices and lower reliability? Not in the state of GA

By KIM GREENE  
Guest Columnist

If you’re reading the headlines, you may have noticed a seemingly nationwide crisis – the increased use of artificial intelligence and cloud storage by all of us is driving an electricity demand surge unlike anything in recent memory. Companies are racing to build data centers and, in state after state, the grid is not ready. Electric rates are rising. Reliability is under pressure – residents of some states even live in fear of potential blackouts. Families and small businesses are absorbing costs that were never designed to land on them. New businesses are re-evaluating where they build or operate because reliable power is not readily available in some markets.

As the CEO of the largest electric company in the state, serving millions of homes and businesses, I want to assure you that is NOT happening in Georgia.

At Georgia Power, we’ve built and maintained the infrastructure our state needs for more than 140 years. From the beginning of the electric age, when lanterns gave way to electric lights, to the advent of air conditioning in the 1960s, to the internet boom of the 1990s, we know how to come together to face moments of rapid technological change and opportunity and keep Georgia moving in the right direction. Working alongside the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) and state leaders, we’ve taken deliberate steps that position our state differently. We believe growth can be a benefit – not a burden – and we’ve planned accordingly.

As temperatures climb and families across Georgia adjust their thermostats this summer, I want our customers to know two things: the energy you need will be there, and we are working every day to keep it affordable. In May, the PSC approved a plan that will deliver approximately \$285 million in annual savings for customers, or about \$50 in yearly savings for the typical residential household. That means the overall rate you are paying for electricity from Georgia Power is lower than it was this time last year – very few utilities can say the same.

Those savings build on other recent good news for customers: stable rates through 2028, along with more than \$100 in additional annual savings planned beginning in 2029. This isn’t accidental. It reflects a deliberate strategy to manage Georgia’s economic growth and rising electricity demand while keeping costs down for customers.

So, how are we able to deliver these benefits when other states are struggling?

Because we have a system that allows us to plan, invest, and deliver—for today and for 20 years from today.

Years ago, we recognized that large energy users, like data centers, could reshape the demand for electricity. Working with the PSC, we put protections in place to ensure residential and small business customers wouldn’t bear the cost of that growth. We created new rules and regulations that require them to pay for the infrastructure needed to serve them, commit to longer contract terms, minimum bills, termination payments, and financial security provisions.

Simply put: They pay more, so you pay less. This rate-reducing load growth is also resulting in a stronger, more resilient power grid for you, and for future generations of Georgians. We’re adding new power plants across the state, including natural gas, solar, and battery storage, as well as increasing the output of the country’s largest generator of clean energy at Plant Vogtle. We’re also building new transmission lines that serve as the backbone of our electric grid, reliably moving energy from power plants to the communities that depend on it.

This is what it looks like when growth is matched with preparation. Higher reliability and lower costs as we work to ensure that Georgia’s success benefits the people who call this state home.

At Georgia Power, our job is to make sure the infrastructure we build keeps pace with our state’s bright future – and serves everyone. The families watching their bills every month. The small business owners who can’t afford a reliability failure. The next generation of Georgians who deserve opportunity, stability, and a future in the state they know and love.

Georgia Power is built for this moment. On behalf of thousands of employees working across the state, we are grateful and honored to serve you, your family, and your business.

Comfort in the Valley from Psalm 23

Dan King  
R.F.D. South

“Comfort in the Valley” is the name of a mini-seminar of an hour-and-a-half about losses of loved ones and the response of grief. I am down to the wire (Friday morning before this issue of *The Johnson Journal*) in preparing for this Saturday morning’s meeting. We are meeting in Dublin at City on a Hill, the former property of a church and later of a Buddhist temple. The property was purchased more recently by an individual who encourages its use for Christian concerts and other church-related events.

“Comfort in the Valley” has five sub-topics. Let’s take a look at just the first one. It has four sub-topics within itself: What is loss? What is grief? How does grief feel? How long does it last?

Loss is separation from a person, thing, place, or circumstances upon which we place value. Grief is response to loss. Grief involves every area of our being – physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual.

Emotionally, grief has multiple responses. At first there may be shock, numbness, perhaps little of any kind of emotion at all. The mind tries to deny or refuse to accept the reality of what has happened, sparing the emotions the need to feel. Later, anger, guilt, loneliness, and a deep sadness can all express themselves. These emotions often overlap without distinct phases for each of them. Hopefully, acceptance, both mental and emotional, eventually finds its way to the grieving person.

Skipping the grief responses of the physical, mental, social, and spiritual areas of a person, let’s go to the question of how long grief is expected to last. The length of time of grieving depends upon variables. Some of these variables include: (1) the age, life

phase, and circumstances of the loved one who died, (2) the age, life phase, and circumstances of the person who is grieving, (3) the circumstances of death, (4) the nature of the relationship between the loved one lost and the person who is left to grieve, and (5) the approach the grieving person takes to their grieving experience.

