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MoCo Board of Commissioners weighs potential fire department consolidation

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners reviewed information for a potential consolidation of local fire departments during their monthly work session on Nov. 5 in Mount Vernon.

According to Board Chair Ginger Morris, while the board did review information regarding a potential consolidation, no action regarding the matter would be taken during the work session or the board's Nov. 9 regular meeting.

"I would like to remind everybody: this is a discussion for information on a variety of topics, but it's just so the board can be informed and start thinking about," said Morris. "No votes taken today, none will be taken Monday, and we don't know what the timeline will look like, but it is for the five commissioners to be able to hear from different people and make informed decisions for the citizens."

Discussions regarding consolidation stemmed from an audit performed by county officials regarding insurance payments made to local fire departments.

According to EMA Director Tristan Willis, the county has contracts with six local municipalities' fire departments to pay $13,000 to each for fire protection. In addition, the county covers 100 percent of the municipalities' building and equipment insurance costs, 100 percent of their worker's compensation and 75 percent of PTSD and cancer policy costs, adding approximately $60,000 to the county's payments.

The insurance for these municipalities is handled by an independent organization known as the Montgomery County Fire Chief's Association. However, when performing an audit, county officials found fire trucks had been added or removed to the insurance without their knowledge.

"So, what has kind of got us looking into this is the county has been paying bills for the insurance, has been paying bills for trucks to be added with no understanding or no transparency that they were being added in the first place," said Willis.

According to Willis, at least four fire trucks have been "sold, salvaged, what have you" by the municipalities while still being paid for by the county. Consolidation – bringing the various municipalities under one county umbrella – could serve to give the county a greater awareness of the finances of the local fire departments.

However, County Commissioner Amie Vassey suggested the issue resulted from administrative errors from the previous county manager rather than active maliciousness from the municipalities, which would make consolidation a drastic measure to an issue which could be resolved by improved auditing.

"To me, that sounds like an administrative error, not necessarily anything egregious or nefarious on behalf of our departments, and so my question is, to find something like that, it seems like a pretty severe move to say, 'Well, let's just build our own fire

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Treutlen board approves agreement between sheriff and police department

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

The Treutlen County Board of Commissioners approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the Treutlen County Sheriff's Office and the Soperton City Police Department during their regular meeting on Nov. 2.

The IGA would codify collaboration between the two law enforcement agencies, both of which work together closely regardless due to proximity and mutual aid.

"They back my guys up a lot," said Treutlen County Sheriff Thomas Corbin.

The agreement would also alleviate the Soperton Police Department's shortage of officers, which imposes longer shifts and limitations to recruitment efforts on the department.

"Right now, he's hurting for help, so we want to help him," said Corbin.

According to Soperton Police Chief Brian Scott, the Soperton City Council is also in support of the IGA. The police department's manpower shortage has also been a concern of the council in multiple meetings, with Scott requesting increases to the department's salaries to attract experienced officers.

Under the IGA, while tickets written for violations of city ordinances will be handled through the city courts, any regular citations will be handled through the state court.

"So, the way we've got it set up, if they just write a speeding– any type of typical citation, right now that would go through state court," said Scott.

Commissioner Rodney Meeks offered a motion to approve the IGA, which passed unanimously.

The collaboration between the Treutlen County Sheriff's Department and the Soperton City Police Department will continue past the IGA, as Sheriff Corbin announced the office had been approved for a $249,000 grant to purchase 25 new in-car cameras. Of those 25 cameras, the sheriff's department will take 19 and the police department will take six.

The funds were delivered by Senator Jon Ossoff to the department as part of the senator's fiscal year 2026 congressionally directed spending requests. Senator Ossoff collaborated with Republican and Democrat lawmakers to create "bipartisan government funding legislation" which passed into law on Jan. 23.

"Body cameras provide the transparency and accountability we require from our public safety officials in Georgia," Senator Ossoff said in a press release. "That's why I brought Republicans and Democrats together to strengthen law enforcement transparency in Treutlen County."

The funds will also pay for the construction of a new interrogation room within the Treutlen County Sheriff's Office. According to Corbin, the room will feature new recording technologies which can be activated with one button press.

However, since the sheriff's department and the police department applied for the grant together, additional paperwork labeling the Soperton Police Department as a sub-applicant is still required before local law enforcement can receive the funds.

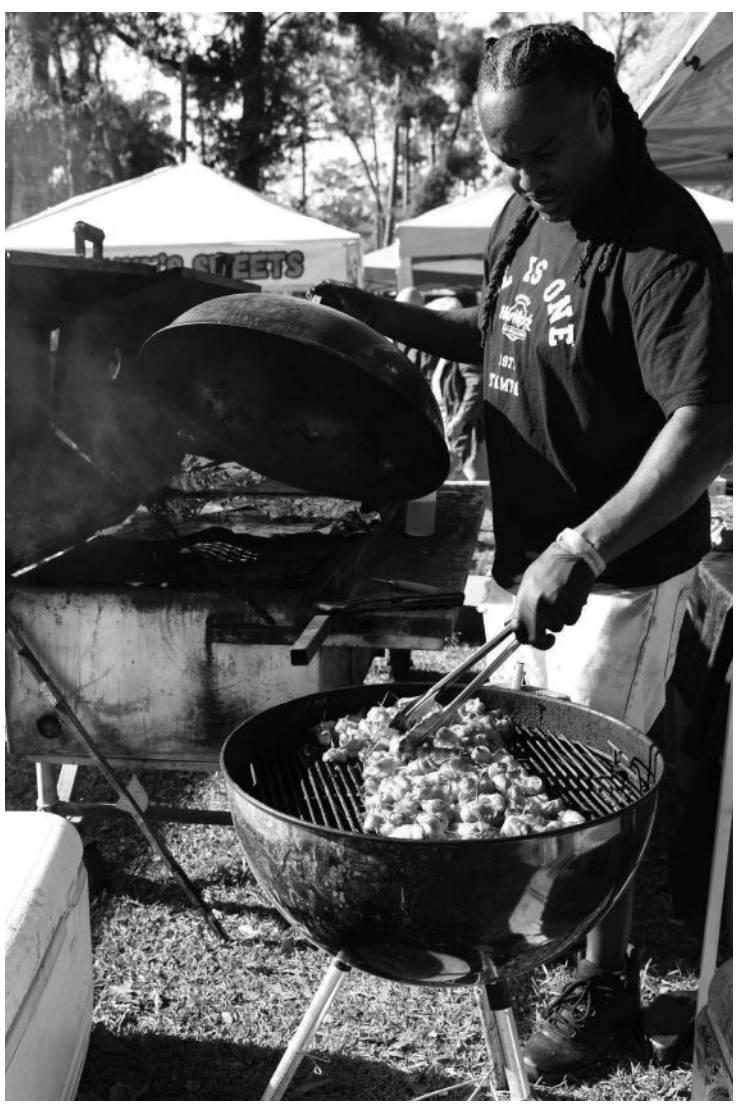
"We figured if we presented it as a joint [application], because it would be covering two agencies, that the federal government would give us the money," said Corbin. "They did approve the money, but now it may be that they're saying that they may be a sub-grantee, so there may be more paperwork to do."

