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'We're taking care of American heroes:' VA's Keith Griffin makes healthcare for fellow veterans his life's mission

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Keith Griffin had never traveled far from his hometown of Dublin, Georgia, before he touched down in England about 40 years ago, fresh out of United States Air Force boot camp.

"I looked around and said, 'What in the world have I gotten myself into?'" Griffin recalled on The Courier Herald podcast "Slightly Off The Record."

He soon struck up a friendship with his roommate, a native New Yorker.

"Two different guys from different places. We became brothers. We looked after each other."

Looking after his brothers and sisters – fellow veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces – has grown into a lifelong mission for Griffin. As chief of the Center for Development and Civic Engagement at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, his official duties include coordinating volunteer programs, community partnerships and donations for veterans, but Griffin does so much more.

"Just assisting American heroes in any way I can," he said.

Griffin, however, admits that he never planned on coming back to live in Middle Georgia, much less his hometown. That changed when his mother fell ill and he was stationed halfway across the country. While home to visit her, he called on former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn about a transfer to Robins Air Force Base.

Nunn made it happen. Once his service was up, Griffin, who had been military police in the Air Force, worked for eight years in the state Department of Corrections. In 2001, he joined Dublin VA's staff as a police officer.

"I really liked being a police officer (in the Air Force). You're doing an act of service. You're put in the position to help people who are in certain situations."

A series of promotions followed until Griffin took on his latest role. As chief of community engagement, Griffin has become the face of Dublin VA in the 46 counties the hospital serves.

"I just really like working at the VA," he said.

Part of the job is educating veterans on their benefits and connecting them to the services provided at Carl Vinson.

"Most of those 46 counties are rural. Most don't have a hospital."

He's a tireless promoter of the medical center, whether it's hitting the road in the VA's vast coverage area or visiting local schools. Griffin tries to involve students, often inviting the ROTC programs to participate in programs. For the VA's recent 80th year celebration, the West Laurens High band performed a mini-concert on the hospital grounds.

Griffin also touts the VA as a great place for the students to work one day. The hospital employed about 1,200 people when he began working there 25 years ago. Today it employs about 1,800.

"I want them to consider having a career here at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. We have a variety of careers here."

The hospital has expanded in recent years, most notably adding new mental health and primary

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Air Force veteran and Dublin native Keith Griffin began as a police officer at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center 25 years ago and now heads its Center for Development and Community Engagement/**KYLE DOMINY**

Wilson honored with national award, glad to help veterans

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

John Wilson smiled when asked about an award he recently received. And as much as he was honored, he quickly brought up his staff and said they played a big part in him being named the Department of Veterans Affair's National Environmental Programs Service Front-line Supervisor of the Year for 2026.

"That was a great honor and I felt real good about it," Wilson said. "i have a good staff. My chief Eric Housman and general supervisor Edwin Kraft have a great team. We try to get things done. Nothing is achieved alone. There is someone always in the background helping out to making things come together. I am so thankful for the people I work with and we have a lot of good things going on at the VA since I have been here."



Carl Vinson VA Medical Center EMS Supervisor John Wilson brought what he learned in the Navy to the VA/ **PAYTON TOWNS III**

A lesson he learned from his time in the Navy serving on two different aircraft carriers - the USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Cowpens.

"Everybody was needed on the team," he said when talking about his time on the aircraft carriers. "Everyone is utilized. We all had to work together. Everything was tight, but we made it right."

When it comes to his recent award, Wilson was selected from nominees across America for the Department of Veterans Affair's National Environmental Programs Service Front-line Supervisor of the Year for 2026. Housman, EMS chief at the VA, said this award was a testament to Wilson's character and contributions.

"Throughout his tenure with Environmental Management Service, Wilson has consistently set a high standard of excellence," Housman said. "He strengthens team capability, enhances operational reliability, and fosters a positive, mission-driven culture at the medical center. His broad expertise, dedication to staff development and embodiment of our I CARE values - integrity, commitment, advocacy, respect and excellence - have made a lasting impact."

Medical Center Director Chandra Miller was thrilled for Wilson and the entire EMS team.

"I am continually impressed by the dedication the Dublin team shows in caring for veterans," she said. "Mr. Wilson and EMS are standouts. Our medical center is recognized for its cleanlinesses, but EMS is responsible for much more. Hospital-acquired infections pose a significant risk, and our EMS team is on the front line of infection control."

Wilson graduated from West Laurens High School and went straight into the Navy for four years. He went because he had an uncle who had been in the Navy.

"He loved every minute of it," Wilson said. "I used to hear him say how much he loved it, so I decided to give it a shot."

Wilson enjoyed traveling. By the time he was 21, he had traveled around the whole Western Hemisphere of the world. Wilson especially liked his time in Australia.

"It is such a beautiful place down there," Wilson said. "It was nice. I loved it."

There was one thing he did not like about Australia.

"They have giant spiders," Wilson said. "They have spiders the size of cats walking around. They are big."

When he got out of the Navy, Wilson got his CDL license and drove trucks. That ended when he got into an accident. That led him to

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From 3-D to Reality: Joy Health Clinic can create dentures to help patients

By DONNELL SUGGS
Editor & Publisher

By the grace of God, we all will grow old. The blessing of wisdom, experience, and age can also mean some of our original parts need work. Enter: dentures.

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines a set of dentures as "an artificial replacement for one or more teeth." For decades, dentures were made with molds, took weeks to create, and had to include multiple visits to a dentist and orthodontic specialist. The latest technology in the world of dentures now includes three dimensional designs that can be made quicker, and more importantly, cheaper and without multiple visits to the dentist.

At the J.O.Y. Health Clinic in downtown Dublin, patients receive free assistance with their dental needs, a huge help for people who may not have dental insurance. The average cost of a family dental health plan in Georgia can range from $30-$150 per month, according to healthcare provider Humana.

The mission of the clinic is to offer the hope and love of Christ through compassion. Dr. Erin Green, one of the dentists who sees patients inside the small brick building, says offering 3-D dentures to patients in need would be a life-altering way

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Dr. Erin Green (above) and the staff at the Joy Health Clinic in downtown Dublin are hoping to raise money to be able to provide 3-D dentures to patients who need them/**DONNELL SUGGS**

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OBITUARIES



Jerry Fred Fennell

Jerry Fred Fennell, 84, died Thursday Nov. 5, 2026 after a lengthy illness with his wife, mate and friend, Janet Register Fennell by his side. He is now healed and sits in the presence of the Lord and with all those gone before him including his mother, Ruby Barrs Fennell and father, Thelmer Marvin Fennell, his sister Greta Faye Fennell, and two brothers Harris Neil Fennell and Merle Ray Fennell.

Survivors include his daughter, Geri Lyn Fennell Sketch (Peter) of Canton; sister, Cynthia Fennell Bennett (J Ronald) of Augusta; grandson, Taylor Sketch (Lindsay), of Atlanta; granddaughter, Peyton Sketch Jackson (Kyle), of Canton; great-granddaughter, Alice Sketch, of Atlanta.

In his marriage to Janet, he gained bonus children and grandchildren to include his daughter, Kim O'Quinn, of Chatsworth; son, Steve Amerson, of Sandy Springs; granddaughters, Brittany O. Hicks (Jordan), of Ooltewah, Tenn., and Brooke O. Mitchell (Jesse), of Soddy Daisy, Tenn; and bonus great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by loving nieces and nephews and leaves behind many helpful spiritual brothers and sisters.

Jerry was born in Laurens County, Georgia and lived in the Dexter community. He loved the area and cherished his many friendships made there. He attended Dexter High School and then in 1962 he moved to Lakeland, Florida and entered Southeastern University. He furthered his studies at Brenau University.

In the 70's he began a career with General Motors where he excelled in his job and was trained in many aspects of plant management. He remained there until his retirement.

Even while working at General Motors, he continued his education directly related to his job but also attending Andersonville Theology and received his Doctorate in Christian Counseling. He attended and worked at Canaan Baptist Church in Covington Ga. as a practicing counselor. He also used these skills at General Motors where he was involved with quality of work life involving drug and alcohol rehabilitation. He was ordained in both the Assembly of God and the Methodist Churches. He pastored churches in both Georgia and Florida.

A special thanks to Vitas Hospice of Lakeland Florida and Hospice of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn. for their kind care.

Services will be held at Buckhorn Methodist Church Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Larry Waldrep officiating. Visitation will be observed immediately preceding the service at 1:00. Interment will follow service at Buckhorn Cemetery.

Josie Herring

Serenity Funeral Home & Crematory Services of Dublin announces the passing of Josie Herring of Dublin, Georgia. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later. Serenity Funeral Home – Dublin has charge of arrangements.

Jessie Davis

Wilkinson County Memorial Chapel announces the passing of Mother Jessie Rene Davis of Toomsboro, Georgia. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later. Wilkinson County Memorial Chapel – Irwinton has charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Fuller

Ms. Evelyn Fuller of Dublin, Georgia passed away on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. www.ServicesByDudley.com

Democrats take control of Georgia's powerful utility regulator

By EMILY JONES
WABE/Grist

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Beginning in January, three of the five officials on the Georgia Public Service Commission will be Democrats. It will be the first time the party has controlled the powerful energy regulation board in 30 years.

The commission, which regulates utilities including the state's largest electric provider, Georgia Power, has come under more scrutiny in recent years due to rising power bills and the high energy demands of data centers.

