

Help wanted: School system seeks more bus drivers

By **DEIRDRE LEDFORD**
Editor

The Johnson County School System is actively seeking additional school bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year. During the August meeting of the Board of Education, Associate Superintendent Charlie Lindsey thanked the board for the recent hire of a new bus driver last month but noted the district is still in need of additional bus drivers. Currently, there is one full-time position that needs to be filled and multiple

openings are available for substitute drivers. Anyone interested in serving the school system as a bus driver, should visit the BOE Annex at 150 South Lee Street to fill out an application.

In other business, Superintendent Dr. Chris Watkins presented Board Policy LEC: Booster Organizations for its second reading. The policy was approved on a motion by Jacob Waller, seconded by Sherrie Smith; with a 4-1 vote with Kevin Brantley casting the No vote. Watkins also presented the GSBA Awards Application Program for approval. Approval

was given.

Elementary School Principal Charles Howard updated the board on activities at his school. He shared discipline data for the first few weeks of school and noted that students are being taught and reminded of school-wide expectations. Beginning-of-year testing has been completed and upcoming professional development sessions will focus on Tier 1 Instruction and Parent Communication. He also reported that JCES held their BETA meeting with 28 new candidates for this year.

Middle/High School Principal

Reid Bethea shared discipline data for the first few weeks of school and reported that MAP testing and benchmarks are ongoing. Middle and High School sports including football and softball are in full swing. He announced the Rotary Student and Teacher of the Month recipients, Maci Blue and Mary Beth Thompson respectively. He also briefed the board on a potential December graduate.

Watkins presented information on behalf of Amber Attaway, Associate Superintendent, in the areas of Teaching & Learning and Federal Programs. Curriculum

observations have begun and the 45 Day Review Data will now focus around CCRPI to monitor progress throughout the year. In the area of Federal Programs, the budget is underway and the new STEM/Literacy position has been posted with applications being accepted through October.

Lindsey advised that all radios have been reprogrammed including those on the buses and the handheld radios. Recent repairs

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National Preparedness Month Begins September 1

By **CHIEF SHAWN WOMBLES**
Johnson County Emergency Management Agency

Emergencies can strike without warning and change lives in an instant. Taking simple steps today to prepare can help protect families, property, and communities tomorrow. The Johnson Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), is urging residents to make preparedness a priority during National Preparedness Month this September.

This year's theme, "*Americans Stand Ready*," encourages Georgians to focus on several distinct ideas that capture how Americans take pride in their ability to protect themselves and their families and work together to recover from disasters. Johnson County joins thousands of organizations across the country in this month-long effort to raise awareness and inspire action.

"We can't always predict when an emergency will happen, but we can take steps today to be ready for tomorrow," said Shawn Wombles, Johnson County Emergency Management Director. "Preparedness is a shared responsibility. When individuals and families are prepared, our first responders can respond more effectively, our communities can recover more quickly and we are all better positioned to take care of one another when it matters most."

Each week of September highlights a different area of preparedness:

Week 1: (Sept. 1-5) – Make a Plan: Get your household, including your pets, ready for emergencies. Know what to do, where to go, and what you will need to protect yourselves during a disaster.

Week 2: (Sept. 6-12) – Be in the Know: Sign

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Wrightsville native Loran Smith inducted into Georgia Radio Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE JOHNSON JOURNAL

During his more than 60-year association with University of Georgia Athletics, Wrightsville native Loran Smith has proved to be perhaps the most versatile member of the Bulldog staff.

Across that time span, he has worked as Assistant Sports Information Director, Business Manager of Athletics, executive director of the Georgia Bulldogs Club, fund-raiser extraordinaire, editor of the Georgia football game program, radio host, columnist, accomplished book author, and Bulldog historian. Legendary Dan Magill once dubbed Smith "a mighty man is he" referencing Longfellow's poetic tribute to the village blacksmith, penned over a century ago.

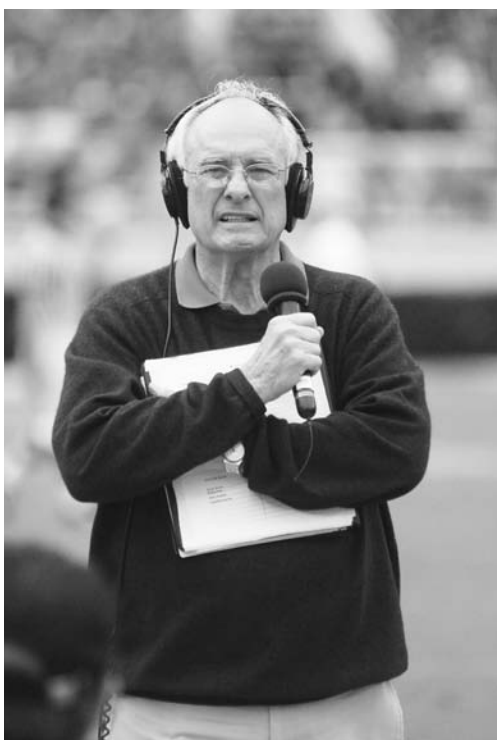
Smith was inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame on Saturday, Aug. 22, at the organization's annual banquet and awards ceremony in Atlanta. The Hall of Fame recognizes broadcasters in Georgia for their contributions to radio and sports broadcasting.

Smith originated the football coaches' locker room show in the 1970s. It was the first live locker room show in the SEC. In 1974, he became Georgia's first sideline announcer and served in that role until 2010. He also originated the popular football pre-game Tailgate Show in 1984 and still serves as co-host of that three-hour program that precedes every Bulldog game. Smith was also executive producer of the football coach's weekly TV for over 35 years. His weekly radio show, "Sports Conversations," currently runs on over 47 stations in Georgia and his daily radio show, "Two Minute Drill," runs on over

30 shows in the state. He has served as a columnist for the *Athens Banner-Herald* and his current weekly column is syndicated in more than 20 papers in the state of Georgia.

He has authored or co-authored 17 books including: "Glory, Glory" with Lewis Grizzard; "Dooley's Dawgs" with Vince Dooley; "Fifty Years on the Fifty," the story of the Orange Bowl's first 50 years; "Between the Hedges," the story of Georgia's first 100 years of football; "Let a Dead Horse Rest," a collection of humorous sports stories; "Finish the Drill," the inside story of Georgia's 2002 SEC championship season; "Beloved Dawgs," the four magical years of the careers of David Greene and David Pollack; "Wally's Boys," the story of the Wallace Butts years as Bulldog head coach; "The Athens Sketch Book," a brief history of Athens and the University; "The Georgia Football Vault (I and II), history of Georgia football; "The Georgia-Florida Rivalry Vault (with Norm Carlson), history of Georgia-Florida game; "Let the Big Dawg Eat (I and II)," tailgate recipe book with wife Myrna; "Fifty Great Memories in Georgia Football History;" "Whaddaya got, Loran?," dispatches from Georgia; "Welcome to Unicoi Outfitters," fly fishing book; "Spread Formation," college football tailgating book with celebrity coaches and player recipes; "Letter to Larry," memories of radio announcer Larry Munson; "Return to Glory: A History of the Georgia Bulldogs;" and "How 'Bout Them Dawgs!:" The Inside story of Georgia Football's 2021 National Championship Season;" with head coach Kirby Smart.

Among his many radio show guest in-



Wrightsville columnist, Loran Smith, was recently inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame/SPECIAL PHOTO

terviews are Red Grange, Satchel Paige, Stan Musial, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, T. Boone Pickens, Herschel Walker, Aaron Boone, Lee Trevino, Nick Saban, Dan Reeves, and Keith Jackson. He also wrote the first five Masters Annuals, an official publication of the Augusta National Golf Club.

