

Adrian man behind bars on multiple counts of child molestation

By DEIDRE LEDFORD
Editor

A 32-year old man is behind bars on multiple counts of sexual crimes against an underage child. According to Johnson County Investigator Captain Randy Sumner, information was obtained by the Sheriff's Office on August 1 accusing Frederick R. Miller of Adrian of child molestation. An investigation was immediately initiated, including a forensic interview with the victim at Stepping Stone. Interviews were also conducted with witnesses that

the victim had disclosed information to. The Sheriff's Office was able to corroborate the information obtained through the interviews to obtain an arrest warrant on Miller as well as a search warrant for his residence.

The search warrant of the residence, which was conducted on August 13 by Sumner, Sgt. Jose Soto, Deputy T. Riner and Deputy Wesley Lewis, led to several electronic devices being taken into evidence. The devices are being digitally downloaded for evidence. Miller was taken into custody that same day on

charges of Aggravated Child Molestation, two counts of Child Molestation and Aggravated Sodomy. The victim was placed in a safe environment.

The investigation revealed that Miller sexually molested the victim between 2001 and 2003 when she was between the age of seven and nine years old.

Miller is currently being held at the Danny Elbert Detention Center and no bond has been set.

"We remain committed to doing everything possible to bring those people to justice who prey on our

children," said Sheriff Greg Rowland. "The actions of this individual are despicable and disgraceful. Let this serve as a clear message: this kind of abuse has no place in our community." This investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone with information related to this matter, or any similar incident, is strongly encouraged to contact Criminal Investigations Division—Captain Randy Sumner at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office by calling 478-864-4003.



Miller

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

JCES ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Johnson County Elementary School will host its Annual Title I Meeting on Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. in the JCES cafeteria. Parents are invited to learn more about Title I and how it benefits our students.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Wrightsville Johnson County Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours event on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at The Depot at 5 p.m. The program will be presented by Main Street Wrightsville Director Whitney Kyler and will discuss her visions for downtown. There will also be door prizes. RSVP to (478) 864-7200 or 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.



Thursday was a second-straight memorable night for Jeremiah Scott, who scored another four touchdowns (three rushing and one receiving) on 179 all-purpose yards/RALPH JACKSON

Trojans silence Screamin' Devils

By RALPH JACKSON
Sports Writer

The Johnson County defense delivered the Screamin' Devils a defeat Thursday night, shutting out Warren County 35-0 in the Trojans' home opener at the Blue Monster.

While the defense forced four turnovers and kept Warren County off the scoreboard, Jeremiah Scott supplied plenty of offense, scoring four touchdowns in a second-straight game as Johnson County improved to 2-0 on the season.

The victory on Herschel Walker Field at Herschel Lovett Stadium followed the Trojans' 32-15 season-opening win over East Laurens in the Border War.

Johnson County wasted

little time taking control.

After the JoCo defense stopped Warren County on fourth down, the Trojans went 56 yards in five plays on their opening possession. Scott broke loose for 16 yards early in the drive and finished it with a 31-yard touchdown run. Grayson Jackson added the first of his five successful extra points to give Johnson County a 7-0 lead with 6:50 remaining in the first quarter.

The defense quickly permitted the offense another opportunity by forcing a three-and-out.

This time Johnson County needed six plays to cover 40 yards. Kelsey Waters contributed runs of four, seven and seven yards before Jacaden Webb scored from 10 yards out, extending the lead

to 14-0 with 2:07 left in the opening quarter.

The Trojans struck again on their next possession with their most explosive drive of the first half.

Jeremiah Taylor opened the four-play, 76-yard march with a 21-yard run. Quarterback Chance Wombles then connected with Dae'zon Devero for 19 yards before Taylor ripped off another 25-yard run. Wombles finished the drive with an 11-yard touchdown pass to Scott, making it 21-0 with 11:21 remaining in the half.

Scott found the end zone again less than six minutes later.

Johnson County used eight plays to cover 50 yards,

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Chan Sumner being sworn in by Sheriff Greg Rowland/DEIDRE LEDFORD

Johnson County Sheriff's Office swears in deputy

By DEIDRE LEDFORD
Editor

There's a new Deputy on the road in Johnson County. Sheriff Greg Rowland and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office is proud to welcome Chan Sumner to his new role as Deputy Sheriff following his graduation on August 21 from Peace Officer training at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Deputy Sumner began his career with Johnson County in July 2024 serving as a Detention Officer with the Sheriff's Office. In May of this year, he took the next step in his law enforcement career and began the rigorous training required to become a Georgia Peace Officer. He has now proudly graduated as a State of Georgia mandated Peace Officer and begins a new chapter serving the citizens of Johnson County as a Deputy Sheriff.

A lifelong resident of Johnson County, Chan has deep roots in the community he has chosen to serve. He is also the proud father of two children, six-year-old Lilly and two-year-old Lane.

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Chamber of Commerce shares events and important updates

SPECIAL TO THE JOHNSON JOURNAL

The Wrightsville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce has been busy and Executive Director Judy Scott is excited to share a few things they have been working on.

The new Chamber website is now online at wrightsville-johnsonctychamber.com! It is still a work in progress, but there are already several features available:

Community Calendar

Send us your business events, meetings, activities, and important dates so we can help spread the word. Email wrightsville.johnsonctychamber@gmail.com or text 478-864-7200.

Membership Directory

Find Chamber members by business category. More categories will be added as our membership grows.

Chamber Events & RSVPs

Keep up with upcoming events and RSVP online.

Special Events

Events such as the Wiggle & Twist Festival will have a dedicated section with flyers, applications, information, and online payment options.

More is coming! We will continue adding features to make the website a valuable resource for our members and community.

Business After Hours

We hope every Chamber business will have someone attend. Owners, your employees are welcome too! Come network, connect with other local businesses, and hear what's happening in our community. Please RSVP!

And yes – we'll have door prizes!

The Chamber is here to support, promote, and serve our local businesses. We appreciate your membership and want to hear from you. Please contact me anytime with questions, suggestions, or ideas.



Johnson County Schools recognizes outstanding educators

Johnson County Schools is proud to recognize three outstanding educators as our 2026 Teachers of the Year! Congratulations to Erin Nunez, Johnson County Elementary School Teacher of the Year; Rhett Wombles, Johnson County Middle School Teacher of the Year; and Heather Floyd, Johnson County High School Teacher of the Year. These educators represent the dedication, compassion, and commitment that make a difference in the lives of our students each day. We are grateful for all they do for our schools and community and are proud to celebrate this well-deserved honor/SPECIAL PHOTOS



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From Days Gone By

Historian Donald Smith



September 1, 1932.