On Tuesday, Peter Hubbard was re-elected to his seat and Shelia Edwards won her race for an open seat. The third Democrat, Alicia Johnson, was not up for election this year. Georgia PSC commissioners serve six-year terms.

Now, Democrats say they plan to focus on affordability, clean energy and closer scrutiny of Georgia Power.

"There's a long laundry list of things that need to be looked into," Hubbard said. "We'll have to triage, in fact, and decide how best to move forward."

One of his first priorities will be launching an affordability docket, he said — a series of hearings that would delve into the reasons for high power bills and ways to save customers money. Hubbard said he and his fellow Democrats also plan to bring close scrutiny to upcoming Georgia Power requests around making more energy and adjusting customer rates.

But any changes, especially to power bills, will likely take time.

"We may not be able to expect immediate effects on our wallets," said Emory University associate professor Kristin Phillips, who studies energy burden and the PSC. "But I think we can expect immediate change in the types of decisions that are made."

Affordability and high energy bills were driving issues in the campaigns both this year and last year, the two elections that together resulted in the new Democratic majority on the commission.

"We knew that we had to connect the dots between energy and affordability," Brionté McCorkle of Georgia Conservation Voters said during a media briefing after the election. Her group campaigned for the Democratic candidates and worked to draw attention to the PSC elections. "It's not just this obscure regulatory body like it used to be treated. Its decisions directly affect household budgets, communities, health and our energy future."

Chris Womack, the CEO of Southern Company, Georgia Power's parent company, also acknowledged the central importance of affordability during the company's third-quarter earnings call on Thursday. But Womack said he's confident the utility can address those concerns with the new commissioners.

"If you look at what we have been doing with rate freezes, with benefits, with how we are providing benefits from growth to customers — existing customers — as well as to the communities, we think that's a strong platform to stand on," he said.

Data centers, power bills and transparency

Since the data center boom in Georgia began, Georgia Power has maintained that the increased revenue from the energy-hungry facilities would more than pay for the new infrastructure needed to serve them. The utility argues that should keep rates lower for residential and small business customers. The utility calls this "downward pressure." It doesn't mean, though, that rates will go down for everyone else, but rather that any increases would be offset by the influx of revenue from data centers.

The utility recently doubled down on that promise as part of its deal to serve a massive new OpenAI data center planned near Savannah. The deal, Georgia Power said, would bring $15 not of savings but of downward pressure per month for what Georgia Power calls the "typical" residential customer.

Georgia Power also credited the increased revenue from data centers for the temporary rate freeze approved last year. But the rate freeze received criticism from some consumer and environmental groups because when it was announced, the deal essentially preempted previously planned PSC hearings that would have given advocates a chance to verify the utility's financial claims. Advocates felt the process left them unable to confirm whether the company was delivering on its promises and fully shielding ordinary customers from data center costs.

It's part of a broader criticism often leveled at the PSC and Georgia Power: lack of transparency.

The OpenAI contract was entirely redacted; a summary was provided to the public after the deal was approved. Specific details on other issues – from service contracts, to deals to buy energy, to construction costs – are often redacted from the utility's public filings under the auspices of trade secrecy. Critics argue that while much of the information is indeed trade-secret, the redactions may go too far, and that PSC proceedings and Georgia Power operations in general should be clearer and more open to the public. Commission chair Jason Shaw acknowledged in an interview with WABE earlier this year that the commission needs to "do a better job of forcing" Georgia Power to make more details of its contracts public.

"I absolutely think transparency is potentially one of the biggest impacts here," said Phillips of the election results. "It has been often on advocates to push on the way that the PSC communicates about the decisions that it's making, and I'm hoping that there will be more clarity and transparency."

The Democrats on the commission have promised to bring increased scrutiny to the next rate-setting process, scheduled for 2028, along with Georgia Power's long-term plans to make and deliver energy, its forecasts about rising demand and other issues. Hubbard has also proposed conducting a rate case for the state's natural gas utilities, which he said hasn't been done in over a decade. And he said they'll push for other changes going forward.

"We'll continue with an agenda next year and the year after that to take advantage of this four-year period when we have the majority and can push for long-lasting reforms and shifting the direction of the state in terms of energy," Hubbard said.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Woman succumbs to a prion disease, aka 'mad cow disease'

BY DR.KEITH ROACH

DEAR DR. ROACH: Have you ever discussed prion disease in your column? It afflicts one in 1 million people, swiftly kills its victims in a matter of days, and is incurable. People commonly know it as "mad cow disease." I recently lost a great friend to prion disease, and she truly was one in a million. It's a nightmare to endure. -- R.

ANSWER: There are three different prions that affect humans with various ways in which a person can acquire the disease. Of these, the most common is Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), which I assume is what you're talking about.

The most common form is called sporadic CJD (sCJD), which is thought to be caused by a person with a mutation in the PRNP gene. This causes a protein (a prion protein) to be misfolded, which, in turn, causes normal prion proteins to be misfolded. These abnormal proteins are deposited in the brain and interfere with normal brain activity, causing many different symptoms (especially dementia but movement disorders as well).

sCJD affects approximately one per 1 million people. Rather than days, death occurs in a span of about six months, but usually not longer than a year. You're correct that there isn't a cure.

"Mad cow disease" is called variant CJD (vCJD). There have been just over 200 cases that were ever reported in the world's literature, mostly from the United Kingdom. It's caused by eating meat from a cow with a very similar disease -- bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

vCJD is similar to sCJD clinically. The most recent reported case was from a lab worker in 2021, and there haven't been any cases that were reported from animal exposure since 2014. There's also a rare familial form of CJD, called fCJD.

CJD can also be spread through medical procedures. Decades ago, hormones were acquired from the pituitary glands of cadavers, and the lining of the brain from the cadavers was used in surgery to repair damage to a person's meninges (called a dural graft). It doesn't appear that any cases have been transmitted this way since 1985.

I'm very sorry about your friend. Degenerative neurological diseases, of which there are many (but most are fortunately rare), are horrible for patients and their loved ones to endure.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 71 years old and have osteoarthritis in my wrist and knee. My creatinine level is 1.09 mg/dL. (My urine-specific gravity test came out to 1.028 at the time.) A single 400-mg tablet of ibuprofen controls my discomfort. Are my kidneys at risk if I take 400 mg of ibuprofen about three to four times per week? -- S.T.

ANSWER: Ibuprofen, like all anti-inflammatory drugs whether they're over-the-counter or prescription, can cause damage to the kidneys. But the damage is dose-dependent for any given drug, and some are more dangerous to the kidneys than others.

Ibuprofen is in the lowest-risk category when it comes to the kidneys, and a dose of 400 mg three or four times a week is definitely on the lower side. So, I'd say you're taking a dose that's unlikely to cause much harm to your kidneys.

A creatinine of 1.09 mg/dL is on the higher end of the normal range, and in a person who's 71, it suggests a minimal (if any) decrease in kidney function. A urine-specific gravity test is a measurement of how concentrated the urine is.

A specific gravity test result of 1.028 is quite high and suggests that you aren't getting a lot of fluid. This makes your kidneys have to work harder, which, in turn, increases the likelihood of kidney damage from ibuprofen. So, you should be taking in more water for optimal kidney health.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Nov. 23, 1940, Romania officially allied itself with Germany, Italy and Japan by signing the Tripartite Pact.

* On Nov. 24, 1807, Mohawk Chief Thayendanegea, who was also known by the English name of Joseph Brant, died at his home in Burlington, Ontario, reportedly beseeching just before his passing, "Have pity on the poor Indians. If you have any influence with the great, endeavor to use it for their good." Thayendanegea had ranked among the top British commanders during the American Revolutionary War.

* On Nov. 25, 1959, four months after his release from 43 years of solitary confinement and transfer to the mainland from Alcatraz, convicted killer Robert Stroud, aka the Birdman of Alcatraz, asked a federal judge to set him free. Stroud had become famous when Thomas Gaddis wrote a biography describing his ornithological expertise. His plea was rejected and he died in a Missouri prison in 1963.

* On Nov. 26, 2012, New York governor Andrew Cuomo announced that Hurricane Sandy had racked up a bill of $32 billion worth of damages in the state and the nation's largest city.

* On Nov. 27, 1933, singer Billie Holiday made her recording debut with the tune "Your Mother's Son-in-Law" alongside the Benny Goodman Orchestra in New York City. In a 1956 interview, she claimed that she was just 14 years old at the time, though she was actually 18, and that the song "sounds like I was doing comedy" as "my voice sounds so funny and high."

* On Nov. 28, 1582, William Shakespeare, age 18, and 26-year-old Anne Hathaway paid a 40-pound bond for their marriage license in Stratford-upon-Avon. Six months later, Anne gave birth to their daughter Susanna, who was followed by twin siblings Hamnet and Judith two years later.

* On Nov. 29, 2001, English musician and songwriter George Harrison passed away at the age of 58 after battling cancer. Harrison had achieved global fame as a member of the Beatles before going on to a successful solo career that included collaborations with many of the top musicians of his generation.

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to serve the community.

"We want to offer hope to our community," said Green. "I love the idea of rallying people and letting them know, yes we have to remove teeth, but look at what we can do for your smile."

Green, who by every definition has a million-dollar smile worthy of a dentist, says fixing people's tooth issues can change so many ways they feel about themselves. "That's the provision God has provided in this clinic," she said. "This could bless so many people."

Those blessings, amazing as they are, do not come free. 3-D printing a pair of dentures or replacement teeth (including implant crowns, partials, and night guards) is expensive because of the material needed to make the dentures following a scan of a patient's mouth. It is cheaper than the old way, but still costly.