A past chairman of the State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, he was elected to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. He is former publicity director of the Coaches All-America game and former Secretary of the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association and Executive Director of the Georgia High School

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Wombles wows with 335 yards through air as unusually pass-happy Trojans take it to Patriots, continue perfect streak

BY **RALPH JACKSON**
Correspondent

The defense dominated, and the offense demonstrated its diversity as Johnson County pounded Wilcox County 57-0 Friday night.

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Chance Wombles completed 11 of 12 passes for 335 yards and three touchdowns as the Trojans improved to 4-0 heading into Region 5 play.

"I was real proud of how we came out and played," JoCo head coach Don Norton said. "I never would have expected a 57-to-nothing game. Our kids really got after it tonight. They played hard, and man, how about our defense?"

Johnson County entered the week averaging more than 350 yards per game on the ground, while throwing for just 146 yards in its first three games combined.

That changed in a hurry. Wombles connected with Jacaden Webb for a 66-yard touchdown to open the scoring, with Grayson Jackson adding the extra point.

Wombles then scored on a five-yard run and Jackson converted again before Wombles found Jeremiah Scott for a 73-yard touch-

down. The extra-point attempt failed, leaving Johnson County with a 20-0 first-quarter lead.

"And we threw it a little bit tonight, so that was fun," Norton said. "I think everyone played, everyone had fun. A lot of different guys touched the ball, and I was very proud that we were able to come out and open up some things, work on a few things and have a little success."

Scott and Wombles struck again in the second quarter, this time for a 68-yard touchdown. Scott later scored on a four-yard run, the defense added a safety and Kelsey Waters scored from 10 yards out as the Trojans carried a 43-0 lead into halftime.

Jackson converted all three of his second-quarter extra-point attempts.

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Grayson Jackson got in some frequent kicking work as the Trojans scored early and often Friday night. The sophomore was teeing it up frequently after their eight touchdowns, after which he also hit seven extra points/RALPH JACKSON



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT JOCO ELEMENTARY

Johnson County Elementary School Pre-k students had some special guests for breakfast last week as they hosted Grandparents Day.

Families were able to enjoy breakfast, read and have some fun learning time together. Mrs. Heather Hightower shared a simple but powerful message with the grandparents about how every day words can help children grow. She showed them how easy it is to build vocabulary through conversations at the grocery store, in the car, in the kitchen, outside or really anywhere you are together. She said that sometimes, it's the little things we do every day that make the biggest difference.



COMMUNITY NEWS

-The 2026 Wiggle & Twist Festival is right around the corner! This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the Courthouse Square. The Festival will feature arts and crafts, games, food, vendors and a car show. The Wrightsville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce has announced that vendor registration has been extended, so there is still time to participate. Call 478-278-6191 or 478-864-7200 or come by to reserve your booth. Registration for the Car Show will be held from 9-11 with judging taking place from 11-1. Awards will be presented at 1 p.m. Trophy categories include: Top 20, Best Mopar, Best Ford, Best Chevy, Best Import, Best Motorcycle, Best Side by Side, Best Tractor, Best of Show, and Kid's Choice. Entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. There will also be a 50-50 drawing.

For more information, contact Judy Scott at the numbers listed above or visit the Chamber of Commerce.

-The annual Light Up The Night Linder Memorial 5K will be held Thursday, October 29 with race time starting at 5:30 p.m. \$25 entry fee. All proceeds will benefit the Light Up The Night Scholarship Fund in memory of

Coach Linder and Bella.

-The JCHS Class of 1986 will be hosting its 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, October 24. Contact a committee member through the JCHS Class of 1986 Facebook page for more information.

-Neeler Chapel AME Church will be hosting their annual Men's Day Program on September 27 at 2 p.m. with the St. Luke Baptist Church of Dexter in charge of services and their pastor, Pastor Jamie Pittman bringing the message. There will be no morning services. Guest churches include: Mitchell Grove, China Temple, Community, Lovett Grove, Vickers Hill, members of Day From Day One, Buckeye, St. James in Adrian, Scott Chapel, Rock Springs, Thomas Grove, Harrison Springs, Mt. Mosiah CME and Sand Hill.

-The Wrightsville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours event on Tuesday, September 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.



The Varsity Lady Trojans remain undefeated in the region after defeating Wilkinson County 16-0 on Thursday/
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Wombles finished with three touchdown passes of 66, 73 and 68 yards. Scott caught five passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns while adding 23 yards and another touchdown on four carries.

"My line up front — I couldn't do it without them," Wombles said. "I've got some dogs in the back I can get the ball to, and great coaches that get me in the spot."

Webb caught two passes for 93 yards and a touchdown, while Daezon Devero had three receptions for 52 yards.

Johnson County finished with 335 yards through the air and 169 on the ground for 504 yards of total offense.

Matthew McCoy said the Trojans' willingness to go to the air helped catch Wilcox off guard.

"Tonight we passed more than we ran it, and that took them by surprise," McCoy said.

While the passing game provided the big plays, the Johnson County defense provided almost nothing for Wilcox.

The Patriots were held to just 41 yards of total offense, gaining 18 yards on 23 rushing attempts. Wilcox completed three of eight passes for 23 yards and threw an interception.

"Wow, what a performance by our defense," Wombles said. "Our defense had a great night tonight. A shutout."

Johnson County had done most of its work by halftime.

Jeremiah Taylor scored on a four-yard run in the third quarter, and Kris Siren added a two-yard touchdown in the fourth to complete the scoring. Jackson converted both extra points and finished the night 7-for-8 on PATs.

Johnson County spread the work around as the lead grew.

Taylor led the Trojans on

the ground with 69 yards, while Zacarion Graddy added 33, Scott 23, Jamir Wadley 21 and Waters 18. Siren rushed for 11 yards and a touchdown, and Morgan Prosser added six yards.

Through the air, Glen Jenkins added a 12-yard catch to the receiving totals posted by Scott, Webb and Devero.

The performance continued Scott's impressive start to the season. He entered Friday with 12 touchdowns through the first three games. His three scores against Wilcox give him 15 touchdowns through four games, along with 403 rushing yards and 247 receiving yards.

Johnson County has now scored 172 points while permitting just 33 during its 4-0 start.

"We came in ready to play, and we executed," McCoy said. "It's related to our practice and how much we work at practice, and how much we're going to keep on doing it to take it as far as we can go."

The Trojans now turn their attention to Glascock County and their first Region 5 game of the season.

"I think we have a chance to go pretty far," McCoy said. "If we keep on practicing like we play and play like we practice, we can end up making it all the way."

Real love

By GARY TOOLE

Back in the 1960s Ryan O'Neal and Ali McGraw starred in a movie entitled, "Love Story." Well, the greatest love story, besides Jesus and His love in the Bible, was the love story about Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi. It was a great and wonderful love story. Real love, not this cheap superficial love, but God's love. That divine agape' love. The one that will make you love not in word only but in deed and in truth. When the rubber meets the road, you will find out who truly loves you. Ruth was willing to give up a life she could have to go with and take care of her mother-in-law.