SNAPSHOTS: FOOD AND FUN AT SOPERTON'S MILLION PINES FESTIVAL









Soperton's Iva Park hosted the Million Pines Arts and Craft Festival on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 for the festival's fifty-second year. The event featured over 250 vendors selling wide varieties of crafts and food, as well as multiple live music performances/**LOGAN REYNOLDS**

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HIGHLIGHT REEL: VIKINGS PUMMEL PATRIOTS IN SOPERTON







The Treutlen County Vikings and the Wilcox County Patriots in action on November 6 in the Vikings Stadium in Soperton. The Vikings won 43-8 /**LOGAN REYNOLDS**

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OBITUARIES



Bobbie Jean Gillis Thompson

Mrs. Bobbie Jean Gillis Thompson, 92 and beloved wife of the late James Frank Thompson, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, Nov. 1, at the Scott Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was of the Methodist faith and is now in the arms of her precious Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Bobbie was born on Nov. 11, 1933, and raised in Treutlen County by her late parents, Norman Gillis Jr. and Atlas Braddy Gillis. She was a lifelong resident of Treutlen County, dutifully serving her community with her many talents. One of her proudest accomplishments was working at Dennard Drugs for 66 years, where she had the privilege of working for all of the different owners of the store. Throughout her years of service there, she connected deeply with members of her community, seeing that she made them feel loved and taken care of. She was an incredible cook, always eager to share her delicious meals and desserts with those she loved. She faithfully provided for those around her and was always quick to help a friend in need.

She is preceded in death by her dear husband of 58 years, James Frank Thompson, her sisters Grace Gillis Pollette and Carolyn Gillis Jones, as well as her brother, Norman "Bud" Gillis III, and her daughter-in-law, Renee Croft Thompson.

She is survived by her three children: Mary Jean Thompson Pace, James Norman "Jim" Thompson and Laura Jean Thompson. She is also survived by her five grandchildren: Shelly Thompson Weigand, Harrison Pace, Hannah Nicholson, Ivy Thompson and Jackson Thompson.

Mrs. Bobbie will be remembered for her love for others, her generous spirit, and her servant's heart. She was a beloved wife, momma, grandma, sister, daughter, aunt, cousin and friend. She was also one of the best cooks in Soperton.

With a heart for people, she was generous to all, whether it was cooking food to share with a family who had lost a loved one, preparing delicious meals for her own family to enjoy, teaching me how to make jelly or teaching her granddaughter, Hannah, how to make homemade biscuits, she gave generously of herself.

Along with her sisters and brother, she faithfully cared for her own parents as they succumbed to the horrible disease that took her away from us years ago.

She loved her church and her church family and friends. One of her greatest joys was singing in the choir.

She loved working at the drug store. From her earliest days as a 16 year old at the soda fountain in Daly's Pharmacy, to working for the Moseleys at Daily Pharmacy, and then to work at Dennard Drugs with Mr. Richard, Mrs. Joyce and Blake, she loved serving the public. She enjoyed interacting with the customers, many of whom became good friends.

She loved her family! James was the love of her life, and their love for each other revealed to their kids the meaning of true love. Her children were blessed with a mom who loved them enough to teach them the values and morals needed to succeed in life. When they misbehaved, she would tell them "God don't like ugly," a phrase her momma had passed down to her! And then, the grandchildren, who were lavished with her love, grew up knowing that they were greatly cared for and valued. No matter who you were in the family's line, you were deeply cared for by Mrs. Bobbie.

Finally, she loved the Lord. Because of this, our family can rest in knowing she is fully restored and healed by Jesus because of her faith in Him.

Funeral services were conducted at noon on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026 in the Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home with Pastor Gilbert Posey officiating. Following the service, she was laid to rest beside her father in Westview Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Terry Horne, Blake Dennard, Jackson Thompson, Harrison Pace, Chris Braddy and Ryan Braddy.

Her family received friends, at the funeral home, from 11 a.m. until the hour of service.

The family welcomed all who wished to pay their respects and celebrate the long life of Mrs. Bobbie Jean Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the staff of Scott Health and Rehabilitation Center will be appreciated. We thank them for the great care they gave to our Momma and Nanny during her stay there.

Please share a memory, leave a condolence message and sign the online guest register at www.sammonsfuneralhome.com

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Jessica Dawn Meeks

Jessica Dawn Meeks, 55, of the Lothair Community of Soperton passed away at her home on Monday afternoon, Nov. 2, 2026.

Born in Soperton, she was one of eight children in the family. She was a graduate of Treutlen County High School, Class of 1988. Dawn had worked at Mohawk Industries, Flash Foods and as a dispatcher for the City of Soperton Police Department.

Dawn had a special love for her grandchildren and her pet canines.

She was a former member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Amanda Jo Parker; grandparents, Ralph and Jessie Mae Lamp; uncle, Buck Lampp and a sister, Melissa "Lizzard" Rhodes.

Dawn leaves behind her daughter, Hannah Parker Manring (Dillon), Rockledge, Ga., grandchildren, Ryan, Anastyn, Coewyn and Caedyn; several siblings and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026 from the graveside in Rosemont Church Cemetery with Pastor Owen Waters officiating.

She was laid to rest in the Rosemont Church Cemetery.

Her family received friends on Wednesday at the graveside.

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Rosemary Hanson

Rosemary Hanson, affectionately known as "Rose," passed to her Heavenly home on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida on April 7, 1955 and daughter of the late Herbert Johnnie "Slim" Hanson & Rowena Bussell Hanson. She was a 1973 graduate of Andrew Jackson High School and longtime member of Franklin Street Baptist Church. Rose was retired and had worked for the apartment industry for more than 25 years. Whether sharing laughter with family and friends or enjoying a quiet day working in her yard, she found joy in the little things that made life beautiful.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Hiron Peck.

Surviving family include her sister, Diann Hanson Peck; her son, Adam Ferguson; two granddaughters: Alexis Ferguson and Savannah Ferguson; nephew: Thomas Waarum; great nieces: Samantha Waarum and Ashyton Waarum; great nephew: Brett Shollar; daughter-in-love: Amanda Nelson Jerman (Tony); close cousin: Mary Broussard; close friend: Richard Jones; close cousins and many great friends.

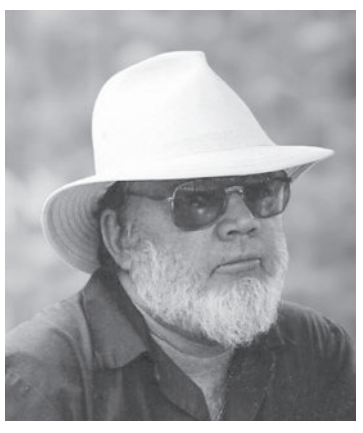
Services in Jacksonville were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, 2026 at Franklin Street Baptist Church, 2521 Franklin Street, Jacksonville, Florida with Dr. Terry Gore, officiating.

Her family greeted friends from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the church.

Local services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 from the graveside in Red Bluff Cemetery in Soperton (Treutlen County), Georgia with Pastor Timothy "Cricket" Green officiating.

If so desired flowers or contributions can be made to Franklin Street Baptist Church, 2521 Franklin Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206.

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Garland Warnock

Mr. Garland Warnock, age 89 of Soperton passed away peacefully on Thursday evening, Nov. 5, 2026 at Community Hospice in Vidalia.

Born in Tarrytown, he was one of five children born to the late David Foster "D.F." Warnock Jr. and Cornelia Haseltine Witherington Warnock. Mr. Warnock grew up on the family farm in Tarrytown and was a graduate of Soperton High School, Class of 1956. After high school, he attended Brewton Parker College in Mt. Vernon where he studied Theology before transferring to Americus where he pursued an interest in Agriculture. On June 28, 1958 he married Jacqueline Alice "Jackie" King in the Tarrytown Baptist Church. The newlyweds settled in Macon for a short time where he drove the city bus. They returned to Soperton in 1962 and he began remodeling his great-great-grandfather Holmes' family place where he and Jackie raised their children. Mr. Warnock farmed the homeplace for a few years while driving a school bus for Treutlen County School System. He worked the majority of his professional career as a Carpenter in the Industrial Construction Industry. In the late 1960 he started working as a Union carpenter, primarily in the Macon area, to where he commuted everyday from Soperton. He enjoyed gardening and piddling around the house.

He was a devout Christian and longtime member of the Soperton First Baptist Church where he was a member of the R.A. Perry Sunday School Class.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of fifty eight years, Jackie King Warnock who passed away in 2016, a son, David R. Warnock and brothers, Larry Warnock, Tim Warnock and David L. Warnock.