Would you expect grief to last longer if a teen family member is killed in a car crash or if a family member in their nineties died after a year-long battle with cancer and the complications of treatment? What about the grief experience of a pre-teen child whose mother dies? Perhaps the adult family members wish to spare the child an emotional upheaval by failing to have an ongoing heart to heart conversation so the child will not expect mom to show up again. An unhealthy delayed grieving experience can be expected.

Seminars, grief support groups, and caring for individuals and families in times of loss of loved ones have been meaningful experiences for me. I would like to mention a geographically distant friend whom I have never met face to face. Gary Roe is a Texan, a former hospice chaplain, and a prolific writer in the area of loss and grief. Gary honors the Lord in his writing. I recommend his books. You can find Gary and his books at [www.garyroe.com](http://www.garyroe.com). Take a few moments for a visit there.

Take note of Gary’s shirt style! I just had to have one along with a straw hat and dark shades!

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The fruits of the spirit given to us

By GARY TOOLE

The nine fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. One fellow said that he was glad patience was not on the list, but it kind of is because to be gentle, good, long suffering and temperate, you have to be patient and practice patience.

They all go hand and hand. When it comes to patience I guess I flunk out from the start, but the trick is, if you practice one, the others will begin to take their place. Love and faith are what make them all work. Without faith you have no foundation, no anchor and you’re just flying by the seat of your pants. Without love, you’re just whistling in the wind, a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal the word says in I Corinthians 13:1. If you seek for them, the Lord will give you these fruits of the spirit, these precious spiritual gifts. But we must work at keeping them.

God doesn’t take them back. We just lose them. Like anything in life, if you don’t use things they become unusable. Like a house that’s not lived in. Even though it’s not human, it still seems to die. The human touch is that spirit God gave us that keeps things alive. God gives us gifts but we must use them, appreciate them and practice them. Like talent, if you



don’t use, you lose.

The fruits of the spirit are like that fruit cocktail you buy in a can. All those fruits mixed together taste real good. Now, one fruit by itself might taste good. It might be OK or it might not suit your taste. Like grapefruit for instance, but when you mix oranges, red cherries, tangerines and coconut and make ambrosia like we usually make at Christmas time, then that mixture tastes great. When fruits come together there is harmonious taste. So, it is with the fruit of the spirit. When we mix

love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance then there’s harmony in our lives. Not perfection, not problem free, but rather peace that passeth all understanding, joy that surpasses happiness, love that covers a multitude of sin, that forgives, that bears other folks burdens. Long suffering that causes us to go that extra mile and forgive seven times seventy, gentleness that causes us to hold our tongue and makes us more like Christ everyday. Goodness that causes us to want to live out the golden rule in our lives, faith that makes us strong, meekness that makes us humble and lovable and lastly. Temperance that causes us to discipline ourselves and resist temptation. All these fruit given to us by the Holy Spirit make us one of Christ’s very own that have crucified the flesh and the lust thereof, that live and walk after the spirit, not desiring vain glory, nor provoking or envying one another. Making us sweet in our soul! Can you say amen?

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## Birthdays

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| Kevin Price.....     | August 4  |
| Glenda McMiller..... | August 4  |
| Chakina Watkins..... | August 4  |
| Cathy Lewis.....     | August 4  |
| Tanya Boulineau..... | August 4  |
| Marci Dent.....      | August 4  |
| Caroline Sweat.....  | August 5  |
| Steve Hall.....      | August 5  |
| Mickey Tharpe.....   | August 6  |
| Judy Jones.....      | August 6  |
| Clark Evans.....     | August 6  |
| Kyleigh Hinson.....  | August 7  |
| Brett Allen.....     | August 7  |
| Jamari Carswell..... | August 7  |
| Josh Lundy.....      | August 7  |
| Kenneth Sweat.....   | August 7  |
| Joseph Oliver.....   | August 8  |
| Patrick Waters.....  | August 8  |
| Dalton Wallace.....  | August 8  |
| Mickey Hawkins.....  | August 8  |
| Kim Greenway.....    | August 8  |
| Ansley Powell.....   | August 9  |
| Sheldon Norris.....  | August 9  |
| Mike Brantley.....   | August 9  |
| Desiree Green.....   | August 9  |
| Katelyn Jackson..... | August 9  |
| Gavin Soles.....     | August 9  |
| Brian Wilkerson..... | August 10 |
| Tori Peebles.....    | August 10 |
| Curt Mayo.....       | August 10 |
| Caleb Soles.....     | August 10 |

## Anniversaries

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| Mickey and Shirley Tharpe..... | August 9  |
| Gavin and Carly Soles.....     | August 10 |

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DID YOU KNOW...?

When were airbags first put in U.S. automobiles?

By JACK BAGLEY  
Georgia Trust For Local News

August! The hottest month of the year (in most places, anyway). And yet, it's also the month in which most kids go back to school. That, in itself, isn't much of a problem. The problem comes up when the systems get the electric bills for all the air conditioning they have to use. If schools didn't start in the hottest month of the year, the bills wouldn't be so high. Duh. That's your public service thought for the week. Now, on to the trivia!