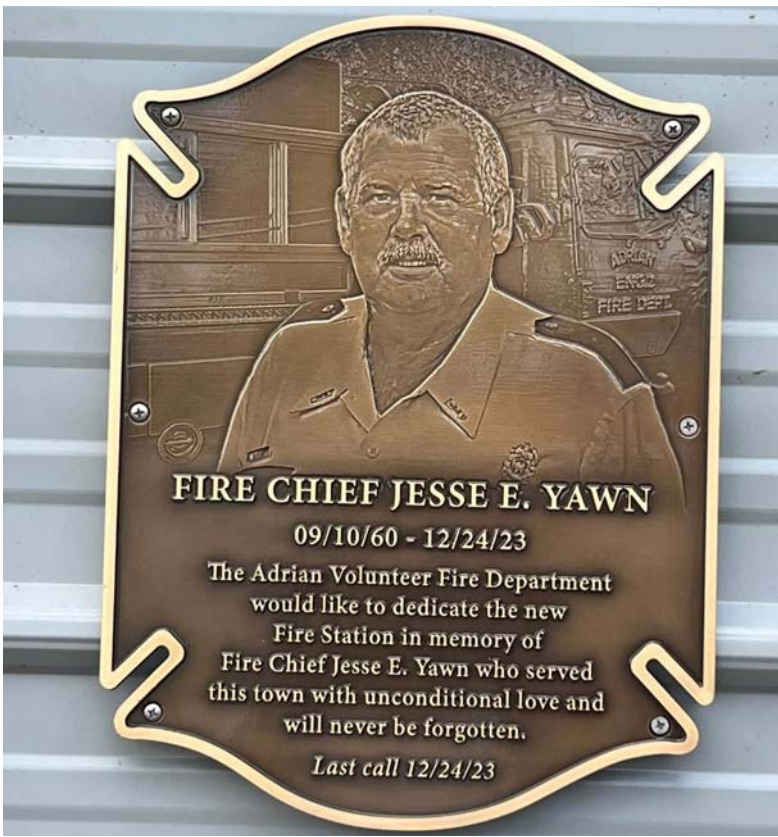
My wife had that kind of relationship with my mother. She was a spiritual influence to my wife. Of course they didn't have nursing homes back then in Bible times, but even now some who don't work and could care for the



older ones won't because it's just easier to put them away in the nursing home. Some don't have any choice but to do that, but some that can won't because they put their convenience and desires ahead of a loved one. Love (God's love) is a powerful word, but in the mouths

of some it's a weak diluted word. In John 21:15-17 that's why Jesus asked Peter three times, "Loveth thou me?" Jesus knew Peter's heart but He just wanted him to say it and really mean it, because even though Peter truly loved Jesus the Lord knew he had already denied Him and He fore knew he would deny Him because Jesus fore knew all things. Real love! Not just lip service, but love that's willing to sacrifice. Ruth loved her mother in law just that much. That's God's love manifested in the lives of true believers and receivers.

And even greater, this love story was a lesson to teach children, preteens, teens, young adults and all in between to respect your elders. The older folks in other words. Ruth had a powerful love for her mother-in-law. Some folks don't have a good relationship with their in laws and some even call them outlaws. This one man loaned his mother-in-law his Cadillac and she drove it off a cliff and he said, that he sure did miss his Cadillac. Please don't say, "Amen to that," but amen to the truth of God's holy word.



ADRIAN HONORS LATE FIRE CHIEF

The City of Adrian and Adrian Fire Department held a special ceremony last Saturday to honor a man who faithfully served the City for many years. Fire Chief Justin Johnson and Danton Morris unveiled a plaque on the new addition of the Adrian Fire Department, dedicating it to the late Fire Chief Jesse Yawn. Thank you for your service Mr. Yawn. EOW 12/24/23.

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up for your community's warning system. Disasters can happen suddenly, so it's important to have multiple ways to receive alerts.

Week 3: (Sept. 13–19) – Build a Kit: Learn what sup-

plies you and your family will need in times of disaster, starting with items you may already have at home like canned food and first aid supplies.

Week 4: (Sept. 20–30) – Take the Next Step: If you want to help your community be more resilient, consid-

er taking a training course through FEMA's Training and Education Program or your local emergency management agency to build or gain skills to protect yourself, your family, friends and community.

For more information on creating an emergency

plan and building a Ready kit, visit gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia. To learn more about risks specific to Johnson County, contact the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency at 478-864-9759 or swombles@johnsonco.org

Johnson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Johnson County Farm Bureau will hold its Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at The Depot, 6745 East College Street, Wrightsville, GA 31096.

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Monea Cason	September 23
John Linder.....	September 23
Barry Powell	September 23
Rhonda Smith	September 23
Krystal Tanner.....	September 23
Tim Tanner	September 23
Felicia Jenkins	September 23
Mary Ann Jenkins	September 23
Travis Campfield	September 24
Alison Harrison	September 24
Susan Bailey	September 25
Derreck Martin	September 25
Krystal Townsend	September 25
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Myrtle Sheppard.....	September 26
Isaac Williams	September 26
Grayson Fincher	September 26
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DID YOU KNOW...?

Has anyone ever been appointed a general officer in the U.S. Army with no previous military experience?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

Holy mackerel! Do you know what this Saturday is?

Yes, I know it's Saturday. Sheesh. Seriously, though ... it's my birthday. Another trip around the Sun completed.

On Saturday, I will turn 68 years old ... and believe me, I feel every single day of those 68 years.

Happy birthday to me, I guess ... and I'm sure of happy trivia to you! Here's my gift. Enjoy it!

Did you know ...

... who was credited as the narrator in the 1960s TV series Batman? Not mentioned in the credits, the narrator was identified as Desmond Doodmsday. The only problem was, Desmond Doodmsday did not exist. The name was a pseudonym for William Dozier (1908-1991), the producer of the show. Dozier had auditioned several voice actors for the part of the series narrator, but none of them met his approval ... so he did the job himself. (Holy multiple jobs, Batman!)

... what the collective word for a group of bullfinches is? It's called a bellowing. And if you don't know what bullfinches are, they're birds, and they sing ... a lot. (Loudly.)

... the creator of The Hunger Games once wrote for a children's television show? Suzanne Collins (born 1962) wrote the classic dystopian novel series beginning in 2008, and it was made into a series of blockbuster movies. But before Collins wrote that bleak outlook on the future, she was a writer for the Nickelodeon children's series Clarissa Explains It All. (Working on a kids' show can make one dystopian. I'm just saying.)

... Venus has rainbows? On the second planet from the Sun, such phenomena are called "glories" and are perfect concentric circles of colored rings. (There's no place for a pot of gold, it seems.)

... the disappearance of an Australian pilot has never been solved? On the evening of October 21, 1978, Fredrick Valentich (1958-1978) was piloting his Cessna airplane on a 125-mile training flight over Bass Strait, south of Australia. During the flight, Valentich radioed that he he was being accompanied by an aircraft that was about a thousand feet above him. The mysterious aircraft had four bright lights and was moving at a very high rate of speed. It then approached his plane from the east, and at first Valentich thought another pilot was having fun with him. He then reported that the other aircraft was "orbiting" above him. Radar at area airports only registered Valentich's aircraft, not the bogey he was reporting. Valentich's last transmission was, "It's not an aircraft," and then a sound like a metallic scrape was heard. A search was mounted almost immediately, but no trace of Valentich or his Cessna were ever found. Was he kidnapped by a UFO? Did he crash into Bass Strait? No one knows. (Cue Rod Serling to step into the picture.)

... a man with no military experience whatsoever was appointed a three-star general during World War II? William S. Knudsen (1879-1948) was an executive at General Motors when the war broke out and the U.S. joined the effort in 1941. After meeting with President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), Knudsen was appointed Chairman of the Office of Production Management to increase production of war materiel – and he did, tripling the number of tools and exponentially increasing the number of aircraft built. Knudsen's direction also astronomically increased the number of cargo and Navy ships. When he was appointed Director of Production under the Secretary of War, Knudsen was commissioned a lieutenant general in the Army – despite having never served before. He was later named Director of the Air Technical Service Command, and resigned his commission on June 1, 1945. To date, Knudsen holds the highest initial appointed rank ever in the history of the U.S. armed forces. Additional trivia note: Despite having no military background, Knudsen received the Distinguished Service Medal on two occasions during the war.