Mr. Warnock leaves behind, his children, Julie Ross (Kevin), Jon Warnock (Rita) and Denise; a daughter in law, Teri Warnock; a brother, Foster Warnock; a sister in law, Darlene Swearingen (Steve); brother -in-laws, Hunter King and George King; grandchildren, Scott Warnock, Ana Daughtry (Mars), Sumner Miller (Kris), Tyler Ross (Megan), Kristopher Warnock (Meagan), Dakota Warnock (Kattie) and MeKylee Warnock; 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026 at the Soperton First Baptist Church with Reverend Mark Sweat officiating.

His family will receive friends on Sunday, at the church, from 1:00 o'clock p. m. until the hour of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to be made in his memory to Gideons International, P. O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090 – 7251 or online at www.Gideons.org, for distribution of Bibles worldwide.

Please share a memory, leave a condolence message and sign the online guest register at www.sammonsfuneralhome.com.

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Stacy L. Reese

Sgt. Stacy L. Reese, USA Ret., age 51, of Augusta, Georgia, passed away on Saturday morning, Nov. 7, 2026, at Bethany Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center in Vidalia, Georgia.

Born in Dublin, Georgia, he was the son of the late Winifred Clarence Reese Sr., and Lillie (Campbell) Reese. He was a graduate of East Laurens High School, Class of 1993. After high school, he attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton for two years before enlisting in the United States Army in April of 1995. Sgt. Reese served on active duty for over 18 years in Columbus, Georgia; San Antonio, Texas; Fort Polk, Louisiana; and Landstuhl, Germany, before coming to Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. His primary work throughout his time in the service was as a Cytology Technician. Upon being honorably discharged, he assumed that same role as a civilian to continue reading cancer slides at Fort Gordon.

His family, friends, and coworkers will remember him for the laughter and joy that he brought to those around him.

Sgt. Reese is survived by his children; Shania Waldorf (David) of Warner Robins, Ga., Christopher Reese (Brianna Williams) of Tifton, Ga., and Geoffrey Reese of Kennesaw, Ga.; and his brother, Winifred "Fred" Reese Jr. (Stephanie) of Wrightsville, Ga..

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026, in the Billy Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home, with Rev. Curtis Warnock, Pastor Fred and Reese officiating.

His family received friends on Tuesday at the funeral home from 1p.m. until the hour of service.

Sgt. Reese will be laid to rest in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville, Georgia, with full military honors, on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026 at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Please share a memory, leave a condolence message, and sign the online guest register at https://www.sammonsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/stacy-reese

If you wish to further support the family, you may send flowers or plant a tree in Stacy's honor, or participate in the gun raffle and fundraiser which will pay for the funeral and any other final expenses that arise for his children in the coming months. Please contact Fred Reese or email rememberingstacyreese@gmail.com for details.

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PASTOR'S VIEWPOINT

By CHARLES "BUDDY" WHATLEY

During the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, heavy fog and rain grounded Allied air support and hampered ground operations. Gen. George S. Patton instructed his Third Army chaplain, Col. James O'Neill, to compose a prayer for good weather and had it printed and distributed to over 250,000 troops.

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen."

Gratitude begins with a pause. Before the day begins and fills up with things to do, let's pause to notice what we might otherwise take for granted. And on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, that pause should invite us to honor those among us who have served in the military, in peace and in wartime.

This Veterans Day, let us carry our gratitude beyond calendars and ceremonies. During this Thanksgiving month, let's carry our gratitude and thanksgiving to every veteran we meet. They are our neighbors, our relatives, our coworkers, and our friends... and sometimes they are us! (Go Navy!)

Giving thanks reminds us that we do not travel through life alone; the efforts of others are woven into our community. Each one of us carries a different story, and we should remember that a life is always larger than a uniform. Whatever our beliefs, we should recognize every person's dignity.

A sincere "thank you" matters. So does a patient conversation, an invitation to share a meal or an offer of practical help. We can listen when someone wants to speak and respect their silence when they do not. Gratitude becomes meaningful when appreciation becomes action!

Charles "Buddy" Whatley is a retired Methodist pastor serving Dawson Street Methodist Church in Thomasville, Ga.







DID YOU KNOW...?

How did the United States get drawn into World War I?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

November is such a wonderful month.

For instance, we've just had Election Day, and I hope your candidate in every race won.

Next, we had Veterans' Day, and I want to send out a sincere, heartfelt thank you to everyone who served their country in times of war or peace.

And, of course, there's Thanksgiving coming up. I'm already getting my appetite ready.

Each week, too, there's trivia, right here in this space ... and you don't gain any calories from reading it! Have at it, friends.

Did you know ...

... the street lamps in the city of Hershey, Pennsylvania, are shaped like chocolate kisses? (What else would they be shaped like in Hershey?)

... the average American eats 263 eggs a year? (Not all at the same time, of course, unless one is really into cholesterol. Who is this average American, anyway?)

... Germany was not the first country to use gas against enemy troops in World War I? Long reviled for their use of chemical warfare, the Imperial German Army doesn't bear the blame for its first use. That falls to the French army, which fired the first tear gas grenades used in the war against the Germans. Germany would use tear gas against Russian troops, and the Germans were the first to use chlorine gas – a deadly poison – in the war.

... the United States was drawn into World War I by a telegram? During the first years of the war, which began in 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) did his best to keep the country out of the European conflict. But in 1917, British cryptographers decoded a telegram from German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann (1864-1940) to the German minister in Mexico. The telegram encouraged Mexico to invade U.S. territory in an effort to engage the Army and keep America from intervening in the war. The note promised Mexico the return of Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico if the effort was successful and Germany won the war; reaction to the note caused the United States to enter the war on the side of Britain, France, and Russia. Britain had withheld the telegram from the Americans for several months, and released it to get the Americans into the conflict on their side. (I'm not really sure how Germany would have kept that promise, but it was enough to make the U.S. very upset.)

... two leaders of the Catholic church had different views of a popular book series? Asked about the *Harry Potter* series of books, Pope John Paul II (1920-2005) said the novels, by author J.K. Rowling (born 1965), helped children differentiate between good and evil. But his successor as Pontiff, Benedict XVI (1927-2022), called the books "inconsistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church" and said they eroded Christianity in the soul of young readers. (Different strokes for different folks, perhaps?)

... the man who invented the rabies vaccine had a plan in case of laboratory exposure? Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) developed the first effective vaccine against rabies in 1885. But while the research into the vaccine was going on, Pasteur kept a loaded gun in his laboratory. It was to be used in case he or one of his lab assistants became infected with the disease. (A little extreme, don't you think?)

... what the longest distance something has been carried by a tornado is? According to reports, a personal check was swept up in a tornado on April 11, 1991 in Stockton, Kansas. The check finally hit the ground in Winnetoon, Nebraska, some 223 miles away. (When the check hit the ground, did it ... bounce?)

... a computer glitch fouled up the names of thousands of children? According to our friends at Mental Floss, in 1989 some 1082 baby boys in New York found themselves named Christop, instead of their parents' intended Christopher. The state database had accidentally limited to number of letters in the babies' first name to eight. Some other reported odd names were Katherin, Alexande, and Elizabet. (I don't know, being named Christop might be the key to fortune, fame and riches!)

... the largest national park in the United States is probably not the one you're thinking of? Looking at a U.S. map, one would be forgiven for thinking that Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park is the largest in the country. But it isn't. The largest is in Alaska. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve is a 13.2 million acre park which is home to some of the country's tallest mountains, including Mount St. Elias. (This is a big park - larger than at least nine different states.)

