

Treutlen BOE drops millage, taxes still to increase

By **LOGAN REYNOLDS**
Staff Reporter

The Treutlen County Board of Education has reduced its 2026 millage rate from 13.987 mils to 12 mils following property value reassessments in the county.

“We want our community to understand why upcoming state-required notices may refer to a property tax ‘increase’ even though the Board is proposing to lower the actual millage rate,” said Treutlen County Superintendent Dr. Susan Stone in a press release.

The Treutlen County Tax Assessors conducted a reassessment of local property values as of Jan. 1,

2026, leading to a rise in property values in the area. In response, the board proposed lowering the school’s millage rate to 12 mils.

Millage rates are rates set by local governing bodies and boards of education representing “a tax liability of one dollar per \$1,000 of assessed value” according to the Georgia Department of Revenue. A set millage rate is used in conjunction with 40 percent of a property’s assessed value to calculate the amount of property taxes owed by a resident.

The board chose 12 mils as the new rate to allow the Treutlen County School System to remain eligible for the state’s Low-Wealth

Capital Outlay Program. This program provides grants specifically targeted towards school systems in areas which may otherwise struggle to fund schools through tax revenues.

“This funding can save our local taxpayers significant dollars on major facility projects,” said Dr. Stone. “A recent example is our HVAC replacement project, for which Treutlen County Schools received approximately \$1.2 million in state funding.”

In addition to providing the school with extra funding, the new millage rate is aimed towards providing tax relief for Treutlen County residents by shifting the burden

of funding towards the program grants.

“This approach allows the board to balance two important responsibilities: reducing the millage rate for our taxpayers and protecting opportunities to bring state dollars back to Treutlen County for major facility needs,” said Dr. Stone. “These state funds can significantly reduce the amount that would otherwise have to be funded locally.”

While the new rate is a reduction by 14.21 percent compared to the previous rate, 12 mils will be above the calculated rollback, which is intended to offset the increased property taxes from the reassessments. So, the Treutlen County School

System is required by Georgia law to advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings on the topic.

“It is important to understand that the Board is still proposing to lower the actual millage rate,” said Dr. Stone. “The advertised increase is based on the state-required comparison to the rollback rate, which reflects changes in property values due to reassessments. Individual tax bills may vary depending on changes in property assessments and applicable exemptions.”

The dates for the public hearings have not yet been announced by the Treutlen County Board of Education.

Senator Warnock commits to procuring more relief funds for Hurricane Helene

By **LOGAN REYNOLDS**
Staff Reporter

U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock reaffirmed his commitment to procuring more disaster relief funds for Hurricane Helene during a press call on Sept. 30 to mark the two year anniversary of the storm’s landfall.

“It’s been two years since Hurricane Helene tore through Georgia, killing dozens of people, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage and forever changing the lives of countless Georgians,” said Warnock.

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Georgia on the night of September 26, 2024. In Georgia alone, the storm caused approximately \$7.1 billion in damage and killed 37 Georgia residents.

Since the storm’s landfall, Senator Warnock has made a concerted bipartisan effort to deliver disaster relief funds to Georgia communities impacted by the storm. According to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), his efforts have delivered \$2.2 billion to affected communities. Warnock’s office originally announced \$1.6 billion in funds delivered, but the figure was updated by GEMA later in the day.

“Storms don’t ask, ‘Are you a Democrat or a Republican?’” said Warnock. “This is about basic human decency, and making sure that my constituents get the help they need, so I will continue to fight until communities across Georgia – particularly in rural Geor-

gia – receive every dollar they need.”

Some Georgia communities, such as the City of Soperton, are nearing the end of their Helene cleanup operations.

“There’s still individual people that are having some issues with the insurance companies or with the government or whatever,” said Soperton’s mayor John Koon. “But for the city itself, I think we’re getting really close now to be able to say that chapter is gone.”

However, according to Warnock, the ability of Georgia communities to reach this same point varies, with some communities still recovering from the aftermath of 2018’s Hurricane Michael.

“That report card varies throughout the state,” said Warnock. “The truth is there are still parts of our state recovering from Hurricane Michael in 2018, so these storms don’t wait on [the] government. They don’t wait for Congress to get its act together.”

Warnock’s efforts to acquire funds have faced issues regarding the current federal administration, such as issues with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). According to Warnock, FEMA was withholding \$600 million in disaster relief funds, which he raised awareness of in December 2025.

“The administration was withholding funds, and I continued to push until we got something done,” said Warnock.

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MoCo, Wheeler celebrate Homecoming



The Montgomery County School System held its homecoming parade on Oct. 1 in Mount Vernon. Look for Homecoming Kings & Queens in the next edition/**LOGAN REYNOLDS**



The Wheeler County School System held its homecoming parade on Oct. 1 in Alamo/**LOGAN REYNOLDS**

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SNAPSHOTS: TOBLER, BOYNTON CROWNED AT TREUTLEN HOMECOMING
Treutlen High School’s 2026 Homecoming King and Queen, Za’Kian “Peanut” Tobler and Alexia Boynton/**SPECIAL PHOTO**

Alamo hosts U.S. Flag retirement

By **LOGAN REYNOLDS**
Staff Reporter

The City of Alamo hosted a retirement ceremony for United States flags on Sept. 26 in the city’s flower garden.