Johnson County is drawing quite a few political candidates coming here to speak. Some of them were Col. Russell M. Daley for Judge Superior Court Dublin Circuit; For Commissioner of Agriculture were candidates to succeed Eugene Talmadge. They were G. C. Adams, R. F. Burch of Eastman who predicts he will win 100 counties, J. Oscar Wall of Eatonton. John I. Kelley came running for governor; Judge R. Earl Camp of Dublin for 6th district representative and Col. R. I. Stephens of Dublin for solicitor-general Dublin Circuit.

The opening of Wrightsville High School has been delayed a week by the Board of Education. It was ordered to permit the county to provide transportation of rural high school students. The Kite Consolidated Schools will open September 19th.

A shooting and cutting affray started by two coloreds at Donovan Saturday night resulting in both seriously injured and arrested on charges of assault to murder. Jim Curtis and Will Warthen are in the county jail receiving medical attention, Curtis for a bullet wound through the breast and Warthen for several stabs. All this originated in front of Jackson's store in the heart of Donovan. Warthen pulled his pistol and began firing at Curtis who ran into the store which was crowded with customers. Curtis then ran back out of the store where the fight continued, Wathen being stabbed several times with a knife. Both are expected to recover.

James L. Miller, 85, farmer, died at his home at Spann after several months of declining health. Born in Hancock County June 9, 1847, he moved to Johnson in the fall of 1887. He married Miss Lydia Fields of Baldwin County June 17, 1869 and had 8 children, 6 surviving.

He was a Confederate veteran. Survivors are J. T., R. F., E. C. Miller, Mrs. Mattie Whitfield, Mrs. Mollie Dudley and Mrs. Lula Webb. He was buried at Piney Mount.

Mr. Louis B. Hilson remains were buried at Westview on August 23rd. He died suddenly at his son's near Tennille. He was survived by sister, Mrs. J. J. Braddy, six sons, C. L., Fay, L. Q., L. H., H. V., J. L. Hilson and daughter, Mrs. C. T. Anderson.

Bernard Deal, 76, of Washington County died at his home from declining health. Born and reared in the Bethany community, a farmer and active church worker. Besides his widow, he is survived by 5 children and brother Lewis Deal. He was buried at Bethany.

Richard Wicker who lived in the Lovett section died and was buried at Piney Mount. He was survived by his wife and children, Mrs. George Wood, Grady and Chan Wicker. Rev. Andrew Smith, 81, Missionary Baptist minister of Harrison died. He was buried in the New Cemetery with Masonic honors by the Anderson Lodge of Wrightsville.

Mrs. Caley Brantley, 81, of the Bethany community died at her son's home. She was a native of Washington County but lived in Johnson several years on the Vickers farm. She was a 30 year member of the Christian church. Her children surviving are Mrs. Milton Cox, Mrs. J. M. and W. L. Anderson, Mrs. B. W. O'Quin and Mrs. J. H. Blount and son, J. F. Brantley. She was buried at Bethany.

John W. Bailey, 82, died at home. He farmed for half a century, native of Washington County and lived in Texas a short time. He lived on the old Nathan Garnto place. Children surviving are Will, Tom, Sam, Ewley, Marcus, Quince Bailey, Mrs. A. F. Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Reese and Mrs. Thomas Logue. He was buried at New Home.

'Ol Blue plows through ice to Icywaters

Dan King
R.F.D. South

Ceedra Montine got word from her folks, Cedric and Ceedrene Montine, that the submarine formerly docked at the Kite Port Authority docks is now within a mile or two of the North Pole. But the USS *Icywaters* got locked up in the ice and could not move. Santa called the ranch out west where Ceedra was staying to let Ceedra know that they needed help.

Our young eighth grade pulpwood truck driver cannot turn down a friend in need. When the submarine was docked on the Little Ohooppee River at Kite, she got to know the crew. She made a lot of runs to the Subway in Wrightsville to pick up sandwiches for delivery to the sub. The crew almost made Ceedra a queen. As a fun thing, they actually had a coronation, using Coke cans that they strung together for a crown! Ceedra thought it was hilarious, and she got the crew to take a bunch of pictures.

Ceedra and her pulpwood truck, 'Ol Blue, struck out for the frigid north. Ceedra had never been any further north than Watkinsville, Georgia. She drove 'Ol Blue that far once to visit her sister at UGA, but she got nervous with all the traffic and turned around. She said if her sister wanted to see her, she was going to have to catch a ride back to Johnson County. She did compromise a bit and said she and 'Ol Blue might negotiate about meeting her sister in Sparta, but that was as far north as she would go.

As soon as Ceedra and 'Ol Blue got to the North Pole, she saw Santa's elves chipping away with miniature ice-shaping tools. They were getting pulpwood-size sticks of ice ready for loading onto 'Ol Blue. Missus Claus had come up with an idea to help the

ice-locked submarine break loose. The dear lady who was used to spending the whole year cooking for Santa's Christmas deliveries, showed that she could do more than cook. Santa and his elves were amazed at Missus Claus' plan, and they went right to work.

Now, I know you are wondering about the plan. The elves would use ladders to load the pulpwood-size ice sticks onto 'Ol Blue. Ceedra would drive 'Ol Blue across the ice to the submarine. The submarine crew was waiting to unload the ice sticks into the torpedo tubes of the sub. The elves had taken great care to shape a sharp point on one end of each ice stick. The thrust from the sub's firing mechanism would drive the sharp-pointed sticks into the ice in front of the sub and open a way for the vessel to free itself.

It worked! Ceedra and 'Ol Blue backed off to a safe distance for the test firing. The pulpwood-size ice torpedoes plowed through the ice. There was a big celebration at the North Pole!

Maybe there is a valuable lesson in this story. Could it be that the very problems we sometimes face also hold the solutions we need to solve certain problems? A song says if we never had a problem, we would not know that God could solve them. That song may hold the key to one special area of our need for personal growth—a personal relationship with a problem-solving God.