... the ozone layer is making a comeback? In 1985, a "hole" in the ozone layer of the atmosphere was discovered over Antarctica. The ozone layer protects us from the Sun's ultraviolet light, and the "hole" (actually a diminishing of the layer) was caused by chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs. CFCs were phased out of use by 2010, and the ozone layer is slowly repairing itself. It is expected to be back to its 1980s level by 2040, and to make a full recovery by 2066. (Thanks to Mason for the tip!)

... dark-roasted coffee has less caffeine than medium-roasted? The longer a coffee bean is roasted, the more caffeine burns off. (Yeah, but the taste trade-off ...)

... about 7,000 new insect species are discovered every year? (They've been hiding all this time!)

Now ... you know!

Thoughts on time travel and the present day

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

In the Mahabharata, King Raivata Kakudmi travels to a heavenly realm to meet Brahma. When he returns to Earth, he discovers that millions of years have passed and the world as he knew it did not exist anymore. The text, believed to be written around the year 400 B.C and considered sacred reading in Hinduism, is the first known time travel story.

Other ancient texts and legends always have people moving forward through time. Another example is the Japanese folktale of Urashima Taro, in which a fisherman visits a wondrous underwater palace for a few days only to find that 300 years has passed when he returns home.

The 1819 American story of Rip Van Winkle has the protagonist taking a 20-year nap in the Catskill Mountains. The Dutch colonist, prone to laziness and often scolded by his spouse, wakes up with a long gray beard and a dead dog. He laments his missed days but not his departed wife. He moves in with his adult daughter and resumes his old habits.

I'm not sure what the moral of that story is supposed to be.

Folks began traveling backwards in time, at least through literature, in the 1880s. H.G. Wells' sci-fi genre-defining novel "The Time Machine" describes the first, well, time machine, a device exclusively designed to take its passengers to any point in the known universe's timeline through a rift in the fourth dimension, a realm that exists hidden between the fabric of time and space.

This book unleashed a seemingly never-ending flow of science fiction tales, and even scientific theory, that humans would one day be able to time travel. This travel would not only open up the possibility of visiting ancient or futuristic times, but would unveil the multiverse, that we all exist along several planes of reality simultaneously.

That means that there could be another me out there while I sit here hunched over a keyboard squinting at a screen, living the life of luxury as a successful CEO, and another surviving off the land as a hermit in the woods. I wonder which one of us is the happiest?

I've never bought into such theories. I'm quite satisfied occupying my little piece of time and space. Sure, this world and time isn't perfect, but find me one that is. People long for the "good old days," but this slice of human history with antibiotics and indoor plumbing has been pretty good to me.

A new study rules out the possibility of many time travel and multiverse theories. I'm going to have to take research at face value, because it's math. Something about lines and how light travels. I don't know, this version of me doesn't understand that kind of stuff.

If people spent half as much time trying to make today a little better as they did trying to get somewhere else, the world might be a better place.

The past isn't what it's cracked up to be and the future won't be too much either if we don't start focusing on the present.

COUCH THEATRE



Rose Byrne, left, and Samantha Quinn star in "The Good Daughter"/**SPECIAL PHOTO, Courtesy of MovieStillsDB**

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

"Primetime" (R) -- Director Lance Oppenheim has had two culturally resonant films that have been released this year: a meta-documentary film titled "You Can See Everything," and this psychological thriller led by Robert Pattinson ("The Odyssey"). Much to the real-life Chris Hansen's dismay, in "Primetime," Pattinson portrays "To Catch a Predator" journalist Chris Hansen circa 2006. The potential reveal of an extramarital affair of his causes Hansen to ramp up his efforts toward making his show a success, rather than focusing on the overall mission of catching child predators. While viewers themselves can watch Hansen slowly unravel due to pressure, they can also see him spiral through the eyes of aspiring actor Dan Plum (Skyler Gisondo), who becomes Hansen's mentee. The film is out now to rent; see if it's as "detached from reality" as the real-life Hansen said it was! (Amazon Prime Video)

"Other Mommy" (R) -- Jessica Chastain ("Dreams") leads this creepy psychological-horror film based on the 2024 novel "Incidents Around the House" by Josh Malerman. The film zeroes in on a family of three: 7-year-old Bela (Arabella Olivia Clark), her father Russ (Jay Duplass), and her mother Ursula (Chastain). Ursula is laser-focused on her career, which doesn't leave her much time to spend with Russ or Bela. Craving attention from her mother, Bela begins to see a supernatural entity around her house that looks like her mom, so she names this entity "Other Mommy." (Wink.) But as the Other Mommy becomes increasingly contorted and angry, she begins to attack Bela, hoping that Bela will finally let her into her heart. Available to rent on Nov. 10. (Apple TV)

"The Good Daughter" (TV-MA) -- If HBO's "Sharp Objects" was your kind of show, look no further than this new mystery series, which similarly emulates that small-town, gritty, rugged feel. Oscar nominee Rose Byrne ("If I Had Legs, I'd Kick You") stars alongside Emmy nominee Meghann Fahy ("Sirens") as a pair of estranged sisters who tensely reunite after a murder case consumes their hometown. This new case brings back dark memories from a traumatic event when they were young girls, forcing them to reconcile the past and present in order for both sisters to fully move on. Emmy winner Brendan Gleeson ("Spider-Noir") plays their endearing hospitalized father, who hopes to harmonize the relationship between them. All six episodes will be available to stream on Nov. 12. (Peacock)

"Heartland" (R) -- And she's back already! Jessica Chastain ("Other Mommy") is also the lead of this mystery-thriller film premiering on Nov. 13. A completely different change of tune from the film detailed above, "Heartland" takes viewers into the underbelly of Nashville after a young 22-year-old star named Charlie Heart (Carter Faith) disappears. Her aunt, former country music star Misty Jones (Chastain), is pleaded by her brother to go to Nashville and dig around for information about Charlie herself, since she knows her way around the city. At first, Misty is hesitant to go back to this previous chapter in her life, but with Charlie's life on the line, nothing will stop her from finding her niece. (Netflix)

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Fall in Virginia



LORAN SMITH

CULPEPER, Va. – This cozy community of 20,000 plus is 70 miles west of the nation's capital and was laid out in 1749 by a young surveyor named George Washington.

It was, owing to its strategic position with the railroads, occupied by both Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War. The battle of Brandy Station, the largest cavalry battle in U.S. history in 1863, took place near here, but a peaceful atmosphere hovers over this town, which has been recognized by *Architectural Digest* as the prettiest town in Virginia.

Virginia is a beautiful state, with Shenandoah Valley less than an hour away. I have accompanied Ted McMullan, a friend with close ties with the University of Georgia and who is the 8th generation of an Irishman who settled here in 1860 following the American Revolution. Ted has come to meet his 93-year-old cousin, Emily McMullan Williams, to record a conversation with her about their ancestor.

She is one of the foremost family historians, who spent years researching the history of John Francis McMullan, who emigrated from Tralee Londonderry in Northern Ireland and fought in the American Revolution.

A brand-new country could not pay its soldiers—there was no treasury—but there was plenty of land, which most people back then would have preferred. He was given a grant of land in this area following the Revolutionary War.

However, he must have gotten the itch to move again because he struck out in 1797 to the South, settling in what is Hart County, which at that time was Elbert County.

We are here to learn what we can from a conversation with Emily McMullan Williams, who was eager to share what she had gathered over the years.

A bonus on this excursion came about when Jenny Tucker Brinkley, who spends time in Middleburg, roughly an hour away, drove down to join us for lunch and provide local transportation. Jenny and her husband, Matt, are Athens residents, but her love of horses makes it a nice fit for periodic fox hunting outings and visiting her daughter, Matilda, who lives nearby.

Our agenda called for lunch, and Ted found a popular and historic restaurant on East Davis Street, "It's about Thyme," with a variety of options, including starters such as duck pate, bruschetta, smoked trout, soups and salads.

There were sandwiches, cheeseburgers, portobello mushrooms, pasta, and seven choices from the main courses, and of course there is a good wine list when you patronize this popular eatery.