“We all live under that banner of the American flag, and according to the standards of love, and brotherhood and unity,” said Russ Little, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

The retirement ceremony

was conducted with the assistance of the VFW Post 10229, commanded by Ric Robin, and local Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) students. In addition to retiring city-owned flags, residents were also invited to attend and bring their own flags in need of retirement.

Retiring United States flags is a part of “flag etiquette,” a term referring to the proper procedure and treatment of the American flag. According to Robin,

flag etiquette’s role in the VFW’s services is to honor the United States flag, as well as the armed forces who served under it.

“They serve that flag,” said Robin. “Paying respect to that flag is paying respect to them, is paying respect to our history.”

As part of the retirement ceremony, flags were folded 13 times, with each fold representing an aspect of

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Wheeler vs. Hawkinsville

The Wheeler County Bulldogs and the Hawkinsville Red Devils in action on October 2 in the Bulldog Stadium in Alamo. The Red Devils won 27-21 in overtime/LOGAN REYNOLDS



Alamo hosted a flag retirement ceremony on Sept. 26 in the city's flower garden with the assistance of VFW and JROTC students. In addition to retiring city flags, residents were also invited to attend and bring their own flags in need of retirement/SPECIAL PHOTO

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American and Christian values and aspects of service in the armed forces, eventually resulting in a triangle shape. After the pledge of allegiance and a posting of colors by the color guard, the flags were then burned in a burn barrel.

"The process we used to dispose of the flags, there's a couple of different ways, but the one we did the other day, we burned them," said Robin.

In addition to honoring the flag, the ceremony also served as a learning experience for the JROTC students who assisted.

"We use that time to teach them what they're doing, why they're doing it, and they can pass it on to their friends," said Robin.

Facilitating events such as Alamo's flag retirement ceremony is one aspect of the VFW's broader goal of service to the nearby communities. Service is even a requirement for continued membership with the organization.

"We are here to serve," said Robin. "You're not done serving until you're being served."

According to Russ Little, this culture of service stems from veterans' training and experiences in the armed forces. Little is a former member of the United States Air Force and a veteran of the Vietnam War, and he linked the sense of service instilled in him from that time as a reason why he "fell in love with the organization."

In addition to servicing the community, VFW also assists veterans with gaining access to their benefits, or "compensation" as Robin prefers to call them. According to Robin, many younger veterans are unaware of the compensations they have access to, such as the Carl Vinson VA Medical

Center in Dublin and disability rates.

"So, we find a lot of the time the young vets around here don't know that they're entitled to anything," said Robbins. "They don't know that they can just go up to Dublin to the VA hospital and get medical care, dental care. Don't know that."

So, the members of VFW assist these veterans by sharing their knowledge of these resources. While they cannot directly assist with every matter, Robin said they can place veterans in contact with the correct individuals and organizations.

"We may not have the ability, but we have the knowledge, and we can get you in touch with the person that has the ability to help do anything," said Robin.

SPECIAL TO THE TRI-COUNTY CONNECTOR

DUBLIN, Georgia: A McRae, Georgia man and woman have been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to child sexual abuse charges. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Dudley H. Bowen and announced by Margaret E. "Meg" Heap, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia.

Noah Zackery Cason, 25, of McRae, Georgia, was sentenced to 240 months in prison and a \$2,500 fine followed by 15 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to Illegal Transportation of a Minor. Cason was also ordered to pay an assessment in the amount of \$100 to the Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Assistance Fund. Cason must register as a sex offender upon completion of his prison sentence.

Cason's co-defendant, Alexandra McLain, 26, of McRae, was sentenced to 120 months in prison and a \$2,000 fine followed by 10 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to Possession of Child Pornography. McLain was also ordered to pay an assessment in the amount of \$100 to the Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Assistance Fund. McLain must register as a sex offender upon completion of her prison sentence.

There is no parole in the federal system.

As described in court documents and testimony, in November 2024, Cason traveled to Oklahoma to pick up and transport a minor child to his residence in McRae. The guardian of the minor child filed a missing person report and investigators determined that the defendants were the perpetrators through online activity on apps, including Snapchat and WhatsApp.

While travelling to Georgia, Cason engaged in sexual acts with the minor victim during a stop in Alabama. Upon returning to their residence, Cason engaged in sex acts with the minor victim and recorded the abuse, with McLain's knowledge and encouragement. McLain was also present during several of the sexual assaults. Searches of the defendants' electronic devices contained videos and images depicting Cason participating in sexual activity with the minor victim.

With the use of license plate readers, investigators confirmed the defendant's vehicle had traveled along a route consistent with travel to and from Oklahoma and Georgia. Investigators tracked the defendants to their residence and initially contacted Cason who denied knowing the minor victim or of her whereabouts. After further questioning, Cason admitted to transporting the victim

from Oklahoma to Georgia and to having sexual contact.

"These defendants preyed on a child's vulnerabilities, and their monstrous actions have created irreparable harm," said U.S. Attorney Heap. "This office has an unyielding commitment to protect children and serve justice for the victims and their families."

If you are or have information about victims of child exploitation, contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Cyber Tipline at report.cybertip.org or 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

"There is no excuse for adults who exploit and sexually abuse children. The actions of these defendants caused profound harm to a child, and today's sentences hold them accountable for that harm," said Brad Snider, Senior Supervisory Resident Agent of FBI Atlanta's Savannah office. "The FBI and our law enforcement partners will continue to aggressively pursue those who prey on children and use technology to facilitate their abuse."