Rita Green, no relation to Dr. Green, is the clinic director at the J.O.Y. Health Clinic. Both she and Dr. Green wants to get the word out that donations to the clinic will go a long way to making 3-D dentures and other services possible. They are looking to raise at least $50,000 in order to finance the dentures going forward and buy the 3-D printer that is needed before a single patient can be helped. Donations can be sent in a check to The J.O.Y. Clinic.

"The main benefit is the way we can get from point A to point B in a lot less time," said Dr. Green. "The technology today allows us to turn it around in a day instead of after eight appointments."

Both ladies said they believe people in Dublin and greater Laurens County want to donate to the cause, just might not know how.

"We have the patients who need the dentures, we have the space, we need the equipment," Dr. Green said.

The Joy Health Clinic is located at 410 Academy Street.



Dr. Erin Green (above) and the staff at the Joy Health Clinic in downtown Dublin are hoping to raise money to be able to provide 3-D dentures to patients who need them/DONNELL SUGGS



A closer look at the 3-d printed pieces that make up a set of dentures/ DONNELL SUGGS



One of the 3-D dentures that can be available for patients/DONNELL SUGGS

Council agrees on GMP for renovation work for city's groundwater plant

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The Dublin City Council agreed on a guaranteed maximum price for the renovation of the water works building at the city's groundwater plant.

Dublin City Manager Josh Powell said the work, which will be done by the Garbutt Construction Co., will include roof replacement, window restoration, door replacement, electrical, plumbing, HVAC improvements, structural repairs, wall plaster repairs and brick tuck pointing for a total of $1,720,617.60.

"This building was constructed on Madison Street in 1936," said Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight. "It is time for some repairs to it." s

Powell said this project will be funded by the 2018 SPLOST.

The council then authorized a contract with Foresite Group LLC for the RAISE Planning Project. Kight said the city council had been working on grant funds, and received one worth $1.5 million. The Foresite Group has partnered with Orion Planning and Design. Thomas and Hutton Engineering, and also Speck Dempsey, a renowned planning firm known for planning walkable cities.

"We have been working to get grant funding for the last five years," Kight said. "This will be used to tackle the infrastructure needs of the Southside Community and the Scotsfields Community. This contract will use the grant funds for planning purposes. Once the plans are created, and once we go through this planning process, it will qualify us to get some additional funding to implement those plans."

Powell said city staff interviewed three different firms before recommending the Foresite Group.

"The Foresite Group has worked with the city before," Powell said. "We are excited about this project. It will allow us to improve those areas."

The goal is to have the plans ready by next spring.

"Part of the process is going to be reaching out into the community and receiving input about different things they observe like how the roads are being used and how they can be approved for vehicles and pedestrians," Powell said. "We will definitely be hosting events and going out into the neighborhoods to talk with people and get more information on that."

In other news, the council:

- Approved Harp & Associates for its annual leak survey for natural gas service for $22,495. Powell said approximately 152 miles of gas lines to be surveyed.

"We are required by law and regulation to do a survey of a certain percentage of our gas system," Powell said. "We have this done on a three-year rotation. We have used them before in the past and have been satisfied with their work."

- Approved Concrete Constructors for the demo for a new driveway, including a drainage pipe that is needed for the surface water plant on Parker Dairy Road for $98,100.

"This will accommodate large trucks to come in and deliver supplies there," Powell said.

- Approved seven thermal imaging cameras, chargers and gear keepers from MES through the Sourcewell Purchasing Agreement.

"This is equipment that the fire department uses to safely navigate in a live-fire event and so that they can safely see through the smoke ," Powell said.

The equipment costs $25,644.43 and is being paid for out of SPOST.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN...



By PAYTON TOWNS III

What do words do? What do words mean?

The saying goes, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." Of course, that is not true. If words did not hurt, then there would not be as many comments on Facebook.

There are meanings behind words. I watched as my wife tells every veteran she passes, "Thank you for your service." Some may say how Jill knew that the man or woman we walked by was in the military.

Simple - they are either wearing a shirt that says it or they have donned a hat with their battalion or branch of service. They are proud of their service. And not only should they be proud, but we should be thrilled because of what they have done.

I do my best to say "Thanks" to every veteran I see. It is not normally a long conversation. You may or may not see them smile. But you know by telling them those five words, you have expressed your gratitude.

During my more than 28 years in journalism, I have had the opportunity to interview many veterans. Whether it was in Milledgeville or here in Dublin, I have sat down with many who have served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.

They told me why they went into the service, where they went, what action they saw (if they saw any) and how they returned home. It was always inspiring to talk to these men and women.

I have been to many programs at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. Each one is patriotic. It is something to see those who have limitations of what they can do, stand and salute when the American flag is brought in.

A week ago, I met John Wilson. I was told to meet him at the information booth in the lobby. That is where I went. As I stood in there waiting, I noticed two men standing outside on the front steps. Eventually, I found out Wilson was one of those two men.

Since it was a nice morning, we sat outside to do the interview. Here was a man who went to West Laurens High School and had heard stories of his uncle in the Navy. He joined the Navy and returned back to civilian life. When driving a truck came to an end, he came back home and went to work at the VA.

I could tell how proud he was to have served his country, but to also continue to serve his country by helping the veterans at the VA. Yes he won a national award - the Department of Veterans Affairs National Environmental Programs Service Front-line Supervisor of the Year for 2026.

Even with that, he let it known that it was those he works with that helped him reach his goal. Something he learned while in the Navy. It's a lesson we can all take with us.

No matter what we do, or where we work, none of us can do anything by ourselves. We need a team - or to be more specific on Veteran's Day - we need an Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard to protect us and watch after us.

While talking with Wilson, we could not help but notice it was Election Day. Many months of campaigning had come down to one day. Candidates from all over the state had been vying for us to vote for them.

I thought of veterans like Wilson, my good friends Keith Griffin, Frank Jordan who also work at the VA, my father who served in the U.S. Air Force, my grandfather who served in the U.S. Navy and many others whose names are etched on memorials for dying in the many conflicts our country has been involved in, we may not be able to vote.

Thankfully, we have the freedom to vote. We may not like the candidates. We may not like who wins. But we had a chance to make our voices heard, something we get to do every two years (every year if you live in the city).

This Wednesday is a day to be thankful. Try to find the veterans and thank these men and women - heroes - and let them know we appreciate what they did for us.

It really is not that hard. See them and let's say thanks. It will more than likely brighten their day and leave you with a lot better feeling than anything you can put on Facebook.

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Prices of almost everything have gone up and many folks are struggling. So, yet another SPLOST will increase what we pay daily for things. It is a tax. Some may be able to afford it, but keep in mind there are lots of people who are having difficulty affording daily needs.

It was ironic for "Souls to the Polls" to partner with a party whose platform opposes biblical truth on life and marriage. Churches must honor God's word above political allegiances.

Since everyone has an opinion about consolidation I'm going to put my two cents in. I don't think the city and county governments need to be consolidated. They are both doing a great job. People need to be aware that it takes time to get services in order. Be patient and have faith and trust in our city and county administration. Now the school system. A great big no! Dublin City Schools and Laurens County School System does not need to be consolidated. Laurens County School System is an awesome school system. And if people will again be patient and have some trust and faith I feel Dublin City will get back on track. It may take a little while but give those that are working so hard some consideration. You may not agree with me but I have said my peace.

Now that I know who the landfill on North Jefferson belongs to, I guess I understand a little more the reason nothing has been done to make it look a little better. So we'll just get used to the mess on a major thoroughfare and try to explain to people coming by it why it looks like it does.

I am still being harassed. People need to watch the constitution commercials. Lord help the country.

Keep Dublin clean!

People yelling about Lauren's County not getting industry like Peach County getting a $4 billion Audi plant and all that tax revenue, remember: these counties give almost total tax and utility deferments to attract these industries. They don't pay taxes, that's why they choose these places. I'm sure Laurens County offers the same incentives, but the company management and leadership will need to locate with the factory. Peach and Houston Counties have school systems and superintendents and aren't being investigated by the GBI. They have more than a Walmart and a Kroger to offer. They don't see their taxes hiked 25-30% a year. They have a standard of living. We don't.

A lot of people in Laurens County boycott businesses with AI advertising. I hope the owners of these businesses know that they are losing customers due to their laziness. AI users don't get our money!

People upset prisoners get proper medical care at a high quality facility (Remember, Fairview Park is one of the best hospitals in Georgia!) make me sad. Inmates are your fellow man! Act like it!

John Addison, good leader, good listener



By LORAN SMITH

GAINESVILLE -- John Addison is a small-town boy who made good mainly because he was a good student, a good leader and a good listener although he can go toe-to-toe with the best of raconteurs and wax without restraint with the most garrulous and voluble of seasoned conversationalists.

Without question, John has affection for engaging in stimulating conversation that allows him to share his experiences and become engrossed in what you are willing to impart. If he has an idea, he is motivated to share it with others. He gives ideas away.

When Addison talks, he has something to say. He garnishes his conversations with fact, humor and insight. He is evangelical in style and presentation. He would have been a good preacher. For sure, he would have kept everybody on the edge of his/her seat.

Talking business about Primerica, of which he became co-CEO in 1999 (with his friend, Rick Williams), the University of Georgia and Bulldog football are among his favorite topics. The late Dean of Men at UGA, William Tate, once said, "There is nothing finer than a Georgia boy with a Georgia education."