Did you know...

... Leonardo da Vinci needed ten years to paint the Mona Lisa? Da Vinci (1452-1519) completed the work in 1503, having spent ten years working on the portrait of Lisa del Giocondo (1479-1542). It was one of the first paintings to depict its subject in front of an imaginary background landscape. Additional trivia note: The Mona Lisa is not painted on canvas, but rather on a plank of poplar wood. The painting also receives fan mail each year, and under French heritage law it cannot be bought or sold, despite being literally priceless. (That smile ... that smile.)

... a professional wrestling organization had to change its name because of an animal-rights group? The World-Wide Wrestling Federation (WWWF) was founded in 1952 by two promoters, Roderick "Jess" McMahon (1882-1954) and Joseph "Toots" Mondt (1894-1976). For marketing purposes, the name was shortened to World Wrestling Federation (WWF) in 1979 – almost immediately catching the ire of a group that was already using those initials, the World Wildlife Fund. The animal-rights organization sued over the use of the WWF trademark, and in 2002 the wrestling organization lost. Forced to rebrand itself, the company became World Wrestling Entertainment, or WWE, and removed any trace of the old branding. (That's called laying the smack down.)

... your brain makes decisions seven seconds before you are aware of it? In an article in Wired magazine in 2008, it was reported that scientists using scanning devices on the brains of volunteers noted brain activity seven seconds before the subject announced what the decision to be made was. Those results were common across all of the test subjects. (They didn't scan my brain. It makes decisions I'm not ever aware of.)

... a popular game show host was once on three different shows at the same time? On February 4, 1991, Alex Trebek (1940-2020) took over as the host of the NBC revival of To Tell the Truth. At the same time, Trebek was hosting Classic Concentration on the same network and Jeopardy! in syndication. It was the first time in television history that one host had three different game shows on the air at the same time. (Alex always was something of an over-achiever.)

... airbags are not a new thing in the automotive industry? Autos in the U.S. began being equipped with the air cushion restraint system, or airbags, beginning in the mid- to late 1980s. But the technology wasn't new – it was at least a decade old by then. The first vehicle equipped with airbags was a limited production 1973 Chevrolet Impala. General Motors produced 1,000 of the cars with the more primitive airbag system that protected front seat occupants and only worked in front-end collisions. The option began to be introduced in 1974 on Buicks, Cadillacs and Oldsmobiles. It wasn't until 1998 that airbags were made mandatory in all U.S. automobiles. (Thanks to Mason for the tip!)

... a ride at Coney Island was able to be operated on Sundays during New York's strict law period requiring Sunday closing? In the first part of the 20th Century, the Dreamland amusement park at Coney Island had a water ride called Hell Gate, which took riders on an imaginary ride through ... well, through the opposite of Heaven. Because it was a ride with a religious nature of sorts, the park was allowed to operate it during a period when the laws of the state would otherwise require it to be closed.

... the parade scene in 1986's Ferris Bueller's Day Off was not staged? Director John Hughes (1950-2009) had a scene in the film where Bueller, played by Matthew Broderick (born 1962), jumps on a parade float in Chicago and sings to the crowd. But rather than go to the expense of staging a movie parade and closing off streets in the Windy City, Hughes just found a parade that was taking place during filming and eased a float into it, with Broderick lip-synching to a Beatles song. Additional trivia note: The actual parade provided long shots of the float and the real people of Chicago. Close-ups of Broderick and the others on the float were filmed over the course of additional days. (Everybody loves a parade.)

... today's dirty politics is nothing compared to the early years of the United States? Consider, for instance, the presidential campaign of 1796. Incumbent Vice President John Adams (1735-1826) was taking on Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) to succeed George Washington (1732-1799), who was stepping down after serving two terms. The two men held nothing back in attacking each other. Adams' campaign actually put out a statement saying if Jefferson was elected, "murder, robbery, rape, adultery and incest will be openly taught and practiced." Jefferson's side didn't hold anything back either, accusing Adams of wanting to be a king, not a president. Jefferson also made fun of Adams' weight, referring to him as "His Rotundity." The two men eventually resolved their differences, became great friends, and actually died just hours apart on the same day – July 4, 1826. (Those two make today's politicians seem pretty tame, don't they?)

Now... you know!

Poison ivy, dish soap and a cold shower

I grew up believing that I was one of the lucky few that was not allergic to poison ivy.

Countless days of my youth had been spent rambling through forests and fields. My adolescence and young adult life had me working in yards and gardens. Through that time, never once had I experienced the itchy, oozing rash associated with this toxic plant.

Not that I ever made purposeful contact with it, but it never worried when I saw a sprig climbing up the trunk of a tree or the side of a house. That is, until I found out I am very much allergic to poison ivy. And I found out the hard way, of course.

Back when I became a first-time homeowner, I was eager to make my own yard, which was bought as an overgrown mess, resemble the fine landscaped properties where I earned my living. After an afternoon of heavy brush removal, the itching began.