This case was investigated by the FBI, Human Trafficking Unit, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, Amtrak (Okla.) Police Department, and Telfair County Sheriff's Office.

This case was prosecuted for the United States by Southern District of Georgia Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri A. Stephan.

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the delays and disparity of funding, he pointed to cuts made by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), a cost-cutting initiative spearheaded by President Donald Trump and Elon Musk. He likened the "draconian cuts" to "a bull in a china shop."

"We've seen cases in this administration where they literally will cut a whole department, not knowing the significance and expertise of the people

who are in that department, and then literally had to go back and hire and re-hire the people," said Warnock.

Senator Warnock did not specify where funding will go or how much left is needed to complete the state-wide Hurricane Helene response, instead saying the funds go towards "a lot of different buckets."

"We need to close the books on this," said Warnock. "We're entering yet another season again, so I continue to work on this backlog."

Treutlen County Announcement
November 3, 2026 General Election
Early Voting will take place at the Annex
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from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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A right-handed bass guitar turns out be a good investment

An old belief says that left-handed people are more creative than their more populous right-handed counterparts.

I doubt that that school of thought is actually true just based on the statistics alone. I know very few lefties at all, let alone creative ones. I consider myself a pretty imaginative southpaw, but that hasn't made life necessarily easier in our right-hander's world.

Growing up there was a gang of five boys - my brother, cousins and myself - together as often as we could be. Whether rampaging through the woods, felling small trees to build forts or playing ball

in the abandoned garden spot (we often played with a tennis ball so we could pretend to be heavy, home run hitters), my left-handedness was often a handicap, especially in sports.

Having an older brother and cousin meant using hand-me-down equipment, right-handed equipment. I learned to play baseball, and golf, right-handed. Maybe that's why I never showed much aptitude in such endeavors. Not that I've ever been much of a sports guy anyway. I'm too afraid of the ball to ever have been a Major Leaguer, and golf, though this opinion could change when I'm in a different stage of



By **KYLE DOMINY**

life, takes too much time and money.

As I got older, however, I became more inclined to learn how to play a guitar. What kind of guitars were readily

available? The right-handed kind. So I borrowed one from my brother and started practicing. At the time, left-handed guitars were more expensive and were not available

in many popular makes and models, so I opted to continue playing right-handed.

So every stringed instrument I have ever owned, I played backwards. Naturally backwards per my perspective anyway.

For some time I had a bass guitar, right-handed of course, purchased on the cheap from a discount music store when I was a teenager. I had my eyes on another prize at the time (I was already dating my future wife) so the instrument saw little use. The guitar has spent most of its life zipped in an equally cheap carry case, tucked away in a closet wherever I've happened

to call home at the time. Until now.

My son expressed interest in learning the bass guitar. Lucky for you, I told him, I have one begging to be unpacked and put to use. And put it to use he has. The other day came home to walls rattling, a deep note reverberating from his bedroom. He's still getting the hang of it, earning callouses on his fingers. He says it hurts, and I tell him that nothing worth doing ever comes easy.

But this might come easier for him than his old man, because lucky for him ... he is right-handed.

COUCH THEATER



From left, Arturo Castro, Jessica Biel, John Cena, Teyonah Parris and Sam Richardson star in "Matchbox: The Movie"/SPECIAL PHOTO, Courtesy of Apple TV

By **DEMI TAVERAS**
King Features

Spider-Man: Brand New Day (PG-13)

The fourth installment in Tom Holland's "Spider-Man" film series is finally out to rent on Oct. 6 after its legendary run in theaters, where it became the third-highest-grossing film of all time! (Luckily, Marvel isn't holding back with on-demand streaming of the film, like Universal is with Christopher Nolan's "The Odyssey.") Zendaya ("The Odyssey") and Jacob Batalon ("The Wrecking Crew") are back in their roles from the previous three films, while Jon Bernthal's Punisher makes his first appearance in the series. More newcomers include Florence Pugh ("Thunderbolts"), who joins the cast as her MCU character Yelena Belova, and Sadie Sink ("Stranger Things") makes her debut in the MCU as Jean Grey. The film picks up four years after

Dr. Strange's spell wipes Peter's (Holland) existence off the face of the planet. (Amazon Prime Video)

Animals (R)

After teaming up with his longtime buddy Matt Damon for action-thriller film "The Rip," Ben Affleck is back on Netflix with this crime thriller, co-starring Kerry Washington ("Wake Up Dead Man") and Gillian Anderson ("The Julia Set"). "Animals" follows Los Angeles mayoral candidate Mark Kimball (Affleck), whose son suddenly gets kidnapped during his political campaign. The kidnapper demands a ransom, but with all his money spent on his campaign, Mark is forced to resort to more dangerous methods of getting his child back. In turn, amid the chaos, secrets from his and his wife's past emerge that they never expected to come to light. Steven Yeun ("The Rip") and Adriana

Paz ("A Mouthful of Ash") round out the rest of the cast. Stream it on Oct. 9! (Netflix)

Avatar: Seven Havens (TV-PG)