John took that to heart and has been a loyal Dawg who relishes his alumni role as a graduate of Terry College and a member of the Silver Circle, which is a key support group for athletics.

A native of Covington, Addison has a number of passions. Good food, good humor and good times on Saturday afternoons between the hedges of Sanford Stadium. He knows a thing or two about college football. He studies the game, and he is conversant with facts, history and lore. Like a good football junkie, John has a depth of knowledge when it comes to Georgia football history.

Growing up in Covington, John was little more than arms-length from Athens. He followed the 'Dogs, but his deep and abiding love didn't take root until he spent a weekend in Athens during his junior college days at Emory-at-Oxford, where he played tennis. His "can't live without the Dogs" birthing came about the weekend of the Georgia-Alabama game in 1976. He journeyed over to Athens to visit friends, having no idea what he was in for.

Georgia defeated the Crimson Tide 21-0, and the town celebrated like it never had before.

Milledge Avenue became an intense no-holds-barred-party thoroughfare, traffic eventually coming to a complete stop. Fraternity houses ran out of booze—even the liquor stores were in danger of going dry. John took all this in, wondering if such a weekend could ever be topped. He told his friend and host, "there is no doubt where I will spend my next four years."

He had grown up with an unequaled love of UGA, but after that weekend, he was no longer "wet-behind-the-ears." He enjoyed Bulldog football from the student section, arriving early to keenly observe warm-up drills in their entirety. He expected himself to be an ardent student of the game. That commitment has never abated.

As an undergraduate, Addison never missed a game between the hedges and maintained an affinity for the social life on campus--but he was also a very serious student. He embraced the notion of being a well-rounded matriculate.

He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Georgia and earned a Masters degree at Georgia State while finding his way in the business world.

In 1979-80, he found himself a member of the "Railroad Track Fraternity," building a scaffold that gained a degree of recognition when it appeared in the book, "Glory, Glory." He was in the Superdome for the National Championship on New Year's Day, 1981. He and a buddy were the first down the aisle to claim the pole position to charge the field at the final gun. As the final seconds ticked off, he leapt over the wall and was on the turf seeing the Georgia players lift Vince Dooley on their shoulders for the victory ride out to accept congratulations from the Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine.

He was the first to reach the nearest goal post and was trying to scamper up to help bring it down but got knocked off as "about a thousand others had the same idea."

Addison Bulldog credentials have been firmly established since.

When he isn't in Clermont, you can often find him at one of his three secondary homes in the Five Points section of Athens. He spends his home game weekends there, cooking for his legion of friends. "Thank goodness for Loveanne's patience," he says. "Our home after the games is party central. We love entertaining."

The best-selling author of the book, "Real Leadership," John is the CEO of Addison Leadership Group and is the leadership editor of SUCCESS Magazine for which he writes a monthly column. He is a world class speaker. You may find him wowing audiences, by the thousands, from the capital cities of the United States to London to Singapore.

If you listen to the Georgia football broadcasts on Saturday, you hear John's commercial messages for Primerica, the company with which he was a Wall Street star for over 15 years. He spearheaded his company's separation from Citibank in 2010, commuting weekly to New York to usher Primerica into exalted IPO status that turned heads on Wall Street when the company went public.

Throughout most of his business career, he has maintained a residence in nearby Clermont where his green thumb gets thumbs-up from serious gardeners. While he was always comfortable in any setting while making big deals for his company, he has always been just as comfortable amid the multiple vegetables in his garden--peas, okra, squash, tomatoes, corn and cucumbers. He also has an expansive blueberry patch, ten hives of bees (plus 200 acres of wildflowers for pollination purposes), all surrounded by roses and flowering ornamentals, which satiates his affection for English style gardens. He makes annual trips to the United Kingdom each year just to tour gardens in the land of his forebears. Just this past summer, he toured the Chelsey home of one of his favorite authors, Sir Thomas Carlisle, who wrote one of John's favorite books, "Sartor Resartus."

The influence of his mother Ruth, when it comes to "putting up for the winter," has never lost its hold on her only son. He prefers the traditional canning process over the freezing process. He is a pickle aficionado who shares with his friends.

He and Loveanne winter in Vero Beach, Fla., where he interacts with former Dodger pitcher, Ron Perranoski, who hangs out at Bobby's, a popular local watering hole. Enjoying small talk with accomplished athletes has always been a passion of Addison's, which is why you will often find him a visitor at Georgia football practices.

After having dinner with Kirby Smart, the Georgia coach noted that Addison "probably asked me more questions in the shortest period of time than any fan I know."

"One of the things I enjoy about retirement," John says, "is that I can spend more time keeping up with the Dawgs."

Loveanne is right in step with him. "She keeps up more than I do," he says. "I could be in a big corporate meeting and she might text me about a prized Georgia recruit who has just committed, that is if our two sons, Kyle and Tyler, don't beat her to it.

Then with a grin, he signs off with, "There is nothing like having the entire family engaged in Georgia football, and I can tell you--with Kirby Smart in charge, we are going to have some wonderful autumns in the days ahead."

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- Jeremiah 29-11(KJV)

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"Life is like a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

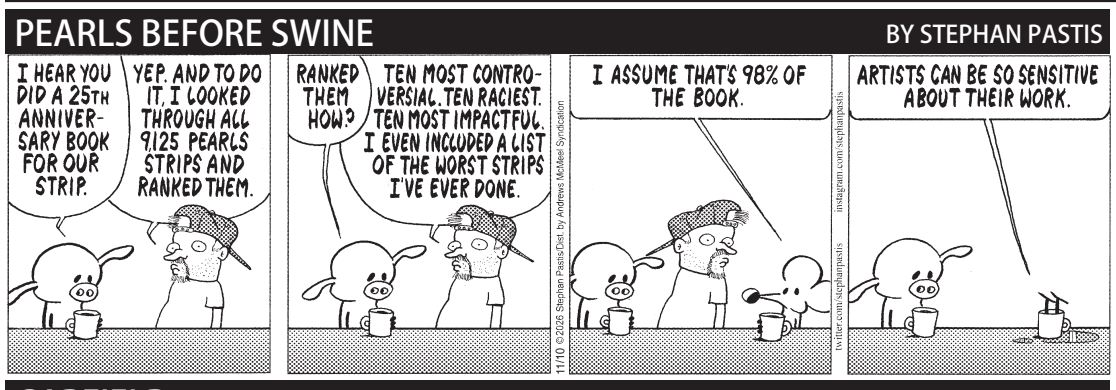
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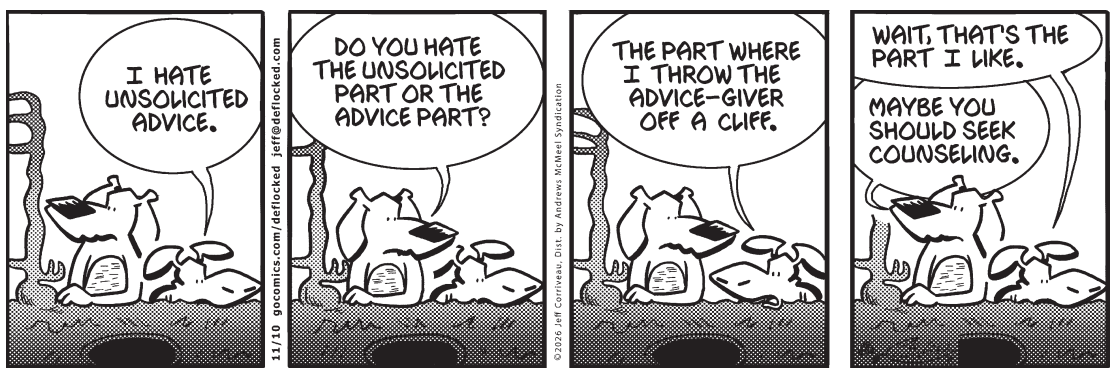
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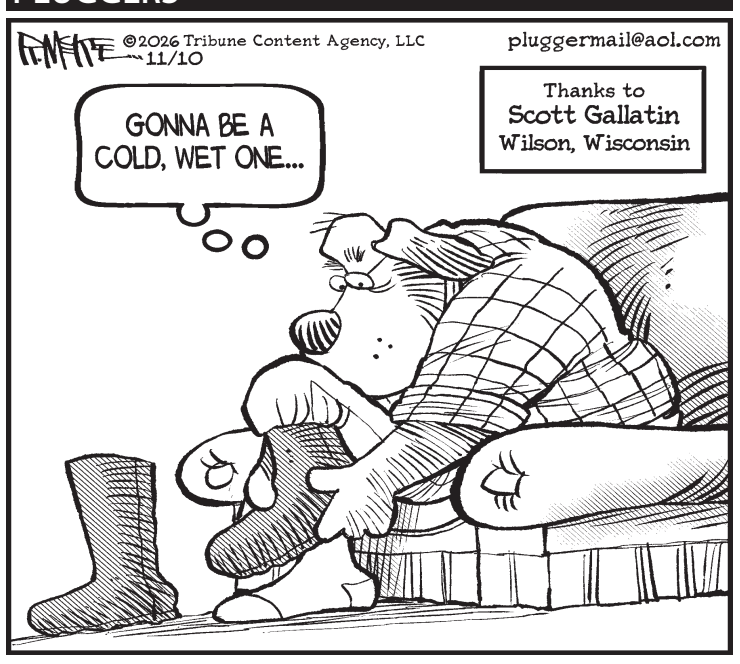
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A plugger already knows how the day will go by which boots they have to put on in the morning.