Now, if you've any experience with poison ivy, you know the sensation I am trying to describe. It is one that few words can accurately depict. The feeling goes far beyond an itch. An itch can be alleviated. This takes over your very being and encompasses your thoughts. At its worst you will even entertain an amputation. In the 1850s that was the primary solution for a gunshot wound, snake bite or toxic plant exposure.

Then comes the swelling and the oozing. Which is, quite frankly, as disgusting as it sounds. To cut a long story short, my first real encounter with poison ivy concluded with two miserable weeks of not



By KYLE DOMINY

trying to scratch at my arms, which were more leaky welts than human limbs.

I thought I had it bad, but I later met an unfortunate soul who inhaled the smoke of burning poison ivy. Look before you burn, folks.

Once healed, I had to overcome my fear quickly, because my spouse wasn't going to live in a house with a half-cleaned yard.

There are numerous over-the-counter medications, ointments and washes marketed to treat or even prevent poison ivy reactions. They can be expensive, of course, but through a little trial and error and logical thinking, I developed my own remedy. Unfortunately, I cannot sell it myself, because I used an existing product, so I'll share my method with you now: Dish soap and a cold shower.

Allow me to explain. Dish soap

breaks down grease and oil, right? It's the oil of poison ivy plant that causes a reaction, so dish soap should safely remove the toxins. Wash in cold water, because the temperature contracts human skin pores, blocking the oils from breaching the organ meant to protect the body. I'm surely not the first person to produce this theory, but I'm quite proud of myself because I've had no poison ivy rashes since.

I've also developed a particularly good eye at spotting poison ivy. That is until the other day. This dreaded vine has encroached my territory again, discovered the hard way of course, hitting a patch with the weed eater, undoubtedly creating a shower of potent plant oil.

The dish soap will be kept outside of the kitchen until further notice.

From Days Gone By  
Historian Donald Smith

August 4, 1932.

On Tuesday night around midnight, three or four colored folks entered Mr. & Mrs. J. Carl Claxton, just across Cedar Creek, and sacked up three fine turkeys. Policeman Garland Mayo saw them about 3 am with the sacks and suspected some sort of robbery. When they saw him they dropped the sacks and ran. The next morning Mr. Claxton obtained a warrant for Hozie and Horace Fields, and Albert and Bud-dy Trawick for simple larceny.

Continuing their operations, meat thieves broke into the smokehouse of Marvin Jarrell and stole half a hog. On Friday night at Donovan, Mr. John M. Tyson who lives on the county line, lost about 200 pounds of hog meat from his smokehouse. A warrant was obtained for Bill Davis, colored.

The Red Cross delivered 150 barrels of flour to the county to benefit around 175 families to help with the depression. When a man earned



\$100 a month just a short while ago, but lost his job on account of the depression, is willing to work for even just enough to pay his board, it is a pretty sure sign that he'll get a job somewhere.

The depression is coming home to us more every day. For instance, take the old-fashioned two-wheel horse cart -- its the "Hoover" cart now, we believe -- that is coming back into existence and if that, along with the buggies that can be seen every day parked in their old once-reserved places, is not a sure sign. And another feature which more strongly brings the depression home is the fact that most of the "Hoover" carts are equipped in part, if not complete, with parts of automobiles that once adorned the farms and homes with pride and satisfaction.

Mr. Dick Smith, from the Buck-eye area is recovering from a rattlesnake bite while on a fishing trip. Mr. Dewey Downs of Dexter narrowly escaped death when lightning ran

into their home. He was on the front porch at the time. Mr. Clint Smith of Scott area brings in the first open cotton bowl of the season.

Dr. Thomas Lamar Harris celebrates his 70th birthday. A pioneer physician and minister of the county, originally from Sandersville. He has 9 children, 31 greats and 2 great greats. Mr. & Mrs. Alex Mayo celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 26th. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Barnes had a son on July 24th.

Congressman Carl Vinson of Milledgeville will address the voters of the county at the Kite schoolhouse. Ordinary Flanders receives a check for the county for \$3,509.82 for its portion of the gas tax. The paper urges the city officials to have an Ant Extermination Day.

A new ferry boat has been put into operation at Ball's Ferry. This is the only place between Milledgeville and Dublin where automobiles can cross the Oconee River.

The Wrightsville Junior baseball team defeated the Dublin Junior team by a score of 9 to 2. Wrightsville players are Stanley, Duggan, Lovett, Jenkins, Harrison, Smith, Parker, Cox, McBride and Chester. Judge Chan Brinson is manager.

Mr. William Franklin Rachels, formerly of Washington County, died in Atlanta at age 76. He resided for a while at Donovan. He is survived by children, Mrs. E. N. Jones, M. G. and Dr. W. F. Rachels. He was buried in Sandersville City Cemetery.

CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A 21-2-540, a special election shall be held in Johnson County for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following questions for approval or rejection Future operation of the county's Solid Waste Convenience Centers.