If you have any Zillennials in your home, you know the chokehold that "Avatar: The Last Airbender" still has on them. It's long regarded as one of the best animated fantasy series of all time and introduced us to beloved characters like Aang, Katara, Zuko, Appa and more. Shortly after the original "Avatar" series ended, a sequel series, "The Legend of Korra," aired from 2012 to 2014. Now, 12 years later, a third series is set to premiere on Oct. 9, following Korra's Avatar successor, Pavi, who's also a reincarnation of Korra. Taking place 225 years after "Korra," Pavi and her twin sister, Nisha, team up to save the Seven Havens before an apocalyptic event destroys their world. (Paramount+)

Matchbox: The Movie (PG-13)

After the \$1 billion feat that "Barbie" (2023) achieved in theaters, Mattel had no choice but to wonder, "What if we made movies about every iconic toy we have?" However, because "Masters of the Universe" bombed, they decided to go for a streaming-only release for this action-comedy film based on the Matchbox toy cars. John Cena ("Coyote vs. Acme") leads the film as spy and former soldier Sean Walker, who reconnects with the childhood friends he used to play cars with. But while they're at the bar, the entire group gets drugged and kidnapped by a group of criminals who are searching for a nuclear warhead; and even though his past almost gets his old friends killed, they decide to help Sean in an attempt to steal the bomb and clear their names. Check it out on Oct. 9. (Apple TV)

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DID YOU KNOW ...?

By **JACK BAGLEY**
GTLN

Did you know ...
... a woman was elected to Congress before women had the federal right to vote? Jeannette Rankin (1880-1973) was the first woman to hold federal elected office in the United States. She was elected in 1916 as a member of the House of Representatives from Montana. She was elected again in 1940. Montana women were able to vote for her at her first election; the 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920, gave all American women the right to vote in federal elections from that point on. (A true trend-setter.)
... it's never a good idea to land a plane with your eyes closed? In 1986, a jet from the Soviet national airline Aeroflot was on approach to land in the Russian city of Grozny. The captain of the flight reportedly bet the first officer that he could land the plane without visual confirmation - in other words, land with his eyes closed. He didn't really close his eyes, of course; he used an all-instrument approach and curtained off the windows of the plane's cockpit. As you might expect, this did not end well: Flight 6502 touched down far too fast, overturned, and killed 63 people, including the first officer. (I guess the captain never collected on the bet.)
... colors exist that your eye cannot see? Of course, you already know about infrared (one wavelength below red) and ultraviolet (one wavelength above vi-

olet), but other such colors exist - and don't have names. People perceive these colors when looking at an image featuring side-by-side red and green strips and side-by-side blue and yellow strips on a black background. Scientists are studying these shades of color never before detected. (A colorful comment, no?)
... a popular celebrity was the inspiration for an insect's nickname? The species of horsefly that has a large gold backside is known as the "Bootylicious" horsefly. The identity is associated with entertainer Beyoncé (born Beyoncé Giselle Knowles, 1981). She recorded the song "Bootylicious" in 2001, and researchers say the horsefly is something of a diva among insects. (Uh, yeah.)
... goats have been used as torture devices? Specifically in the torture known as "the goat's tongue." In the Middle Ages, the victim would be tied to a tree, and the soles of the victim's feet would be moistened with salt. A thirsty goat would then be set loose to lick the victim's feet until the flesh was worn away. (A baaa-ad way to torture people.)
... those lines down the middle of the highway were inspired by milk trucks? A man named Edward Hines (1870-1938) was traveling on a highway in 1911 and following a milk truck which was leaking onto the roadway. Hines realized that putting a line down the middle of the road would help with safe traveling, and the idea took off. (Hey, whatever works!)
Now... you know!

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Treutlen County Board of Education has tentatively adopted a 2026 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 5.72 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Treutlen County Board of Education, 4313 West Main Street, Soperton, GA on October 15, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Time and place of an additional public hearing on this tax increase is at Treutlen County Board of Education, 4313 West Main Street, Soperton, GA on October 22, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 12.00 mills, a decrease of 1.987 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 11.351 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$ 24.66 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$75,000 is approximately \$ 19.47.

Politicians

Most of us poke fun at politicians, but sometimes we let it go too far, and I am always reminded of a comment made by the late Jim Minter, editor of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

In a small circle of friends at a dinner party, the topic was about no-good politicos. The conversation eventually gained traction, and the bulk of the attendees were castigating politicians when he asked, “Do you know a politician?” Most everybody nodded their head affirmatively and he asked. “You probably don’t think he is such a bad fellow, do you?”

They all agreed that their friend was not someone they took pleasure in castigating. His point was



LORAN SMITH

well taken.

I have known a lot of politicians in my life, and I sorta like most of them. There have been some I really liked and with whom I enjoyed a friendship over the years.

Opponents, however, are like offensive coordina-

tors. They don’t hold back when their favorite team loses a big game, and the offensive coordinator and the play caller is second guessed without reluctance.

It was Mark Twain who said, “Why spend money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponent will do it for you.”

Grover Cleveland was accused of fathering an illegitimate child, the accusation gaining such traction that the Democrat admitted culpability. This resulted in a Republican ditty that went like this: “Ma, Ma, where’s my Pa? Gone to the White House, Ha, Ha, Ha.”

The Democrats retorted with, “James G. Blaine, the continental liar from the state of Maine.” That reminds us that nothing is new under the sun.

My take is that all candidates not be allowed to buy television advertising. Make ‘em to go back to the stump, which is a reminder that it would be more fun.

