



Second prison drop stopped by local officials

By DEIDRE LEDFORD
Editor

Another attempt to deliver contraband to Johnson State Prison was intercepted by local law enforcement last Saturday night.

Just before 9 p.m. on Oct. 3, the Wrightsville Police Department and

Johnson County Sheriff's Office were in the area of the Prison responding to a call of suspicious activity. The officers located a large drone in a wooded area approximately one mile from the prison. They began monitoring the area for suspicious persons who may be returning to the area for the drone.

A short time later, a silver Toyota

Rav 4 returned to the area in which the drone was located. Responding officers attempted a traffic stop which led to a vehicle pursuit. The vehicle eventually came to a stop on Parker Street where it dead ends, and three male subjects

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4-H Scarecrow contest begins

By DEIDRE LEDFORD
Editor

It's Scarecrow Time!

The Johnson County 4-H Scarecrow Building Contest has begun. Teams or individuals can register at the 4-H office. Once registered, you are allowed to begin decorating your scarecrow that will be placed downtown. Decorating will end on Friday, Oct. 16 and the judging and announcement of winners will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Registration is \$10. You can enter the contest with a business/organization entry or a personal/team entry. These entries will be judged separately. Locations for each entry will be given out on a first come, first served basis. All materials, decorations, etc. are the responsibility of the participants. There will be two prizes awarded: one to the winning team of personal entries and one to the winner of the business entries. All proceeds go toward the grand prize for each contest and toward the Johnson County 4-H program.

This is a family-friendly organization, so we ask that you please keep your entry family-friendly. No drug, alcohol, sexual, overly gruesome or other inappropriate references will be tolerated. It is under the 4-H office's discretion to redirect or remove any entry that is against the Georgia 4-H Code of Ethics/Conduct.

Each team will be responsible for the clean-up of their entry. We ask that all entries be removed and the area be cleaned up no later than Nov 28.

Please call the 4-H office at 478-864-3373 or uge3167@uga.edu or Colton.Scott@uga.edu for more information.

Wiggle & Twist set for this weekend

The 2026 Wiggle & Twist Festival is right around the corner! This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 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 a.m. with judging taking place from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. 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.

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

CONFIRMED BOOTHS

Crafty G's will be doing face painting

Tommy Brantley will be cooking homemade foods; his fresh, pattied-out hamburgers are one of his specialties.

Homestead Bakery will have homemade bakery items & canned jellies, preserves & etc.

Angels is Flight will have their normal great selection of food

Neicay's Snacks will have Kool-Aid Snack Jars, Pickled Green Tomatoes, Stadium Drinks, Nacho Cups, Blue Mango & Peach Lemonade

Wild Magnolia Wood Burned items and chunky blankets

Wanging It Wings & Waffles will have wings & waffles

The Loblolly Studio will have custom handcrafted jewelry

Party Harbor Inflatables from Statesboro will have a variety of inflatable items, and I hear there will be a mechanical bull!

Antlers Edge will have necklaces, bracelets & earrings made out of deer antlers

Maria Medina will have Forever Flowers, cups, wallets, kids' makeup,

WIGGLE & TWIST

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McCoy named Rotary student of the month

Johnson County High School Senior Matthew McCoy has been selected as the Rotary student of the month for September.

The son of Brian and Alicia McCoy, Matthew is involved in several school activities, including the Trojan football and Tennis teams, the Beta Club, FFA and the 4-H Club. He has received the Trojan Scholar Award all four years of High School, has maintained a 4.0 GPA, and was named 1st Team All State in Tennis. His community involvement includes volunteering to clean up roads and houses after Hurricane Helene and donating to local bake sales. He is employed at Sumner Pharmacy and Big M's Equipment Repair. He attends the Garden of Prayer Church. His hobbies are playing tennis, video games, watching TV and spending time



with his family. His future plan is to attend college to become a Pharmacist.

Matthew chose Mrs. Gina Bright as his Rotary teacher of the month.

"Mrs. Gina has been a great teacher to me and she has been a great Beta leader. She is funny and kind and my high school memories would not be as good without her. She is a light of joy and has always been so sweet and kind to me," said Matthew.

Mrs. Bright is em-

played with the Johnson County School System. She has raised six children and is a member of Buckeye Christian Church. Her community involvement includes getting her Beta kids involved with multiple community events. She has previously been awarded STAR Teacher and has been named Rotary Teacher of the Month many times during her teaching career. Her hobbies are cooking and baking.

Mrs. Bright says that Matthew has been one of her Beta students for the past three years.

"I have witnessed his character and abilities firsthand. He is always willing to step up whenever asked and even steps up before being asked. He sees what needs to be done and jumps in. He also thinks outside the box to make things work more efficiently. What stands out most is the compassion he shows to others around him. When I think of the word 'trustworthy', I think of Matthew."

Two-for-one special... Wins over Wilco, Twiggs County all in a week's work for Trojans

By RALPH JACKSON
Correspondent

Two games, 117 points scored.

The Johnson County Trojans bookended the workweek with twin wins, defeating Wilkinson County 61-16 on the road Monday night before returning home Friday to shut out Twiggs County 56-0.

It was anything but an ordinary week for the Trojans. Scheduling difficulties pushed the Wilkinson County contest from Friday, Oct. 2 to Monday, Oct. 5, while the threat of a hurricane moved this past Friday's homecoming game against Twiggs County to an earlier kickoff. Both games began at the unusual hour of 6:30 p.m.

The odd schedule did little to slow Johnson County, which improved to 7-0 while outscoring its opponents 117-16 in just five days.



Jeremiah Scott leaps for an impressive catch against Twiggs County/RALPH JACKSON

TROJANS

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OBITUARIES



Barbara “Bobbie” Gay Lord

Funeral services for Barbara “Bobbie” Gay Lord, 72, was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, in the Richard N. Stanley Jr. Memorial Chapel with Pastor Scotty Williams and Pastor Lamar Kersey officiating. Burial will follow in the Garnto-Logue Cemetery.

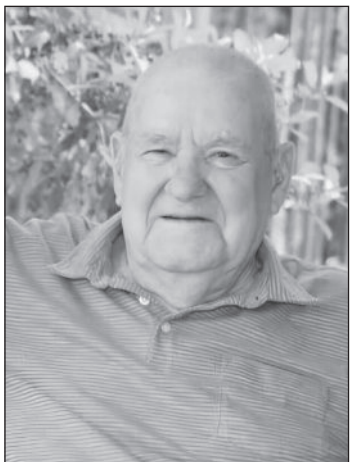
Mrs. Lord was born on Nov. 5, 1953, in Dublin, Georgia. She was a school-teacher, beginning her career in Johnson County and retiring at Susie Dasher School in Laurens County, where she was awarded the Technology Teacher of the Year. She was a member of Cross Way Fellowship. She was preceded in death by her parents, W.J. and Annabelle Soto Gay and a sister, Diane Gay Keyton. Mrs. Lord passed away on Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, at Scott Health and Rehab.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Lord of Wrightsville; three sons, Josh (Marie) Lord of Soperton, Clint (Michelle) Lord of Dublin and Jacob (Brittney) Lord of Statesboro; sisters, Joan Gay Brantley and Carol Gay Lindsey; and eight grandchildren, Emily (Blythe) McCoy, Jozlyn Lord, Josie Lord, Meredith Horne, Audrey Lord, Rebekah Lord, Hoke Lord and Haze Lord.

