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# Battling Buggy Blight

## Warner Robins tackles shopping cart abandonment with new ordinance



City Administrator James Drinkard (left) explains a new shopping cart containment ordinance to council at the City of Warner Robins pre-council meeting Monday, May 5.

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**WARNER ROBINS** — Shopping carts are useful for grocery store trips, but they can become a nuisance when taken outside the parking lot. To address this issue, Warner Robins enacted a new ordinance passed at the city council meeting on May 5.

During the pre-council session, City Administrator James Drinkard explained this ordinance aims to reduce the blight caused by abandoned shopping carts.

"Typically for us, it's going to be big box retail stores and large grocery stores. Folks will remove the carts from the property and leave them scattered all over the

city, on private property, on public property, in the creeks, you name it, and then we're left to deal with it," he said.

The ordinance states that stores with more than ten shopping carts must register with code enforcement and are required to place signs on their carts and property, indicating that stealing shopping carts is a misdemeanor. The signs on the shopping carts must also include the store's name, address, and contact information.

Businesses are required to implement preventive measures to ensure shopping carts remain on their property. This may include using disabling devices if

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# 100 Days Later: Leadership in Focus

## Newly-elected leaders reflect on their first 100 days in office

### Moulton: 'I'm glad the community trusted me'

By **OWEN JONES**  
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With over 100 days under his belt as Sheriff of Houston County, Matt Moulton is starting to settle in and has already started gathering a high-light reel.

"I'm starting to get my feet under me. It is slowing down a little bit and things are making more sense to me," he said. "It has been a great experience so far."

One highlight Moulton mentioned was hiring new personnel in the Detention Center and on patrol.

"We've still got some openings that we need to fill, but we've hired about 15 in the Detention Center and hired about five or six in the Patrol Division," he said. "I love watching the department grow."

Moulton also had a chance to work through his first budget for



**Matt Moulton**

the Sheriff's Office. He described the budget process as very smooth and is currently waiting for feedback from the Houston County Commissioners.

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### Jackson: 'A listener to the community'

By **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**  
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Clyde Jackson has been on the Houston County School Board serving Post 7 for 100 days. In his new role, he continues to learn something new from both his colleagues and the people he serves.

Jackson was elected to the school board after a tight race last year. It has now been 100 days since he swore into office, and he is still absorbing information. During this time, he has been getting to know board members, learning about policies, procedures, and budgeting. Jackson has also been listening to parents, teachers, and administrators throughout the county.

"[I've been] understanding some of the issues that they have and just being a listener to the community and for the community,"



**Clyde Jackson**

he said.

An accomplishment he mentions is experiencing the groundbreaking of Veterans Middle School, his first

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# Council hears proposed development on Airport Road

By **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**  
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**PERRY** — Mayor Randall Walker and council discussed rezoning requests on Airport Road and Sam Nunn Boulevard during Tuesday night's city council meeting.

### Annexation requests

Early in the council meeting, an annexation request by Matt Widner from Widner Associates proposed to rezone parcels of land on Airport Road from Houston County R-1, Single Family and R-AG to C-2, General Commercial District in the city.

This is the first reading of both requests, so no further

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Finance Director Mitchell Worthington (left) shares news the city was approved for a \$6 million loan which will go towards infrastructure.

# Juvenile struck by vehicle in Warner Robins

By **BRIANNA SMITH**  
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**WARNER ROBINS** — Police are looking into a vehicle accident involving a juvenile in Warner Robins.

According to the Warner Robins Police Department, officers responded around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, to a vehicle and pedestrian accident on the 200 block of Inverness Avenue.

A juvenile victim was struck and sustained injuries. They were transported by EMS to the Children's Hospital of Macon.

The vehicle remained on scene and the driver was fully cooperating with law enforcement.

# Commissioners hear from 413th Flight Test Group Commander, sign Salvation Army proclamation

By OWEN JONES  
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**PERRY** — The Houston County Board of Commissioners heard from Col. William DeWalt, Commander of the 413th Flight Test Group.

DeWalt described the 413th Flight Test Group as unique within the reserve and the entire Air Force. He said they are the only organization that provides depot flight tests.

"Here at Robins, we're responsible for the C-5s, all variants of the F-15s and all variants of the Air Force C-130s," he said. "We also have the ASCS, which is a medical squadron that handles reservists, guardsmen and some very small active duty on Robins in support of the 78th Medical Group."

DeWalt was first commissioned in the United States Air Force back in 2002. He was born in Atlanta, but was raised in Texas.

"I immediately went into pilot training out of the [Air Force] Academy and Del Rio, Texas, and Corpus Christi, Texas, and my first duty station was Hurlburt Field in the panhandle of Florida," he said. "I spent most of my career at Hurlburt Field while I was active duty and Duke Field as a reservist."