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A happy ending

By GARY TOOLE

Since I was just a child sitting at the feet of my grandfather, I've always loved a good story. I guess that's one thing that's helped make me a writer. I love to write about the good old days and reminisce by telling nostalgic stories of the past. Jesus was the greatest story teller. His parables still confound men to this day. My role model, the late Michael Guido, has always gotten folks attention with his wonderfully moral stories he told in his newspaper column, T.V. and radio spots. But what I like about stories is the ones with a happy ending. The story of Job is one of them.

With permission from God as a test, the devil wrecked havoc on old Job. As we used to say, "He put him through the wringer." The deal was that Job be tested with sorrows, loss and affliction which comes from Satan anyway, but not at the cost of Job's life. God giveth and taketh life. Job lost it all, but he came forth like gold. He said, "Tho He



(God) slay me, yet will I trust Him!" Steadfast faith! Unmoveable faith! Holding on to God's promises.

Sometimes those closest to us can be our greatest critics. They say, "We're just concerned." One fellow said, "If you call that concern, then don't be!" They can be your worst nightmare and even your worst enemy. Instead of encouraging you they discourage you like Job's so called friends did. It's like my father said, "When we raised chickens, if one got the sore head, the other chickens would peck him to death." But Job,

though at times seemed he was going under, held to the faith and passed the test. Thank God as an example to us!

When I was a youngin' just a few years ago in the 1950s and 60s, I loved to watch the T.V. shows that seemingly always had a happy ending. Well, real life is not always that way if you are worldly minded, but the Christian that stands on the promises of God, on the rock, Christ Jesus by faith believes as the bible says in Romans 8:28, "That all things work together for the good of those believers that love and fear God." Amen!

The happy ending to the story of Job is that even though he lost everything, God gave him back twice as much as he had before and seven sons and three daughters. As one preacher said, "The wife that told him to curse God and die had to bare those ten youngins' for him." For Job it was certainly a happy ending! Don't you think! Can you say amen?

RELIGION DIGEST

- Mitchell Grove Baptist Church will hold their annual Homecoming service on Sunday, September 6 with Pastor Cecil A. Moore, Jr. and Brown Grove Baptist Church of East Dublin. Sunday School starts at 12:30 with Worship Services beginning at 2 p.m. Revival services will be held September 7-9 at 7 p.m. each evening with Pastor Tracy Wheeler, Sr. of Greater Springfield Baptist Church of Atlanta.

JCHS student recognized by Rotary Club

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Johnson County High School Senior Maci Blue was recently recognized by the Rotary Club of Wrightsville as the Rotary Student of the Month for the month of August. The daughter of Kerri Sumner, Maci is involved with numerous school activities, including the Beta Club, 4-H, FBLA, Dual Enrollment, the Yearbook Staff, and Work Based Learning. She has received many honors and recognitions during her high school tenure, including being named a Trojan Scholar, an Honor Guard, placing 3rd and 5th place in Beta Robotics, serving as Beta President, and placing first in the RESA Technology Fair. Her community involvement includes adopting a resident at the local Nursing Home, Christmas Caroling at the Nursing Home, and participating in Food Drives. She is employed with Price's Automotive and attends Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene. Her hobbies include building robots, arts and crafts, and shopping. Her future plans include attending college to get a degree in Aero-

space Engineering. Maci chose Mary Beth Thompson as her Rotary Teacher of the Month. She says Mrs. Thompson encouraged her to step outside of her comfort zone in fifth grade and encouraged her to participate in the RESA Technology Fair in the Robotics Category.

"Since then I have competed in that same competition, started a Robotics Team through Beta, and began doing 4-H District Project Achievement com-



Johnson County High School student Maci Blue recognized by Rotary Club of Wrightsville /SPECIAL PHOTO

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Alex Davidson	September 2
Kathy Davis	September 2
Mary Cooper.....	September 3
Emma Pool	September 3
Gloria Smith	September 3
Aiden Greenway	September 3
Tressi Hansen	September 4
Jacori Snead.....	September 4
Ashley Huff.....	September 4
Sheryl Watson	September 5
Stephenie Ragan.....	September 5
Jennifer Thigpen.....	September 5
Marisha Brown.....	September 5
Vicki Roberts	September 6
Jacqueline Young.....	September 7
Tracy Claxton.....	September 7
Tanner Sheffield	September 7
Jessica Reese	September 7

Anniversaries

David and Sue Hall	September 2
Jason and Beth Martin	September 7

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Was a well-known American general nominated three times for the Medal of Honor?

By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

Good grief, where is the time going so quickly? I mean, here it is September already!

You know what that means, right? (Well, you do if you're a regular reader of this silly stuff.). It means that later on, just three more weeks or so, I have another one of those silly events called "birthdays."

This month, I'll turn 68 years old.

While I ruminate on what all that could possibly mean, I'll turn over the trivia column and let you enjoy some things that don't cause me to feel older.

Did you know...

... two separate attacks on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii took place during World War II? We are all familiar with the "day of infamy" attack which happened on December 7, 1941, and which brought the United States into the war. A second attack, on March 4, 1942, is lesser known. Dubbed "Operation K," this involved two Japanese flying boats attacking Oahu Island once again, specifically targeting a dock. Bad weather and even worse navigation caused the bombers to miss the dock, dropping their ordinance harmlessly near a high school. (Thanks to Terry for the tip!)

... an astronomer once designed a super-telescope? Adrien Auzout (1622-1691) drew up a design for a 1,000-foot-long refracting telescope. He thought that the telescope would have a magnification so great that he would be able to see animals on the Moon. The telescope would not be contained in a tube, but instead would have been an "aerial" telescope which uses lenses mounted high in a tree or on a pedestal, and the observer holding the eyepiece lens. (Now that would be a heavenly view.)

... a man can make a sound humans can't hear, but elephants can? Tim Storms (born 1972), a singer said to have the "world's deepest voice," holds the world record for the lowest note produced by a human. The note is eight octaves below the lowest G on a piano, and cannot be heard by the human ear – but elephants can hear it, scientists say. Storms himself cannot hear the note, but he says he can "feel" it in his head. His vocal abilities arise from the fact that his vocal cords are twice as long as most peoples'. (What the elephants think of Mr. Storms' ability has not been recorded for posterity.)