... the measurement known as the "yard" was based on the length of a king's arm? King Henry I of England (1068-1135) fixed the measurement of a yard as the distance between his nose and the thumb of his outstretched arm. This measurement was 36 inches. He then decreed that the measurement known as the foot would be 1/3 of this, or 12 inches. Historical side note: Had Henry's arm been six inches longer, a foot would be 14 inches, not 12. (I wonder if this is where "yardarm" came from?)

... the internal-combustion engine for automobiles was invented in 1885? Karl Benz (1844-1929) installed the engine in his first automobiles. The first cars by Benz had three wheels; later the engineer upgraded to four wheels. But Benz' automobile, while the first with an internal combustion engine, was not the first actual car. That distinction goes to some steam-powered contraptions designed in Britain in the late 1860s. (But I'm glad he invented it!)

... Hawaii has its own time zone? Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time operates two hours behind Pacific Standard Time, one hour behind Alaska Standard Time, and five hours behind Eastern Standard Time. Hawaii also does not observe Daylight Savings Time. (Smart!)

... the nearest galaxy to our own is getting closer every day? The Andromeda galaxy is currently about 2,500,000 light-years away and is moving toward our own galaxy, the Milky Way at a speed of 68 miles per second. Astronomers say that about four billion years from now, the two galaxies will "collide" – which sounds really bad but won't actually amount to all that much, as there is some serious distance between stars in each galaxy. The end result will be one massive galaxy comprising more than 1.5 trillion stars. (That will be impressive!)

Now ... you know!

Being bad at math comes back to haunt me

If there is ever a situation where I am helping you do math in my head, let me go ahead and confess that I'm just pretending.

The brain meat rattling in my perfectly sculpted head bones is not capable of doing that out of thin air. In spur-of-the-moment math-ematics, you are completely on your own. And don't even think about introducing a fraction to the equation. That kind of function will require paper, pencil and a pot of coffee, possibly call in a professional.

It's a curse, I know, but you can't be good looking and smart - it's just not natural.

My family likes to play this little game where a math problem is proposed and they all watch me sweat trying to figure out the answer. Eventually, after the rusty gears of my noggin spin too long, I naturally give the wrong answer and am ridiculed by people more gifted with numbers than I.

The joke's on them though; I'm the only one who knows how to change

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

the wifi password.

So I was shocked when I was recently tasked to help with some math homework. Apparently they teach advanced calculus to grade schoolers now? It might as well have been advanced calculus.

I once failed a calculus class in college. Why was I, a future prattler of words, taking high level mathematics? By taking the advice of a terrible advisor, and poor

judgement on my part, that's why. I was also enrolled in physics for some reason.

The short version of this story is that I almost became a college flunky. The long version is I dropped the science course out of necessity, but was forced to maintain enrollment in the calculus course to remain a full-time student. I confessed my plight to the professor, a friendly, old man who assured me that if I at least

came to class and tried my best he would pass me with a C.

And we all know Cs get degrees.

To my horror the jolly, understanding instructor who gave out passing grades for attendance disappeared by Christmas break. He was replaced by his academic opposite - a shrewd doctor of numbers who demanded precision and conceptual understanding, not to mention that all work be shown.

So I got what I deserved, an F, and was forced to enroll in night school at the community college to get my grades up. And no more math. It was all humanities studies for this guy.

What of my child who sought my assistance? To be honest, I thought I actually understood the material and delivered some grade A parenting. However, that assignment was doomed to be repeated, and I think I owe a math teacher an apology card.

I don't think I'll be asked to do math any time soon.

From Days Gone By Historian Donald Smith



Assoc. He was moderator for many years and at his retirement last year, elected moderator emeritus. For more than 25 years he pastored New Home, and also served Nail's Creek, Pleasant Grove, Rehobeth, Kite, Jackson's, Oak Chapel and Blundale. He was a native of Carroll Co. and graduated Mercer Univ. He left a wife and 2 children. He was buried at Wadley.

Mr. Billie Carroll of Dublin, formerly of Johnson, died after a three month illness. He was 65 and when here he worked for J. M. Luck in the chair factory. He was buried in Tom Carter cemetery. Mr. Ben Hill Hammock, Laurens Co., died at his home after a long illness. He lived just over the county line. Surviving are his widow, several children, mother, 11 brothers and sisters. He was a son of Henry Hammock, a Baptist,

and buried at Piney Mt.

Zack Moye, 62 year old farmer living 7 miles from Adrian, is in serious condition at Claxton's Hospital from stab wounds said to have been inflicted by Brad Lord, his son-in-law. Lord was charged with assault to murder. Moye was stabbed several times, once just under the heart. The blade of the knife was said to have been broken in a wound on his forehead. His son, who took the charge out on Lord, said the difficulty had its origin over some cotton. Lord lived on the farm and farming with his father-in-law.

Another harvest is about over and a glance at the books shows that most of the farmers are coming out in the red, as usual, and some facing the winter without even the necessities of life. The fault is partly their own, although

as a general rule they have worked hard to pay their debts and make something for themselves. The farmers have been entirely too dependent on cotton, as the record clearly shows. Until they produce sufficient food stuffs and meats to sustain them throughout the year, and raise only enough cotton to finance their crops, then only can they hope to maintain themselves. The time has arrived when the farmer has got to look after himself instead of being dependent upon his fellow man if he is to live, prosper, and do well.

The wise man will not borrow from the government if he can possibly avoid it. Past borrowing has not helped agriculture to meet the hard times. It has made them harder. The farmer's debt have not helped him, and more debt will not help him. Loans even from the Federal Government must be paid back and that payment taxes the borrower and depletes his profits, if and when he has any. Very few of the borrowers from the government will not be losers in the long run. For the individual as well as the governments, national and local, the way out is not by more borrowing, more debt making, but by economy and thrift.

WANTED

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needed to the fuel pumping system at the bus shop have been completed at a cost of approximately \$15,000. He also updated the board on the district's need for a new phone system as the current AT&T system is scheduled to time out in November. This project is currently underway.

Watkins thanked Lindsey, Jerry Floyd and both principals for their diligence in helping reduce costs recently, where pos-

sible, during the increased energy rates with Georgia Power during peak times.

He reported that Johnson County Schools recently received a check from the Athletic Booster Club, which will be issued to the athletic account at the school to be used to support all athletic programs. He then discussed that, due to a misprint with the advertisement, the millage rate would need to be set at the September regular meeting. Finally, he announced and congratulated the Teachers of the Year: Erin Nunez,

JCES; Rhett Wombles, JCMS; and Heather Floyd, JCHS.

Following an executive session, the following personnel recommendations were approved:

To Resign: Wendy Smith-Elementary School Paraprofessional

To Hire: Akiia Andrews-High School Science, Lindsey Carter-Paraprofessional.

During a called meeting on August 3, Watkins presented a rescission request regarding Carla Griffin, Middle/High School Coun-

selor. Approval was given to rescind the motion. The following personnel recommendations were approved with a 4-1 vote with Sherrie Smith casting the No vote:

To Resign: Adam Argos, High School Science

To Hire: Brenda Brantley-substitute bus driver, Kristin Brantley-contracted Family Connection Coordinator, Seth New-some-Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach, Nicole Shepard-Middle/High School Counselor 49%, and STEM/Literacy Teacher-Elementary School, TBA.

SMITH

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All-Star games. In 2017 a gift from a long-time University of Georgia supporter honored him by creating the Loran Smith Senior Associate Athletic Director for Sports Communications endowed position at UGA.