DeWalt flew AC-130 gunships and other light aircraft while in active duty and said reservists were tasked with an aviation advisory role.

"We would travel in small groups to foreign countries that we sold aircraft to and taught them the basic operations of flying," he said. "I personally think this is an underutilized role within the Air Force as I think building

partner capacity so that they can stand on their own two feet without us there, is critical for National Security."

DeWalt moved to Robins Air Force Base over four years ago. He took a Headquarters job for a year, then transitioned to the 413 Flight Test group as a pilot for the C-130s. He said Robins Air Force Base is very conscious of its impact on the community.

"We take this job very very seriously, and it is very important to us to give the best products back to the warfighter," he said.

One challenge DeWalt pointed out was the scale of their job itself. He said many maintainers are aging out, to an extent.

"I know the [Air Logistics Complex] is working very hard to create training programs and other ways to incentivize new hires to come and work on these aircraft," he said. "I know that the ALC has really done a good job in creating the training programs to make sure we have quality maintainers in these aircrafts."

DeWalt had high praise for these maintainers. He said he has never once been nervous taking an airplane given by the maintainers at Robins.

DeWalt said many members of the 413th Flight Test Group live in Houston County and love living here.

"My wife and I were nervous moving up here, and I can tell you we have had nothing but a good experience. We will stay here once I retire from the 413th in a year," he said. "You do a great job making us feel at home and the support we get from the local area is exceptional. I really have no complaints."

Commissioners shared their appreciation towards DeWalt and thanked him for his service at Robins Air Force Base.

"We always say we're so proud to be the host community to Robins Air Force Base, we're proud to have you as part of this community and we want you to know that we're here for you," Commissioner Mark Byrd said. "Thank you for all that you do in maintaining the aircraft and testing them as it's beyond what you could say important for making sure our warfighters have the proper equipment," Commissioner Gail Robinson said.

The Board signed a proclamation stating next week as Salvation Army Appreciation Week in Houston County, part of a nationwide recognition. Tim and Paula Blevins spoke on the history of the Salvation Army.

Tim Blevins said William and Catherine Booth founded the Salvation Army in the 1800s, and the organization spans over 134 countries.

"General Booth was nearing the end of his life and called a worldwide meeting of Salvationists. The closer the time came to the meeting, he realized he wasn't going to be physically present because of his health," he said.

Booth then sent a telegram to this congress that said "others".

"I have to believe that William Booth pulled that from Philippians 2:4 right before the passage that talks about the mind of Christ and about not being concerned with your own things but the things of others," he said. "That really epitomizes the ministry of the Salvation Army, and humanly speak-



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Commissioners hear from 413th Flight Test Group Commander Col. William DeWalt (third from left) at the most recent meeting.

ing, that is what attracted us."

Paula Blevins shared another phrase Booth used a lot, which is, soup, soap and salvation.

"Soup is meeting someone's physical needs with food, soap is helping to get them to a point of improving some things in their lives and salvation is basically the ultimate goal for everyone, to know Jesus Christ," she said. "William Booth and his wife found that many times, they really couldn't share the Gospel of Jesus with someone if they were hungry or had other physical needs in their lives."

Paula Blevins said their Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Luncheon,

kicking off Salvation Army Appreciation Week, will be held Monday, May 12, at the Wellston Center in Warner Robins.

In new business, the Board approved special exception applications for a massage therapy business, a gas appliance and service technician business and a pressure washing business.

Commissioners also approved a Memorandum of Understanding through Mental Health Matters in Middle Georgia and an Infrastructure Intergovernmental Agreement for the management of the county water system. The agreement is between Houston County, the City of Centerville, the City of

Perry and the City of Warner Robins.

According to the agenda, the memorandum of understanding is for the education and assistance of the community, including first responders, regarding the awareness of opioid addiction, available opioid treatment resources, and developing opioid harm education strategies through Mental Health Matters of Middle Georgia.

The next Houston County Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at the Houston County Annex on 200 Carl Vinson Parkway.

The full agenda of the meeting can be found at [www.houstoncountygga.gov/minutes/2025-05-06%20Department%20Head.pdf](http://www.houstoncountygga.gov/minutes/2025-05-06%20Department%20Head.pdf)

## CART

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carts are removed from the premises. Additionally, the ordinance prohibits the operation of shopping carts on public right-of-ways.

Councilman Derek Mack asked about the city's plans to clean up existing abandoned carts. Drinkard responded that code enforcement is currently addressing cart cleanup as they are discovered, but the ordinance aims to tackle the problem at its source.

"Code enforcement removes stuff like that all the time. The problem is we haven't stopped the bleed, so it's just a constant fight and they're never going to get caught up. This is about stopping the bleed, so then

we can remove the items that are there," Drinkard said.