I love the stories about Gene Talmadge whose routine was take over a political rally, regardless. If he were speaking, he would rail long and loud about a few issues and when he left and the next speaker had begun, he would stage a fist fight with his henchmen, and the fisticuffs took all attention away from the subsequent speakers.

If he spoke later in the program or last, he would arrive with horns blaring from his cavalcade and he would begin rambling through the crowd, shouting and shaking hands to the extent that nobody heard a word that was said

from the podium.

You may, if you are up on Georgia’s political history, know that Carl Sanders was the first governor elected after the Supreme Court outlawed the County Unit system in 1963.

He defeated Marvin Griffin, who famously said, “A lot of people that ate my barbecue voted for somebody else.”

After Carl Sanders became an ultra-successful lawyer in Atlanta, I often went by his office at the corner of North Avenue and West Peachtree Street and reminisced with him about Georgia football, politics, and whatever was topical for the moment.

One day he told me an interesting story. One weekend of the Georgia-Florida game, he was entertaining some VIP guests on state

business at the Cloister on Sea Island, when he saw Marvin Griffin show up with his wife for dinner.

He did not have a reservation and was being turned away by the receptionist. The former Governor was pleading his case enthusiastically, but the receptionist kept shaking her head vigorously.

Carl said that he got up and went up to the Griffins and invited them to his table. Gov. Griffin graciously thanked his one-time political adversary and subsequently treated Carl’s guests with a litany of stories that in no time had them laughing to the extreme.

When dinner was over, Carl’s guests asked him seriously, “How in the world did you defeat a fellow like that?”

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 irritat-

ed 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 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 gage 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



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

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 micro-chipping 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



DICK YARBROUGH

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 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 bottled 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 Uni-

versity, 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 including 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 that 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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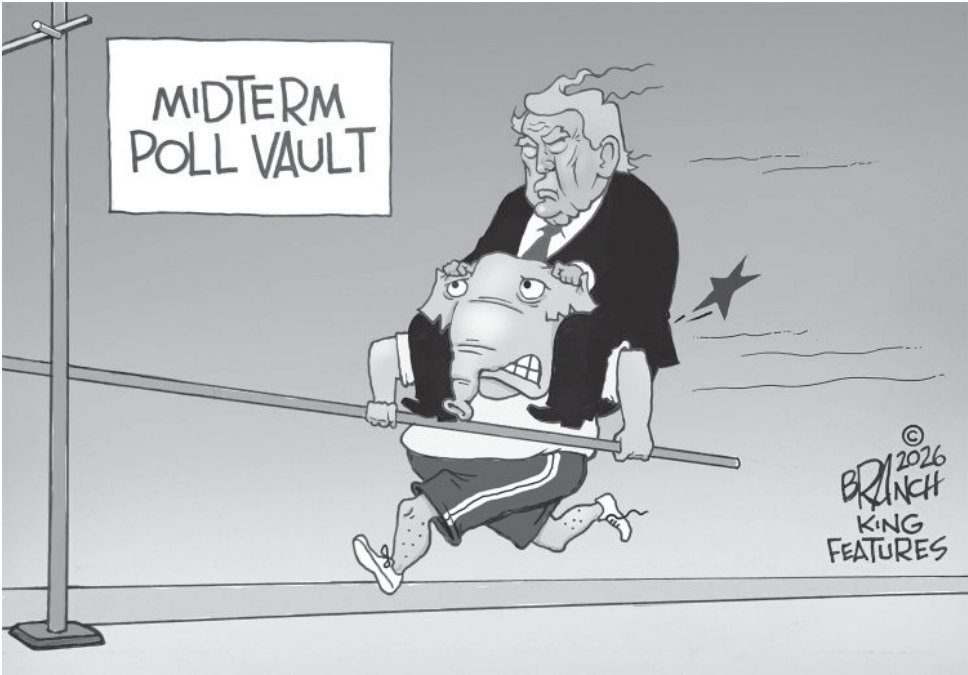
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S26-047
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
TREUTLEN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARESE V GOOD-
SON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-P-36
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINIS-
TRATION
NOTICE

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
TRECHAKA JATONEE DERESE GOOD-
SON HAS PETITIONED FOR TRECHAKA
JA TONEE DERESE GOODSON TO BE
APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR(S) OF
THE ESTATE OF CHARESE V GOOD-
SON 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 22, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: ALL OBJEC-
TIONS 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.
TIFFANY W. MCLENDON
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY:
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
650 SECOND STREET, SUITE 101
SOPERTON, GA 30457
912-529-4320
SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15,
2026

S26-053
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TREUT-
LEN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
LINDA RICKS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-P-2
NOTICE
[FOR DISCHARGE FROM OFFICE AND
ALL LIABILITY]