... a famous American general was nominated three times for the Medal of Honor? Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964), one of the most well-known and controversial Army officers in American history, was nominated for the Medal of Honor on three separate occasions. The first was in 1914, when then-Captain MacArthur conducted long-range reconnaissance behind enemy lines in Mexico as part of the Veracruz expedition. The award was submitted by General Leonard Wood (1860-1927), but was rejected by a board convened to review the award, which said awarding the Medal of Honor might encourage staff officers to ignore their commanders and go off on their own missions. The second recommendation came during World War I, when then-Brigadier General MacArthur led another reconnaissance patrol, this one into a gap in German barbed wire fencing and was wounded, ending up the sole survivor of the patrol. This award was submitted by General Charles Summerall (1867-1955), but was downgraded to a Distinguished Service Cross. MacArthur did receive the Medal of Honor in 1942, during World War II, but not for any specific moment of gallantry. Rather, MacArthur was awarded the Medal to offset Japanese propaganda about him supposedly "deserting" his command in the Philippines after he was ordered to leave for Australia. (Thanks to Dave for the tip!)

... filming of one movie caused another movie to shut down for a day? When the 2007 movie No Country for Old Men was being filmed in Marfa, Texas, a cloud of smoke from the set of another movie being filmed there, There Will Be Blood, caused the production to shut down for a day. What makes this a very interesting coincidence is the fact that There Will Be Blood filmed in Marfa for months, but No Country for Old Men only worked in the town for two weeks. (I guess nobody ever heard of coordinating schedules.)

... two rival Mexican religious groups are based on soft drinks? In the town of Chamula, located in the southern state of Chiapas, Mexico, shamans in a religious group began using Coca-Cola™ in their rituals to heal worshipers. When word of this got back to rival Pepsi-Cola™, that company began giving commissions to shamans to get them to recommend Pepsi instead. Coke did the same thing, and now in Chamula there's the Coca-Cola group and the Pepsi group. The "Coca-Cola Church" is actually a tourist attraction. (I got nothing here, folks.)

... engagement rings are expensive because of a marketing ploy? The "standard" value of an engagement ring is said to be two months' salary for the prospective groom. This arbitrary standard was created by the DeBeers Diamond Company's advertising agency. Additional trivia note: Diamonds are only valuable, some sources say, because of DeBeers. The company keeps millions of dollars worth of diamonds hidden in order to drive up the price of those on the market, or so it is alleged.

Now... you know!

Too many flavors of toothpaste

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

While doing a little light housework the other day, I discovered a glob of fluorescent blue gel at the bottom of the sink.

My daughter, like most little girls, is enamored with all things squishy or made of clay and slime, and she, like seemingly everyone in her circle of influence, loves to play mad scientist with these gooey toys, creating their own out of plastic wrap and balloons or dissecting the ones I spent my hard-earned money on. I have spent too much of my life unclogging drains congested with the leftovers of her experiments At first I believed my afternoon was going to be booked up taking apart another obstructed P-trap.

I tried to wipe away the substance with the rag clutched in my fist and the azure sludge only smeared across the white ceramic surface. My initial fear was assuaged; it wasn't slime, it was toothpaste.

I had two thoughts as I continued to scrub away at the ever-spreading smudge: Why does something meant to clean your teeth make such a mess everywhere else and how well are the members of my household, particularly the youngest ones, brushing their teeth when most of the toothpaste ends up at the bottom of the sink?

There are two kinds of people in this world - those who are shrewd practitioners of oral hygiene and those who take a lackadaisical approach to brushing and flossing. I've been on both ends of this spectrum and both sides keep the dentist office busy.

I'm always surprised at the variety of flavors toothpaste comes in these days. For decades of my life I believed there was mint and cinnamon, the latter being

only for old people. At every visit for a cleaning the list grows longer and longer. It takes the poor hygienist more time to rattle off the options than it does to actually brush my teeth. Among the popular offerings, I'm told, is birthday cake.

It seems counterintuitive, yes, but maybe the good people at Colgate are getting desperate.

The Egyptians were the first people to develop an oral hygiene routine. Some 5,000 years ago, the first tooth cleaner was concocted out of the ashes of burnt ox hooves, pumice and egg shells. The Greeks and Romans improved on the recipe, if you can call it that, by adding crushed bones and oyster shells. Apparently garbage is good for the teeth.

Ironically, the toothbrush didn't come along until more than 3,000 years later. A clever soul living in China during the Tang Dynasty, attached hog hair bristles to a piece of bamboo. Rumor has it that the inventor was known for his less-than-stellar good looks and was trying to find a way to impress the ladies.

Fluoride wasn't clinically proven to benefit teeth until the 1950s, though the chemical was added to the drinking water supply of Flint, Michigan in 1945. An attendant was stationed at all municipal water fountains to ask thirsty partakers if they wanted mint or cinnamon. The latter being only for the elderly, of course.

Back in the confines of my own home, with a freshly cleaned sink, at least until the next tooth brushing session, I'm just thankful that toothpaste evolved from animal parts and bone meal.

The next time I'm at the dentist, I think I'll give birthday cake a try.

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J26-037

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Loranzo A. Attaway DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR2026-39

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

Roberta L. Attaway has petitioned for Roberta L. Attaway to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Loranzo A. Attaway** 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 Sept. 21, 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:

Clerk of the Probate Court

P.O. Box 264

Wrightsville, GA 31096

Address

478-864-3316

August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2026

J26-039

Public Notice

GST Capital Partners, LLC has constructed a wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 255-ft (260-ft w/appurtenances) AGL guyed wire communications tower located at Glisson Road, Kite, Johnson County, Georgia 31049 (32.63394 N, 82.49008 W). The tower is marked and lighted in accordance with FAA Style E. The previous public notice identified the proposed communication tower height as 255-ft (265-ft with appurtenances). No other changes have been made since the previous public notice. Interested persons may review the application for this structure by visiting the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) ASR Application Search at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering Form 854 File Number: A1393163. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC requires all such requests to be filed online. Instructions for filing can be found at: www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest

September 1, 2026

J26-038

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY WALTERS PALMER, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR2026-40

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 Sept. 28 2026.

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September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

J26-036

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF KRISTEN L. CURTIS, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR2026-37

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

KAYLEE DANNIELLE MERRITT has petitioned for KAYLEE DANNIELLE MERRITT to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **KRISTEN L. CURTIS** 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 Sept. 21 2026.

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August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2026

Friends of Georgia radio

SANDY SPRINGS – The friends of Georgia Radio Hall of Fame gathered here for its annual awards banquet last weekend. The event drew old friends and honorees, new faces, and a litany of supporters who appreciate local radio.