Pallbearers will be Shawn Keyton, Joe McCoy, Shane Keyton, Charles McCoy, Jason Lyles and Charles Garnto. Honorary pallbearers will be Junior Pope and Larry Pope.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Stanley Funeral Homes and Crematory/Wrightsville Chapel has charge of the funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit www.stanleyfuneralhome.com.



Johnny Fay McAfee

Funeral services for Johnny Fay McAfee, 92, were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026, in the Richard N. Stanley, Jr. Memorial Chapel with Rev. Roger Holley officiating. Burial will follow in Westview Cemetery.

Mr. McAfee was born on March 10, 1934, in Wrightsville, Georgia to the late Charles Leo and Susie Price McAfee. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a retired timber cruiser with Georgia Kraft Company and attended Brown Memorial Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles McAfee and his sisters, Joyce (Dan) Sumner and Alice (Ernest) Wood. Mr. McAfee passed away on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Janice Jackson McAfee; daughters, Debra M. (Ricky) Brooks and Donna M. (Gary) Powell; son, John William (Stephanie) McAfee Sr.; brothers, Billy (Kay) McAfee and Bobby (Jeanette) McAfee; sis-

ter-in-law, Betty McAfee; grandchildren, Jarred (Sheila) Powell, Cassie Brooks, Colby (Alexa) Smith, Matt (Lauren) Brooks, Heather (Derreck) Martin, Marci (Mitch) Osborne, Kennedy (T.J) Angles, John William (Mary Lee) McAfee, and Christian McAfee; and 18 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be John William McAfee, Christian Blake McAfee, Derreck Martin, Mitch Osborne, Matthew Brooks, T. J. Angles, Jarred Powell and Colby Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Harley Wood, Mike McAfee, Jeff McAfee, Todd McAfee, Jimmy McAfee, Timbo McAfee, Danny Sumner and Barry Sumner.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Stanley Funeral Homes and Crematory/Wrightsville Chapel has charge of the funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit www.stanleyfuneralhome.com.



Nancy "Darling" Powell Winfrey

Funeral services for Nancy “Darling” Powell Winfrey, 83, will be held at 11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, at Kite First Baptist Church with burial to follow in Kite City Cemetery. Rev. Burton Dixon will officiate.

Mrs. Winfrey was born on April 14, 1943, in Wrightsville, Georgia. She

was a retired supervisor with Easter Seals. She was a member of Kite First Baptist Church, where she served as secretary, and was a member of the Kite Homemakers Club. Her greatest love was her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Ezra Powell and Frances Logue Powell; siblings, Wilson Powell, William Powell, J.B. Powell, Russell Powell, W.S. Powell and Sally Pullen. Mrs. Winfrey passed away on Monday, Sept. 28, 2026, at Fairview Park Hospital.

She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Harry Winfrey of Wrightsville; daughter, Wendy Powell (Rex) of Wrightsville; son, Jeff Winfrey (Cheryl) of Wrightsville; 4 grandchildren, Mandy Berry (Sean) of Brooklet, Krystal Tanner (Toby), Brandi Rowland (John Allen) and Jason Winfrey (Samantha) all of Wrightsville; 6 great grandchildren, Knox Tanner, Piper Tanner, Brooklyn Taylor, Rhett Rowland, Blakelee Rowland and Waylon Thompson; and a special nephew, Burnon Powell.

Pallbearers will be Jason Winfrey, John Allen Rowland, Toby Tanner, Sean Berry, Keith Powell, Ken Powell and Dale Powell.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Kite First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 31 Kite, GA 31049.



Randy Jason Brett

Funeral services for Randy Jason Brett, 48, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, in the Richard N. Stanley Jr. Memorial

Chapel of Stanley Funeral Homes and Crematory with Rev. Andy Carter officiating. Burial will follow in Westview Cemetery.

Mr. Brett was born on Sept. 20, 1978, in Augusta, Georgia. He was a retired machine operator with Theile Kaolin and worked as a hunting guide for Woods-N-Waters. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and Georgia Bulldogs fan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Randy G. Brett and Vicki Dunn Brett; paternal grandparents, Otis Rountree Brett and Mary Francis Brett; maternal grandparents, Clarence Jones (CJ) Dunn and Sara Agnes Dunn; mother-in-law, Elaine Wilson; and his special dog, Bobo. Mr. Brett passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia.

He is survived by his wife, Holly Williamson Brett; son, Chan Sumner (Jessica); daughter, Kayden Sumner (Chris); sister, Jennifer Brett Thigpen (Jonathan), nieces, Makayla Thigpen, Alaina Thigpen, and Shanna Grace Thigpen; brother-in-law, Lee Williamson (Ashlyn); sisters-in-law, Shelby Carter (Franklin) and Ashley Harrison (Justin); father-in-law, Raymond Wilson; grandchildren, Lilly Sumner and Lane Sumner; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the funeral home. The family will be meeting at the residence of Mr. Brett at 186 Union Hill Church Road, Wrightsville, GA 31096.

Pallbearers will be Benji Bryan, Robert Dunn, Travis Wilson, Garyth Everett, Alan Peeler and Brian Vickery.

Stanley Funeral Homes and Crematory/Wrightsville Chapel has charge of the funeral arrangements.



Virgil Thomas "V.T." Ivey

Graveside funeral services for Virgil Thomas (V.T.) Ivey, 90, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, at Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene Cemetery with Mr. Thurmon Foskey officiating.

Mr. Ivey was born on Jan. 21, 1936, in Scott, Georgia and was a member of Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene. He was a retired truck driver with Hatcher Trucking. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elton and Ruby Smith Ivey; his wife, Retha Mae Geddings Ivey; a daughter, Angela Tanner; and son, Kenneth Johnson. Mr. Ivey passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, at his residence.

He is survived by his great granddaughter and caregiver, Courtney Rowland (Clint); daughters, Gayle Caudle (Bud) of Dalton, Kathy Thacker (Lincoln) of Dalton, Paula Bridges (Ronnie) of Sugar Valley, and Diane Cross of Rocky Face; sons, Ricky Lloyd (Suzzane) of Guntersville, AL and Harry Geddings (Lang) of Dalton; sisters, Ruth Foskey (Phil) of Adrian and Joyce Lumley of Adrian; brother, Johnny Ivey of Macon; his great-great grandchildren, Bryton, Brynlee and Bryer and many other grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Stanley Funeral Homes and Crematory/Wrightsville Chapel has charge of the funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit www.stanleyfuneralhome.com



People get old but purpose continues

DAN KING SR.
RFD South

Usefulness keeps us going. Getting old brings on a lot of changes, but the need to be useful is still there. The need to be needed is a lifelong thing. We need to take stock and find out how to continue to be useful. What are our interests and abilities? Do we need new skills? Where is training available for them? Maybe online? Who can help with this information? Who are we when we are no longer in our former situations of usefulness? It can be exciting to find out.