Mom Doesn't Want To Hear Daughter's Marriage Gripes



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My adult daughter wants to confide (complain) to me about her husband -- his quirky behavior, things he does that she doesn't like, etc. -- nothing heavy or abusive. I have told her that I think it's inappropriate for her to talk to me about him, unfair to me and bad for the ongoing relationship I have with him.

Instead, she's confiding in my husband. I have told them both that maybe she should talk to her friends and therapist, since she has one. She responded: "All of my friends talk to their parents about their husbands and get their advice. Usually, they talk to their moms, but since you won't listen, I talk to Dad."

Am I wrong in thinking that a wife's strongest relationship should be with her husband, and that it is disloyal to speak to her parents about nonthreatening aggravations? I never spoke to my parents about my marriage, though there was plenty I could have shared! Have the rules changed? -- HEAR NO EVIL

DEAR HEAR NO EVIL: I'm not sure there ever were any universal rules about this. Each family handles it in a way that works for them. If you dislike being your daughter's marriage adviser but your husband doesn't mind, I'd say they've hit upon the best solution for all involved. However, because you don't want to hear it, it would be best if they avoid holding their counseling sessions in your presence.

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DEAR ABBY: My sweet husband has a bad habit that I cannot correct. He goes into a room, pantry or closet and will not turn off the lights when he exits. I then go into a room or closet and find the lights on, and he hasn't been in there for 30 minutes. He says it's no big deal. I say it's wasting electricity and money! What say you? -- THRIFTY IN TEXAS

DEAR THRIFTY: I say you two could save yourselves money and have fewer arguments if you buy motion-sensing light switches that operate automatically.

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DEAR ABBY: My son, 47, informed me in January that he and his wife of 13 years are divorcing. (She initiated the divorce.) When he proposed to her, he gave her my engagement ring from my late husband. About a year ago, I gave her an additional diamond-and-emerald band because I felt comfortable that the marriage was solid. I would like my rings back now. Am I out of line? -- GIVE ME A RING

DEAR GIVE ME A RING: You did not mention whether the couple has any children. If they do, the heirloom ring should be set aside and given to one of them at an appropriate age. If not, the rules of etiquette dictate that it be returned to you. (Please note: Because an engagement ring is usually considered a gift to the intended, the rule of law may not agree with what is ethical and proper.)

The additional band you gave her isn't covered by the same rule of etiquette, but if you ask her nicely, she may be willing to return it.

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 5 ♡ J 7 4 2 ◇ K 10 ♣ A K Q 7 6 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A - What call would you make? Shortness in partner's suit is not an asset, so adding points for that is a poor idea. Adding for club length is just another way of doing the same thing. You have a nice 13-point hand. Bid 2C.

Q 2 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 8 7 ♡ Q 9 ◇ A 7 3 2 ♣ K 8 5 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	1♠	Dbl*	2♠
?			

*Negative

What call would you make?

A - You have a minimum opener, and partner has not guaranteed four clubs, but you don't want to sell out at the two-level when you have a good excuse not to. Bid 3C.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q 9 8 5 ♡ J 6 5 ◇ 10 9 6 ♣ K 10

Partner deals and passes, as does right-hand opponent. What call would you make?

A - This is a good opportunity for a light third-seat opening. You can take the one-level away from the opponents and comfortably pass anything partner bids. Open 1S.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 6 3 ♡ Q 9 6 ◇ A K 7 6 3 ♣ 7 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A - You were not strong enough for a vulnerable overcall at your last turn. The opponents have put on the brakes, however, and that marks partner with a fair hand. Bid 3D.

Q 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 5 ♡ A 9 8 3 ◇ K 10 3 ♣ A Q 5 4 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A - All bids are flawed. Re-bidding a suit usually shows six, but re-bidding a five-card club suit is not too bad in an emergency. After all, you might have opened with just three. Bid 2C.

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K ♡ K J 8 3 ◇ 10 7 4 ♣ A Q 10 7 2

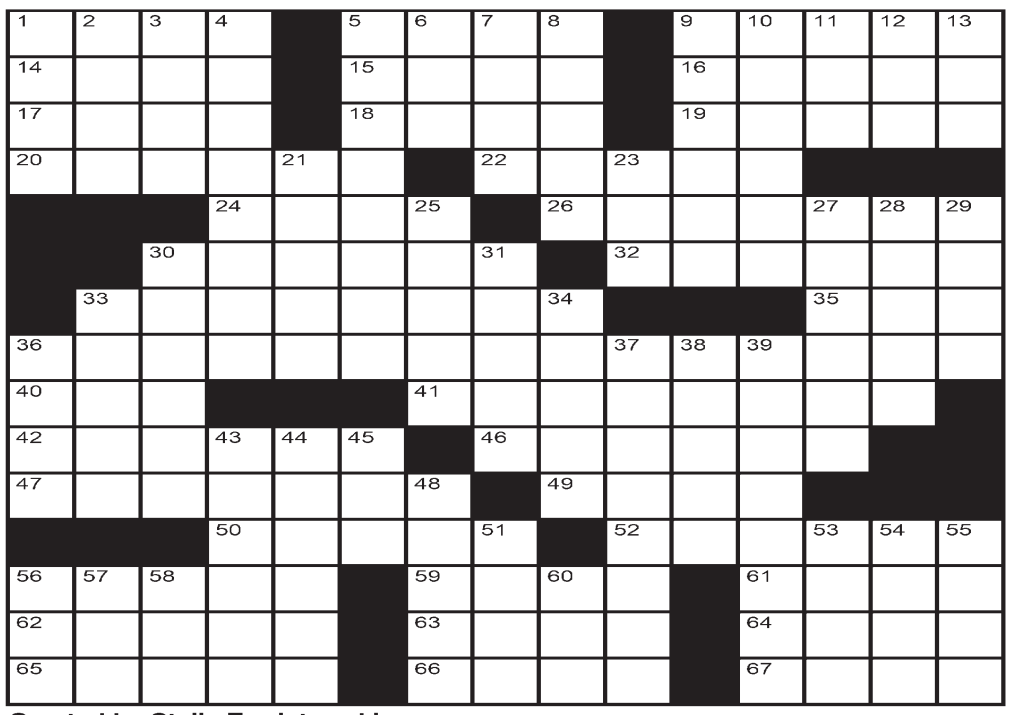
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A - Similar to Q5, but here the singleton honor in partner's suit makes a no trump re-bid more appealing. Bid 1NT.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper.)

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



Created by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

1 Smeary image
5 Act courageously
9 Postponement
14 In the ___ of duty
15 Tappable image
16 Banishment
17 Black-hearted
18 Stool or bench
19 Childbirth pro
20 Can't stand
22 Formally contradict
24 ___ the Impaler
26 Dance troupe's performance
30 Leads to
32 Render a judgment
33 Invariable
35 Martini ingredient
36 Exasperated cry: 5 wds.
40 Have the title to
41 Walks all over
42 Compass pointer
46 Newspaper worker
47 Towed vehicle
49 Narrow opening
50 Large book
52 Frozen spike
56 ___ greens
59 Actor LaBeouf
61 Mortgage, e.g.
62 Felt sore
63 Pottery oven
64 Return to earth
65 Male pigs
66 Alone
67 Bitter beers

DOWN

1 Ran in the wash
2 "As I ___ and breathe!"
3 Curriculum part
4 Applicable
5 Feeling of aversion
6 Star pitcher
7 Lion's sound
8 Go inside
9 Reason out
10 Strikingly unusual
11 Skater Alysa
12 "I'm ___ ears!"
13 Positive vote
21 Watery snow
23 Place to sleep
25 Handed out cards
27 Friend of Pooh
28 Spanish "goodbye"
29 Allow to borrow
30 Part of the eye
31 Sleeper's noise
33 Cringe in fear
34 Aired spots: 2 wds.
36 Typography choice
37 Revolutionary Zapata
38 Vision-related
39 Fleet of boats
43 "I beg to ___!"
44 Famed London insurer
45 Snakelike fish
48 Puts at stake
51 Canton's state
53 Solid fossil fuel
54 Narrow road
55 Finishes up
56 "Chocolate" dog, for short
57 "Green" prefix
58 "Now I understand!"
60 Under the weather

A	G	E	S	■	D	U	K	A	S	■	C	A	R	E
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SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

1	3	7	5	4	8	9	2	6
9	4	5	2	1	6	8	3	7
6	2	8	3	9	7	1	4	5
4	6	3	9	2	5	7	8	1
8	7	1	6	3	4	5	9	2
2	5	9	7	8	1	3	6	4
5	1	6	4	9	3	2	7	8
3	8	2	1	6	7	4	5	9
7	9	4	8	5	2	6	1	3

WEST LAURENS 22, WINDSOR FOREST 12

Back-to-back champs: Raiders fend off Knights, finish as last team standing in 3-AAAA title race

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Long after the crowds from senior and mass band night had dispersed, West Laurens head coach Kip Burdette and a handful of others remained on the field at The SHU, intently checking phones for updates that couldn't come quickly enough from a matchup of two region rivals, playing a couple hours away, that would determine the rest of his team's playoff destiny.

The Raiders handled what was in their power to control Friday night by defeating Windsor Forest 22-12 to complete the regular season with a sixth victory, and make this their third-straight with a winning record.