Police Chief Wayne Fisher added the ordinance would assist in cleanup efforts concerning homeless individuals who utilize carts to transport their belongings.

"When we take people into custody for other issues, then it becomes another proper management issue that we'll have to try to contend with on our limited space and property inventory. So it allows us to manage a lot of aspects within the blight issue," he said.

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick stated the city will communicate with businesses regarding the new ordinance. The ordinance will take effect 60 days after its adoption, allowing businesses adequate time to make

necessary arrangements.

In addition to shopping carts, the city has advanced the process for new development. After being on the agenda for a second time, the council approved the annexation and rezoning of nearly 23 acres of land at 120 Kennel Drive. The Beverly J. Serles Foundation plans to build a development featuring 182 multi-family apartments, according to city documents.

Patrick stated that the ordinance did not pass previously because of access issues.

Planning and Zoning Manager Darin Curtis explained that the property is located next to Mauk Circle, with its primary access and frontage on Watson Boulevard; Mauk Circle would only have an

entrance for emergency use. He also noted the apartment complex would be situated among undeveloped land or residential properties.

Drinkard explained because Watson is a state route, GDOT will make decisions regarding traffic control at the access point; however, the city can choose to implement more restrictive measures if necessary.

Mack raised concerns about flooding due to the property's proximity to Bay Gall Creek. However, Curtis noted that the property is not designated as being in a flood zone, and the site plans must include a 25-foot encroachment buffer.

Marshall Aiken, representing the foundation, stated that the applicant has already taken flooding into account for Bay Gall Creek,

and the designs will comply with state-mandated guidelines for encroachment and wetland use.

Curtis recommended planting an evergreen tree buffer along Mauk Circle to help absorb excess light. Patrick inquired whether the buffer would consist of existing trees. Aiken responded that old trees would be removed and replaced with new, fast-growing trees.

During the council meeting, the city recognized several contributions and events. Donations to Haven Hope House from Synovus Bank and the Veterans and Warner Robins High School Chick-fil-A Leader Academies were acknowledged.

Additionally, the city honored the Keep Georgia Beautiful Student of the Year

and celebrated Economic Development Week, National Salvation Army Week, and Mental Health Month. Officer Eric Fluellen with the police department also took his oath of office during the meeting.

Council approved all agenda items.

A full livestream of the meeting can be found on the city's Facebook page: "City of Warner Robins Government." Supporting documents from the meeting can be found at [wrga.gov/documents/agenda-center/547295](http://wrga.gov/documents/agenda-center/547295).

The next Warner Robins City Council meeting will take place Monday, May 19, at City Hall, located at 700 Watson Boulevard. Pre-council will start at 4:30 p.m., council meeting will follow immediately.

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# CALENDAR

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Free Conference Call

Join us on the Warner Robins Encouragement Call to hear Judy Garner share her thoughts on how we, as Christians, should live as Resurrection Sunday people.

Garner's passion is teaching the word of God and leading the Body of Christ in intercession. She shares with simplicity, power, and the anointing of the Lord.

Judy serves under prophetic and apostolic anointing as the Aglow International Georgia State Prayer Coordinator and works for the Apostolic Intercrossers Network. She has ministered nationally, internationally, and has led statewide prayer drives, prophetic acts and worship in dance. She believes invoking the presence of the Lord is the greatest weapon of war we have.

Judy is the coordinator for prophetic ministry at her church, as well as a member of the Dance Ministry Team. She has served 28 years for her church in Clemont as church administrator. Loved by family and many friends, she is honored to be a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

## Introduction of Tactical Civics

Please join us. Make history & help us save our civilization by the grace of God.

5/20/2024 at 6:15 - 7:15 pm. Perry Public Library, The Meeting Room

1201 Washington St. Perry, GA

## St. Christopher's Services

St Christopher's at the Crossroads Episcopal Church invites the community to Sunday services at 1207 Macon Road, Perry, GA 31069.

Services are Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

## MOULTON

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Intertwined with the highlights, hiring quality personnel has also been a challenge Moulton has faced in his first 100 days as Sheriff.

"I would love to have 20 to 25 applicants drop in an application that are qualified and ready and willing to do the job, unfortunately, we don't get that," he said. "It has been difficult hiring people, but we're not going to lower our standards as the employees we are hiring are well qualified, and I think they will do great for the county."

Moulton said the feedback he's received as Sheriff has been positive. The changes they are making, along with their professionalism, have been well-received by the community.

"We're a professional organization that's approachable where people can talk to our deputies and get truthful

## JACKSON

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groundbreaking ceremony. He said it was an eye-opening experience, and it is his first project as a board member. Jackson shares that he enjoyed being a part of the project and witnessing a new school being built during his first year.