Purpose for some of us old people may be found in the work place. I have a friend in his mid-sixties who just went back to work. Not long ago, he went through a relocation. He went through family changes. He was under-employed, working just a small portion of the work week. Someone made a call for him. He followed up with an application. He got bogged down on the application and went to the employment office of the industry. He was met with kindness and the help he needed. Part of his purpose at this point in his life is to contribute to the success of an industry. He is part of a team.

For some of us old people, a continuing sense of purpose may be found in helping other old people.

Some old folks need help with the simple basics of living. They find those simple basics to be not so simple anymore. A person who no longer drives needs help to get to medical appointments, the pharmacy, and the grocery store. For some people, the former simple task of walking from the vehicle to the reception desk is challenging. Physical support at some level is needed. One patient has severe hearing loss. Communication support is very helpful for this person. Not only does this support provide clarity and accuracy about what the doctor says, but it also relieves anxiety for the patient who does not want to garble medical instructions.

A third area of usefulness

for us elderly people is related to our personal story and that of our family. Our younger family members do not know how to value the background of us old folks as much while we are living as after we are gone. Writing our stories can be an immeasurable gift. I wish I had encouraged my mother and daddy to tell me more about their experiences of growing up. Knowing more about the boy inside my dad and the little girl inside my mom would help me appreciate them more. While we elders are still

alive and thinking clearly can be a time of rich endeavor for leaving this beautiful gift. We can practice this project by talking with our grandchildren and great-grandchildren about when we were their ages. It may be surprising to find out how interested

they are in joining us in practicing our project. These three areas of continuing usefulness, the work place, helping others, and leaving our story behind, can help to keep us old folks going. One or any combination of these three areas can be enriching for us and others. Please consider taking these ideas with you, for yourself or to pass along, when you leave this page.

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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Michael Salter	October 13
Anna Powell	October 13
Hadley Hall.....	October 14
Emma Carter	October 14
Hugh Turnley.....	October 14
Cheryl Veal.....	October 15
Keith Christy	October 15
Loretha Barnes	October 16
James Usry	October 16
April Story.....	October 16
Lori Jordan.....	October 16
Wyman Mathis.....	October 16
Glenda Williams	October 16
Izaion Wvans.....	October 17
Shun McGruder.....	October 17
Douglas Butler	October 18
Courtney Rowland.....	October 18
Nedra Hood.....	October 19
Max Blizzard	October 19

Anniversaries

Jeff and Sheila Soles.....	October 15
Billy and Janet Parker	October 18
Donald and Cindy Peebles	October 18
Dewey and Katherine Wallace	October 19

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Who really said it?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

Okay, that’s enough celebrating for now. We’ve got my birthday out of the way, and we have the column’s birthday out of the way. Halloween is coming up, but I’m still too exhausted from the previous celebrations to deal with it just yet. So let’s get into this week’s trivia - and it’s going to be a somewhat different kind of trivia. This week, we’re looking at famous quotes attributed to famous people who actually didn’t say them. Get ready to have your mind dazzled, folks.

Did you know ...
... who said “Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer”? The quote is attributed to the ancient Chinese scholar Sun Tzu (544 BC-496 BC). Known for his work *The Art of War*, which is still studied by military forces today, Sun Tzu said a lot of noteworthy things - but this isn’t one of them. In fact, the quote comes from the 1974 movie *The Godfather Part II*, and was spoken by the character of Michael Corleone, played by actor Al Pacino (born 1940). (It’s good advice, regardless of the source.)
... who said “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result”? This popular one is said to have been uttered by physicist Albert Einstein (1879-1955), but there is no definitive proof he ever said it or wrote it. In fact, nobody is sure where the comment comes from. (But it’s right.)
... who said “Well-behaved women rarely make history”? Many people think that line came from actress Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962), and it would have been most appropriate if indeed it had. But it didn’t. The line was actually uttered in 1976 by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (born 1938), a historian. Her work specialized in early America and the history of women, so she should know. (And how.)
... who said “If you can dream it, you can do it”? This line is said to have been the mantra of Walt Disney (1901-1966). However, there’s no actual record of Disney himself saying it. The quote comes from the Disney organization, but it was crafted long after Walt’s death. (Maybe the mouse said it.)
... who said “I disapprove of what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it”? You might think it was the French writer Voltaire (born François-Marie Arouet, 1694-1778), or possibly Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826). You’d be wrong in either case. The line was actually written in 1906 by Evelyn Beatrice Hall (1868-1956), a British writer and biographer of Voltaire. She wrote it while summarizing his attitude toward free speech. (I many not agree with who said it, but will ... uh ... never mind.)
... who said “We are not amused”? This classic is attributed to Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom (1819-1901). The pure ice of the line is enough to freeze the worst attempt at humor in its tracks ... but Her Majesty herself denied ever saying it, and no written record of the words exist. Nobody knows where the line actually came from, but it probably was derived from her almost humorless image. (We are not ... whatever.)
... who said “The death of one man is a tragedy; the death of millions is a statistic”? This rather dark thought is said to have come from Soviet leader Joseph Stalin (1878-1953) but, again, nowhere in his speeches or writings does Uncle Joe ever say it. People who study such things say the words more likely stem from mid-20th Century German writers and satirists. (Truth comes from many angles.)
... who said “You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore”? Well, I can tell you who didn’t say it, though it is attributed to him - Christopher Columbus (1451-1506). The words appear nowhere in his writings. They do appear, however, in the writings of the man who actually said them, André Gide (1869-1951) a French author. (I don’t cross oceans. I can’t swim.)
... who said “Good artists copy; great artists steal”? If you’ve been following the theme of the column, you know it wasn’t Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), the famous Spanish painter and sculptor who is said to have said it. The idea of the quote comes from numerous artists throughout time, but exactly who codified it in those words is not known. (Great writers do the same thing. Good thing I’m not a great writer.)
... who said “History is written by the victors”? Most people who are familiar with the line think it came from Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965), Prime Minister of the United Kingdom during most of World War II. But the saying is much older than Churchill, reaching back into the 19th Century. While he may not have said it, he certainly lived it. (With great aplomb, I might add.)
... who said “A penny saved is a penny earned”? That sounds like pure Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), doesn’t it? And in a way, it was. He used similar wording in his Poor Richard’s Almanac, but it was more along the lines of if you save a penny, you have two. The quote evolved through time to the way we hear it today, but Franklin never put it in those words. (Got a penny? Neither do I - they don’t mint them any more.)
... who said “The end justifies the means”? Most think it comes from Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527), a Florentine diplomat, author and philosopher. Nope. The thought may have been based on Machiavelli’s works, but he never wrote that actual line. It developed over time as people read his works and became something he should have said.
Now ... you know!