That they would advance was beyond the shadow of any doubt. But whether West Laurens would be at home, or traveling, for this coming week's first round rested with the outcome of a back-and-forth final game for Harlem, with whom it shared the top spot in the region standings,

With no live stream of the game available to watch, Burdette and others had to rely on play-by-play updates via MaxPreps that conveniently went silent late in the fourth quarter right after a New Hampstead touchdown to re-take the lead on the Bulldogs, who with a head-to-head tiebreaker would have to suffer a second region loss to be overtaken in first.

After a drawn-out wait, word of the confirmed final score came in: The Phoenix had hung on to prevail 33-28, fittingly helping complete a revival of the Raiders' bid for a second-straight region championship, and their fourth in school history.

It will give West Laurens (6-4, 5-1 region 3-AAAA) the 16th overall seed in the bracket, and one more home game coming up Saturday against Albany's Westover Patriots.

There were few besides Burdette and TV 35's Jackson Locke, waiting patiently nearby to tape a postgame interview, and a radio crew in the booth upstairs about to do the same, left on campus to celebrate in-person.

But the excitement would soon make its way out to the rest of the Raider nation, which went to bed happy at the end of a night that didn't finish on the most encouraging note.

"It feels good," Burdette said. "It was a ho-hum kind of second half. We made a lot of mistakes, and played kind of poorly, so to get that news, it brightened my spirits a little bit."

Friday's finale followed a recent trend of strong starts, followed by shaky second halves, in home games that have seen only 13 out of West's 79 total points go on the board after intermission.

The Raiders once again coasted through the finish line after all but blowing the lid off the first two quarters, scoring points in all three phases to walk away with a 22-0 lead.

But they were unable to increase it as some unconverted opportunities, and a Windsor Forest bounceback to score twice, led to frustrations the rest of the way.

Nagging penalties were frequent in erasing positive gains. West Laurens committed its first turnover in four games as a blindside sack resulted in a fumble late in the third period. Two subsequent drives ended on fourth downs.

The Raiders would keep the game a bit out of the Knights' reach, regardless. But to channel the immortal Skip Caray, a little insurance wouldn't have hurt.

"We've gotta play better at home," Burdette said. "We got nothing in the second half, we gave up 12. Gotta play better."

Windsor Forest hit a long pass for its first touchdown early in the third as quarterback and presumptive region player of the year Jayden Martin hit Gavin Johnson on a 48-yard strike.

West denied the two-pointer to keep it a 16-point game, then did the same after another score on a long, drawn-out drive to bring it within 10 with 17 seconds to go, to rule out any last-minute danger.

But the finish made things a little too close for comfort, especially as the Knights drove through at least three fourth-down stop signs, including with goal to go on Jaimeer Duncan's run from a yard out for the final TD.

It was the type of performance you can't help but be happy with, and for coaches, one that likely will turn out to be better upon further review than it seemed in the moment with a glass that was decidedly half-empty.

"We put our defense in some bad situations," Burdette said. "We turned it over one time. Too many costly penalties and that sort of thing that just got us out of manageable conversion downs. There were probably some bright spots when we looked at the film, but I don't have a really good feeling right now."

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DUBLIN 56, EAST LAURENS 28

Irish finish off Falcons in fiery finale

By CLAY REYNOLDS
and HORACE AUSTIN



Dublin fullback Dontavious Cannon breaks a tackle to find the end zone on one of his three touchdown runs Friday night/HORACE AUSTIN



Major Floyd goes up to bring in a Skyler Snead pass for a pivotal third-down conversion on the Falcons' opening drive to equal the score/HORACE AUSTIN

Friday's was another drama-filled chapter in a cross-town grudge match between Dublin and East Laurens that, over the last three seasons, has never failed to get interesting.

This one had enough in every department to take the cake, starting with the football contest alone and a combined 94 points that reset the series scoring record. But some exchanges between the squads going beyond key plays on offense, defense and special teams added even more spice to the rivalry's simmering pot of angst.

Emotions ran high throughout a nearly three-hour game that the Falcons kept close for three quarters. But the Irish, who maintained a seven-point lead from midway through the second quarter all the way through the third, poured on three unanswered touchdowns in the fourth to pull away to the 56-28 win, their 12th straight and 32nd overall in the all-time set.

"I thought we competed really hard," said Dublin head coach Roger Holmes. "I did not like the stuff on our end with penalties. It's unacceptable, but we knew it coming into the game because that's been a recurring theme in game films that we broke down. But our guys did not maintain our composure for sure in the first half."

This one – just beating the total of 92 points that were put up by the teams in 2024, the last time they met in the Shamrock Bowl – also got off to a certifiably crazy start as the sides put up six combined touchdowns in the first 15 minutes.

Just the same, the tempo of offense would eventually slow down as Dublin got its ball-control machine cranked up. Turnovers – two fumbles and an interception – cost the Irish an opportunity to get the game in hand sooner, but their unbelievable 594 rushing yards ensured that it remained in control all night.

Three ball-carriers reached triple-digits, and another was darn close to getting there.

Trav Bostic had 151 yards and two touchdowns. Jaydon McRae rushed for 105. Dontavious Cannon scored three times on 101 and Jamarcus Knight added 98. Not to be overshadowed, V.J. Bond had 79 and two touchdowns and quarterback Ryland Yates chipped in 60 and one more.

The Dublin D once again had its hands full with an East Laurens attack that put up a season-high (the Falcons also scored 28, but with the use of two special teams touchdowns, in their win at Metter Sept. 18).

Its passing dimension, led by tag-team quarterbacks, maintained a recent hot hand in accounting for 217 yards.

Skyler Snead finished 5-of-7 for 93 and an early touchdown, plus 19 rushing, before leaving the game with an injury early in the second quarter. Bryson Hazley, after catching two of his completions for 35 yards, took over behind center and turned it into even more of a backyard football game on constant scrambles to find receivers on four connections for 124, and touchdowns on two out of 12 plays on which he opted to tuck it and run.

Major Floyd came up with big plays on each of his three receptions that numbered 117.

In the end, East could only balance that out with 71 yards

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JOHNSON COUNTY 42, JENKINS COUNTY 7

Trojans trounce War Eagles to wrap 5th-straight region title

Team makes history as JoCo's first to finish with No. 1 ranking, back-to-back perfect seasons

By RALPH JACKSON
Correspondent

MILLEN – The Johnson County Trojans had a giant Friday night as they capped a perfect regular season with a 42–7 victory over Jenkins County, and their fifth consecutive region championship.

The victory in Millen completed a historic regular season for the Trojans, who finished 10–0 for the second consecutive year. – a first in the school's football history.

Johnson County also captured its fifth consecutive region championship, an extraordinary accomplishment for a program that had won only eight region titles in all the years preceding the start of this streak in 2022.

For head coach Don Norton, the accomplishments were worth celebrating, but so was the way his team handled the final challenge of the regular season.



Zacorian Graddy stands up a War Eagle on a block in front of the carry of Jacaden Webb/RALPH JACKSON

"I thought it was a great team effort," Norton said. "I was super proud of our offensive line and our defense."

The Trojans dominated the statistical categories, piling up 376 yards of offense while limiting Jenkins County to just 74. JoCo rushed for 292 yards and six touchdowns, recorded 20 first downs to Jenkins County's three and forced three turnovers.

The War Eagles' only points came on special teams, when Brannon Reed returned a first-quarter kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

Johnson County had opened the game with a methodical 12-play, 59-yard drive that consumed more than six minutes. Jeremiah Taylor finished the possession with a two-yard touchdown run, and Grayson Jackson added the extra point.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Reed took the ensuing kickoff the distance to tie the game at 7.

Taylor said the kickoff return got the Trojans' attention.

"It was a great team win," he said. "We started off kind of fast, but it was kind of a little bit slow on the offensive side of the ball."

He said surrendering the kickoff return made the players realize they needed to take care of business, and the Trojans responded with another sustained drive, traveling 54 yards in 10 plays. A 36-yard fourth-down completion from Chance Wombles to Jeremiah Scott moved the ball to the Jenkins County 1-yard line, and Scott carried it across on the next play.

Jackson's extra point gave Johnson County a 14–7 advantage.

The Trojans added two more touchdowns in the second quarter, both courtesy of Taylor. His nine-yard scoring run completed a 62-yard drive before a defensive takeaway provided another opportunity just before halftime.

Kelsey Waters recovered a Jenkins County fumble and returned it 45 yards to the War Eagles' 10-yard line. Two offensive plays later, Taylor scored from a yard out to send JoCo into the locker room leading 28–7.

Taylor finished the night with 77 yards on 14 carries and three touchdowns.

Scott matched Taylor's three-touchdown effort, rushing for a game-high 119 yards on 14 carries while adding a 36-yard reception. His performance was especially encouraging considering that his availability had

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Putting it away early...

The first half had some shortcomings as well, when looking at the performance through a postseason lens.

But West Laurens did well to take advantage of three short fields and a plague of Windsor Forest bad snaps that peaked early in the second quarter with a sequence of plays amounting to 16 points in under 40 seconds.

Martin, who had creatively improvised with some previous ones that flew overhead to negate all or part of potential losses, got himself in trouble with a recovery-gone-wrong on the latest that was rolling around back near his own goal line.

The junior couldn't get a handle, and inadvertently bumped the ball further into the end zone, where he had to simply fall on it amid a flock of defenders to give the Raiders two on a safety.

The following free kick went out of bounds, and West Laurens asked for a redo that Jaden Stanley – back off a three-game injury hiatus – would return 56 untouched yards to the house.

More special teams issues followed as the Raiders' pooch kick back the other direction was muffed, and recovered by Stephen Odom. And a first-play shot off of play action hit money for Duggan Malone on a 31-yard pass to the right that found a leaping Jace Williams in the end zone.