During this process, he has been able to be the first to get a behind-the-scenes look at how the school will look.

"That was interesting [and] that was awesome. Of course, it's a major project for the community building that new Veterans Middle School," he said.

Over the past 100 days, he has learned to understand the role and responsibilities of a board member. Jackson has learned how to interact with the superintendent, how to be a team member with a superintendent, and how to be an open listen-

## NARFE May Meeting

The national active and retired federal employees, NARFE Warner Robins chapter 1020 will meet at 11:00 Wednesday May 14 at the Senior Center 155 Maple Street Warner Robins. All active or retired federal employees from RAFFB or any federal agency are invited for a sub sandwich lunch and a brief business meeting followed by a free presentation by Sabrina Kennedy BSN, RN, on combatting Heart Disease and Sepsis. You are welcome to come and enjoy your lunch with NARFE members and visitors.

NARFE is the only national organization dedicated to protecting earned benefits of active and retired federal employees. As a member of NARFE, you can connect with other feds, participate in NARFE webinars, learn about legislative advocacy and gain information from our federal benefits experts. Have a great day and Join us Wednesday May 14 at 11:00 for the excellent presentation by Sabrina Kennedy BSN, RN.

## Perry DAR Chapter Quarterly Meeting

The May luncheon meeting of the General Daniel Stewart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Perry Library, 1201 Washington Street, Perry. "Conservation - Native Plants" is the title of the program, which will be presented by Greg Lewis. If you plan to attend, please email generaldanielstewart@gmail.com or text/call 318-294-7023.

answers while maintaining that same level of professionalism across the board," he said.

Over 100 days into his role, Moulton still feels bittersweet walking into his office every day. He said it doesn't quite feel like it is his office and still feels like he is sitting in the late Sheriff Cullen Talton's office.

"Sometimes I catch myself sitting at the desk wondering why I'm here and he's not sitting here, but that's part of it. He was the Sheriff here for over 51 years," he said. "It's surreal and I'm very thankful for being in this position. I'm glad that the community trusted me and put me here."

Moulton wants the community to know that he will work hard to keep their trust as he continues his role as Houston County Sheriff.

Looking forward to the next 100 days, Moulton said the Sheriff's office will undergo a uniform change as their man-

er. He has been connecting with everyone involved in the HCBOE, from the principals to teachers and the community.

Then, he will bring back concerns to the board, and they will work as a team for the betterment of the Houston County community.

Jackson hopes to continue to be an open listener and provide whatever the students need. He said he will continue to work to improve student success and support teachers and staff. Jackson wants to be able to accomplish long-term goals.

"What do they want to see as far as maybe renovations of the older schools? Make sure that they're taken care of and just make our community just awesome and be just a listener for our community," he said.

Jackson shared everything is running smoothly with his fellow board members and they have made him feel comfortable in his new role.

"Where to go. What to do."

## Middle Flint Health and Wellness Meeting

The Middle Flint Health and Wellness Community Service Board Meeting will be held at Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority, Montezuma, Georgia on Thursday, May 15, 2025, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public with agenda available upon request. For more information, please contact Elaina Ethridge at (229) 815-5113.

## Trinity Methodist Blood Drive

Monday, May 12, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

129 S. Houston Road, Warner Robins.

Please join us by scheduling an appointment at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to make a difference in somebody's life! ALL donors will receive a \$20 e-card to the merchant of your choice! Donors also have a choice of gifts from our "Thank You" Table. Information at TUMC: 478.923.3797.

## Women's Conference 2025

Come be a part of this time of revival and renewal as God speaks through these anointed women. Assistant Pastor Estoria West will be speaking June 4 at 7:30pm and Evangelist Christal Turner will be speaking June 5-6 at 7:30 pm. On June 5 at 10:00 am, Houston Healthcare will be onsite speaking on different health topics and to do basic wellness and care checks. This event is free and open to all!

The event takes place at Deliverance Tabernacle Holiness Church, 435 Elberta Road, Warner Robins, GA

ufacturer is currently not producing the color of pants the department wears. Moulton hopes to reveal the new uniforms by July 1.

"We're almost kind of rebranding the Sheriff's Office as it will be a color change completely where we've worn navy blue shirts and French blue pants for over 50 years," he said. "We're going to forest green pants and silver and tan/khaki colored uniform shirts, so it's going to be different. I'm looking forward to establishing the new branding for the Sheriff's Office."

Moulton also took the time to thank the men and women who work for the Sheriff's Office and the community.

"Without [the men and women], I definitely couldn't do this, and I appreciate their support so much," he said. "And for the community, I just thank them so much for their belief in me. I know I will work hard and will not disappoint them."