Also in 2017, a new lobby at one of the entrances to the William Porter Payne and Porter Otis Payne Indoor Athletic Facility was dedicated to Loran and Myrna Smith. The lobby features a collage of photos commemorating Loran's association with UGA which has spanned more than 50 years. Also included is a large plaque which includes the text:

Loran and Myrna

"Georgia's most gracious ambassadors for over 50 years, Loran Smith, the Southern gentleman, and Myrna, the Southern Lady, welcomed guests from all over the world onto the UGA campus and into their home always carrying the banner of the University of Georgia.

"A career Bulldog, Loran hailed from Wrightsville, captained the 1960 Bulldog track team while earning his

journalism degree, and never left. The most versatile of all Bulldogs, he served as Assistant Sports Information Director, Business Manager, Executive Director of the Georgia Bulldog Club, accomplished author of more than 20 books, syndicated columnist and radio host, founder of the pre-game football Tailgate Show, the Bulldogs' first in-game sideline reporter, and Georgia's most accomplished fund raiser in the name of athletics. Loran served as chairman of the State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1997. Myrna came to Athens from Covington and received two degrees from UGA.

"Exhibiting the essence of grace and hospitality, none have been greater standard bearers for the Georgia Bulldogs than Loran and Myrna Smith."

Smith is a native of Wrightsville, Ga., where he participated in track and football at Wrightsville High. He's a 1962 Grady College of Journalism graduate of the University of Georgia where he captained the 1960 Bulldog track team. He was named MVP his senior year.

He is married to the former Myrna Warren of Covington, Ga. They have two children, Camille and Kent, who are both Georgia

graduates. They have four grandchildren: Alex and Zoe Smith of Dallas, Texas, and Sophie and Penny Martin of Charlotte, NC.

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George Harwood

George Harwood is a retired schoolteacher who knows much about many things. That’s because he reads a lot, has an interest in history, and thinks nothing of heading off to far-off places. He and his wife, Rita, have sojourned to Tanzania a few times, where they explored the wilds of Africa and conversed with the local folk, with a curious and empathetic bent—getting such an emotional uptick from these excursions that he is likely to outlive his friends and neighbors.

He is an introspective sports fan who loves searching for the inside story on an athlete or the performance of an accomplished star. He is a professional cooking on his grill, is fascinated with Greek mythology, and has become an expert photographer. His

enthusiasm for life is a reminder that he is in step with the view of the remarkable Michelangelo, who said on his 87th birthday, “Ancora imparo,” which translates to, “I am still learning.”

One of the pleasures of George’s daily life is the hummingbird feeder on his porch, where he often stands, staring in awe of the hummers who come calling. He wanted still photos of these amazing creatures in reverent pause and set about setting his shutter speed to accommodate his objective. He shared the photos with his friends, along with such insights that hummingbird wings beat at 80 times per second. (If there is anything more startling than that, it is that when males are courting, their wings flap at 200 times per second.)



LORAN SMITH

George has encyclopedic knowledge of many subjects. He reads; he keeps up. His daily intake goes beyond the nightly headlines. For example, he delights in sharing with his friends that people in Africa are beginning to realize that killing off the animals is a bad practice. They want poachers to be rendered invalid.

For example, the Maasai

tribes in Kenya and Tanzania no longer condone the long-time tradition of expecting their young sons to confirm their manhood by killing a lion outfitted with only a spear and a shield.

Many communities realize the value of tourism. They realize that conservation practices are important in the face of declining lion populations with the aim of protecting wildlife. One alternative to the traditions of the past is that there are the Maasai Olympic games.

The Harwoods will be making their third trip to Africa after the first of the year. They were introduced to “The Motherland” by joining a tour organized by a well-known minister in Gwinnett County, James Merritt.

With a deep and abiding interest in history, George remains enthralled by Greek mythology. When he visits ancient sites, he makes sure

he knows as much as possible about where he spends time. When he and Rita went to Ephesus, they were armed with a detailed study of Ephesians and the works of the Apostle Paul.

At the temple of Artemis, George was overwhelmed, as most visitors are, by one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. When he visited Istanbul and saw the Bosphorus Strait, he photographed this fascinating body of water where giant tankers and fishermen dinghies ply its waters side by side. He was armed with facts about the 19-mile Bosphorus and knew more about this natural strait than the tour guide.

I got to know George via his father-in-law, Billy Bryant, longtime postmaster in Lexington, a man who was gifted at grilling chicken halves for a popular fall dove shoot, hosted by William Porterfield and John “Kid”

Terrell.

While George has an intellectual curiosity, he also has affection for downhome lifestyle and an appreciation for flower and vegetable gardens and the outdoors.

He knows about herbal medicine, which he experienced in Tanzania when an acacia thorn became embedded in his right forearm. He dined for over a week with a Hadzabe tribe, one of the last group of hunter-gatherers remaining in the world and raved about the food.

Perhaps George will write a book about his many travels and insights for us to enjoy and refer to. My guess is that we can clap our hands thrice in a second while the hummingbirds on his porch come with 240 flaps of their wings in tribute to a retired teacher who, like Michealangelo, is with each passing birthday still learning.

Let’s Talk About Trucks

There was once a time when elections were focused on telling voters what the top problems are, and the candidate’s very specific plans of how he or she would solve them. Today that seems rather quaint.

The problem with this approach is that voters feel like they should get everything they want, and nothing they don’t. Policy plans have costs. There are tradeoffs. Any point of pain in a plan becomes a target for an opponent.

Thus it’s really hard to fault the candidates who run on platitudes and vibes. It’s up to us, the voters, to cut through the marketing garble and figure out how each candidate would actually effect the change we want on the issues we care about the most.

With that pre-amble I’m going to talk about one of the campaigns in Georgia I wish we were having, rather than the ones we are. Candidates need a theme and preferably a symbol. To move Georgia forward under new state

leadership, we’re going to need a truck.

We already have them. Lots and lots of them. Georgians are starting to notice, too.

I-285 is gridlocked much of the day, making the “bypass” around Atlanta often a longer, slower journey than the ITP sections of 75, 85, 20, and GA 400. What’s different about 285 is that semi trucks aren’t allowed inside of I-285 if they don’t have a destination inside of the perimeter.

Sometime soon when you’re sitting in traffic on I-285 you’ll notice that there are signs saying trucks aren’t allowed in the two left lanes. The trucks no longer recognize this, nor do the people in charge of enforcing it.

The truth is, there are more trucks traveling around 285 than will fit in two lanes. They now routinely ride in the third lane over and as soon as traffic backs up, trucks will now take the forth lane too.

It takes trucks longer to start from a full stop, given

the inertia of up to 40 tons of mass that once at rest, tends to stay at rest. When you have trucks in all free-way lanes, any traffic jam is going to take longer to clear because these are the slowest vehicles to move, backing up all traffic behind them.

We’re having a similar issue now on our other free-ways throughout the state. Those with three lanes prohibit trucks from the far left lane. Regularly now, trucks are using each lane at least for passing if not cruising. At least twice a month I get to enjoy one tractor trailer going 62 mph on I-16 try to pass another going 60mph for what seems like an eternity.

So naturally we need leaders willing to get rid of trucks, right? Well, if only life were that easy.

Trucks are a symptom and symbol. They represent problems when we’re in traffic, yet opportunity when looked at for what they represent.

Georgia remains a growth state. We also brand



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ourselves as the number one state to do business.

Our ports are among the fastest growing in the nation, and are now among the largest for both containers and automotive cargos. The success of our ports, even with their massive freight rail upgrades, means growth of truck volume on our roads.

It also means growth of warehouses and distribution centers. Our local governments love these businesses as they generate massive amounts of property taxes while demanding very few local services from police, fire, and most importantly,

schools. Trucks represent a bit of a negative externality to local governments and school boards trying to hold down property taxes.