IN RE: PETITION FOR DISCHARGE OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
[STRIKE ANY PARAGRAPH IF NOT
APPLICABLE]
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE AN
OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO THE
ABOVE-REFERENCED PETITION, IN
THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER
15, 2026
TO: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE AN
OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO THE
ABOVE-REFERENCED PETITION, IN
THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE THE 30TH
DAY AFTER (THE DATE OF THE MAILING
OF THIS NOTICE TO YOU BY CERTIFIED
OR REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RE-
CEIPT REQUESTED); PROVIDED, HOW-
EVER, THAT IF A RETURN RECEIPT FOR
SUCH NOTICE IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED
BY THE COURT WITHIN SUCH 30 DAYS,
THE DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF ANY
OBJECTION SHALL BE 30 DAYS FROM
THE DATE OF RECEIPT SHOWN ON
SUCH RETURN RECEIPT.
TO: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE
AN OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO
THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PETITION,
IN THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE THE
30TH DAY AFTER 20 (THE DATE OF
THE MAILING OF THIS NOTICE TO
YOU BY CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED
MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED);
PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF A RE-
TURN RECEIPT FOR SUCH NOTICE IS
ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE COURT
WITHIN SUCH 30 DAYS, THE DEADLINE
FOR THE FILING OF ANY OBJECTION
SHALL BE 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE
OF RECEIPT SHOWN ON SUCH RETURN
RECEIPT.
TO: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU WHO ARE
REQUIRED TO BE SERVED PERSONAL-
LY, TO FILE AN OBJECTION, IF THERE
IS ANY, TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED
PETITION, IN THIS COURT ON OR BE-
FORE THE 30TH DAY AFTER THE DATE
YOU ARE PERSONALLY SERVED OR
SIGN THE RETURN RECEIPT.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: ALL OBJEC-
TIONS 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.
TIFFANY W. MCLENDON
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY:
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
650 SECOND STREET, SUITE 101
SOPERTON, GA 30457
912-529-4320
OCTOBER 8, 2026

S26-049
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
TREUTLEN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: BOBBY FELTON WARNOCK,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-P-40
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR
YEARS SUPPORT
THE PETITION OF INEZ WARNOCK
FOR A YEAR'S SUPPORT FROM THE
ESTATE OF BOBBY FELTON WAR-
NOCK DECEASED, FOR DECEDENT'S
(SURVIVING SPOUSE) (AND) (MINOR
CHILD) (REN)), HAVING BEEN DULY
FILED, ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE
HEREBY NOTIFIED TO SHOW CAUSE, IF
ANY THEY HAVE, ON OR BEFORE
OCTOBER 15, 2026, WHY SAID PETI-
TION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED.
ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION
MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH
THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJEC-
TIONS, AND MUST BE FILED ON OR
BEFORE THE TIME STATED IN THE
PRECEDING SENTENCE. ALL OBJEC-
TIONS SHOULD BE SWORN TO BEFORE
A NOTARY PUBLIC OR BEFORE A PRO-
BATE COURT CLERK, AND FILING FEES
MUST BE TENDERED WITH YOUR OB-
JECTIONS, 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.
TIFFANY W. MCLENDON
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY: CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
650 SECOND STREET, S, #101
SOPERTON, GA 30457
(912) 529-4320
OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

S26-051
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF TREUTLEN.
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LOUISE THIG-
PEN LOGAN, DECEASED.
ALL DEBTORS OR CREDITORS OF
THE ESTATE OF LOUISE THIGPEN LO-
GAN, DECEASED, LATE OF TREUTLEN
COUNTY, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO
RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE
UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO LAW,
AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID
ESTATE ARE TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAY-
MENT TO ME
THIS 21 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.
HILLARY D. EARL
HILLARY D. EARLS
ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTOR, CALVIN
C. LOGAN, JR.
BRYANT & O'CONNOR LAW FIRM
P. O. BOX 28
VIDALIA, GA 30475
OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

WC26-003
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS
GEORGIA, WHEELER COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF BETH ANN ADAWAY
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF
BETH ANN ADAWAY, DECEASED, LATE
OF WHEELER COUNTY, GEORGIA, ARE
HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR
DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED AC-
CORDING TO LAW, AND ALL PERSONS
INDEBTED TO SAID ESTATE ARE RE-
QUIRED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT
TO THE UNDERSIGNED.
RAY WHITE AND PENNY WHITE
EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF
BETH ANN ADAWAY
C/O EDWARD B. CLAXTON III
ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTORS
P. O. BOX 16459
DUBLIN, GEORGIA 31040
OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

S26-052
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TREUT-
LEN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD MARION
DENNARD, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 24-P-14
NOTICE
[FOR DISCHARGE FROM OFFICE AND
ALL LIABILITY]
IN RE: PETITION FOR DISCHARGE OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE AN
OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO THE
ABOVE-REFERENCED PETITION, IN
THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER
15, 2026

TO: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE
AN OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO
THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PETITION,
IN THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE THE
30TH DAY AFTER
(THE DATE OF THE MAILING OF THIS
NOTICE TO YOU BY CERTIFIED OR
REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED); PROVIDED, HOWEVER,
THAT IF A RETURN RECEIPT FOR SUCH
NOTICE IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY
THE COURT WITHIN SUCH 30 DAYS,
THE DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF
ANY OBJECTION SHALL BE 30 DAYS
FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT SHOWN
ON SUCH RETURN RECEIPT.
TO: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE
AN OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO
THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PETITION,
IN THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE THE
30TH DAY AFTER
20 (THE DATE OF THE MAILING OF THIS
NOTICE TO YOU BY CERTIFIED OR
REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT
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FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT SHOWN
ON SUCH RETURN RECEIPT.
TO: THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU WHO ARE
REQUIRED TO BE SERVED PERSONAL-
LY, TO FILE AN OBJECTION, IF THERE
IS ANY, TO THE ABOVE-REFERENCED
PETITION, IN THIS COURT ON OR BE-
FORE THE 30TH DAY AFTER THE DATE
YOU ARE PERSONALLY SERVED OR
SIGN THE RETURN RECEIPT.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: ALL OBJEC-
TIONS 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.
TIFFANY W. MCLENDON
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY:
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
650 SECOND STREET, SUITE 101
SOPERTON, GA 30457
912-529-4320
OCTOBER 8, 2026