The “friends” also inducted five radio personalities into its Hall of Fame, including Dallas McCade, the robust personality of Kicks 101.5; Greg Street, V103 (VEE); Marcy Williams, a trailblazing female anchor at WSB’s 95.5 FM; and Joel Williams, perhaps Northeast Georgia’s best-known radio morning host on WCON’s My Country 99.3 in Cornelia.

Dallas McCade is not only known for her love of country music, she, if she could afford it, would take in every stray animal in the

state. Greg Street, a fishing buddy of Georgia’s Jonas Jennings, still working with the Dawgs, has been a mainstay on WVEE since the 90s, an afternoon anchor with his 6:00 p.m. theme: “It’s 6:00 o’clock, it’s 6:00 o’clock. It’s time for Greg Street to Rock.” He has entertained Atlanta audiences for years and has never met a charity he didn’t like.

Marcy Williams, a graduate of Princeton, is the only Ivy Leaguer in the group. She is an iconoclast who has gone where women have never gone before. She had gigs in Los Angeles and San Francisco before settling in with WSB’s 95.5 FM in 1993.

Joel Williams has reached “beloved” status with his morning show, which he co-hosts with Rebecca Biddy at My Country,



LORAN SMITH

99.3 WCON, Cornelia.

I know Joel best among the inductees, and beyond our on-air conversations each week in the fall, I enjoy the occasional interludes with his family, including his charming wife, B.J., who also has a long on-air relationship with WDUN in Gainesville.

When you preview the resumes of these local stars,

you find them all keen on community support and making people feel good when they might be having a bad day.

They initiate and throw their support for the communities they serve. They never take their status for granted, and they are all about reaching out to others, underscoring charity and having fun.

When on air, they are proponents of goodwill, and if they could they would build a campfire and invite the whole world to embrace and sing kumbaya.

One of the things I have always enjoyed about local radio stars is that, in addition to entertaining the constituency, are keen on extending a helping hand. I was taken by the selflessness these local stars have in their communities and the goodwill that comes from what they do in their respective neighborhoods.

With this group, you

have a rap star, country music stars, and the consummate storyteller who has been a breaker of icons for women in radio, whose theme is to put the listener first.

Neil Williamson, longtime sports executive at WSB and who has for decades been the host of the UGA Tailgate Show, was the emcee. He brought levity and insightful remarks relating to the inductees, which made it a lively evening.

When these exceptional radio personalities have a guest on the air with them, you feel you are sitting in on a fireside chat. I remember growing up when country singer Eddy Arnold did those Purina commercials, I felt that he was talking to me personally. I certainly wanted to buy Purina Dog Chow for the family hound dog.

The Friends of Georgia Radio, led by Dr. Dale Van

Cantfort, are enterprising in one very special way. They raise money and donate scholarships to aspiring college undergraduates who are interested in pursuing a radio career.

Those honored many very well become a star of tomorrow trying to make the day of their peers and generation as the aforementioned Hall of Famers have done in their time.

To make everybody’s day, how about these Internet radio quips?

What do you call the average radio? Stereo-typical.

How do radios say goodbye? They wave.

Why was the radio tired after work? It had too many watt hours.

It was a good evening, and reminded all in attendance that local radio

Is not just entertainment, it is the home of goodwill with an accent on giving back to their communities. How nice!

Beware of politicians bearing economic stats

I try not to think about the fact that college was almost four decades ago. Like many, so much of what I learned in Athens occurred outside the classroom yet occasional lessons from coursework appear as flashbacks in reaction to the modern world’s events all these years later.

My degrees, a B.B.A. from UGA and later a Master’s from Georgia State are in Economics. There’s currently an online debate about who gets to call themselves (and demand others refer to them as) an Economist.

I don’t, and I never have. I’ve been a banker, a builder, held a finance role for a large auto dealership group, helped manage a phone system for the U.S. Army Reserve, sold a similar system/program to NASA, and more recently have been a consultant, writer, publisher, and lobbyist.

For a brief while in all those years I was also an adjunct professor of Economics and Small Business. It was one of the endeavors I probably enjoyed the most. As someone trained in economics, I also understood the concept of opportunity cost.

Life decisions aren’t all about what makes you the happiest, un-

fortunately. Fulfillment and enjoyment are certainly important.

Money isn’t everything, either. I’ve turned down job opportunities and clients that would have paid very well. Each of those had high costs on my time, personal life, and/or morals and ethics.

Big life decisions have major opportunity costs. It’s somewhat similar to the 1970’s game show “Let’s Make A Deal”. When you pick one door, you give up what is behind others. This is opportunity cost.

The problem with economics is few wish to study it or make an effort to understand it. The reaction to the subject, to quote one of my sisters, is “Ewwwww”.

Yet many still wish to use the economic signals we get every day not just for their own choices, but for others. Many a political argument ends after making an often errant point with “it’s just Econ 101”.

The problem with this line of reasoning is that foundational classes in Economics are meat to teach the most basic of concepts. There are many assumptions one must make to have the elemental “Marshallian Cross” lines of supply and demand actually work

that some can miss why signals sometimes fail in the real world.

It’s hard to blame the general public for this when they have so much help in misunderstanding the complexities of economic action and reaction. Few journalists have even a foundational course in Econ. Many of their stories begin with good intentions to inform, but their own industry’s failures to understand markets and market reaction lead to poor reporting and thus greater public misunderstanding.

No better example of this is the coverage of the Federal Reserve setting a benchmark for short term interest rates. The Fed controls short term rates by buying and selling bonds to achieve a relatively stable price and thus interest rate on these instruments.

Too often the reporting of these decisions goes something like “The Fed raised interest rates today, so expect the cost of your mortgage to go up.” The problem is, mortgage rates are long term rates, which the market sets generally based on long term inflation fears. Most of the time, a fed decision to raise or lower rates is to fight inflation, and thus the reac-



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

tion between long and short term rates is like a see-saw.

Because raising short term rates shows the Fed is fighting inflation, mortgage rates will often actually come down when “interest rates are raised”. Yet it’s often reported as the opposite cause and effect.

Then there are politicians and their consultants. They want you to believe the slogans they put on bumper stickers which come from partisan dogma are long standing economic treatises.