We also can’t just blame the ports for our trucks. Metro Atlanta now has a population greater than Missouri (and 31 other states). Not all, or even most, of these trucks are driving through Atlanta. Many of them represent goods coming to and from our densely populated capital area. With Georgia now the 8th most populous state overall, we need to accept that these trucks are “our” problem and opportunity.

The issue is that fixing this problem is expensive, and neither party wants to address this cost. Asking voters to pay more in a campaign is essentially political malpractice.

You then have a NIMBY problem, where most are in favor of a solution anywhere but in their backyard. Good luck trying to survive the backlash of adding not just additional lanes to existing interstates, but completely new interstate corridors that would trade current rural land for Atlanta route alternatives, using eminent do-

main to do so.

Even if you get over this bar, you then have timelines that extend beyond attention spans. No politician cares to promise a project that will take up to ten years just to clear environmental permits, and then another decade of construction. A candidate for Lieutenant Governor could promise a new interstate well east or west of Atlanta, win and fund it next session. They could then serve an entire 8 years as Lieutenant Governor waiting for permits and run for an open Governor’s mansion, win that, and still not get to cut a ribbon on the finished project before they serve two gubernatorial terms.

It’s a lot easier to promise the voters tax cuts or immediate spending on something that will show voters quick changes, while we all just sit in traffic a little bit longer each year. It’s the safer way to get elected.

It’s hard to blame our candidates for this. We instead need to blame our need for immediate gratification and short attention spans, while we sit in traffic wondering why someone won’t do something.

Is a write-in candidacy right in the future?

I’ve not decided, okay? These kinds of decisions require time and a lot of thought. And I’m not talking about whether to eat my peas with a fork or a spoon or to not eat peas at all. I am talking about am I right in being a write-in candidate for governor of the Great State of Georgia.

I need to make a decision soon. After having brought up the idea a few months back, I was surprised and humbled by the reaction I received from my fellow Georgians. Three readers immediately committed to support my candidacy. Within a month, that support reached double-digits (10) and has since doubled again (20). We are talking

groundswell territory here. At this point, all I need is another 2,111,552 votes. Unfortunately, I can’t count on Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to find them for me. That has already been tried, and we know how that came out.

But I ask myself why would I want to be governor in the first place? I already have a pretty cushy job as it is. I get to use nouns, pronouns, subjunctive clauses, determiners, interjections, and a lot of other grammar stuff as well as having an endless supply of commas to throw in wherever I wish. As a result, my weekly reflections on current events are considered a must-read. I don’t want this to come

across as bragging, but my intelligence was considered artificial long before AI.

There are a few perks that go with being governor. You get to live in a fancy house in Atlanta rent-free (thanks to taxpayers), you have your own airplane, (ditto), somebody lays out the clothes you are going to wear tomorrow, and you never have to open a door. That is what your staff is for. The downside is you have to deal with a bunch of fawning politicians for 4 years. Hmm. I need to think on that.

And then there are the two candidates who are currently seeking the job. Gazillionaire Rick Jackson is the Republican nominee and Keisha Lance Bottoms is the choice



DICK YARBROUGH

of the Democrats. Jackson has already spent an amount equal to the Gross National Product of Burundi on TV ads around the state but still looks like he swallowed a sour lemon. He always ends

his commercials with, “I’ve got this.” When you spend the equivalent of the GNP of Burundi on ads, you should have this. Whatever “this” is.

How Keisha Lance Bottoms ever got to be the Democratic choice to run for governor escapes me. She couldn’t handle the job as mayor of Atlanta and now all of a sudden she is qualified to run the entire state? Oh, please. The frightening thing is that if the Republicans don’t stop all their infighting and figure out who the real enemy is, she just might get elected.

You have the right to ask me what I would do if I was governor of the Great State of Georgia. A fair question. First off, I would not be Donald Trump’s favorite governor, like Jackson claims he will be. That’s because Trump doesn’t know who I am. He and I might have a problem, anyway. He is all about changing the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America and Lake Ontario to Lake America and even New Mexico to New America. What is to keep him from coming after Athens, Bremen, Cairo, Damascus, Dublin, Manchester, Rome and Vienna?

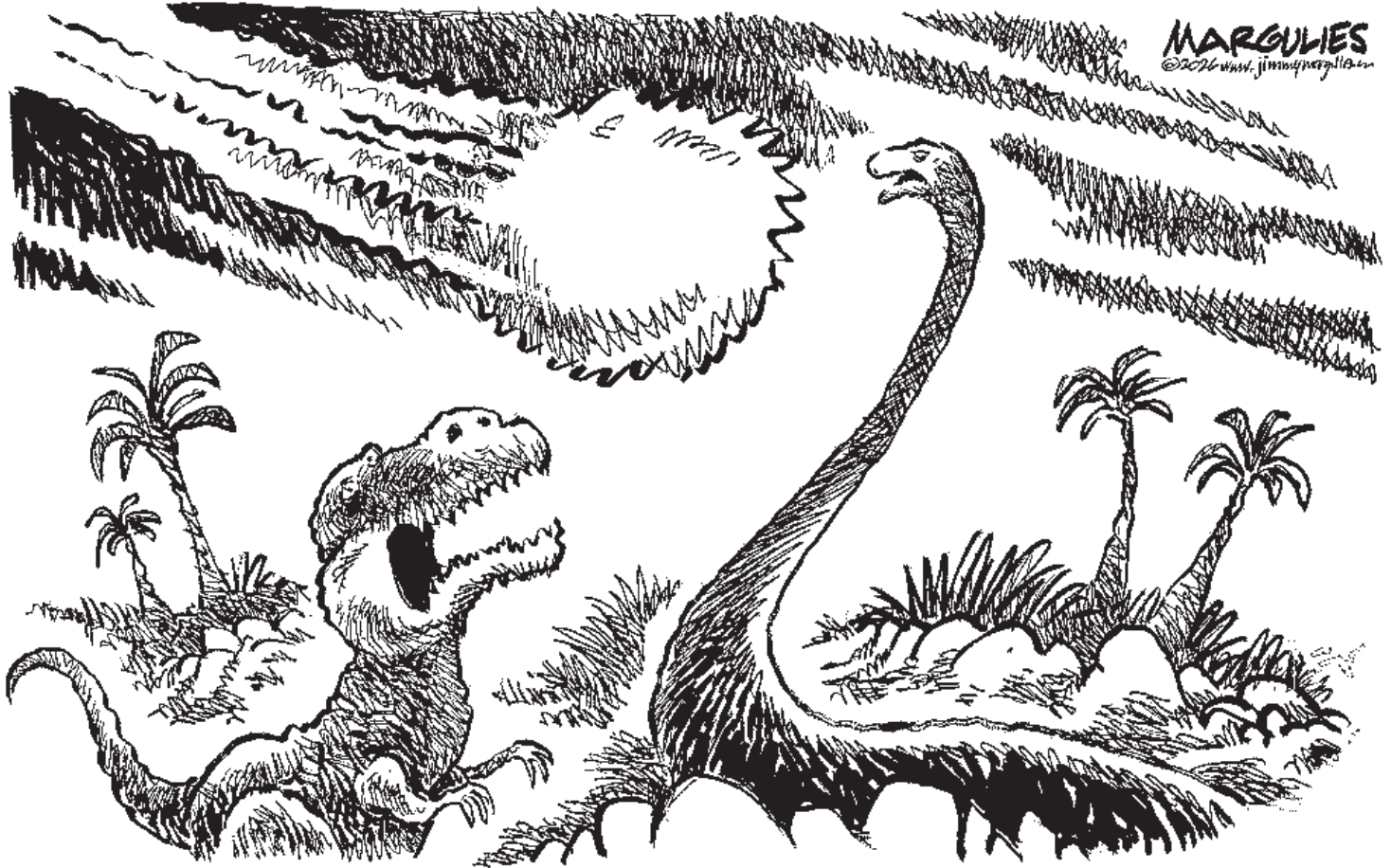
Make America Great Again by getting rid of these foreign sounding city names? Don’t worry. I’ve got this.