Question 1

Should Johnson County continue to have staffed (manned) hours of operation at the Solid Waste Convenience Centers? yes-no

Question 2

In addition to staffed hours, should Johnson County provide unstaffed (self-service) access to the Solid Waste Convenience Centers during hours when an attendant is not on duty? yes- no

Question 3

Is the cleanliness and safety of the Solid Waste Convenience Centers a prime concern to you? yes-no

Question 4

Should the annual budget for the collection and disposal of solid waste in Johnson County be tied directly to Insurance Premium Tax proceeds received annually by the County? yes -no

The special election will be held on November 3, 2026.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in the special election may register to vote through the close of business on October 5, 2026. Advance voting will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Polls will be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm on election day.

This 27<sup>th</sup> day July, 2026.

Debbie Killingsworth  
Election Supervisor

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Ben Ayers

Benjamin Campbell Ayers is the sort of guy who has a measured style that keeps him not too far right or left of center, with an ability to relate to those who lean to the extreme in either case.

He has a distinguished resume, which began in Heflin, Alabama, where he was born and raised, after which he matriculated at the University of Alabama. Underscoring academic excellence, he was a very good student who had aspiration for advanced academic opportunity. That led him to a master's degree in Tuscaloosa and then a doctorate at the University of Texas. Having spent the last 30 years at the University of Georgia, he had become



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a campus staple and as entrenched as the Arch, the Chapel Bell, and the hedges of Sanford Stadium. This means that he has had an exposure from assistant professor to department head to dean to provost, connecting him with faculty, students, and alumni—a versatile academician

who also has the common touch. His old-shoe fit has enabled him to grow, excel, and lead wherever he has been, which has enabled him to manage issues and problem solve with a visionary inclination that will serve him well in his new role as President of Clemson University, 79 miles east of Athens. He will identify well with the constituents in this burg where many of its inhabitants are in touch with the land, keen on hunting and fishing like what he was familiar with in Tuscaloosa and Athens. The locals will see him at the grocery store and around town, patronizing local establishments (maybe not the Esso Club), and at the golf course—but not right away. He has too much on his plate for that at this point, but he does enjoy the game.

He already knows about the tradition of Howard's Rock, which the Tiger players rub for good luck before they cascade down the slope to Frank Howard Field on gameday. His biggest problem will be his wardrobe. He is leaving one that was tastefully overwhelmed with red, which now will transition to orange. In Clemson he will be a Damn Good Tiger. It begins with the fact that Ayers really does enjoy college football, but with his background, he knows from time spent in Tuscaloosa, Austin, and Athens, how important football is to the community and the alumni. With a longtime friendship with Coach Howard, I shared a few with Ben over dinner recently. A favorite had to do with Clemson defeating Miami in the 1951 Orange Bowl, 15-14, which

brought ultimate euphoria to Pickens County. Coach Howard was the toast of the state and knew he would be considered for a big raise. While I don't remember all the facts, I know that he shocked all state officials when the game ended in Miami, he became a "ten-thousand-dollar man." A few days later, he was told that state law dictated that no state employee was allowed to make more than the governor who was making something like \$7,500. Howard's replay was, "Well, y'all better change the law." When the dust settled, the law was changed. Coach Howard got his \$10,000, but every president of every four-year institution and the governor all got raises for \$10,000 or more which brought about this exclamation from Coach Howard: "That's one time those so-

and-so's didn't think there was too much emphasis on football." As a UGA alumnus, it was enriching to get to know Ben and his wife, Marilyn, appreciating their support of the community. There is something special about the Ayerses. They love the small college-town atmosphere; they are advocates of the power of education for our nation and give of themselves to town and gown compatibility. They will be enthusiastic fans of Clemson and its constituency, and I am sure Ben will reside in the forefront of trying to help solve the current issues with college sports. After all, he is a natural leader who is selfless and altruistic, and he is also a creative thinker. Georgia's loss is Clemson's gain.

Written words: We have yet another side of the literacy problem

The basic template for these weekly columns is that I try to identify a problem and offer solutions and/or roadblocks to achieving them. I also have a few usually unwritten rules and understandings of how politics works. High on that list is that the public will forgive almost anything but hypocrisy. Combining those two sentences we arrive at a bit of a confession to start this week. I hate to read. To be more specific, I hate to read books. Always have. In elementary school I was a "good" reader. I really did think being in an advanced reading group in sixth grade would propel me to great things. As children's books turned to novels and dry textbooks, however, I looked elsewhere. I think I honed my sarcasm skills from magazines like Car & Driver and Motor Trend. By the time I was in high school I was a subscriber to Business Week, Newsweek, and Fortune.