Sunday scaries and dorveille: Two short dad stories

For a lot of folks Sunday is a day of rest. Whether taking a long nap after church or vegging out on the sofa watching football, most people spend the day relaxing. This, of course, doesn’t apply to retail workers whose schedule can creep into any day of the week, even nights; or the retired, depending on their health and mobility, who may be homebound. For example, my nonagenarian grandfather is probably taking a nap right now. I have it on great authority that some of the rudest customers come to town on Sunday afternoons. You are just as likely to get a cussing from someone with Reverend in front of their name as from anyone else. Everyone has their bad days, but you can really get to know people standing in line at restaurants and grocery stores. But Sundays can bring on other, more unpleasant emotions. Called the Sunday scaries, the slow paced afternoon of the Sabbath day can evoke

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

feelings of anxiety and dread. Neck deep in the school year, the Sunday scaries are a real thing in my house. Sunday afternoons are often met with an impending sense of doom, mainly from my son, as a new week creeps closer and closer. For some reason he thinks he must cram a lifetime’s worth of relaxation and thrill seeking in one and half days and having to return to the classroom resets everything. We’re working on some coping mechanisms, because, as I’ve told him, it only gets

worse as you get older. Many days I’d rather go back to school, as bad as I hated it, than go to work. In Colson Whitehead’s famed crime novel “Harlem Shuffle,” the main character is pulled between two worlds. The protagonist is trying to be a legit businessman, running a furniture store in the historic New York neighborhood. However, making ends meet on the up and up isn’t easy, and past connections and serendipitous encounters take him down shady paths.

These less than upright endeavors, as a lot of criminal activity does, occur after nightfall. To juggle his priorities, the character, Ray Carney, takes up the practice of dorveille, or second sleep. The idea comes from pre-electricity days, when people went to bed at dark. After a few hours of rest they got up and took care of tasks like record keeping, accounting and the like before going back to bed to rise with the sun and go back to work. To keep his family in the dark, Carney “settles his accounts” in the dark, rising the midnight hour to orchestrate his schemes. The second sleep becomes a major theme of the book. You should read it sometimes. I was reminded of the passages recently when I was awakened by a rattling pipe. The noise only sounded at night, and it took me a couple of days to pinpoint the source. It was a leaky toilet valve. I haven’t fixed it yet, but I plan on doing it in the daytime.

October 13, 1932.

Georgia Democrats put on a big pot in Atlanta when Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt comes to the capitol city next week. He will be at Warm Springs all this week. Great throngs of Georgia people will go to Atlanta to help out the next President of the United States. The railroads are granting very low rates on all lines into the city. All state and city officials, clubs, schools, colleges and higher ups will be there. The Democratic National Committee organized for the party the Roosevelt Motor Club of America. The branch office is in Atlanta and is establishing an agency in each county. Col. J. Eugene Cook is Chairman in Johnson County and organizing the Democrats who own cars to help raise funds. In observance of Armistice Day November 11th, the American Legion will present a special program. They are asking for information on those who have

From Days Gone By Historian Donald Smith



died during or since the war. The Legion wants to compile a complete list of those that died during the war. Mayor of Atlanta, James L. Key, will be here as will Honorable Luke Arnold, his Executive Secretary. New Home School suspends school for the week on account of the spread of diphtheria in the community. Former Wrightsville Mayor, E. E. Sanders, plans to run for Mayor again. It was not known yet if the current Mayor Hatcher will run again. In the Grand Jury Presentments, recommended a county policeman. Bridge

es repaired at Garnto’s Mill, two on Kite road from W. W. Colston’s to Kite. New bridges from Bud Reese’s to John Q. Ivey’s, also Gumlog bridge and banisters on Johnson’s bridge. There were over 94 on the county’s paupers list. Ordinary W. J. Flinders received a lot of help in road building. Numbers of people have given their labor on the roads to pay their road tax for the year. A force just left town with hoes, shovels and axes. A few people chose to pay their road tax of \$2.00. The County Commissioners supported the constitutional amendment

that passed in 1931, to be ratified November 8th by the voters. It will decide whether the various counties of the state shall be repaid the money they have spent in building the state highway system. Mr. D. R. Thomas, development agent of the W. & T. Railroad, reported on conditions of the boll weevil. Its one of the first times with the greatest quantity of cotton boll weevils Georgia has ever had, and, the greatest number of farms failing to show an actual profit. Also in the midst of the depression. He stresses the immediate destruction of cotton stalks, as soon as picking is finished, which will have the effect of forcing the weevil to move to other fields for its food, or finally go into hibernation, for the Winter, empty and in such weak condition that it cannot survive to come out next Spring. This was recommended by E. C. Westbrook, cotton specialist in the Extension Service of the Georgia State College of Agriculture.

COUCH THEATER

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

VisionQuest (TV-14)
The second spin-off series from 2021’s “WandaVision,” which followed former Avengers members Wanda Maximoff (aka Scarlet Witch) and Vision, is set to premiere its first two episodes on Oct. 14! “VisionQuest” follows the resurrected White Vision from “WandaVision,” who has all of the original Vision’s memories but lacks “his virtue.” Vision spends his time in the “Mind-space,” where Tony Stark’s past creations live, including the main villain in the second “Avengers” film - Ultron, played by James Spader (“The Blacklist”). It isn’t long, however, before a bounty is placed on Vision’s head, forcing him to go on the run alongside a peculiar teenager named Thomas Shepherd (Ruairidh Mollica). The remaining six episodes will be released every Wednesday following its premiere. (Disney+)

Coyote vs. Acme (PG)
This comedy film takes us back to the universe of “Looney Tunes” to get reacquainted with a long-loved villain: Wile E. Coyote. But this time around, Wile E. gets to tell his sto-

ry! After failing to catch his nemesis the Road Runner for the umpteenth time, Wile E. decides to speak with a personal injury attorney about his issues with Acme and its faulty products. (He could’ve thought of this sooner.) He teams up with a meek lawyer named Kevin Avery (Will Forte), who quickly realizes that this will be quite a memorable case for him when Wile E. refuses to settle. Not to mention, Kevin’s rival from law school, Buddy Crane (John Cena), is the acting lawyer for Acme and determined to shut them up with money. After a successful run in theaters, it’s out now to rent! (Fandango at Home)

Masterplan (PG-13)
Stanley Tucci (“The Devil Wears Prada 2”) leads this heist film co-starring Simona Tabasco (“The White Lotus”) and Victor Belmondo (“Bastion 36”). In the film, Tucci portrays a former master thief named Roger who’s decided to come out of retirement for the job of a lifetime. (Where have I heard this before? Maybe every heist film ever?) But this job, which isn’t your average heist, requires the expertise of two specific people: an Italian cybercrime expert named

Chiara and a French explosives specialist named Jay. Why them? Chiara and Jay are also Roger’s children -- long-lost siblings who have never met before. Now they get to reunite with their father and bond as

thieves in a family dynamic that they’ve never experienced. Should be easy enough! Did I happen to mention that they’re stealing the Mona Lisa? Check it out on Oct. 16. (Amazon Prime Video)

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Tom Johnson

Thomas Wyatt Johnson was a UGA classmate at the Henry Grady College of Journalism in the late fifties. I was living an extraordinarily good life, writing sports for the *Red and Black*, serving as a stringer for the *Atlanta Journal*, and imbibing with the classical and colorful character, Dan Magill.