The school board has welcomed Jackson with open arms.

He now looks forward to their upcoming Board Retreat, where he will anticipate learning and absorbing more information. Jackson said he will continue to listen to tenured board members who have been there to help and support him in his role.

In his first 100 days, a lot of information has been piled onto him, but he will remain an open listener and team player for his community.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Perry Area Convention & Visitors Bureau proposed FY 25-26 operating budget is now available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Director, Visif Perry, 808 Carroll Street, Perry, GA 31069.

The official public hearing for the budget will be on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 4:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 808 Carroll Street, Perry, GA 31069.

# OBITUARIES

## Martha Andreae Gregory

Martha Andreae Gregory, age 75, passed away on April 21, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Martha was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend, whose generous heart touched everyone who knew her. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Robert Gregory; daughters, Camille Gregory and Susan Clendenen (Jon); grandson, Leo Clendenen; mother, Marjorie Suber; brother, Jimmy Suber; and sister, Susan Chadd (Chuck). She was preceded in death by her first husband, Roger Andreae; and father, William Suber.

Martha grew up in Perry, Georgia and graduated with the Perry



High School Class of 1967. Martha first came to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt University, where she obtained both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. She worked for Nashville's Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency for three decades.

Martha was an avid reader who found joy in books. She had a deep love for music and spent many

hours playing her piano. She never met a stranger and formed meaningful friendships throughout her life. More than anything, Martha loved being a mother to Susie and Camille, always showing them unconditional love and support. She will be remembered for her warmth, her laughter, and the deep care she showed for those around her.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday May 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Franklin First United Methodist Church Historic Sanctuary, 148 5th Ave S, Franklin, Tennessee 37064. A visitation will precede the service at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Nashville Book Connection, or Planned Parenthood.

## COUNCIL

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action was required. Mayor and council will approve or deny the requests in a future meeting.

Community Planner Emily Carson said this would be 4.88 acres of land annexed into the city, undeveloped since they have been on record. The development would create neighborhood-level commercial uses. She also said classifying the parcel as a general commercial district creates an opportunity for neighborhood-level uses within walking distance, since there are currently none. According to Carson, commercial development on the parcel should not exceed available capacity or cause a burden on city services, utilities or schools.

Widner spoke in favor of his request, saying the vision is to make their project a neighborhood amenity, including businesses like a sandwich or ice cream shop, and office space utilized by surrounding homes and businesses.

Clay Nodes, a resident of Airport Road, spoke against the request. He has lived in the area for 25 years and described it as a nice neighborhood. He said he is opposed to commercial development moving into the area because, since the Houston Springs neighborhood developed, there has been increased traffic and accidents.

Nodes believes the increased traffic will directly affect him, his family, and the neighborhood. He suggested to mayor and council to build the proposed commercial on Perry Parkway instead.

Widner made an additional rezoning request on 2009 Sam Nunn Boulevard. The applicant is requesting to rezone the property from R-1 single-family residential to C-2, General Commercial District. This is a continuation of the previous application.

Carson explained that the applicant is proposing to rezone 2.43 acres of land. She said this would create additional

neighborhood-level commercial services. Widner explained that both projects are meant to create a cohesive neighborhood commercial development that would support walkability.

Nodes spoke up again in opposition to the request. He clarified he isn't against change in the city, but he would not like it in his neighborhood due to traffic. Nodes urges mayor and council to preserve his neighborhood.

**GEFA Loan**

Later in the meeting, Director of Finance Mitchell Worthington said the city had been approved for a \$6 million loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. The loan will fund a project to install sewer lines serving the east Perry area, connecting the new wastewater treatment facility to the city's current sewer lines.

Mayor and council approved the loan unanimously.

**Downtown Historic District designation**

Earlier in the meeting, Community Development Director Bryan Wood requested that the mayor and council designate the city's downtown a historic district. This was the first reading of the designation; therefore, no action was required.

The historic district will include Carroll Street, portions of Main Street, Ball Street, Jernigan Street, Washington Street, and parcels on Macon Road. Wood said the purpose of historic districts is to maintain the city's small-town character and preserve what makes it unique.

Wood said naming the area a historic district will only impact modifications made on building exteriors. It does not include color, modifications in the interior of the building, or property use.

A Washington Street resident and chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, Val Sanders, spoke in favor of the designation. She said local

designation helps stabilize property values and encourages economic growth.

Downtown business owner Bryan Fountain brought concerns. He shared that he would like to know if the designation would impact redevelopment in the area. He said there have been talks about redeveloping the 700 block of Carroll Street and a new building in the area.

Walker recommended that Fountain make an appointment with Wood to go through the process in detail. Mayor and council will approve or deny the designation in a future meeting.