I've always read to consume information. Twitter and other social media outlets have now become the way I am informed. I hate the video formats. Give me printed words so that I can parse the meaning. I can go back and re-read as many times as necessary. There's no need to rewind. No questioning if I heard things correctly or if the person misspoke or was clipped out of context. Words – written words – are frozen in time. They have currency. Well before I finished high school I determined I had better uses of my time than to read full books. I read the minimum necessary to complete assignments. I even found Cliff's Notes tedious and unhelpful. Many a paper was written on "theme" or "imagery" after first getting one of my older sisters to tell me the basic plot line and characters in an assigned book. It's a good thing for me that they both loved to read and had an encyclopedic memo-

ry. I was smart enough to mostly pull this off with acceptable grades. In reality, I was just outsmarting myself. I'm at least fortunate enough to have had some really great teachers who pushed me to at least understand the skill sets I was supposed to be building, even if I found some creative short cuts along the way. All of that is a confession that I am part of today's problem. We're a country that is fast becoming one unable or unwilling to read. "Literacy" is now a critical issue in states across the country. There is a truism in education, that a child learns to read until the third grade. After that point, the child must be able to read to learn. The Covid shutdowns accelerated an already troublesome trend. Too many kids are passing third grade without basic literacy skills. The kids in early elementary school during the shutdown are now middle schoolers, and their performance is

proving the axiom. We have a perhaps even bigger problem in our high schools and our colleges. Too many can no longer read long passages for comprehension. Inference is a skill that seems to be disappearing from standardized tests. The SAT was revised a couple of years ago, and the reading passages in the verbal portion of the test saw huge changes. Instead of 500-750 word passages with multiple questions following, the test now provides 25-150 words with one question following. The new format acknowledges the lack of attention span among high school students. It also limits the test's ability to score for deep inferences. Once in college, these same students, now well aware they are the "customer" – i.e., revenue source – on campuses, are flat refusing to read entire books assigned by their professors. Many profs are capitulating, and institutionalizing the short cuts I took in



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high school as a manner to teach the underlying material without burdening the students with reading. Literacy gets a lot of attention as it should for early childhood education. We're going to have to figure out the problems of "post-literacy" for adults who learned how to read words, but soon let these skills atrophy into a fully digital world. I don't yet have a solution, as to avoid my hypocrisy rule I have to instead admit I was a trailblazer for the problem. I have to first

fix it for myself. I dug out a box and unpacked books this weekend. Many have moved house to house over the years without their spine ever being flexed. New friends have joined them from Amazon deliveries meant with good intention. A new one will arrive today. The first four are on my coffee table and nightstand. The first chapters are completed. I learned a few things from the book, as well as that reading glasses are no longer a suggestion. I hate going to the gym. I've done a workout every day for over seven years now because I realized letting muscles atrophy at this age doesn't bode well for future me. I'm not yet willing to commit to this same sort of dramatic change in reading, at least not yet. But I can't very well encourage others to read if I don't have something I've read recently to recommend, either. I won't ask anyone to forgive that hypocrisy.

Putting God and this tiny little rock called Earth into perspective

Sometimes I start these conversations not knowing where they are going to end. This is one of those times. The subject today concerns current events, the universe and religion. Now, you can see why I don't know where this is headed. Any one of the topics is complex enough in its own right without mixing them all together. I think it began with the Artemis 2 lunar flyby of the far side of the moon last April, a total distance of about 695,000 miles and more than 230,000 miles from Earth. Staggering numbers almost beyond human comprehension. That led me to a series called "How the Universe Works" that had original-

ly aired on the Discovery Channel back in 2011. I found it on HBO Max last month. When you look at the size and scope of the universe, the Artemis 2 trek was like an inch to a million miles or more. This is a big and very complex universe. And this planet we call Earth amounts to one grain of sand on the beaches of St. Simons. And that gets me to current events. As I write this, we are at war with Iran. Iran is at war with us and our allies. Israel is at war with Islamic terrorists. Russia and the Ukraine have been at war going on five years. There are civil wars in Sudan and Myanmar. Yemen and Haiti. According to data from the International



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al Committee of the Red Cross, there are currently anywhere from 65 to 130 active armed conflicts globally. Peace on Earth? Forget about it. And we think that Earth is all there is? Forget that, too.

Our planet, which we seem hellbent on destroying, resides in a solar system that includes the Sun, eight planets, five dwarf planets, hundreds of moons, and thousands of asteroids and comets. Our Solar System is located in a galaxy known as the Milky Way. In addition to the Solar System, the Milky Way is estimated to contain another 100 billion to 400 billion stars and at least that number of planets. There's more. Scientists think there are at least two trillion galaxies from what they have been able to observe and the feeling is that there are even more yet to be seen. Several trillion galaxies with each containing hundreds of billions of

stars? Maybe you can get your head around those numbers. I can't. I can say that comparing our planet to a grain of sand on the beaches of St. Simons may be a gross understatement. What is not an understatement is that we are one tiny insignificant rock in a universe vast beyond our comprehension. And that brings me to religion. I believe in God. If anything, the more I learn about the vastness of the universe, the more convinced I am of God's presence. It's called faith. I have it and I don't need to justify it to anyone. God is not a he or a she or an it, something we can define in human terms. In the Bible, God says, "I Am Who I Am." That pretty much sums it up for me. God is God. For all my life, I have thought of God only in terms of this Earth. Heaven and Hell. Adam and Eve. The Garden of Eden. Was that the work of God? Did God pick out Earth from all the untold multi-trillions of planets to create a walk-