To tell the truth, I didn't see how life could be any better. This being the pre-family time in my life, I would have been happy if time and circumstances never changed. It was so good that if I could relive it, I'd sign up for an encore before sundown.

Tom's career was all set when he enrolled in his first class at UGA. The *Macon Telegraph* was underwriting the cost of his education, owing to his benefactor, Peyton Anderson. As it turned out, the newspaper paid for his year of graduate study at Harvard.



LORAN SMITH

All he had to do was to graduate, return to Macon and "pay back" his scholarship in service. I sometimes wonder if he had returned to Macon, he might have become publisher and found a way to keep newspapers from folding across the landscape. He was always destined to succeed.

Next thing you know, he is in Washington, D.C., working at the White House with Bill Moyers, who was a boy wonder himself. At

the time, I seemed to be making three or four trips to the nation's capital each year, and on one of those trips Tom invited me to have lunch with him one day in the White House staff dining room.

Then I spent time in the press building with the network news reporters and others. I remember seeing Harry Reasoner of CBS taking a nap, snoring quite audibly. I got up the courage to go over to speak to Merriman Smith, celebrated reporter for United Press International, who was from Savannah.

Tom had stashed me there while he was at a meeting and then took me to lunch, which was followed by a private tour, which included a stop at the Oval Office. Lyndon Johnson was president, and had he been present, Tom would have introduced me.

I was prepared to tell LBJ I had spent time in Maxeys, 24.1 miles east of Athens and the ancestral home of his paternal great grandfather. However, he autographed

a photo to me, which is now lost in a filing cabinet somewhere.

These scenes and many others flashed back last weekend when Tom came to Athens and spoke to a small group of mostly UGA faculty and friends, which meets quarterly.

Tom reviewed his book, *Driven*—published by the University of Georgia press—which is principally his autobiographical recollections of his time in the White House, highlighted by his being the official note keeper of all LBJ conferences and meetings.

He became a favorite of LBJ ("the son LBJ never had," says Judy Woodruff, who wrote the foreword to Tom's book), and when the Johnsons left Washington and returned to Texas, Tom knew there was opportunity with LBJ—and it wasn't roping cattle and baling hay.

After working in the family communications business, he moved on to the *Dallas Times Herald* as publisher. That led to

his next move, which was to LA as publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*. Then he came home.

In 1990, Ted Turner hired him to become President of CNN, and while there is more ahead for this accomplished UGA graduate and passionate Bulldog, he has always been charity oriented, has openly talked about his brush with depression, and supports causes that deal with mental health.

His wife, Edwina, is from Athens, and she was in our wedding. Therefore, we had the opportunity to enjoy seeing them in all locations where they lived, finding them warm, hospitable, and always interesting—to say nothing of the people they cavorted with in a multifaceted career.

I have always enjoyed seeing anyone with UGA training reach exalted heights, and few have risen as far as Tom Johnson. He has always maintained strong feelings for his alma mater. Perhaps there is another book lying in wait.

Elections are all about change

Elections, at their core, are all about change. Voters are asked to keep the same candidate or party, or change them up for something and someone new.

They're asked by pollsters if we're on the right track or wrong track. That's a gauge to see how voters are feeling about the things going on around them and thus determine if they're likely to want a change or not.

Then there's the changes themselves. Anyone who has ever been sent to a corporate management training seminar has probably had to do an exercise or three to demonstrate the core truism of human nature: People fear change.

Life in this millennium has become quite frightening for many, as change is not only constant but the rate of change is ever increasing. How we do things, how we receive information, how we make and spend money, and the neighborhoods and communities

in which we live are all changing.

A lot of us have no idea what to make of it. Many fear we – individually and collectively – are losing control over it.

How we view this depends a lot on our age. We look at the same changes which provide different fuels for our collective anxieties.

Those of us that are older and set in our ways don't necessarily like having to learn new ways to do the same old things. We grew up with three TV channels and likely don't watch many more than that now, despite having hundreds to choose from. We're irritated that they're now spread across a half dozen streaming channels that cost us a lot more than our old cable bundle.

We're mad when we can't get a live person on the phone, and when we can the people only respond with pre-written scripts and rarely can solve the problem we called about. We totally



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

can't understand ordering food from a kiosk that then asks us to add a gratuity.

We do, however, have a life of experiences to gauge these changes against. We know the world as it once was, how it is now, and can somewhat figure out the difference between changes that are fads, which ones are longstanding, and more importantly, which ones matter.

We often forget that while "the kids" are used to change and often quicker to adapt to them – especially the changes in technology – they lack the time horizon to fully appreciate the big picture that helps with grounding and our illusions of certainty.

One of my favorite occurrences about this time of year is when articles begin to appear about life current college freshmen have never experienced. This year's class was born approximately 2008. The iPhone was introduced to the world in 2007.

These kids now in college don't know a world that didn't include the iPhone. If their parents were cutting edge early adopters of technology, they had Blackberries. A lot of them had flip phones. Some even had Nextel phones with two-way radios. A lot of money was made or lost on bets for which of those technologies would win. Most of them didn't.

This is not to say those who are younger and more comfortable with change don't have the anxieties that come with it. These

college freshmen lived with the Covid shutdown during their middle school years. They had to distance themselves from friends, missed a large gap in their education, and many were forced to wear masks indoors for a couple of years based on dubious at best science.

They've earned their distrust in how adults and systems deal with change, how it will affect them, and whether adults that talk about what's best for kids and the future are really just trying to enact policies that benefit themselves. They're wise to hold these suspicions.

The successful candidate is the one that not only understands the apprehensions surrounding change, but can offer tangible paths and explanations for how their proposed changes will make lives better, or remind voters how the opponent and/or their party has or will make lives worse. This message needs to cut across all demographic categories, with some understanding that age matters when considering change.

Okefenokee mining controversy hasn't gone away

A bit of an update: It has been a little more than two months since our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and to my knowledge, the United Nations has not installed a One World curriculum in the Charlton County school system or begun microchipping stray cats in Ware County. In fact, a check of other cities in the U.S. that have World Heritage Sites seem to indicate they have successfully resisted a U.N. takeover, although there are rumors that the local buffalo in Yellowstone have been acting a bit strange lately. You just never know what buffalos might be up to.

As for our Okefenokee, all seems well except that the issue of mining the area for titanium dioxide so that the world never

runs short of toothpaste whitener still remains a possibility. We seem to be in a temporary timeout.

Much will depend on how important the issue is to our new governor, be it Republican Rick Jackson or Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms. Neither have mentioned mining in our Okefenokee thus far that I am aware of. I hope someone will remember to ask them.