**Reminders**

At the end of the council meeting, Fire Chief Lee Parker reminded the community that Perry Fire and Emergency Services is offering the Junior Fire Academy once again. The academy is open for upcoming seventh and eighth graders. Those interested can register at: <https://www.perry-ga.gov/2025-junior-fire-academy-application>.

Police Chief Alan Everidge also shared that the Perry Police Department, in partnership with the Sheriff's Office, Warner Robins, and Centerville Police Departments, will hold a records restriction event for people found not guilty or with dismissed charges. This event allows them to get the charge taken out of their criminal record and will take place June 7 in Centerville.

Mayor and council will meet again for a special-called meeting discussing personnel issues on Monday, May 12. The meeting will be held in the Economic Development Conference Room at 4 p.m.

Mayor and council will have their pre-council meeting starting at 5 p.m. and regular council meeting at 6 p.m. on May 20. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings, and the agenda can be found at <https://perry-ga.gov/subscribe-agendas-minutes>.

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## How should graduates think about tomorrow's job market?

It's graduation season. This is our annual time of optimism for the future. We celebrate the accomplishments of those wearing a cap and gown. We talk of unlimited possibilities and decisions about next schools and or professions.

We've been asking these graduates, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" for their entire lives. Those graduating college will feel pressed to have a final answer. Those headed to college need at least a vague idea of an answer as they choose a major. Those headed to a trade school or the military will get paid while the others figure it out.

How does a kid these days even decide how to decide? The rules of careers and employment that worked for past generations have been loosening and devolving over time.

Now, a lot of employers don't even require in-person attendance. A lot of jobs aren't compensated with W-2 income. "Side hustles" are now primary income for a lot of people.

Add to all of this the consternation that industries themselves are changing with technology at an ever-increasing pace. We're no longer just talking about robots replacing factory workers.

Artificial intelligence programs are now able to complete thought-based tasks like humans. We're making individual workers more productive. The downside is we'll need fewer of them in many industries.

This isn't just a problem for future graduates facing a changing and perhaps shrinking workforce. This flows through to workers of today.

Anxiety about what work will look like and how we'll make our living is increasing. Anyone who has ever been forced to attend a corporate management training workshop has likely done multiple exercises that seem to always want to emphasize the same unsurprising conclusion: People fear change.

Change is what we have. It is a constant. And the pace of change only increases.

### Five Georgias



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So, how do we deal with this, as we prepare to send new graduates into this job market? And how do we prepare those still working their way through our educational system to best handle the open-ended question of what careers will look like in the years and decades ahead?

This isn't an abstract question. In fact, I was asked this out of the blue while I was eating breakfast last week. My server - a mom preparing to send her two teenage children on to whatever is next - took a slower moment to ask if she could pick my brain. "How do I get them focused on how to make these decisions?"

Thankfully, I had already been served enough coffee to break through my morning fog to try to compose an answer. When in doubt, I start my analysis on questions such as this with my own training in economic philosophy.

I took a moment and then decided to start as abstract as possible. After all, this wasn't the specific question we're usually asked, and we should quit asking. We don't get one answer to what we're going to do when we grow up. Some of us have gray hair and are still figuring it out.

Instead, I suggested that the best way to get started, and the best way to make sure her kids and all others stay employable and upwardly mobile, is to consider their value. More specifically, how will they create value for their future employers?

Too many of us get bogged down in thinking our time is valuable. We quote a lot of pay scales based on time. \$15 per hour. \$1,000 per week. \$50,000 per year. It's easy to confuse this with

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# Columnist Viewpoints

## I can't hear you

### Columnist



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My Dad had an Al Capp cartoon that said "Of course yer entitled t' yer own opinion, Pet (his wife) - I just don't want to 'ear it, that's all." Funny, coming from a man who never, ever, shut our Mom down. Mr. Capp and my Dad were just being funny, but life doesn't guarantee you get to be heard.

A group of young protestors recently gathered at Warner Robins City Hall to protest "not being heard." Reading their comments shows they have passion, but a lack of understanding of constitutional fundamentals. I know a study of the U.S. Constitution isn't required in high school these days, but there is a constitutional right to free speech, that is, you can say what you want, but it's not guaranteed anyone is listening when you complain.

The youngsters are upset because the local GOP elected congressman didn't hold town halls so they couldn't be heard. To protest, really, be honest! They wanted to show up and not let the Representative speak. How do I know? Because it's happening all over America.

Congressmen from both parties are being shouted down when they try to speak at town halls. Agitators rule because people who wanted a civil conversation end up frustrated by the loud

protestors disrupting the event. Frankly, if I were a Representative, I wouldn't bother with a town hall either. It's lunacy to expect civility today. So instead, Congressmen do videos on social media and that's the way they communicate.