While I am sure there are some blights, this is one area of the country that provides an environmental bonanza. Rolling fields dominate an attractive countryside, where there is no roadside trash and no billboards. The foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains are where Culpeper is located, so it should not come as a surprise that this is where the state looks its best.

"Thyme in Culpepper" is more than a popular restaurant. There are rooms for overnight stays and weekend getaways. Spend a night here and you might connect with visions of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, two of Virginia's most famous citizens.

Thyme's promotional materials are keen on relating to the past, suggesting you can enjoy a "little slice of Europe . . . with scenic murals and old-world ambiance and casual dining at its finest."

Harvest scenes are everywhere, a reminder that this time of the year, we have an opportunity to underscore humility, from the countryside to the storefronts of Culpepper, to say nothing the entire American landscape. I have never traveled to any part of the country during the harvest season when everybody isn't anxious to embrace Thanksgiving. However, it does feel a little different in Arizona and southern California.

What is so uplifting is that small-town America will always make your day, with inhabitants who enjoy being a good neighbor and who underscore faith, hope, and charity.

We don't know why the original John McMullan came to the New World or why he moved on to Georgia after the revolution. More than likely, more productive farmland had something to do with it.

Regarding that, what about these sobering statistics. The total land mass in the U. S. is 2.26 billion acres, with roughly 66-67 million acres being developed. Agricultural-related use is 1.2 billion. We do have room to grow, but let's not make everything metropolitan. Let's develop more small towns like Culpepper.

Georgia: Purple state, at least for now



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

There is no need to sugar coat it. Republicans got their tail kicked last week.

The Democrats will have firm control of Georgia's executive branch and the day to day power that comes with it. Congratulations to Governor-elect Bottoms. I encourage all to pray for her wisdom and discernment.

Whether you voted for her or not, much of the state's immediate future is in the hands of her and her team. We ultimately need her to succeed.

Governor Bottoms' power will go beyond the Governor's mansion. With Democrats also securing the Lieutenant Governor's position, all statewide partisan offices, and the Speaker's gavel, their power extends to the appointment of boards, commissions, agencies, and when vacancies arise, judges.

As bad as Republicans' numbers look here in Georgia, when viewed with what happened nationally and with the differential on statewide contests, the GOP's position here is in relative decent shape. Republicans managed to hold the thinnest majority in the State Senate with a 29-27 partisan split. The Speaker's gavel will transfer to the Democrats with a thin majority, the exact number still to be determined due to one runoff in SW Georgia.

The margins were decisive in statewide races. They were incredibly impressive from the Democrats' perspective, and equally demoralizing and, frankly, embarrassing for Republicans.

The voters clearly sent a message. The clarity of what they said is always a Rorschach test.

There are many Republicans out there explaining. I've seen many takes I agree with, a few... not so much. 2028 nor 2030 will not be decided by who wins the immediate blame game in this scorching failure's aftermath. Many Republicans will find they have a lot of extra time on their hands in January to contemplate these matters.

Today, we have bigger and more immediate priorities. Most importantly, we have to govern. It will require both parties working together.

I've lived in Georgia my entire life. I'm a proud American. This is our system. Our voters are the shareholders, and they have spoken – loudly. I want what is best for my state and my country.

Most of us just want reasonable approaches to solving problems. We want leaders who understand that, and do their best to make it happen.

I was a relatively young volunteer operative when Republicans took the Governor's mansion and Senate in 2022. It took two more years to get the other chamber and within a decade the GOP held a supermajority in both chambers and all statewide offices. It took 12 years to be back where we started.

The incoming Democrats will largely be a lot like we were a quarter century ago. Most will have limited experience with state government, have a deep distrust if not intolerance of the current majority party, and want everyone out the door as soon as possible.

Some will quickly learn that beneath the level of elected and appointed partisans, there are quite a few people who show up at work every day trying to make lives better for the people of the state. Many of them have institutional knowledge that is not quickly replaceable.

Some will remember the rhetoric and/treatment received by less congenial members of the outgoing majority party and will wield their newfound powers with the full backing of the Old Testament's eye for an eye. That is entirely their right. They won.

The reality is some will work to solve problems. Some will use the problems to work to expand the power and scope of their positions on the way to their next higher title. This is a time honored bipartisan bifurcation of those participating in majority rule.

The hazard for Democrats now charged with governing is that their base sees the results and margins as an unequivocal mandate. The 2024 and 2026 elections had polar opposite results because the fringe of each party convinced their leaders a voter rebuke of the last guys meant they must enact the craziest stuff imaginable.

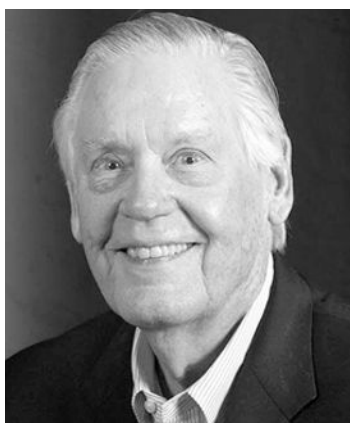
Governor Kemp will leave office with a roughly 70% approval rate not because he scratched every itch that the MAGA wing of his party had, but because he often said "no, Georgians don't want that" and then took a more centrist route. Governor Bottoms will hear similar demands from her base to lurch Georgia far leftward.

Republicans, meanwhile, do have control of the Senate. While they lost the House, there were about a dozen races decided in that chamber by less than 1,000 votes. Republicans won 7 of them, but lost a couple by less than 100 votes. The rematch in 2 years will be extreme and expensive on both sides.

With razor thin legislative margins in both chambers, the legislature should serve to temper the excessive demands of both partisan bases. What hopefully can result will not be a red state nor a blue state, but people from different parties and backgrounds, working together for solutions for all of Georgia.

That's always been our secret sauce. When the needs of Georgia's citizens and the businesses who employ them are put at the forefront and our leaders commit to solving their problems, we don't have time to notice the red or blue fingerprints while we're all counting in green.

Democratic election results should be wakeup call for Republicans



DICK YARBROUGH

Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms, who may have been the worst mayor in Atlanta history, is now governor-elect of Georgia. Not only that, but every down-ballot post in the state from lieutenant governor to attorney general to labor commissioner to school superintendent to public service commissioner in last week's election went to Democrats and the margins of victory were not even close. Democrats also won control of the Georgia House of Representatives for the first time in 22 years, defeating at least 12 incumbent Republicans across the state. It was political roadkill. For that, you can thank the Georgia Republicans. They never figured out who the enemy is.

While Democrats were planning their blue tsunami, Republicans were up to their usual infighting. As I have stated numerous times, Republicans would rather be ideologically pure than elected. Democrats would rather be elected. The Georgia Republican Assembly, not to be confused with Georgia Republican Party, was trying to tell us who could run for office as a Republican and who could not. In other words, they would make the decision for the voters. (That's us.) Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger being one they considered ideologically impure, he ran for governor in the Republican primary anyway and lost. The voters (that's us) made that decision.

Overhanging all of this, of course, was the Republicans' continuing obsession with Donald Trump's defeat in 2020 and his claim the election was rigged. Personally, I found Trump's actions unpatriotic. Unlike Samuel Tilden and Richard Nixon and Al Gore, all of whom had legitimate – and better – reasons for questioning the outcome of their elections, Trump put his ego ahead of that of his country.

Nixon told journalist Earl Mazo, who had written a series of articles about voter fraud after the 1960 election, that "our country cannot afford the agony of a constitutional crisis." Mazo stopped at Nixon's request.

Gore said. "(T)onight, for the sake of our unity as a people and the strength of our democracy, I offer my concession."

Trump? He spent an hour haranguing Secretary of State Raffensperger to find him 11,780 votes, turned loose a gang of thugs who ransacked the nation's Capital in hopes of preventing a joint session of Congress from counting the Electoral College votes to formalize the victory of president-elect Joe Biden. Fortunately, the attack was unsuccessful, and the election results were certified.