His rollout throw was out of reach on a two-point attempt that left the lead at 22-0.

A great-looking opening drive sputtered and resulted in a first of back-to-back opening punts.

The second, which did ultimately find the end zone after a blocked one set the Raiders up at the opposing 30, had a misfire early as a wide-open Jeremy Brownlee juggled and lost a sure touchdown pass at the 3.

But West Laurens got some redemption only a few plays later, as Justin Blash danced past a defender on a twisting route into the end zone from 20 yards to open the scoring, and Brownlee the same with his recovery on the following kickoff, when a knuckling pop-up got mishandled by a Windsor Forest up man that quickly got drilled by a covering Tripp NeSmith to put the ball up for grabs.

"Sometimes, some things happen," Brownlee said. "You've just got to flush it down. It's the next play, always the next play. And always expect greatness out of that very next play."

The opportunity, from an even better starting position at the Knights' 23, would also come up empty on downs as a completion to the out-breaking Ezekiel Floyd a few plays later was measured just short of the first down stick.

Punts were exchanged the rest of the way to break, and the Raiders passed on a late chance created by Ayden Moore's sack to pin Martin and Windsor Forest deep on their own half of the field in the last 40 seconds.

Blash, who showed off some elite moves on runs accounting for about 70 of his 93 yards rushing in the first quarter, helped get the offense off to the night's confident start.

"I knew that we needed it, again," Blash said. "I knew what I had to do. That's what I did, and I got the game started. There's a couple things we need to tighten up on, but we'll figure that out next week and come back better."

Malone was 4-of-8 for 53 yards.

Maxx Chafin led the defense with eight and a half total tackles, one for loss and two sacks. Leroy Mack also got to the QB on one of his six. Nicholas Hester had two for loss among 7.5 total.

For a second-straight year, West Laurens was kneeling out its last game of the regular season... this time, unknowingly, with another trophy presentation in its near future when everyone gets back to school on Monday.

It may not have been the same type of storybook ending, but one that was fitting all the same for a 2026 Raider team that hasn't been big on style points, but took another of the consistent steps forward along the upward trajectory that it'll look to stay on in the playoffs.

"I love my boys," Brownlee said. "They work hard. They play hard. We're just working. We just want to be better. And we get better every day."

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East QB Bryson Hazley eludes Dublin rusher Deontae Walker on his second-half scramble that went all over the backfield before he found his receiver for a short completion /HORACE AUSTIN



Dublin running back Trav Bostic pulls away on a first-half touchdown run/HORACE AUSTIN

rushing, and would have needed a lot more on the ground to fill in the gaps that brought them up short on several key drives down the stretch.

Dublin, meanwhile, didn't have to punt a single time.

"They competed their butts off on their end," Holmes said of the Falcons. "I think their players played extremely hard. I think they're very athletic, but at the end of the day, I'll take a 56-28 win any day of the week."

The Irish would keep East Laurens out of the end zone after a final visit late in the first half, as they forced punts or picks on each of the Falcons' possessions before the last, ending in a kneel down.

Ja'Karian Jones snagged both INTs, to bring his season total to nine, on plays late in the third quarter and early in the fourth as the visitors plotted marches to tie or chip away. East's Jamari Harvey returned the favor in between the two, bringing in a pressured fourth-down shot from Yates to leave the third-quarter count unchanged.

The fastest-paced period of the entire night ended with a 63-yard Irish scoring drive in progress, and Cannon finished it off on a five-yard run moments later to begin the process of putting the game away.

Things went just as quickly in the fourth as Jones' red zone pick created a two-score swing. Dublin went straight back the other direction and went to Bond on a jet sweep for the TD to increase its lead to 21 with three minutes left.

Cannon completed his hat trick on another dive from a short distance with only 16 seconds left in the game.

Some like it heated...

Most of the game's action and chatter was concentrated to the first half, when the keyed-up rivals both took the field with a chip.

The visible intensity, in many instances, got several carried away in the aftermath of plays when pushing, shoving, jawing and other extracurricular activity drew a steady rate of flags.

Officials, much to the frustration of those in the seats, overwhelmingly offset the fouls directed one way with a second going the other.

As the night went on, an increasing number of uniformed sheriff's deputies and state troopers could be seen joining school administrators along edges of the field to assist in maintaining order.

Each side broke a big kickoff return to give their offense an early boost.

Dublin's was a 55-yarder from Knight that started them out only yards from the East Laurens red zone.

The Falcons responded with a big tackle for loss coming from JaTuan Wright to pin the Irish behind the sticks. But runs by Yates and Cannon recouped the balance, and Bostic went on to run in the game's first touchdown from seven yards.

Floyd's 40-yard runback also started East on the other half of midfield. The junior would make a leaping catch in traffic to move the chains on a third down just before JaBryan Bigham spilled off to the right-hand side on a 17-yard touchdown run to tie it at 7.

The excitement was just getting started.

Dublin ran a couple plays and fumbled, then the Falcons converted a long-shot fourth down from 24 yards out thanks to an Irish bust in coverage as East lined up four receivers in a diamond formation on the left side of the field. Demarcio Holliman, at the tip, ran downfield uncovered for a pitch and catch from Snead that gave the Falcons their first and only lead, 14-7, with still five minutes left.

Dublin needed no time to answer, and drove roughly 65 for a Bond end around that scored from 23. The Irish doubled up on touchdowns after forcing a punt, and re-took the lead in two plays as Bostic exploded for 57 to reach the doorstep, then Yates kept from three to get in.

Back came the Falcons.

A completion to Hazley got their return drive moving, and after the change of quarters, Snead scrambled to help move the chains on a third-and-long, though the last few yards came via penalty as Dublin was flagged for a late push out of bounds that sent him hard into the brick wall on the home sideline.

Things got heated as the senior QB was being taken off the field by paramedics, and the teams' head coaches had words while crossing paths in an exchange that brought out some flags, and both schools' principals for a lengthy discussion.

Play resumed following the delay, and East Laurens completed its trip to tie the game back up on a Hazley scramble from 10 yards.

Dublin answered with an 80-yard drive to score on a four-yard run by Bostic, then began bleeding a little clock for the first time after a Falcon punt.

The Irish scored shortly after a late hit by East Laurens ran Yates OB on his own sideline that turned his 30-yard keeper into a first and goal, and Cannon carried for his second TD to make the lead 35-21.

East wasted little time narrowing it back down to seven on a drive from its own 17 that was keyed by a Hazley deep ball that Floyd reeled in out of a one-on-one battle.

He was tackled inside the other red zone, and Holliman would be run back and dropped for a big loss on a subsequent jet sweep. But once again, Hazley made some magic by eluding about four sure sacks to float one to a receiver and get back inside the sticks.

And he'd fire one to a tightly-covered Floyd that drew a pass interference flag just before an 11-yard keeper for the score.

Nothing came of the several minutes of football that remained before halftime.

McRae and Deontae Walker led Dublin's defense with seven tackles each, and a combined three for loss. Blake Luecke added three tackles for loss, and two sacks.

Will Wallace was 8-of-8 on PATs.

Rozier, with 13, and Harvey, with 10 and one for loss, led the Eastside tackling. Gary Stockton recovered the fumble that was forced by Rozier.

Both clubs now turn their focus to the state playoffs, in which they'll share a quadrant of the bracket and take on familiar area opponents in the first round.

Region 2-AA champion Dublin (9-1, 6-0 region) will be back in the Bowl Friday to welcome Vidalia in a region rematch. East (3-7, 2-4 region) draws a short ride to the Pinelands to challenge No. 5 seed Jeff Davis.

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been uncertain.

"Jeremiah Scott came in and didn't know if he was going to play, and he was pretty good tonight too," Norton said.

Jenkins County threatened early in the third quarter when Kwmaine Shingleton broke loose for a 46-yard run. But penalties pushed the War Eagles backward, and Daezon Devero intercepted a pass from Leroy Mozee, returning it 48 yards to the Jenkins County 22.

Scott scored on an eight-yard run three plays later, extending the advantage to 35–7.

The Trojans' defense struck again on Jenkins County's next possession when Scott intercepted another Mozee pass, returning it 16 yards.

Johnson County then marched 60 yards in five plays, with Scott scoring his third touchdown on a 14-yard run to make it 42–7.

The Trojans had scored 14 points in each of the first three quarters, leaving little doubt about the outcome heading into the fourth.

Wombles completed four of seven passes for 84 yards without an interception. Devero caught two passes for 31 yards, while Jacaden Webb contributed 21 rushing yards and a 17-yard reception. Waters added 35 yards on the ground, and Kris Siren contributed an 18-yard run.

Jackson was perfect on all six extra-point attempts in the victory.

Defensively, Johnson County held Jenkins County to 68 rushing yards and just six passing yards. The War Eagles completed only one of six passes, threw two interceptions and failed to convert any of their six third-down opportunities.

The Trojans were not without mistakes, committing 10 penalties for 117 yards, but their dominance on both sides of the football more than offset those setbacks.

Norton was particularly pleased with his players' composure throughout the contest.

"I saw a lot of class and character," Norton said.

He praised his players for refusing to respond to situations that might have distracted them from the game.

For Siren, the evening was about more than another victory or another championship. It was about the relationships that have developed among the players.

"This game was amazing," Siren said. "It felt great. I love watching my team. I love the vibe."

He described his teammates as family, saying there was nothing better than being part of a group of players who genuinely care about one another.