Too many conservatives believe every time you cut taxes you get an increase in revenue. If this were true, we would have infinite

revenues just by eliminating taxes. That’s what happens if you just keep cutting according to this bumper sticker theory.

Too many progressives believe the government can spend its way into prosperity, even if it means confiscating the wealth of the prosperous. The people who want to take profits out of our system don’t seem to understand that our entire tax system is based on taking a percentage of profits – while leaving an incentive for private citizens to take risks and make profits so that they can keep at least some of it.

Each side comes loaded with their own out of context economic headlines to “prove their points”, not unlike an atheist quoting out of context scripture to assert moral high ground. We are at this point of the campaign cycle and on the precipice of a Presidential race where these examples abound.

They have me harkening back not to one of my Economics courses, but to my intro to Statistics taught by Dr. Whitten at UGA in the 1980’s. Beware, she cautioned at the beginning of the course, of what you’re about to learn. In this world, there are lies, damned lies, and then there are statistics.

I am happy to be living in such a happy state of mind

Editor's Note: This column was originally published in the Sept. 18, 2024 edition of the Tri-County Connector.

Are you happy? If so, I am happy. But you and I might be exceptions. I just read a report by WalletHub, a personal finance company, that ranks the 50 states on a number of metrics to determine which states are the happiest. Georgia is listed as the 20th happy state.

The criteria for determining how happy we are include things like our emotional wellbeing, how much sleep we get, how many hours we work, whether or not we’re depressed, how safe are we, rate of suicides, whether or not we volunteer, engage in sporting activities and number of divorces.

As usual, we beat Mississippi (42nd), Alabama (44th), West Virginia (48th), Arkansas (49th) and poor old Louisiana (50th out of 50) in being happy like we beat them in everything else. That makes me happy. Bless their hearts.

A number of the states in the Northeast were deemed happier than Georgia. WalletHub doesn’t say why, but I think it is because many of their citizens got tired of living in a place where it snows ten months a year and all the buildings are rusted and decided to move South, which made those who stayed behind happy because they got tired of all the whining. It may also

explain why we dropped to 20th because they settled here and we have to listen to them make fun of how we talk.

Before you ask, Hawaii rates No. 1 on the happiness scale. WalletHub says it is because Hawaiians enjoy great physical health, low unemployment, the longest life expectancy in the U.S. and the second-highest share of households with an annual income above \$75,000. That, in spite of the fact that U.S. Geological Survey says Hawaii experiences thousands of earthquakes every year. It was interesting to note also that Hawaiians ranked dead last in getting an adequate night’s sleep. I guess worrying about thousands of

earthquakes annually can do that to a person.

Maryland was the second happiest state. WalletHub says one big reason is Marylanders like what they do. A bunch of them are federal bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., which means they have lifetime employment. Federal bureaucrats never get fired. What’s not to like about that?

I must also note that New Jersey was rated the third happiest. The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name was born in New Jersey, even though she moved to Georgia when she was 4 years old and developed a classic Southern accent. When asked where she was born, she would say “Noowuk,” roughly approximating

“Newark.”

According to WalletHub’s analysis, New Jersey natives have “supportive relationships and love in their lives” and “happiness in their marriages.” I can personally vouch for that, even those who moved from Noowuk when they were 4 years old.

The bigger question is why does the Great State of Georgia, home to the oldest-state chartered university in the nation and the possessor of the greatest state song in the history of the world, “Georgia on my Mind” as sung by Ray Charles Robinson, of Albany, Georgia, rate only 20th in happiness?

I may be a part of the reason if my mail is any in-



DICK YARBROUGH

dication. I have opined on several occasions about the desire of an Alabama-based company, Twin Pines Minerals, to mine titanium dioxide in our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge so the world will never run short of toothpaste whitener. No one seems to have mentioned that there is titanium dioxide available to be mined in – are you ready? – Alabama.

Knowing this has made a lot of you very unhappy. Having chemical giant Chemours rumored to be buy-

ing out Twin Pines seems to have made you even angrier, particularly when the company said in 2022 that it had no intention to buy the project from Twin Pines Minerals.

Proponents of drag mining Trail Ridge aren’t happy with me, either. Gummy-Moving Ox (I can’t make this stuff up) wrote and said he hopes my teeth rot out. A local timber baron is not real pleased with me, I understand, but not because of my dental hygiene.

I suspect Gov. Kemp, State Senate Majority Leader Steve Gooch and Rep. Lynn Smith aren’t real happy with all the controversy but no one knows because they aren’t talking.

But let us end on a happy note. At least we don’t have thousands of earthquakes a year to keep us awake at night and there is a good chance we will never run out of toothpaste whitener. I don’t know about you, but I am happier already.