The key, of course, is the Legislature. How much pressure will they feel from pro-mining or from anti-mining forces? I remind you that in a democracy, all political decisions are made with either the application of pressure or its absence. So far, it has been a stalemate. In a clumsy effort to absolve themselves of having to take the heat, legislators tried to cop-out from making a decision



DICK YARBROUGH

by claiming it was for the bureaucrats in the state Environmental Protection Division to decide. Your reaction, along with many others, put the heat right back where it belongs – the people we elected, not unelected bureaucrats.

Bipartisan efforts to institute a permanent ban or even a temporary moratorium on drilling were bot-

tled up in the House Natural Resources Committee and never saw the light of day, thanks to its chair, Lynn Smith, R-Newnan, who never saw fit to respond to your questions as to why. Thankfully, she is history. The Sphinx has retired. "Chairwoman Smith has established a legislative legacy that will safeguard the environment and natural treasures across our state for future generations to cherish," intoned House Speaker Jon Burns. Oh, please. Tell that to Pogo the Possum.

Advocates for a permanent ban on drilling aren't taking any chances. For them, the beat goes on. On Friday, October 16, the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick is hosting a day-long Okefenokee science symposium featuring a number of scientific speakers on all aspects of

the swamp. You can find more information on the College of Coastal Georgia website.

On Saturday, October 17, Georgians for the Okefenokee along with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light and Adamah ATL are co-hosting Sabbath at the Swamp, a multi-faith prayer service at the swamp's edge. It will be followed by a catered, working lunch and then a boat tour of the swamp. For details, go to the website of the Georgia Interfaith Power and Light.

And then there is the Student Swamp Coalition, a consortium of undergraduate and graduate students from 10 schools in the state including UGA, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Georgia Southern University, Coastal College of Georgia, Kennesaw State University, Columbus State University, Emory University, The Galloway School, and Summerour Middle School.

They are focused on big corporations like Home Depot, Procter and Gamble, Mondelez and Chemours and others who either use titanium dioxide or sell products that contain the mineral, asking them to find another source. Of course, they have been ignored and dismissed by

the corporate suits.

I have some bad news for said corporations. I was once a corporate suit myself. (Look it up.) These students aren't going away. Neither are the anti-mining coalitions. Neither are a group of active and responsive readers and the organizations they represent from all over Georgia who take mining in and around our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge up-close-and-personal. Neither am I. Don't say we didn't warn you.

As stated earlier, things are on hold at the moment as we await the upcoming elections and a new cast of characters (along with some holdovers) under the Gold Dome. And then the fight to allow the mining of titanium dioxide in the Okefenokee area or to ban it will likely heat up again. As noted philosopher Yogi Berra stated, "It ain't over till it's over." And this one ain't over. Stay tuned.

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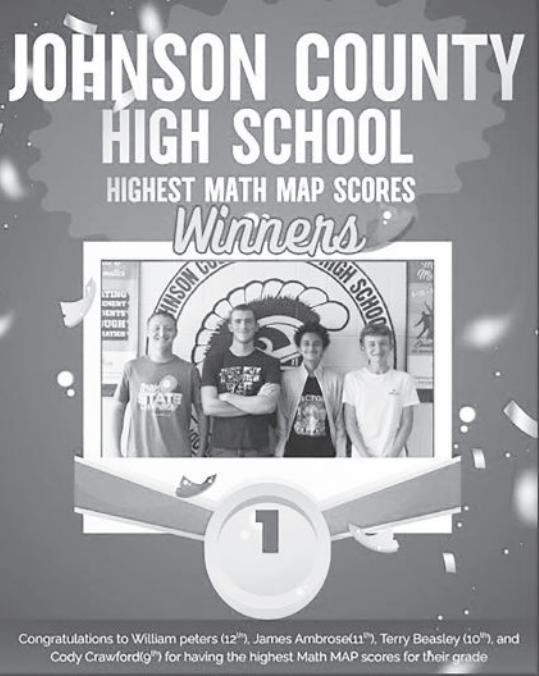
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HIGH MATH SCORES RECOGNIZED



Johnson County High School has recognized students for earning the highest Lexile Map and Math Map score. These students have shown that hard work, dedication and a commitment to learning make a difference.



FOOTBALL

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Monday’s contest at Wilkinson County did not begin quite as smoothly as the final score might suggest. The Warriors struck first and took an 8-0 lead before Johnson County settled in and began to take control. The Trojans led 14-8 after the opening quarter and stretched that advantage to 41-8 by halftime.

Coach Don Norton acknowledged that it took his team a little time to find its footing.

“It’s always good to come here, and it’s a tough place to play, especially on a Monday night,” Norton said. “I thought our kids played well. It kind of took a little bit of time to get going, but once we did, we rock-and-rolled.”

The Trojans finished with 438 yards of offense, including 314 on the ground. Jeremiah Scott rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns, while Chance Wombles completed all four of his passes for 124 yards and two scores. Daezon Devero added a 58-yard interception return for a touchdown as Johnson County pulled away.

Perhaps as important as the final score was the opportunity to get players onto the field and come away healthy with another game just four days away.

“Everyone got to play tonight. We came out of here injury-free, getting ready for our next region game,” Norton said. “I thought our kids hit pretty well tonight.”

By Friday, the Trojans were back at the Blue Monster for homecoming, and this time there was no slow start.

Johnson County raced to a 42-0 halftime lead and added 14 more points after intermission to complete a 56-0 shutout of Twiggs County.

The Trojans scored in a variety of ways, including rushing touchdowns, touchdown passes and a 58-yard punt return by Scott. Just as impressive was the defensive effort, which limited Twiggs County to 54 yards of total offense.

Norton was pleased with both the shutout and the opportunity to give his younger players more experience.

“It’s always tough on homecoming,” Norton said. “I’m glad to get a win. Everyone got to play tonight. Glad to get a shutout.”

Among those gaining experience was freshman quarterback Easton Ivey, who completed both of his pass attempts against Twiggs County. Ivey said playing in actual games teaches him things that cannot be learned on the practice field, and he believes the younger Trojans are responding well to their opportunities this season.

“The young guys are really doing good. We haven’t let up,” Ivey said.

While two games in one week might seem like the biggest challenge, Norton



Jeremiah Scott rushes for a few of his 142 yards in Monday's two-touchdown effort at Wilkinson County/RALPH JACKSON



JoCo's Gavyn Siren carries the football against Twiggs County in Friday night's win/RALPH JACKSON

suggested that the distractions surrounding homecoming were actually the greater concern.

“It’s more about trying to get their attention with homecoming, worrying about rolling people’s houses and all that kind of stuff,” Norton said.

“Homecoming is much more of a distraction than two games in a week.”

Devero, who made his mark in both contests, offered a different perspective on the physical demands of the schedule.

“Very tiring, but if you want to make it, you’ve got to push through it,” Devero said.

For Johnson County, the two victories were about more than adding another pair of wins to the record. The Trojans showed they could respond after falling behind, maintain their focus through an unusual schedule, and continue developing younger players without

sacrificing the results on the field.