If I do run, like every candidate running for every office everywhere I promise I will (inhale) Lower our taxes. Reduce crime. Shrink the size of government. Create jobs. Stand up to powerful special interest groups. Fight bureaucracy. Secure our borders. Take care of our veterans. Improve education and fix Medicare. (exhale.)

I will also introduce the Don’t Mine Me, I Just Live Here Act. Anybody who proposes mining our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for toothpaste whitener in the future will be slathered in barbecue sauce and handed over to Albert the Alligator and friends at supper time. They will take it from there.

In summary, I know you are eagerly awaiting my decision as to whether or not I will seek the office of governor of the Great State of Georgia. To the 20 who have pledged their support, I thank you. To the other 2,111,552 of you out there, please don’t make me beg.

You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.



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Legals

J26-041
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARK WILLIAM CLARK, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR2026-24
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 October 05, 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
September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

J26-042
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CARTHER CASON JR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR2026-42
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
RICKY CASON has petitioned for RICKY CASON to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **CARTHER CASON 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 October 19, 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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September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2026

J26-040
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JOHN-SON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Tavian Robinson and Skylin Robinson
Civil Action File No.2026-CV-112
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, JOHNSON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Tavarus Norris, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Johnson County, Georgia on the 26th day of August, 2026, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Tavian Robinson to Tavian Robinson, and from Skylin Robinson to Skylin Norris. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 26th day of August, 2026.
Tavarus Norris
Petitioner pro se
September 8, 15, 22, 29, 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.
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
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September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

J26-035
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
JOHNSON COUNTY, GEORGIA
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Walter Radford and Brenda L Radford to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Village Capital & Investment LLC., dated October 11, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 00468, Page 0023-0039, Johnson County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded January 22, 2026 in Book 00484, Page 0012 in the amount of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and 86/100 (\$211,700.86) Johnson County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Village Capital & Investment LLC by assignment recorded on August 7, 2026 in Book 00492 Page 0062 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Johnson County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One

Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Eighty-Eight and 0/100 dollars (\$198,088.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Johnson County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on October 6, 2026, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 1746th District, g.M. Johnson county, Georgia, containing 3.137 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as follows: said property is bounded, now or formerly, on the North by u.S. Highway 80; on the east by property belonging to j. R. Youmans; on the south by property of Grady Screws; and on the west by Beasley street. Said property being shown on of same by billy Flanders and associates dated January 23, 1987, recorded in plat book 11, page 38, Johnson county public land records, said plat is referred to for descriptive and all other legal purposes.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Village Capital & Investment LLC they can be contacted at (801) 206-4170 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 2460 Paseo Verde Parkway, Suite 110, Henderson, Nevada 89074, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), 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.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Walter Radford and Brenda L Radford or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **98 E Main St, Adrian, GA 31002**.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.
Village Capital & Investment LLC as Attorney in Fact for Walter Radford and Brenda L Radford.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 26-22047
September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

J26-043
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, JOHNSON COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of William Arthur Herrington, Jr., decedent, late of Johnson County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Morgan M. Boulineau, Attorney, Cadle & Boulineau, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 15th day of September, 2026.
Matthew Herrington, Executor of the Estate of William Arthur Herrington, Jr., decedent
Cadle & Boulineau, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401
September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2026

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Important safety information from Atlanta Gas Light

Safety, you play a part!

Underground pipelines safely transport natural gas to homes and businesses throughout the country. Atlanta Gas Light operates, secures and maintains the pipelines in our service territories. We adhere to state and federal pipeline safety regulations, perform extensive quality control checks, educate the public on how to recognize and prevent natural gas leaks, and work closely with officials to develop emergency response plans.

You can help prevent natural gas pipeline incidents!

Excavation work, including digging or plowing around a home or business, is the most common cause of natural gas emergencies. Before digging, state law requires you contact **811** to have your utility lines professionally marked for free. After calling, you must wait the required amount of time before digging, so that underground utility lines can be located and marked.

Pipeline security depends on all of us

If you see any of the following related to pipeline facilities, please call **877.427.4321**.

- Holes in fences or open gates
- Suspicious or illegally parked vehicles on property
- Persons on or near property taking pictures
- Drones above company properties
- Unattended bags or packages
- Suspicious equipment left in open areas or hidden, such as placed in buckets or cans

See something, say something.

Pipeline markers and right of way

A pipeline right of way is a defined piece of land where pipelines are installed above or below ground. They can be identified by a wide, cleared strip of land with pipeline markers. If a pipeline right of way is adjacent to your property, you have a responsibility to ensure no new installations or physical structures are placed in the right of way. These encroachments interfere with our ability to monitor and maintain safe pipelines, as required by federal and state safety regulations. If you have a question about activity which might affect the pipeline right of way, please contact Atlanta Gas Light at **877.427.4321**.

Pipeline markers, like the one pictured, indicate the general area of the pipeline, but not its exact location or depth. A pipeline may not always be marked in all areas, so it is important to always “Call Before You Dig.” If you think there is a pipeline emergency, call us at **877.427.4321**.

Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community can be accessed online at <https://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov>, courtesy of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).

Pipeline integrity management is a process for assessing and mitigating pipeline risks to reduce the likelihood and consequences of incidents.

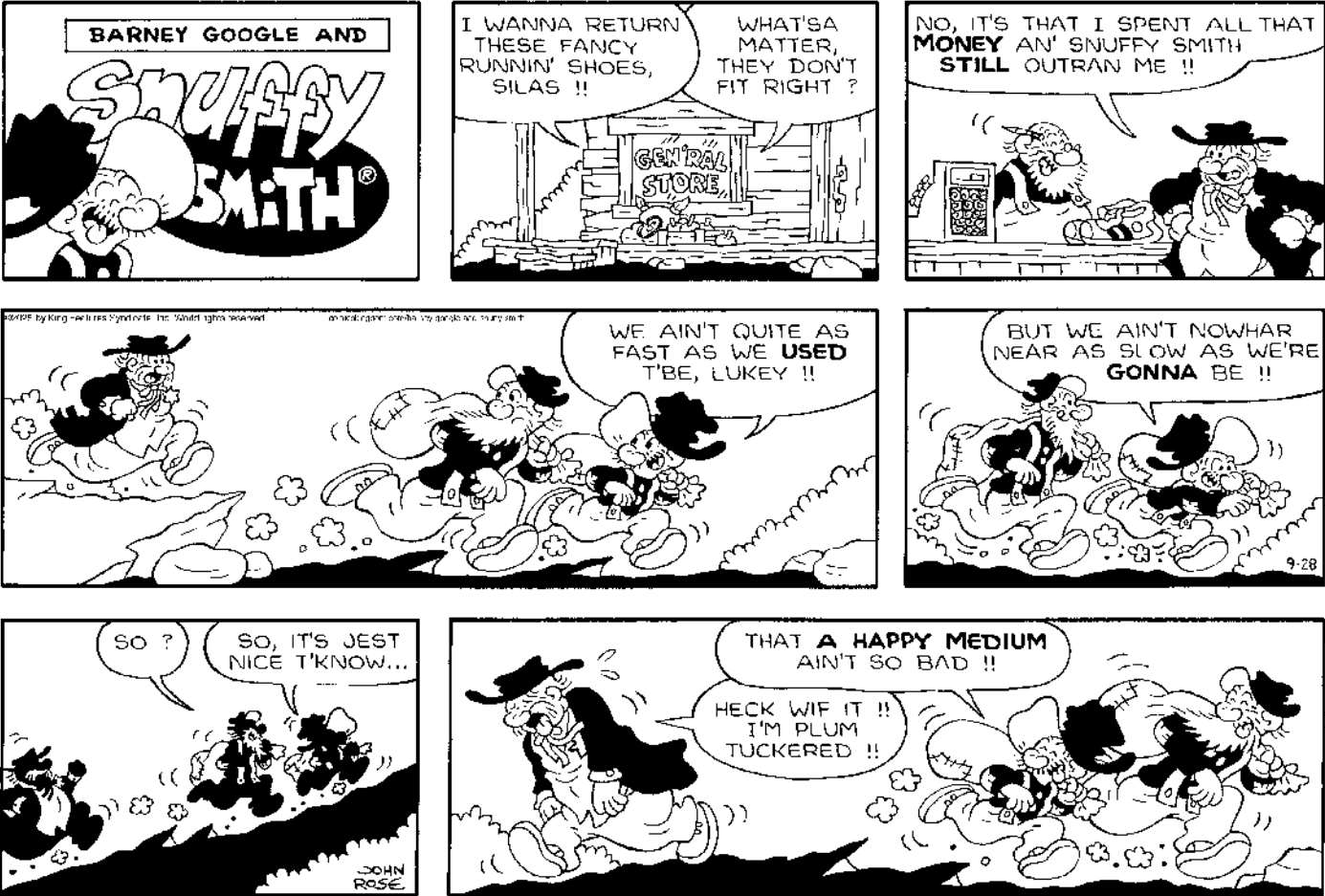
Our comprehensive plan that fully addresses these processes, especially for locations deemed high-consequence areas, is available at atlantagaslight.com/integritymanagementplan.