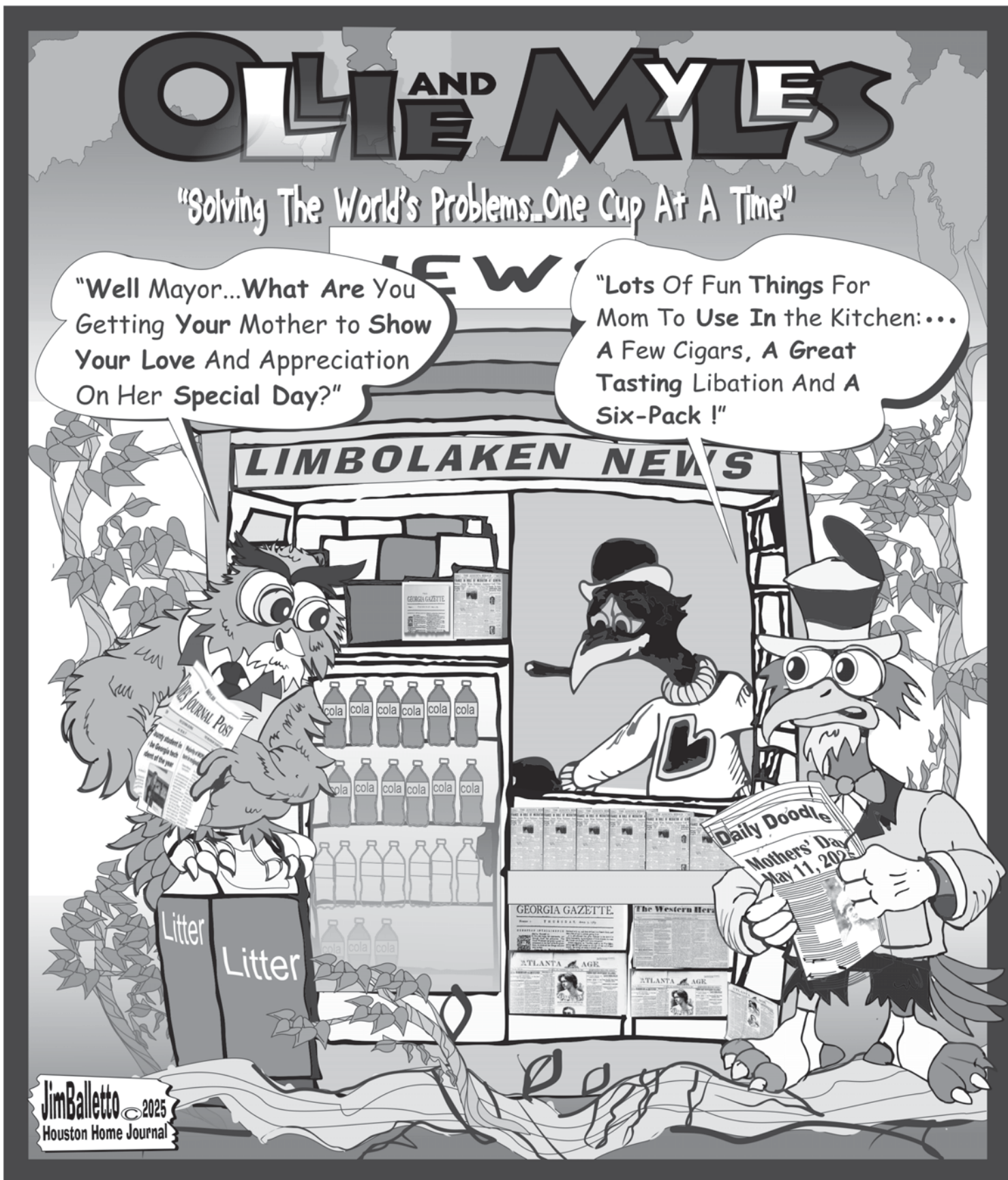
In 1998, I was invited to speak on the issue of the death penalty. It was a decidedly anti-death-penalty crowd, which I knew going in. When I was given a turn, the crowd started shouting me down. The moderator did a good job of dressing the protestors down, pointing out that I had been invited to talk about why the death penalty should be legal, and if they didn't listen to me, they were missing the chance to learn. Some still grumbled and she told them they could leave.

Today, there is no one like

that moderator. Town halls are out of control and there are so many other ways to communicate, I think it's smart not to do town halls.

You can picket. Write letters of protest. Post on social media. But you may not be heard.

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## Okefenokee mining proponents still trying to sneak bad idea by us

### Columnist



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One of my favorite quotes comes from the late Milwaukee Braves slugger Joe Adcock, who observed of his teammate Henry Aaron: "Trying to sneak a fastball by Hank Aaron is like trying to sneak a sunrise by a rooster."