S26-048
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
STATE OF GEORGIA
TREUTLEN COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLENE MARIE
FOSKEY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-P-41
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINIS-
TRATION NOTICE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
PAMELA RICHARDSON HAS PETI-
TIONED FOR PAMELA RICHARDSON,
TO BE APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR(S)
OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLENE MARIE
FOSKEY
DECEASED, OF SAID COUNTY. (THE
PETITIONER HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR
WAIVER OF BOND, WAIVER OF RE-
PORTS, WAIVER OF STATEMENTS, AND/
OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS CON-
TAINED 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 OBJEC-
TIONS, AND
MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT ON
OR BEFORE OCTOBER 16, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: ALL OBJEC-
TIONS 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.
TIFFANY W. MCLENDON

JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY:
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
650 SECOND STREET, SUITE IO I SOP-
ERTON, GA 30457 ADDRESS
912-529-4320
SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15,
2026

S26-048
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
STATE OF GEORGIA
Treutlen COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF Charlene Marie
Foskey, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-P-41
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
Pamela Richardson has petitioned for
Pamela Richardson, to be appointed
administrator(s) of the estate of Charlene
Marie Foskey
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 16, 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.
Tiffany W. McLendon
Judge of the Probate Court
By:
Clerk of the Probate Court
650 Second Street, Suite IO I Soperton,
GA 30457 Address
912-529-4320
September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2026

WC26-004
PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with the Georgia
Comprehensive Solid Waste Management
Act, Section 12-8-32(c), PUBLIC NOTICE
is hereby served that the Houston County
Board of Commissioners on September
29, 2026 received a Notice of Site
Suitability for a solid waste disposal facility
from the Georgia Department of Natural
Resources Environmental Protection
Division (EPD) for a solid waste disposal
operation known as the Houston County
SR 247 Klondike C&D Landfill Proposed
Expansion. The facility is located at 2080
Hwy 247 South, Mile Marker 2, Kathleen,
Georgia 31047. Houston County will
host a public meeting to inform affected
residents and landowners in the area of
the Houston County –SR 247 Klondike
C&D Landfill of the opportunity to engage
in a facility issues negotiations process.
The meeting will be held at the Perry
Courthouse located at 201 Perry Parkway,
Perry, Georgia on November 3, 2026 at
9:00AM.

October 8, 2026

September 30, 2026

Bid Request for Anderson Pond Rd, Crooked Run Rd, & Lonesome Pine Rd

Roadway and Culvert Improvements

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, materials, transportation, supervision, traffic control, and incidentals necessary to complete the roadway and culvert improvements described below. All measurements and existing site conditions shall be field verified by the Contractor prior to submitting a bid.

1. Anderson Pond Road

The Contractor shall perform the following work:

- Headwall Repair: Repair and/or reconstruct damaged or broken concrete headwalls associated with the existing culvert(s).

- Concrete Bottoms: Prepare and pour concrete bottoms along the headwalls as necessary to provide a stable surface and help prevent erosion and undermining.

- Culvert Inspection: Excavate as necessary along and around the existing culvert(s) to expose and inspect for undermining, voids, washout, deterioration, or other damage.

- Undermining Repair: Properly repair, backfill, and compact any undermined areas necessary to provide adequate support for the existing culvert(s) and roadway.

- Soil Cement: Install approximately 80 linear feet of soil cement, eight (8) inches thick, across both travel lanes. Work shall include all necessary excavation, preparation, mixing, placement, grading, and compaction.

- Asphalt Overlay: Install a two (2) inch asphalt overlay across both travel lanes over the approximately 80-foot repair area. Asphalt shall be properly placed and compacted and shall tie smoothly into the existing roadway surface.

2. Crooked Run Road

The Contractor shall perform the following work:

- Soil Cement: Install eight (8) inches of soil cement across both travel lanes, including all necessary roadway preparation, mixing, placement, grading, and compaction.

- Asphalt Overlay: Install a two (2) inch asphalt overlay across both travel lanes over the completed soil cement. Asphalt shall be properly placed and compacted and shall tie smoothly into the existing roadway surface.

3. Lonesome Pine Road

The Contractor shall perform the following work:

- Two Culvert Replacements: Remove and replace two (2) existing culverts. Each new culvert shall be 48 inches in diameter and approximately 60 feet in length, for approximately 120 total linear feet of 48-inch culvert.

- Culvert Installation: Work shall include all necessary excavation, removal and proper disposal of the existing culverts, preparation of the culvert beds, installation of the new culverts, and proper alignment and grading to provide adequate drainage.

- Backfill Material: Contractor shall furnish and haul in all necessary fill dirt/backfill material required for both culvert replacements and roadway restoration.

- Backfill and Compaction: Contractor shall place and properly compact all backfill material necessary to provide adequate support for the new culverts and roadway.

- Soil Cement: Install eight (8) inches of soil cement across both travel lanes in the roadway areas affected by the two culvert replacements. Work shall include all necessary preparation, mixing, placement, grading, and compaction.