Through seven games, Johnson County has scored 350 points while allowing 71, an average of 50 points scored and just over 10 allowed per game. The Trojans have recorded three shutouts and scored at least 48 points in five consecutive games.

Scott supplied 142 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns against Wilkinson County, then added a 58-yard punt return for a touchdown against Twiggs. Devero scored on a 58-yard interception return Monday and caught a touchdown pass Friday. Grayson Jackson converted 15 of 16 extra-point attempts across the two games, while freshman Easton Ivey completed both of his passes Friday.

The Trojans will be off this week before returning to action the following week against Hancock Central.

MARCHING BAND EXCELS AT COMPETITION



Congratulations to the Johnson County Trojan Marching Band. On Saturday, Sept. 26, the band participated in Metter High School's Marching Band competition. The Trojans scored "Superior" in both Colorguard and Drum Major categories. They also scored "Excellent" in both Percussion and Overall Band categories. Great job Trojans!

Death Valley Days

When I was coming up I used to watch TV shows where folks would wind up on a hot dry desert. One show was called, “Death Valley Days.” It was sponsored by Borax Soap. (That’s just a little added history to see if you remember if you’re over 50 years old like myself.) These people would go for days without water on this parched desert. Because the heat had affected their minds and because of dehydration, they began to hallucinate and they would see a mirage, an oasis right out in the desert – palm trees swaying in the breeze and a pool of crystal clear water. They would step up the pace and fall face down in the sand only to realize it was not real. Disappointment turned to despair and hopelessness.

So it is with our walk through life. We seek the things of this old world only to wind up empty, drifting with a void in our lives. Thirsting for something to give us peace to fill this void, this gnawing emptiness.



GARY TOOLE

Tormented, we go from one fix to another, from one high to another, from one seduction to another, from one addiction to another, until we are used up. Out on the desert called the “Shadow of Death.” Death valley. All alone without a savior. Lost and undone without God or His son. Satan fools us as he offers us this and that. Trickling us to follow him down a fantasy path to a mirage of despair, but as the gospel song goes, “Turn around, turn around; God is calling,

he’s calling you from a life of wasted years.”

There you are in the valley of despair and Jesus comes by. The savior reaches down for you. He reaches way down and picks you up. He carries you because you’re too weak to walk. One set of footprints in the sand. He carries you to high and heavenly places. To a real oasis. Where the water is cold and sweet and quenches the thirst eternally. You’ll never thirst again. The cloud of God’s glory will shade you. There’s spiritual manna from heaven that you’ll never hunger again. Oh what a savior! Oh hallelujah! Like the inspirational song, “Fill My Cup Lord,” that says,

“Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy and then I heard my Savior speaking, ‘Draw from my well that never shall run dry.’ Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord; come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more, fill my cup-fill it up and make me whole.” What a great and wonderful God! Can you say amen?

COMMUNITY NEWS

- The Community Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to the six year anniversary for our very own Pastor Brian Ashley on Sunday, October 18th starting at 11:30am. The Rev. David Flowers will be the guest speaker, and the Buckeye Baptist Church will be in charge of the program. This will be the only service that day, and dinner will be served.

- The Factory will host an Alzheimer’s Awareness Day on October 27 at 6 p.m. Join us in raising awareness about Alzheimer’s. A meal will be provided.

- 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.

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Legals

J26-046
**IN THE PORBATE COURT OF JOHN-
SON COUNTY**
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM DALLAS
PRICE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR2026-046
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 November
2, 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: Patricia Claxton
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O Box 264
Wrightsville, GA 31096
478-864-3316

October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

J26-047
APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSI-
NESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A
TRADE NAME
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF JOHNSON
The undersigned hereby certifies that
(they are) (it is) (he is) (she is) conducting
a business in the City of Adrian, County of
Johnson, State of Georgia, under the name:
Georgia Screw Machine Products and the
nature of the business is: Screw Machine
shop, making small components on a
screw machine; and that said business is
composed of the following () person (X)
firm () partnership.
Name: Record Tool & Die
Address: 846 Perry Horton RD, Adrian
GA 31002
This affidavit is made in compliance with
O.C.G.A. § 10-1-490.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st
day of October, 2026.
Applicant name: Howard Record
Gwendolyn Ann Strickland
Public Notary

October 6, 13, 2026

J26-043
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS**
GEORGIA, JOHNSON COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of William Ar-
thur Herrington, Jr., decedent, late of John-
son 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

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 ADMINIS-
TRATION
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.** de-
ceased, 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 here-
by 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
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no objections are filed, the petition may be
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J26-045
SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED CONSTI-
TUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Pursuant to requirements of the Georgia
Constitution, Attorney General Christopher
Carr, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger,
and Legislative Counsel Betsy Howerton
hereby provide the summaries of the
proposed constitutional amendments that
will appear on the November 3, 2026, gen-
eral election ballot for consideration by the
people of Georgia (short captions are those
adopted by the Constitutional Amendments
Publication Board):
-1
Increases the maximum qualifying acreage
for assessment and taxation as bona fide
conservation use property.
House Resolution No. 32
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1081
() YES
() NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia, for the
purpose of protecting family farmland, be
amended so as to increase the maximum
acreage to qualify for assessment and
taxation as a bona fide conservation use
property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres?"
Summary
This proposal increases the maximum acre-
age to qualify for assessment and taxation
as a bona fide conservation use property
from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres. It amends
Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the
Georgia Constitution, relating to uniformity,
classification of property, assessment of
agricultural land, and utilities, by revising
subparagraph (e)(1).

SNAPSHOTS: JOCO RECREATION DEPARTMENT MARKS OPENING DAY



There was a great turnout for the Opening Day Ceremony at the Johnson County Recreation Department on Oct. 3. To celebrate the beginning of the 2026 Youth Football and Cheerleading season, the players were able to burst through their own team's banner while the cheerleaders cheered them on. Shawn Wombles served as announcer of the event, Erik Powell performed the National Anthem and Coach Regus Taylor delivered the prayer before the first games of the season began.



Georgia's public school class of 2026 scored higher on SAT

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia's public school class of 2026 did better in math and a little worse in reading and writing on their SAT tests than students who graduated the year before.

The overall SAT score still rose. The mean score for public-school students in the state was 1031, up two points from last year, according to figures released by the Georgia Department of Education.

The rising score came despite a 4 percentage point increase in the proportion of students taking the test, the agency said, noting that scores often fall when participation rises.

At some point during their high school careers, 59% of public school students from the class of 2026 took the SAT. That is up from 55% of the class of 2025 and 52% of the class of 2024.

The mean score for evidence-based reading and writing for the class of 2026 was 525, and the mean score for math was 506, according to the education department's numbers released last week.

Although math scores were lower, the mean increased four points from the class of 2025 while the mean for reading and writing fell one point.