ing and talking man? (And woman.) Or did life on this Earth form some 3.5 billion years ago through abiogenesis, a process in which life was created from non-living matter, as scientists maintain, and then evolved into who and what we are today? The scientists interviewed on "How the Universe Works" surmised that there well could be other forms of life somewhere in our galaxy or beyond. They just haven't found them yet. If so, did God put them there? Or was God a one-planet God? If so, why us? A bunch of fractious people who can't get along with each other? I don't know the answers, but I am anxious to explore the questions. A small group of us with diverse backgrounds, including clergy, are planning to meet regularly and talk about all of this. I am convinced God approves of the discussions and is not threatened by our musings. God is I Am Who I Am and that's not going to change. We are the ones who need to change.



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of the school or system to assume debt or other liability for the school or system. The school and school system assume no accountability or liability for booster organization funds or how they are handled by the organization.

In regard to a project being funded by a booster club going over budget, the school district may not be responsible for remaining costs. Any booster clubs requesting to utilize school facilities and/or property of the school system must get pre-approval by the athletic director. The Board of Education may suspend or terminate any booster club for inappropriate conduct or activity. Booster clubs may not engage in activities on behalf of a school without the expressed permission of the school's principal and Superintendent. Under no circumstances shall booster club funds be commingled in any account with the school activity funds or school system funds. Booster clubs may donate funds to a school or the school system. When these funds are deposited in any school or system account, the booster club relinquishes all control over the funds."

Superintendent Dr. Chris Watkins says several school systems in Georgia have already adopted this policy including Savannah Chatham County, Bacon County and Henry County. He says that existing booster clubs will be grandfathered in if they already meet these requirements per booster organizations board policy. Any new booster club must follow this same process.

During the June BOE meeting, Watkins gave representatives from each booster club the opportunity to speak to the board about how their club is operated. Dale Brantley, president of the Athletic Booster Club, spoke exten-

sively about what all they have done and continue to do for all of the school sports. He explained that the Athletic Boosters was established around 35-40 year ago and, back at the beginning, they used to do all the fundraising for the sports. However, about 20 years ago, he says the sponsor of the football program at that time decided to break off and raise money exclusively for the football program. Following that split, he said a lot of the other sports started developing their own booster programs and began holding their own fundraisers. Not wanting to interfere with their fundraising efforts, Brantley says the Athletic Boosters discontinued all other fundraising efforts except for the booster cards, which they sold at a cost of \$50.00. These cards allowed entry to all home games for all sports. To date, that is still the only fundraiser they do.

The BOE issued the following press release on July 22, the day after the meeting:

"Johnson County Schools' Athletic Department is developing a plan to address the change in the season pass approved by the Board of Education and supported by the system. The current system is not adequately funding increased athletic costs. The system leadership believes that this will help to address the continued loss of funding to athletic events, increased security costs, and other athletic needs including awards and equipment costs. A season pass for each sport is being discussed as an option. This is the process used by some of our neighboring school districts to support their athletics program. This would also help our athletic teams to generate some more of its funding and not have to rely on the district for increased financial support in the future. This would also allow the school level adminis-

tration, athletic directors, and coaches to decide the best way to divide the funds to support our teams. We will share the new plan with everyone soon."

Later that afternoon, the school system shared that the athletic committee had agreed to grant season passes for fans at \$100, saying the price was well under the typical booster passes offered by other schools.

Legals

**J26-034**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM ARTHUR HERRINGTON, JR., DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. PR2026-21**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
TO: All interested parties and to whom it may concern:  
MATTHEW HERRINGTON has petitioned for MATTHEW HERRINGTON to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of WILLIAM ARTHUR HERRINGTON, JR. deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Aug. 31, 2026.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Jennifer Morris  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Labreka McCloud  
PO Box 244  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
Wrightsville, GA 31096  
478-864-3316  
August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**J26-033**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF JOHNSON**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Andrew A. Holland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Capital City Home Loans, LLC dated December 26, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 457, Page 4, as last modified by Affidavit in Deed Book 491, Page 101, Johnson County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Planet Home Lending, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$201,010.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable, and pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, September 1, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:  
**All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 1326th G. M. District of Johnson County, Georgia, described as Tract No. 1, containing 1.79 acres, more or less, as more particularly described by reference to a plat of survey made by Kirk Freeman, LLC, Registered Land Surveyor, Kirk A. (Corky) Freeman, dated November 30, 2023, and recorded in Plat Book E2023, Page 60, Johnson County Records. Said plat and the description are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more accurate description.**  
**First Party herein specifically reserves for herself, her heirs and assigns, a perpetual 20' easement for ingress to and egress from lands of Sandra I. Anderson which lie to the East of and join the within described property. This easement is shown and identified on the above referenced plat as "20' easement (Ingress/Egress)", and shall run with the land.**  
**Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record. Said property is further identified by the Johnson County Tax Assessor as 4324 GA Hwy 221 N, Kite, GA 31049. A portion of Map & Parcel: 063 005G**  
Said property is known as **4324 US Highway 221 North, Kite, GA 31049**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.  
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.  
The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.  
The property is or may be in the possession of **Andrew A. Holland, successor in interest or tenant(s).**  
**Planet Home Lending, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Andrew A. Holland**  
File no. 26-084183  
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**J26-032**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

"Adjusting our price will help offset the rising costs of awards, balls, equipment, security personnel, etc., and provided for any unforeseen costs incurred during the year."