That didn't stop the RITNOs (Republicans in Trump's Name Only) from doing everything they could to overturn the results. Alternative electors. Unfounded accusations against Fulton County election workers that cost their accuser, Rudy Giuliani, a cool $148 million. A so-called documentary,"2,000 Mules," which alleged a widespread conspiracy that turned out to be false. Blathering "experts" questioning the integrity of our voting system but proving nothing. All of their smoking guns turned out to be cap pistols.

Nationally, Democrats took both Houses of Congress by huge margins and elected senators from states that had been Republican for decades. In the case of Kansas, a Democrat had not been elected to the Senate in almost a century. Georgia voters kept our congressional delegation split along party lines, nine Republicans and five Democrats.

Trump says had he been on the ballot, the elections would have turned out differently. Poppycock. His performance was on the ballot. His "four-to-five week" war. Higher fuel prices. His on-again-off-again-on-again tariff decisions. His preoccupation with his personal surroundings. Jeffery Epstein. Punishing those who dared disagree with him. Tiresome stuff.

In Georgia, the best Republicans could do was to run ads saying Jon Ossoff uses makeup (?) while ignoring Mike Collins' son-in-law's misogynistic and racist remarks. Greg Dolezal promised if elected lieutenant governor he would rid the state of jihadists. Yeah, right. Gazillionaire Rick Jackson poured $220 million into his gubernatorial campaign and lost by 10 points. Give me $220 million and I could get elected pope.

Do I take pleasure in the outcome? Except for shutting the yap traps of the RITNO election deniers permanently (I hope), none at all. In my opinion, this was more a vote against an arrogant and unpopular administration rather than an endorsement of Democratic policies. Frankly, the Democratic Socialists of America are gaining influence across the country and that scares the heebie-jeebies out of me.

As for the political wipeout in Georgia last week, I defer to my friend, the Sage of the Okefenokee, Pogo the Possum, who said, "We have met the enemy and it is us." Whether Republicans got that message remains to be seen. Stay tuned.

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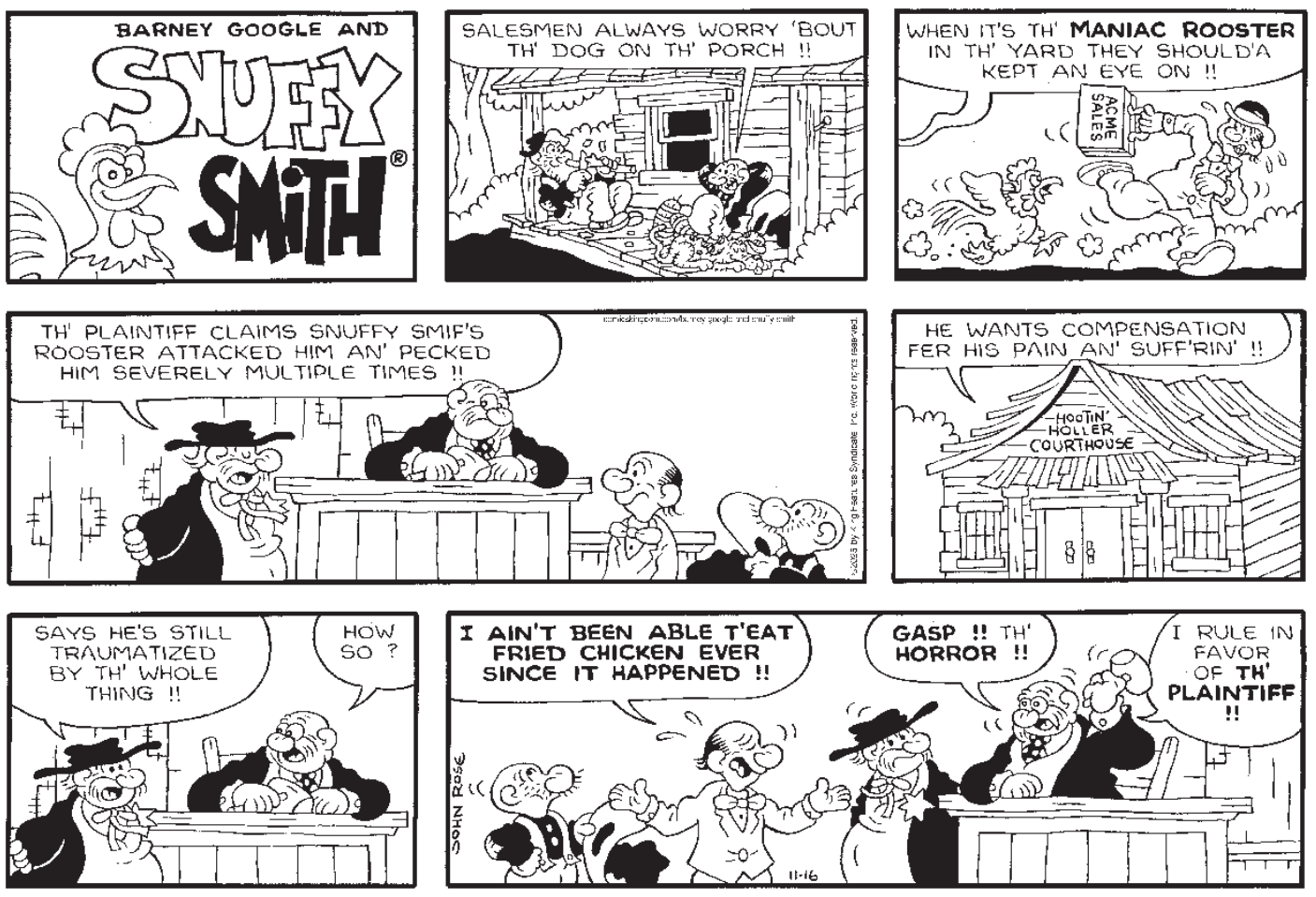
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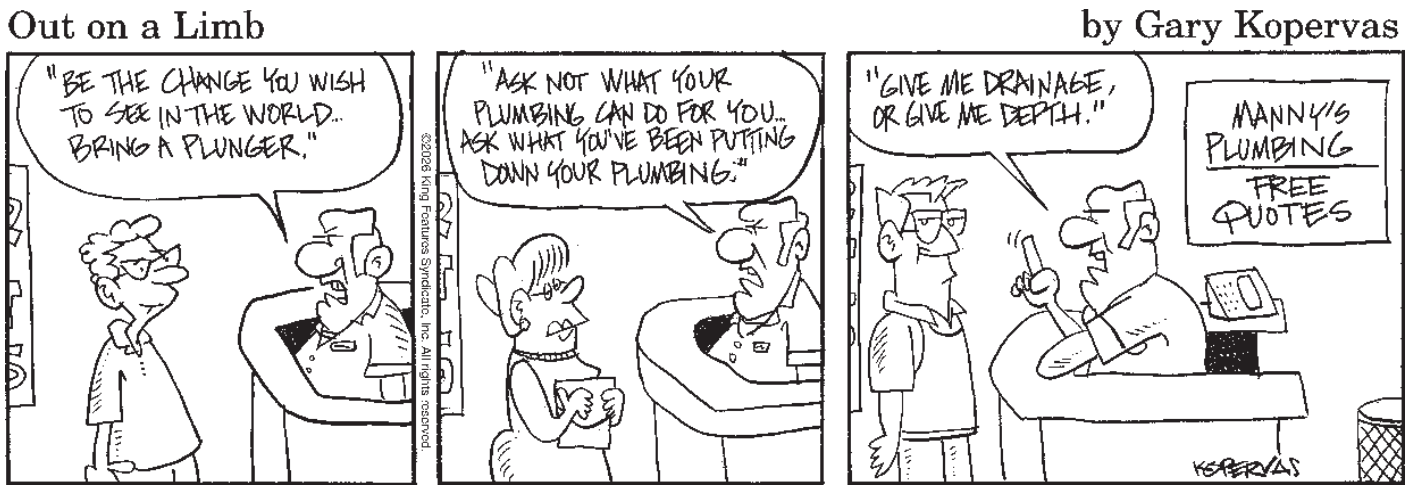
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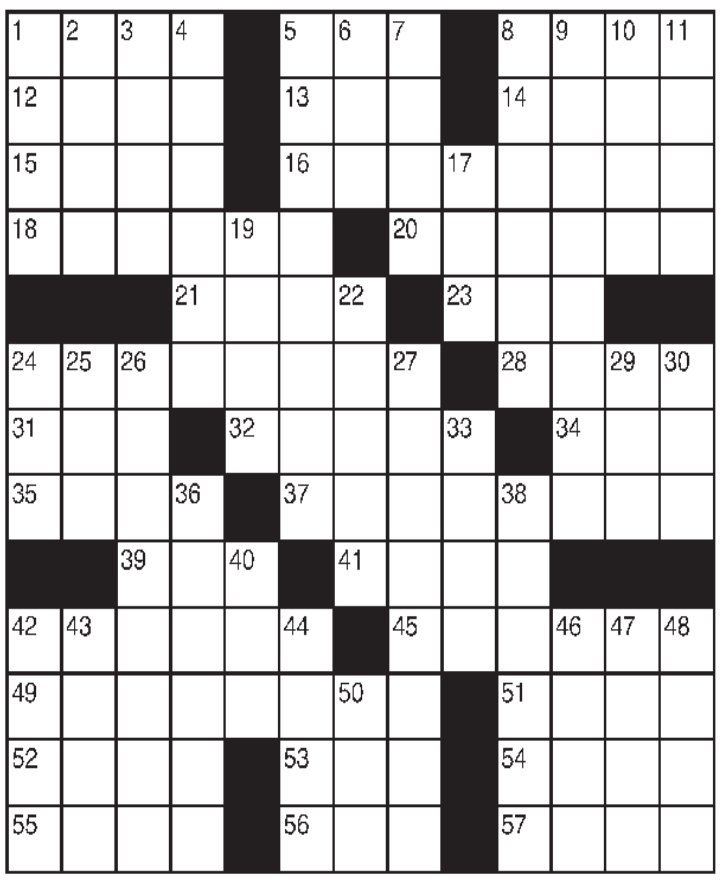
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"There's more Christmas cheer in the car!"