Online Survey

Please take a moment to complete a survey about natural gas safety by scanning the QR code or visiting surveymonkey.com/r/P67VMXZ to help us make sure we are keeping our communities safe.

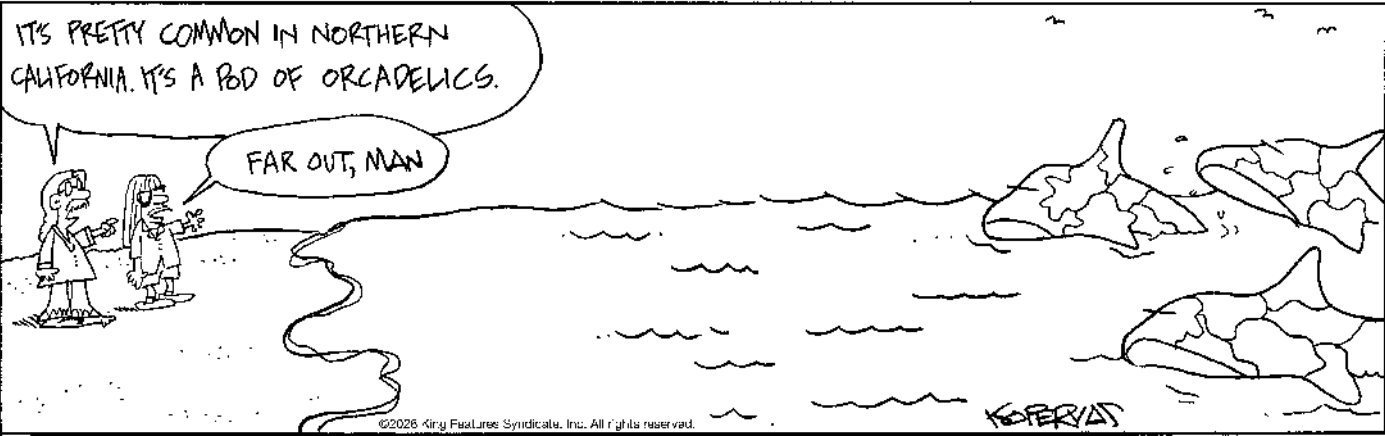
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

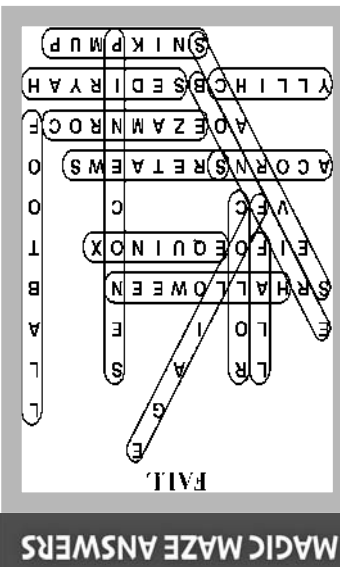
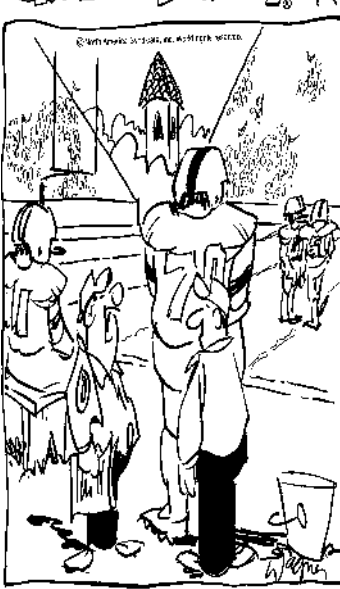


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN & BEAR IT



MAGIC MAZE • FALL

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O L J G E B Y W G U R P N K L
I G D L R B Z A X V S S Q O L
E M K L O I I G E C E A Y W A
S R H A L L O W E E N U S Q B
P E I F O E Q U I N O X N L T
J H V F C F E C A Y C X V U O
A C O R N S R E T A E W S S O
Q P N M A O E Z A M N R O C F
Y L L I H C B S E D I R Y A H
K J H F E C S N I K P M U P B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: THE YIELD FROM CROPS

- Acorns
Bonfire
Chilly
Color
- Corn maze
Equinox
Fall
Foliage
- Football
Halloween
Hayrides
Pine cones
- Pumpkins
Scarves
Sweaters

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Menu is shorter. 2. Pad is longer. 3. Apron strap is moved. 4. Curtain is not as wide. 5. Finger is missing. 6. The is missing.

NOTICE

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Courthouse Annex on September 29, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2026 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

		COUNTY WIDE	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
C o u n t y w i d e A r e a	V A L U E	Real & Personal	168,174,571	225,403,838	228,110,013	230,832,929	332,114,327	344,737,105
		Motor Vehicles	3,222,540	3,025,460	3,136,640	2,979,900	2,465,870	2,024,410
		Mobile Homes	2,859,989	3,408,470	4,083,201	4,217,720	3,882,480	4,052,051
		Timber - 100%	5,600,050	6,640,768	10,571,750	2,970,841	10,055,240	6,480,479
		Heavy Duty Equipment						
		Gross Digest	179,857,150	238,478,536	245,901,604	241,001,390	348,517,917	357,294,045
		Less Exemptions	22,846,512	55,661,789	55,094,389	55,720,076	107,270,797	108,193,447
		NET DIGEST VALUE	157,010,638	182,816,747	190,807,215	185,281,314	241,247,120	249,100,598
		Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	18.3310	16.6190	19.2010	19.2570	14.9040	14.8650
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	2.9670	2.7460	2.8280	2.8840	2.3300	2.3900
T A X	R A T E	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	15.3640	13.8730	16.3730	16.3730	12.5740	12.4750
		TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$2,412,311	\$2,536,217	\$3,124,087	\$3,033,611	\$3,033,441	\$3,107,529
		Net Tax \$ Increase	(\$32,129)	\$123,905	\$587,870	(\$90,476)	(\$170)	\$74,088
		Net Tax % Increase	-1.31%	5.14%	23.18%	-2.90%	-0.01%	2.44%