These passes will be digital through GoFan and will contain a \$7 convenience fee, bringing the total cost to \$107. The school says that using GoFan will make it easier and more time efficient

**IN RE: ESTATE OF PHIL KINARD RAWLINGS, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. PR2026-32**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:  
ELIZABETH JANICE RAWLINGS has petitioned for ELIZABETH JANICE RAWLINGS to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **PHIL KINARD RAWLINGS** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Aug 24, 2026.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Jennifer Morris  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Labreka McCloud  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
P.O. BOX 264  
WRIGHTSVILLE, GA 31096  
478-864-3316  
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**J26-031**  
**NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL**  
**P. I. 0021227**  
**JOHNSON COUNTY**  
Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.  
The date of location and design approval is: **July 16, 2026**  
The proposed project at CR 188 / New Home Church Road over Little Ohoopsee River will replace the existing bridge, approximately 6 miles northwest of the City of Kite, GA in GMD 1203 and GMD 1326.  
The proposed roadway is a two-lane road with 10-foot travel lanes and 4-foot overall shoulders with 4-foot being paved. The proposed bridge is 165 feet long and 30 feet wide and will carry two 10-foot travel lanes and 3.375-foot shoulders. The proposed bridge will be constructed along the existing roadway alignment utilizing  
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getting into the games. They also propose a "Season Pass" account be created to house the funds from the Booster Club passes. Funds from this account will be dispersed to the sports programs yearly in an effort to help alleviate the financial strain associated with the higher costs of maintaining competitive sports programs.

Following the board of education's vote and new

policy implementation, Dale Brantley says the Athletic Booster Club will be shut down, as the booster card sales were their only source of income. He added that any money remaining in the club account will be dispersed between the sports teams. They will also no longer be able to furnish the college scholarships as they have done for many years.

an offsite detour for maintenance of traffic during construction. The total project length is approximately 0.2 miles long. The total duration of construction will be approximately 12 months.  
Georgia Department of Transportation would be responsible for acquiring property rights for this project.  
Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:  
Danielle Hollinshead, Area Manager  
District 2, Area 2  
[DHollinshead@dot.ga.gov](mailto:DHollinshead@dot.ga.gov)  
2003 US Highway 441 South  
Dublin, GA 31021  
(478) 275-6596  
Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:  
Kimberly Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator  
GDOT Office of Program Delivery  
Attn: Muhanad Al Rawi  
[Malrawi@dot.ga.gov](mailto:Malrawi@dot.ga.gov)  
600 West Peachtree St NW, 25th Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
678-858-2571  
Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.  
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**J26-030**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF JOHNSON**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SHERRY JEAN EDENFIELD, DECEASED.**  
All creditors of the estate of Sherry Jean Edenfield, deceased, late of Johnson County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Hershel Riner, Administrator of the Sherry Jean Edenfield Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.  
This 20th day of July, 2026.  
RICHARD M. MCNEELY,  
Attorney for Hershel Riner,  
Administrator of the Sherry Jean Edenfield Estate  
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.  
P. O. Box 767  
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401  
(478) 237-4225  
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**J26-028**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF Naomi Kathleen Tapley, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. PR2026-26**  
**NOTICE**

**IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.**  
**TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**  
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before August 17, 2026.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
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Clerk of the Probate Court  
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July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2026

**J26-029**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
Pharrah Danielle Nwakeze, Plaintiff  
v.  
Robinson Chima Nwakeze, Defendant  
Civil File Action No. 2026-CV-94  
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
TO: Robinson Chima Nwakeze  
By Order for service by publication dated the 1st day of June, 2026, you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of July, 2026, Pharrah Danielle Nwakeze filed suit against you for divorce.  
You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff at the address listed below, an Answer in writing within (60) sixty days of the date of the Order for Publication. Witness the Honorable Judge of the Superior Court of Johnson County.  
The 16th day of July, 2026.  
Patricia Glover  
Clerk, Superior Court of Johnson County  
Plaintiff Pro Se  
Pharrah Danielle Nwakeze  
250 US Highway 319 South  
Wrightsville, Ga 31096  
Telephone: 470-967-7717  
email: [nwakezepharrah@gmail.com](mailto:nwakezepharrah@gmail.com)  
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Johnson, Washington and Jefferson County Extension recently provided an opportunity for local growers to walk cotton and peanut fields along with UGA entomologists from both crops. Discussions included pests of these crops, scouting techniques, threshold levels that are economically and ecologically significant. There were growers from at least four counties in attendance/DEIDRE LEDFORD