- Asphalt Overlay: Install a two (2) inch asphalt overlay across both travel lanes over the completed soil cement. Asphalt shall be properly placed and compacted and shall tie smoothly into the existing roadway surface.

General Requirements

The Contractor shall be responsible for all necessary traffic control and shall maintain a safe work area throughout the duration of the project.

All shoulders, slopes, ditches, drainage areas, and other areas disturbed during construction shall be properly restored upon completion of the work.

The Contractor shall remove and properly dispose of all excess materials, existing culvert materials, construction debris, and other waste generated by the project.

Any unforeseen conditions, including additional undermining, voids, washout, culvert deterioration, or other damage discovered during excavation that may require work beyond the stated scope shall be reported to the County before additional work is performed. No additional work or associated costs shall be incurred without prior authorization from the County.

All work shall be completed in a professional and workmanlike manner and in accordance with applicable specifications and requirements.
FINAL BID SUBMISSION

The bid amount submitted by the bidder shall be considered the bidder's final bid. Once submitted and the bid submission deadline has passed, the bid may not be altered, amended, revised, or otherwise changed.

The bidder is responsible for reviewing all project requirements, specifications, quantities, site conditions, labor, materials, equipment, and other costs prior to submitting a bid.

No changes, alterations, substitutions, additions, or corrections will be accepted after submission or after the deadline. The County will not permit a bidder to modify its bid after submission

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Treutlen County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding process, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Treutlen County.

Bid packets must be turned in to County Clerk Angie Hooks at the Board of Commissioners office located at 1830 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. by October 14, 2026, 5 PM.

For any questions please call 912-529-3664.

A mind is responsible
for the traffic light, the blood bank, ice cream,
peanut butter, the doorknob, the microphone, the elevator,
clothes dryer, lawn mower, pacemaker, the typewriter, guided
missile, mailbox, the air conditioner, automatic transmission, curtain
rod, baby carriage, lawn sprinkler, fountain pen, dust pan, the hand
stamp, first open-heart surgery, cataract laser, fire extinguisher, doorstop,
home security camera, the golf tee, fire escape, potato chip, food preservation,
synthesized cortisone, the guitar, railroad telegraphy, envelope seal, printing press,
bicycle frame, rocket catapult, insect destroyer gun, ice cream scoop, window cleaner,
laser fuels, folding chair, gas mask, mop, refrigerator, pressing comb, urinalysis
machine, door lock, electric cutoff switch, telephone transmitter, stair-climbing wheel-
chair, hairbrush, egg beater, eye protector, electric lamp bulb, biscuit cutter, chamber
commode, almanac, horse shoe, lunch pail, motor, lantern, key chain, furniture caster,
ironing board, sugar-refining system, lemon squeezer, portable weighing scales,
wrench, airplane propeller, ore bucket, steam boiler, portable x-ray machine, cotton
chopper fertilizer, street sweeper, cattle-roping apparatus, spark plug, galoshes, casket-
lowering device, clothes wringer, disral car coupling, riding saddles, and so on
and so on. The list is endless. Indeed, it's time to stop and celebrate the fact
that each and every one of the wonderful innovations mentioned here came
from the mind. The mind of an African American. By supporting minority
education, you keep open the possibility of tomorrow's great ideas.
Because of all the things that the human mind has created,
perhaps the most amazing is the one that has yet
to be created. And that possibility is
a terrible thing to waste.

To support and to
learn more about
great African American
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BARNEY GOOGLE AND
Snuffy Smith

SIT, OL' BULLET !! GOOD BOY !!
NOW...LAY DOWN !!

YEAH, THIS IS MY FAV'RIT ONE, TOO !!

HEY, HORACE, WHO'S THAT FELLER ?

LAN'SAKES, CYRUS, YA KNOWN HIM FER YEARS !!

IT'S SNUFFY SMIF !!

AHH !! SO IT IS !! I DIDN'T RECKYNIZE HIM 'CUZ I'M NOT USED TO SEEIN' HIM IN HIS UPRIGHT POSITION !!

JOHN ROSE

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The Spats

GRANDPA, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ROCK GROUP?

RUB RUB RUB

MOUNT RUSHMORE!!

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by Jeff Pickering

Out on a Limb

BIG MIKE THE MOB GUY TAKES HIS CAR IN FOR REPAIRS

IT MAKES A THUD SOUND A KA-THUD, KA-THUD, THUMP THUMP NEAR THE TRUNK. HEY, WAITA MINUTE...

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by Gary Kopervas

GRIN & BEAR IT

BELCHFIRE MOTORS SERVICE DEPT

"It drives great! How does it tow?"

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

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Answers

King Crossword

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ANIMALS FOUND IN THE SAHARA

MAGIC MAZE ANSWERS

ANIMALS FOUND IN THE SAHARA

MAGIC MAZE

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PNLBJHFDDBZUAOBX
OVTCTROCODILES RH
RSQOMAMONGOOSEG
KITHFLSESOADDGL
BZYRWLAVTNOGRQO
NLKIIFFHKEFEBDCA
ZXWAOCVYCHUVASR
QONWNMHKOAJIABH
FSLWOELGAEJXYRO

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

- Baboon

Cobras

Crocodiles

Eagle owls
- Gerbil

Grogs

Guinea fowl

Hedgehog
- Hyena

Jackal

Mongoose

Oryx
- Ravens

Snails

Weasel

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