That sense of togetherness has accompanied a remarkable stretch of football for Johnson County.

The back-to-back perfect regular seasons represent another milestone, but Norton pointed to several other measures of the program's success.

According to Norton, Johnson County will finish the regular season ranked No. 1 by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, something he said had never happened before, even during the school's memorable 1979 season when the Trojans never regained their top preseason spot in the polls after a midseason loss.

"We've got a pretty good program, good things going," Norton said.

Johnson County will return to Herschel Walker Field Friday to host the Greene County Tigers, who finished 2–8, in the opening round of the GHSA Class A playoffs.

The Trojans will enter that contest undefeated, riding the momentum of a historic regular season and hoping to carry their success deep into the state playoffs.

Still, Norton made it clear that the celebrations would have an expiration date.

"After midnight tonight, none of it'll matter, because the playoffs start next week, and everyone's 0–0," he said.

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Keith Griffin leads a tour of the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center/FILE

GRIFFIN

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care buildings, as well as a women's health center to serve the VA's fastest-growing patient population.

Griffin admits to paying little attention to the VA when growing up in Dublin.

"I used to ride by and see these old buildings. I just knew it was a hospital. I didn't know what its purpose was," he recalled. "This hospital is different. This hospital is unique. We're taking care of American heroes."

Griffin's duties include drumming up volunteers for the VA and its veterans. He described the support from the Dublin and Laurens County community as "amazing" and encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to contact him. He can be reached at Keith.Griffin@va.gov or (478) 277-2729.

The experience could prove life-changing for both the veteran and volunteer.

"The unique thing about veterans is we all have a story to tell," said Griffin. "Some served in war. Some served in peace time. To sit here and hear their stories will blow you away."

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WILSON

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returning to Laurens County and to the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center.

"I came here and fell in love with what I was doing," Wilson said. "I'm a person who takes on a job and gets easily attached to it. I try to pick jobs that I will like. That way I can give my all to it. Here, I'm serving veterans and that is easy because I am a veteran. When you come here and see the need, you feel it. And the more that you see it, the more you want to feel it. I fell in love with what I do."

The Dublin VA helps veterans who served from the Korean War up to the military's current status. And no matter where or when they served, they all swore that same oath to defend America.

"I enjoy helping veterans and I find a lot of peace out here," Wilson said. "I am around people who are more like me. What I am doing has a purpose."

And he can relate to them. In the EMS, Wilson and his staff do housekeeping work along with dealing with pest control.

"As a supervisor, I make sure all of the assignments are handed out," he said. "We want to put veterans first."

With Veterans Day coming up, Wilson thanks God for those who served their country.

"All veterans gave some, but some gave all," he said. "When you think about that, it is something dear to my heart. On holidays, when we get to celebrate and plan our day, our soldiers are away from their families. Their day is already planned for them."

He encouraged people to thank a veterans they come across on Veterans Day - if not every time they see them.

"The words, "Thank you for your service" really brightens a veteran's day," Wilson said. "It shows that they are appreciated. Everybody likes to be appreciated."



Wilson (above) was recently named the Department of Veterans Affair's National Environmental Programs Service Front-line Supervisor of the Year for 2026/**PAYTON TOWNS III**

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READING WITH HERALD: Notable monuments to veterans across the U.S.

Veterans Day honors the millions of men and women who have sacrificed much to serve in the United States military. Veterans Day is commemorated each year on November 11 because it was that day in 1918 when an armistice was reached between combatants in World War I, which estimates suggest claimed the lives of as many as 22 million people.

There are many ways for Americans to celebrate veterans on Veterans Day. Visiting war memorials can instill a greater sense of appreciation for the men and women who have served in the United States military. The following are some notable war memorials honoring veterans across the United States.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an iconic memorial located in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Cemetery officials note New York Congressman and World War I veteran Hamilton Fish Jr., played an integral role in establishing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by proposing legislation that provided for the internment of one unknown American soldier killed during WWI. Guards are now present at the tomb 24/7, and visitors, including U.S. presidents and foreign dignitaries, typically lay a wreath at the tomb to honor the sacrifices of all U.S. veterans.

Korean War Veterans Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. honors the roughly 1.5 million American veterans who fought alongside forces from the United Nations in a conflict that lasted from 1950 to 1953. Nineteen sculptures depicting U.S. servicemen on patrol during the conflict are among the many notable components of this moving memorial, which also features a wall and pool of remembrance that display the names of the more than 36,000 Americans killed during the Korean War.

Liberty Memorial

The Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, was built in 1926 to honor the brave American service members who lost their lives in World War I. The Liberty Memorial, which is now known as the National World War I Museum and Memorial, is an iconic landmark in Kansas City that features the Liberty Memorial Tower, which rises 217 feet about Memorial Courtyard and 268 feet above the North Lawn. The top of the tower emits a flame at night to create a stunning visual. Memory Hall on the east side of the Liberty Memorial Tower containing a portion of the Panthéon de la Guerre, an iconic French painting that depicts the Allied nations of World War I.

USS Arizona Memorial

The USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii, is dedicated to preserving the memories of the sacrifices of servicemen who fought in the Pacific theater throughout World War II. The memorial marks the resting place of more than 1,100 sailors during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, an event that led to U.S. involvement in World War II. The memorial is accessible exclusively by boat and the sunken remains of the battleship USS Arizona straddle the site.

These are just four of the many notable landmarks that commemorate the sacrifice and service of U.S. military members over the course of the nation's history.



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, inside Arlington National Cemetery, is guarded 24 hours a day. The tomb was installed built after World War I/**SPECIAL PHOTO**

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Many people read the newspaper just to see the comics every day. Use the three panels below to draw your own! You could see it in the paper!

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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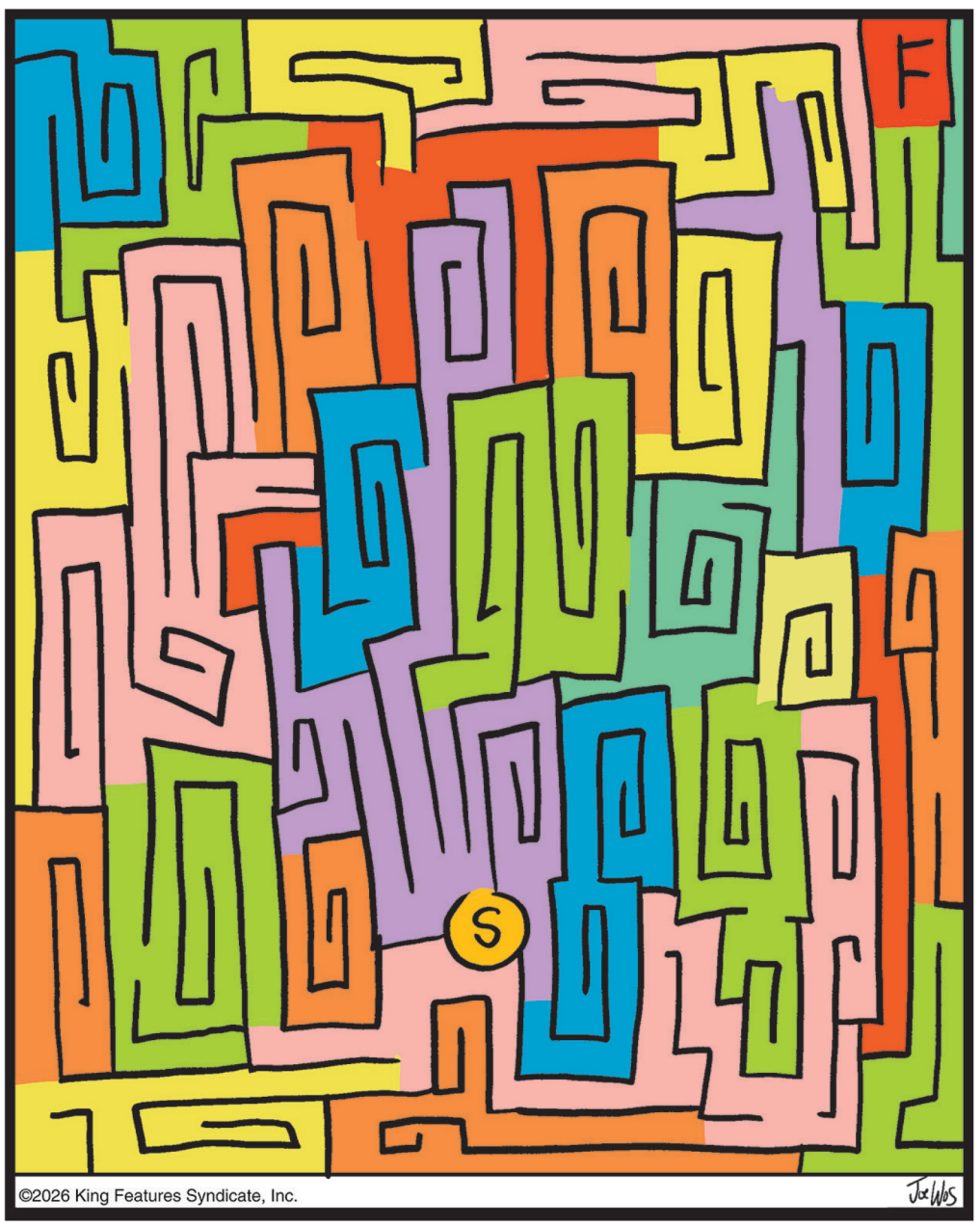
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