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15 Hearty dish
16 Abraham Lincoln's birthplace
18 Arm bones
20 Craig of "Skyfall"
21 Ms. Rowlands
23 Qt. fractions
24 George Washington's birthplace
28 Planted, as seed
31 Anger
32 Bellini opera
34 Steal from
35 Shade of blue
37 Gerald Ford's birthplace
39 Always, in verse
41 Venue
42 Subway line in an Ellington song
45 Saint of Avila
49 Harry S. Truman's birthplace
51 Farm team
52 Worry
53 Ring decision
54 Noggin
55 Disarray
56 Junior
57 Spanish for "this"

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1 TV/radio host John
2 Words to Brutus
3 "Up and —!"
4 Steak tartare ingredient
5 "Barbie" actress Kate
6 Chest-beating beast
7 Wizard's prop
8 Intimidates
9 Cutting teeth
10 Croupier's tool
11 Texter's sign-off
17 Phone bug
19 Check
22 Buenos —
24 Sportscaster Scully
25 Roth svgs. plan
26 Flip-flops
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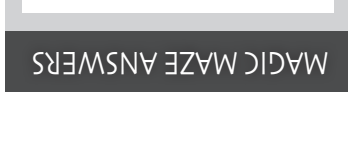
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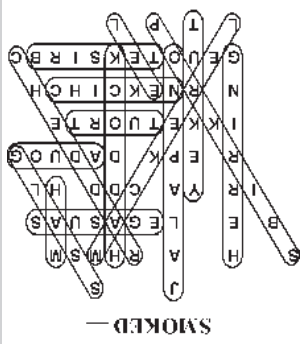
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: SOCKEYE —

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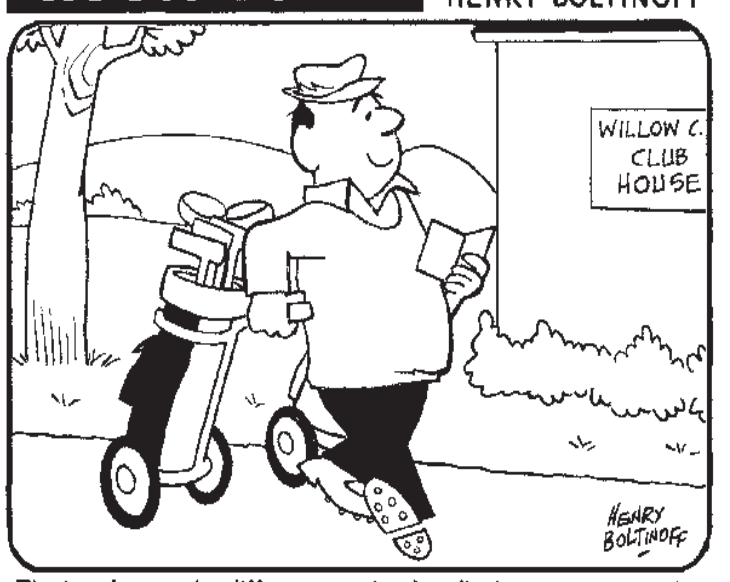
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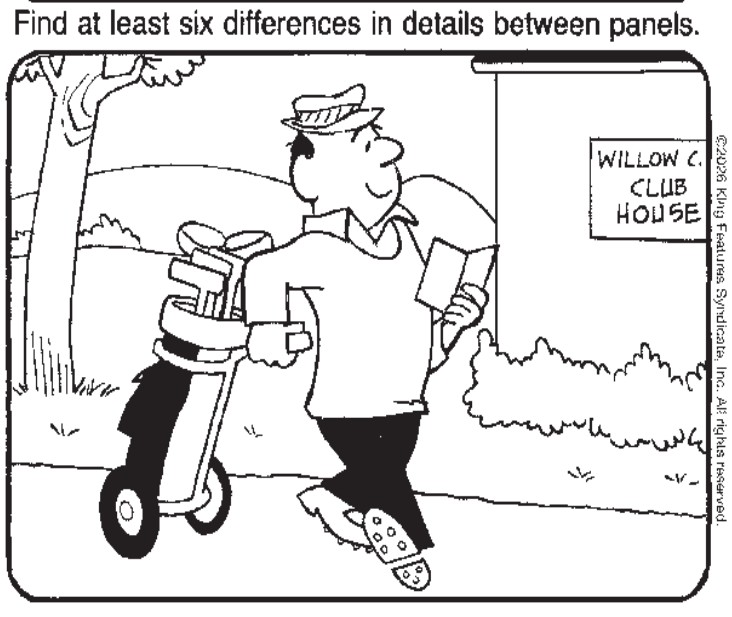


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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Soperton native to establish endowed scholarship for Treutlen County students at Georgia Southern

SPECIAL TO THE TRI-COUNTY CONNECTOR

SOPERTON, Ga. – James O. Miller Jr., a Soperton native, and his wife, Cecelia, have signed an agreement to establish the Cecelia and James Miller Jr. Endowed Scholarship at Georgia Southern University. It will support students from Treutlen County for years to come.

The endowment will be created through the Georgia Southern University Foundation. Because an endowment's principal is invested and never spent, the scholarship will make awards every year, permanently. The Millers are also making a separate gift so the first awards can begin in the 2027–28 academic year, while the endowment builds toward its first distribution.