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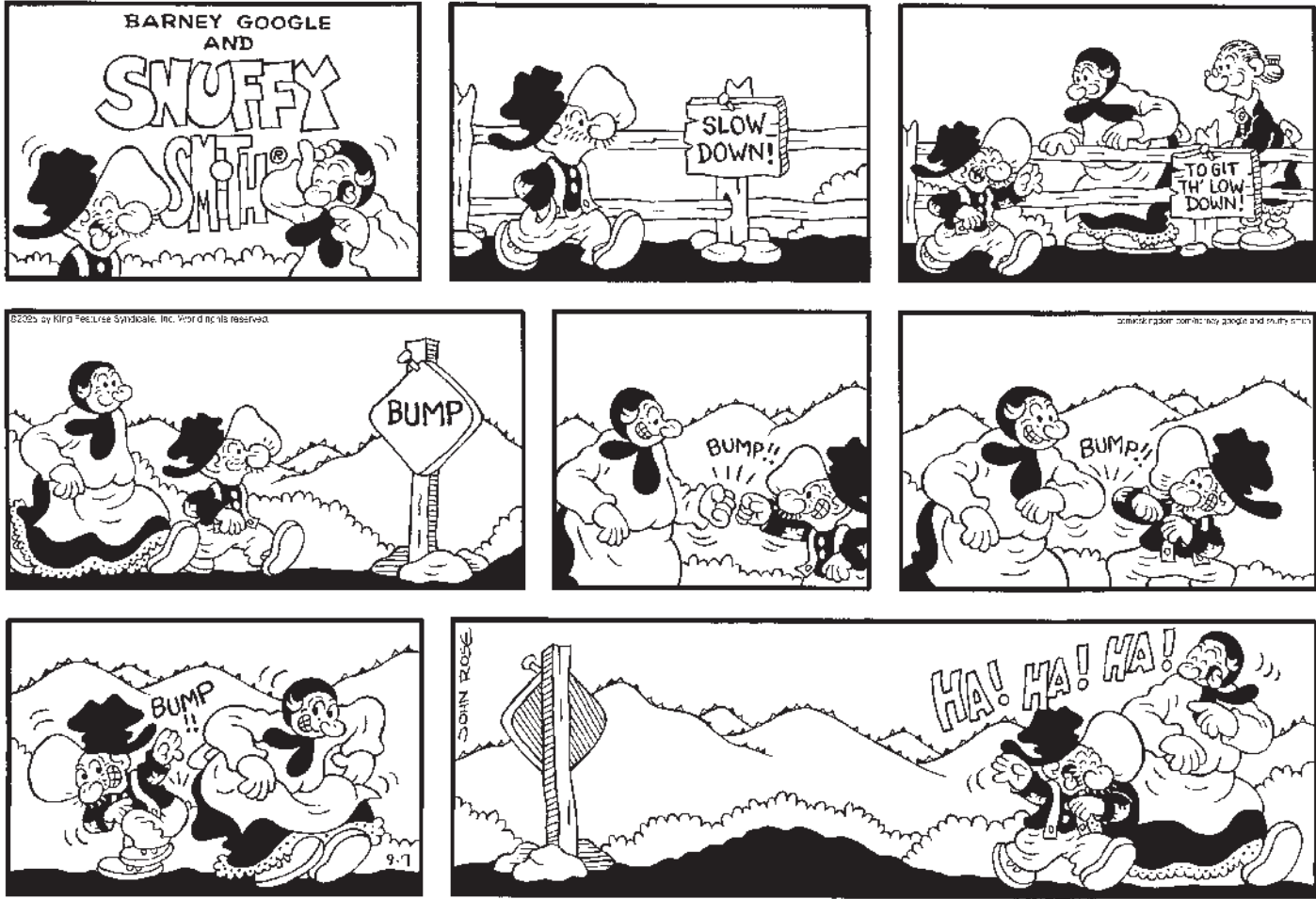
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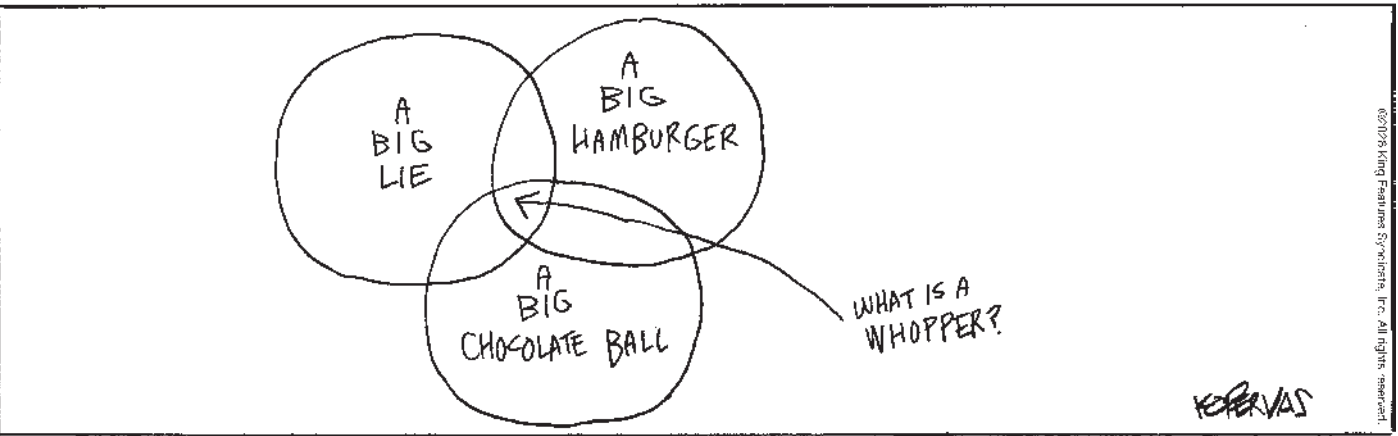
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14 Seniors' gp.

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17 China (Pref.)

18 "The Sopranos" restaurateur

19 Brunch fare

21 Thick chunk

24 TV spots

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35 Pen filler

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37 Location

38 — B'rith

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43 Texas city

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54 Icelandic epic

55 Chang's brother

56 "Andor" actor Diego —

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6 Boxer Laila

7 Angelic light

8 Allayed

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10 "Rule, Britannia!" composer

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25 "Shoo!"

26 — tear (ragging)

27 Hindmost parts

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: TALLEST PRESIDENT

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

YEAH RIGHT, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT SLEEPING. OTHERWISE THE WINDOWS WOULD BE RATTLING.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Hammer is longer. 3. Box is moved. 4. Cap is tilted back. 5. Lightbulb is smaller. 6. Stripe on sleeve is smaller.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Teaching tomorrow's citizens

Dear Editor,

O the debt we owe to teachers, administrators, and support staff, and all who make education happen for our children year after year. Parents, of course, are our first teachers, and can do so much to support their children’s learning experience at school. The rest of us have a role here, too, as encouragers and mentors.

Now is a good time to recall that a chief purpose of education is to prepare us to be citizens. And in so far as it serves to form character and teaches us to reason, every aspect of education contributes to this end. But there remains a serious gap today in education for citizenship. With the emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and the testing pressures that come with No Child Left Behind, subjects like Civics have been deemphasized. Moreover, folks who study these trends, tells us that in today’s polarized environment it’s easier not to bother, and also that many teachers today feel unprepared. Not surprisingly, as a nation we are civically illiterate, not very knowledgeable about how our government was designed to work or about our history. This lack is detrimental for our nation.

But we can begin again and there are folks who are working at this effectively. There are good resources available for teachers and school systems. Just an initial internet search led me to The Sandra Day O’Connor Institute and then to the National Constitution Center’s Civics Virtue Course, featuring “primary source readings, interpretive essays, and guided reflection activities designed to connect historical ideas, civics, character, and the common good.” Among state and county system initiatives there is the Illinois Civics Hub/ Illinois Democracy Schools. They have staff in place committed to equipping teachers and fostering civics education. As they propose, “2026 marks a period of reflective patriotism in conjunction with America’s 250th anniversary, it is also important to look ahead—considering how we equip young people with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed for the future of our democracy.”