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

- 2 -
Provides for the nonpartisan election of all probate court judges.
House Resolution No. 251
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1110
() YES
() NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require that all probate court judges be elected in nonpartisan elections?"
Summary
This proposal provides that all probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections. It amends Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution, relating to selection and term of office of judges, by revising subparagraph (a).
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

- 3 -
Authorizes creation of Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund for 9-1-1 systems expansion, maintenance, and operation.
House Resolution No. 1243
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1109
() YES
() NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate certain existing revenues, including revenues reallocated by law, to a nonlapsing fund to be used exclusively for the expansion, maintenance, and operation of emergency 9-1-1 systems in this state?"
Summary
This proposal authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation of the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund. It amends Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Georgia Constitution, relating to appropriations to be for specific sums, by adding a new subparagraph (s).
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

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I WUZ GONNA KEEP
RUNNIN', BUT THEN
I DECIDED T'TURN
MYSELF IN !!

YA
CRAZY
?!
WHAT
FER ?!

I HEARD IT WUZ
PIZZA NIGHT !!

I'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT AFTER
ALL THESE YEARS, SMIF, YA'D HAVE
L'ARNED YORE LESSON !!

WHAT
LESSON
WOULD
THAT BE,
YORE
HONOR ?

WHAT LESSON ?!
WHY, TH' MAIN LESSON
WE TRY T'TEACH HERE,
A'COURSE !!

THAT CRIME
DON'T PAY !!

YO'RE
KIDDIN' !!

YOU FELLERS
DON'T
FOLLER
POLITICS ?!

The Spats

DO YOU
LOVE
GRANDMA?

OF COURSE
I DO!!

DO YOU EVER
BUY HER
FLOWERS?

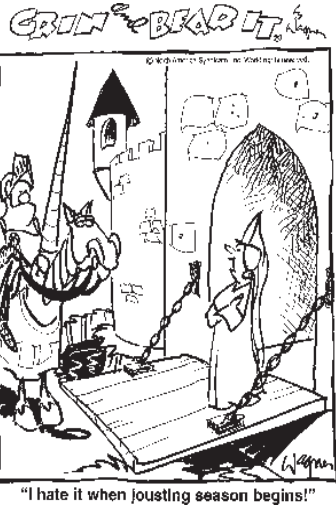
I DIDN'T
KNOW SHE SOLD
FLOWERS.

Out on a Limb

GLEN AND I ARE SAVING FOR
RETIREMENT. IT'S NOT A LOT, BUT WE'VE
BEEN ABLE TO **SQUIREL** AWAY
SOME MONEY...

STOCKS?
BONDS?
ROTH
IRAS?

NO, GLEN CRAMMED OUR FOUR THOUSAND AND
ELEVEN DOLLARS INTO THE CHEEKS OF HIS MOUTH.



SOVLTSEYISSVA
LINTWVSNOD
SNOOJWVLIOWV
SIIISGHEBES
SOTSIH
DISONTSO
IINSNNIAO4
ADQOMAV
OITIO
AHIAHOSSA
ARCSNOOPIA
AGATLWV
GUBALOB

Solution time: 24 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ANVAVELCNU
PT
MESIONITL
ASOA
VALREHTOW
B
KRLZMRE
A
C
I
J
O
F
E
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E
A
M
T
F
EMOHA
NA
HSAMS
E
EC
HSLGNE

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ACROSS

1 Havana's land

5 High tennis shot

8 Pitt of "Moneyball"

12 Spoken

13 Shock partner

14 Shakespear-ean villain

15 Military groups

17 Bar fight sou-venir

18 Order by classes

19 Vehement protest

21 High school subj.

22 Poi base

23 Likely

26 Small battery

28 Cowboy in "Toy Story"

31 Indy winner A.J.

33 Away from SSW

35 Peevish fit

36 Seized vehi-cles

38 Business mag

40 Punker Vicious

41 Shacks

43 Cyclades isle

45 1912 Olympic legend

47 Relatives of loons

51 Mine, to

52 Spoofs

54 Dresses in

55 Org. with a style manual

56 Squad

57 Celeb's aide

58 Tummy mus-cles

59 Young fellows

4 Choir mem-bers

5 From

6 Personal

7 Make drunk

8 Casual eater-ies

9 Masked mammals

10 Lab gel

11 "Finding Nemo" fish

16 Killer whale

20 Motor City labor org.

23 Ghana's cont.

24 "The Bells" writer

25 Violent storms

27 Blackbird

29 Nero's 502

30 Since Jan. 1

32 Sightseer

34 Bafflers

37 NASCAR advertiser

39 Business abbr.

42 1965 march site

44 Capital of South Korea

45 "I did it!"

46 Med. plan options

48 — fide (genu-ine)

49 Oklahoma city

50 Bygone jets

53 Cleric's tunic

DOWN

1 Club in a

2 Manilow song

3 Web address-es

3 Sheepish remarks

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MAGIC MAZE ● SHE'S IN THE MIDDLE

DURPNKIGDBZEXVS
SREHSUQOMKKYSRR
IGSFETCAOIYEEYE
WUSLIQESVLAHSPH
NLJHLSHEDSSSLNS
FECAYEHEHIXIEEA
VUS(CASHEWS)QFHWW
PNMKLSLSRJDSSSH
FECOALBZGYAEUAY
XVBBSUTRQGPBML
KIAHRENEHSERFGE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: GUIDES YOU TO YOUR SEAT

Abashedly

Ashen

Ashes

Bedsheets

Bolshevik

Bushels

Cashews

Eggshells

Fishery

Fisheye

Freshener

O'Shea

Seashells

Washers

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

NORMALLY THE RULE OF THUMB IS
YOUR BOWL SHOULD BE SMALLER THAN
THE TUB OF ICE CREAM IT COMES IN.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Saw blade is longer. 3. Hat is different. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Tree is thinner.

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WIGGLE & TWIST
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squishes, plushies, purses and keychains

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A chance to win a pot of money. The Wiggle & Twist part of the pot will be donated to the Johnson County History Museum, so you have a chance to make some money and help a good cause.



Several churches, non-profit organizations and businesses with information and gift booths; for example, Ranger Grove Church, Farm Bureau, Family Connection, Heart of GA Healthy Start & NextEra Energy Solutions are a few of them. The winner of the Fall Decorating Contest will be announced.



PRISON

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fled from the vehicle on foot. A brief search, with the help of the Georgia State Patrol and the Georgia Department of Corrections, ended with one individual being located and arrested.

During the investigation, it was determined that the individuals had rented a room at the De-

luxue Inn in Wrightsville and had been using it to meet up and package items intended for the prison.

A search warrant was obtained for the motel room. During the search, several large duffel bags containing contraband and equipment used to package the items were retrieved as evidence. The Toyota Rev 4 was also impounded as evidence.

Thanks to the hard work and determination of the Wrightsville Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Georgia State Patrol and Georgia Department Of Corrections, these items were prevented from entering into the prison.

The public is reminded that anytime you observe anyone or anything suspicious, do not hesitate to report it.

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- 2

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- 3

Make healthcare affordable, accessible and accountable
- 4

Clean up government and restore public trust
- 5

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