For Miller, the gift is a return to where his own education began. He attended Emanuel County Junior College in Swainsboro in 1977–78. The school later became East Georgia State College and is now Georgia Southern's East Georgia campus. "That start made a real difference for a young man from Soperton," Miller said. "It set the stage for everything that followed, and Cecelia and I want to provide that same opportunity to students from Treutlen County."

The scholarship is open to Georgia Southern students in any major who show strong academic merit. Students from Treutlen County will be given priority, with additional preference for graduates of Treutlen High School and for students who attend or have attended the East Georgia campus. The award goes to a student entering their second year of college. It can be renewed for up to three years, with a fourth year available if needed to complete a degree, as long as the recipient keeps a 3.0 GPA and stays enrolled full time. Recipients who move on to the Statesboro or Armstrong campus stay eligible. In a year with no qualified Treutlen County applicant, students from surrounding counties may be considered.

Miller's career in technology and project management spans more than 45 years. He retired as Vice President of IT for a Global Information Security Program Management Office at a major financial services firm in Irving, Texas. He holds a Master of Science in Management Science from The University of Texas at Dallas, where he and Cecelia are members of the Legacy Society. He also holds the PMP, CISSP-Emeritus and CISM certifications. He is the creator of the Miller Maturity Model™, a framework for project management office maturity, and he writes widely on the subject. The Millers live in Allen, Texas.

Students will apply through Georgia Southern's annual scholarship application. For more information, contact Alex Wagner, Director of Development, at awagner@georgiasouthern.edu.

MOCO DEPT

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department,' over something like this as opposed to just addressing that administrative audit process," said Vassey.

Willis said an alternative to consolidation could be making alterations to the in-place agreements with the municipalities, only covering two trucks per department and requiring them to reimburse the county for 25 percent of worker's compensation payments. According to Willis, this would be a more substantial change than consolidation, as the county's financial relationship with the municipalities already resembles consolidation.

"In the grand scheme of things, the county has already consolidated as a fire service," said Willis. "The only thing that we don't have is a name."

The board also heard from Randy Toms, executive director the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council, on the matter of consolidation. Toms said the benefits of consolidations were not monetary, but rather the increase in service quality across the area.

"I'm saying it would be a beginning of a continuing growth," said Toms. "As you're growing, you're getting in businesses, you're getting in manufacturers, whatever you get into this area, you're going to take that and invest back into your fire service, but you'll have a base to build from."

2026 Election Day results by county

Montgomery County

County Commission - District 4
James "Tyler" Williamson (Rep.) - 161 (33.68%)
Clarence E. Thomas (I) (Dem.) - 317 (66.32%)

County Commission - District 5
Leland G. Adams (I) (Rep.) - 508 (100%)

Coroner (Special) (Holland)
Janet D. Adams (Rep.) - 1,304 (50.54%)
Staci McLendon (Rep.) - 499 (19.34%)
William "Archie" Roberson (Rep.) - (30.12%)

Treutlen County

County Commission - District 2
Cecil "Phil" Jennings, IV (I) (Rep.) - 359 (100%)

County Commission - District 5
Thalia Gillis (I) (Dem.) - 324 (100%)

BOE - District 2 (Special)
Buddy Hester (I) (Rep.) - 374 (100%)

BOE - District 3
Alvin G. Heath (I) (Rep.) - 455 (100%)

BOE - District 5
Demetria H. Noble (I) (Dem.) - 307 (100%)

Soil and Water District Supervisor
Hugh Wesley Brantley - 1,868 (100%)

Wheeler County

Probate/Magistrate Judge
Bradley Davis - 316 (17.86%)
Leonard "Len" Dennis - 271 (15.35%)
Gian "John" Mancini - 883 (50.00%)
Brian O'Quinn - 296 (16.76%)

A runoff election for the Probate/Magistrate Judge position will be held in December.

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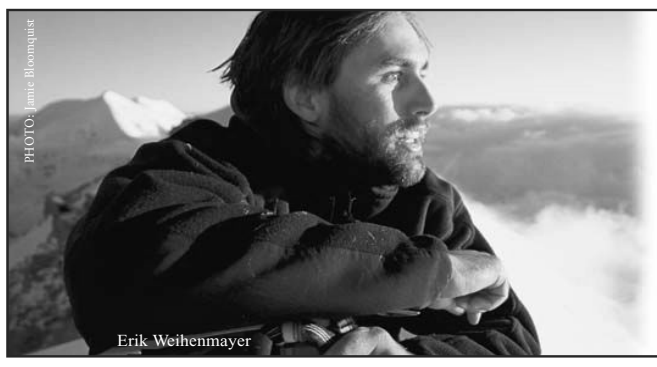


Kindergarten students in Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Wright and Ms. Ford's classes recently enjoyed a fun-filled field trip to Greene Acres Farm Pumpkin Patch. Students learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin, fed the farm animals and enjoyed a sweet treat. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning, laughter and making lasting memories. A great time was had by all/**SPECIAL PHOTO**

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November 12, 26, 2026

M26-004
CITY Of UVALDA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION
BID # 2512 DATE: November 12, 2026
PROJECT TITLE: East Oak Street and Others (TIA & LMIGS PROJECTS)
PROJECT: This TIA project consists of 00.28 Miles +/- of Grade, Drain, Base and Pave on East Oak Street and the LMIG project consists of 0.294 Miles+/- of Leveling, Resurfacing, and Striping on South Railroad Street and Others
MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE: 11:00 A.M., Monday, November 30, 2026, at the City of Uvalda City Council Office located at 205 West Main Street
Uvalda, Georgia 30473
BID OPENING DATE: 11:00 A.M., Monday, December 14, 2026, at the City of Uvalda City Council Office located at 205 West Main Street
Uvalda, Georgia 30473
BID BOND: All bids must be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid. A cashiers or certified check may be submitted in lieu of a bid bond.
PERFORMANCE/ PAYMENT BONDS: The successful Bidder, if awarded this contract, will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.
PAYMENT TERMS: The successful Bidder will receive monthly payments within 30 days after receipt and approval by the Owner's Representative of a valid invoice for those services rendered.
TECHNICAL CONTACT: Jessica Najar
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S26-060
State of Georgia,
County of Treutlen
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. SIMONS
All persons holding claims against the Estate of William B. Simons, late of Treutlen County, Georgia, are hereby required to render an account of their demands to me within the time allowed by law, properly made out, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 6th day of November 2026.
William B. Simons, III, Glory Rajczak, and Jeanne Elizabeth Simons as Executors of the Estate of William B. Simons, Deceased
Jansen Killian
The Tillery Firm, P.C.
404 Durden Street
Vidalia, GA 30474
(912) 537-3030
November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2026

S26-059
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORIGA
COUNTY OFTREUTLEN
RE: Estate of Glenda Simons
All debtors or creditors of the Estate of Glenda Simons, deceased, late of Treutlen County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are to be required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 15th day of October, 2026.
Neila Marie Sale, Executor
3720 Overtook Drive
Macon, GA 31204
November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2026

S26-058
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TREUTLEN
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARESE V. GOODSON, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Charese V. Goodson, deceased, late of Treutlen County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Trechaka Ja'Tonee Derese Goodson, Administrator of the Charese V. Goodson Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.
This 27th day of October, 2026.
RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for Trechaka Ja'Tonee Derese Goodson
Administrator of the Estate of Charese V. Goodson
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225
November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

S26-061
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF TREUTLEN.
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE:
The Estate of SHANNON MOORE PHILLIPS, deceased.
All debtors or creditors of the Estate of Shannon Moore Phillips, 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 payment to me.
This 6th day of November, 2026.
DANIEL J. O'CONNOR
Attorney for Co-Executors,
Terry Phillips and Ronald Phillips BRYANT & O'CONNOR LAW FIRM P. O. Box 28
Vidalia, GA 30475
November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2026

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