It’s important that educators not be cowed into not speaking about our political life because it is a hot topic. I suspect that our young people are eager to process what they’re hearing about national and world affairs To their credit, many of our schools already are actively promoting respect and kindness on campus. A next step would be for our school systems to adopt a policy of “institutional neutrality” regarding political opinions, while working to promote open and thoughtful dialogue. Also, we may recall here that knowledge and love tend to support each other. We are inclined to learn about what we love and to love what we learn about. Let learning flourish then and truth be honored that love may follow.

Because this is our 250th anniversary year and because of the brokenness we’re experiencing in our life as a nation, this is a teachable moment. And again, I suspect that our young people are more ready than we realize to be taken seriously as citizens. For the sake of their development as persons and for the health of our nation, may we do so.

Steve Bullington, Adrian, Georgia

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getting contributions on the ground from Waters, Zacorian Graddy and Webb before Scott scored on an 11-yard run. Jackson’s extra point made it 28-0 with 6:09 remaining before halftime.

The Trojans nearly added another score late in the second quarter. Facing third-and-15, Wombles found Devero for 29 yards to the Warren County 17, but the drive eventually ended on downs.

Warren County then put together one of its best offensive stretches of the night, breaking runs of 29 and 28 yards before the half. But once again the JoCo defense kept the Screaming Devils out of the end zone, sending the Trojans to the locker room with a 28-0 advantage.

Johnson County head coach Don Norton was particularly pleased with the defensive performance.

“Always glad in getting the win, but we were proud of our defense,” Norton said. “Getting a goal-line stand for the third week in a row, and everyone got to play. You know, always good to get a Thursday night win versus Warren County.”

The three-week stretch Norton referenced dates back to Johnson County’s second and final preseason scrimmage, and has continued through the regular-season victories over East Laurens and Warren County.

Any thought of a Warren County comeback disappeared almost immediately after halftime.

Scott fielded the opening



Thursday was a second-straight memorable night for Jeremiah Scott, who scored another four touchdowns (three rushing and one receiving) on 179 all-purpose yards/RALPH JACKSON

kickoff and raced 75 yards to the Warren County 11. Four plays later, on fourth-and-goal from the 5, he scored his fourth touchdown of the night. Jackson’s fifth PAT pushed the lead to 35-0 and completed the scoring.

Scott finished with 77 yards on seven carries and three rushing touchdowns while adding an 11-yard touchdown reception. He produced 88 yards from scrimmage on only nine offensive touches, in addition to a 75-yard kickoff return and 16 yards on three punt returns.

The Trojans did most of their damage on the ground, rushing for 244 yards on 35 attempts — an average of 7.0 yards per carry.

Taylor gained 46 yards on only two carries, Waters added 41 yards on five attempts

and Webb finished with 36 yards and a touchdown on eight carries.

Norton also praised the big guys up front who do much of their work without showing up in the statistics.

“Our offensive line played well,” Norton said. “I was proud for them.”

Wombles accounted for Johnson County’s 59 passing yards and threw the touchdown to Scott. Devero caught two passes for 48 yards, including the 29-yard reception late in the first half.

As productive as the offense was, the defense repeatedly prevented Warren County from turning its yardage into points.

The Screaming Devils finished with 228 yards of total offense, including 227 on the ground, but turned the ball over four times. Webb inter-

cepted two passes, while Taylor recovered two fumbles.

Warren County converted only two of 14 third-down opportunities. Johnson County also kept the Screaming Devils off the scoreboard despite Warren converting three of four fourth-down attempts and finishing with 12 first downs.

The Trojans finished with 303 yards of total offense and 18 first downs. Johnson County converted four of 11 third downs and one of two fourth downs while playing turnover-free football. The Trojans were penalized nine times for 81 yards.

Norton said the effort and pursuit of his defense stood out.

“We hustled to the ball very well,” Norton said. “I was extremely proud of that, and came out and had some good hits. You know, I was very proud and saw some good leadership out there.”

The victory did come with a significant loss for the Trojans. Backup quarterback Gus Ragan suffered a season-ending injury during the first half, but his attention afterward remained on what his teammates could accomplish.

“I think we have a chance to go a long way,” Ragan said. “Everybody wants to put in the work. There’s nobody that likes to take days off. It’s well-led by seniors, and even though I can’t play anymore, I’m excited to see what they can do.”

Johnson County will now have an open week before returning to action on the road against the Wheeler County Bulldogs.

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petitions about robotics. That same gesture sparked an interest in robotics that has grown into a passion and I now consider it as a career.”

Mary Beth Thompson has served as an educator with the Johnson County School System for 32 years. She and her husband, Marty, have three children, Emily, Avery and Landry, a son-in-law, Chad Wyatt, daughter-in-law, Hailey, and grandchildren, Thom and Honey. She is an avid Trojan fan and attends Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene. She was previously recognized as Rotary Teacher of the Month by Allyson Sanchez and was awarded My Teacher is Tops by Mary Grace Winfrey. Her

hobbies include being a true crime junkie, participating in Trivia on Thursday nights at Cattle Bay, and chauffeuring her grandchildren around.

She says she has been involved in Maci’s educational journey since Elementary School.

“She was so shy in her early years but I have watched her blossom into a beautiful young lady. I knew from the beginning she would do something in the technology field. She has competed in RESA Technology Fair for many consecutive years and always brought the gold home for Johnson County. It has been a pleasure to see her soar. She has a great support team but her mama is truly her greatest asset. I am so proud of Maci.”

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For Chan, wearing the badge means having the opportunity to protect and serve not only a community, but the place he has always called home.

Sheriff Rowland shared his pride in seeing Chan grow both personally and professionally within the department.

“There is something special about watching one of our own work their way up through the ranks. Chan came to us as a Detention Officer, put in the work, and made the commitment to continue his training and become a Deputy. He grew up here, he knows the people of Johnson County, and this community means something to him. I’m proud of what he has accomplished, and I look forward to watching him continue to grow as a law enforcement officer while protecting and serving the same community that helped raise him.”

Johnson County warmly welcomes Deputy Chan Sumner and congratulates him on this outstanding accomplishment. We are proud to have one of our own serving his hometown and look forward to the years of service ahead.

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