That line reminds me of the current effort by a group of politicians, bureaucrats, timber barons, tone-deaf mining entities and deep-pocketed special interest groups who are trying to sneak through an effort to drag-mine the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for titanium dioxide in order that the world never runs short of toothpaste whiteners. And in this case, we are the roosters. And we are watching.

Georgians across the state have strongly expressed their opposition and have made it clear we know what they are trying to

do and we don't approve. More than 150,000 comments opposing the project have been submitted to the Environmental Protection Division (insert oxymoron here) against issuing permits for woeful Alabama-based Twin Pines Minerals to strip-mine 582 acres of wetlands it owns adjacent to the Okefenokee Swamp.

This is our Okefenokee, not theirs. Former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, who, along with Gov. Zell Miller, stopped a similar effort in 1996, said it best: "Titanium is a common mineral, but the Okefenokee is a very uncommon swamp." Tell that to our politicians.

Senate Majority Leader Steve Gooch, R-Dahlonga, says of the controversy: "Those are decisions that shouldn't be made by political entities. Those are decisions that should be made by regulatory agencies." Who is he kidding? What do we elect these characters for? Obviously not to protect our natural resources.

At least Gooch said something, asinine as it may be. As for Rep. Lynn Smith, R-Newnan, chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, who bottled up legislation in committee that more than 90 of the 180 House lawmakers signed onto and that would have stopped or delayed the project, she is saying nothing.

It is disappointing that Gov. Brian Kemp hasn't weighed in. He could make Operation Toothpaste Whitener go away in a heartbeat, just like Zell Miller did when DuPont tried the same thing Twin Pines is trying to do now.

Speaking of which, DuPont spun off Chemours in 2015 as a publicly held company. Three years ago, Chemours signed an agreement pledging not to not to buy woeful Twin Pines, which the company had been looking into acquiring and not to engage in mining near the swamp.

In February 2022, Chemours issued the following statement: "We have no previous, existing or future interest in acquiring, and no plans or intent to acquire the project or the company. We have no intention or plans, now and for the foreseeable future (the next five

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# LIFESTYLE & FAITH

## History of the Bible

The history of the Bible starts with a phenomenal account of history! It's not one book like I always thought — It's an ancient collection of writings, comprised of 66 separate books, written over approximately 1,600 years, by at least 40 distinct authors. The Old Testament contains 39 books written from approximately 1500 to 400 BC, and the New Testament contains 27 books written from approximately 40 to 90 AD. The original Old Testament was written mainly in Hebrew, with some Aramaic, while the original New Testament was written in common Greek.

The history of the "Bible" begins with the Jewish Scriptures. The historical record of the Jews was written down on leather scrolls and tablets over centuries, and the authors included kings, shepherds, prophets and other leaders. The first five books are called the Law, which were written and/or edited primarily by Moses in the early 1400's BC. Thereafter, other scriptural texts were written and collected by the Jewish people during the next 1,000 years. About 450 BC, the Law and the other Jewish Scriptures were arranged by councils of rabbis (Jewish teachers), who then recognized the complete set as the inspired and sacred authority of God (Elohim).

At some time during this

### Parables to Ponder



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period, the books of the Hebrew Bible were arranged by topic, including The Law (Torah), the Prophets (Nebim), and the Writings (Ketubim). The first letters of these Hebrew words — T, N and K — form the name of the Hebrew Bible - the Tanakh.

Beginning as early as 250 BC, the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek by Jewish scholars in Alexandria, Egypt. This translation became known as the "Septuagint", meaning 70, and referring to the tradition that 70 (probably 72) men comprised the translation team. It was during this process that the order of the books was changed to the order we have in today's Bible: Historical (Genesis - Esther), poetic (Job - Song of Songs), and prophetic (Isaiah - Malachi).

Although the Jewish Scriptures were copied by hand, they were extremely accurate copy to copy. The Jews had a phenomenal system of scribes, who developed intricate and ritualistic methods for counting letters, words and paragraphs to insure that no copying errors

were made. These scribes dedicated their entire lives to preserving the accuracy of the holy books. A single copy error would require the immediate destruction of the entire scroll.

In fact, Jewish scribal tradition was maintained until the invention of the printing press in the mid-1400's AD. As far as manuscript accuracy, the recent discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls has confirmed the remarkable reliability of this scribal system over thousands of years (I'll get back to the Dead Sea Scrolls later).

After 400 years of scriptural silence, Jesus arrived in 4 BC. Throughout his teaching, Jesus often quotes the Old Testament, declaring that he did not come to destroy the Jewish Scriptures, but to fulfill them. In the Book of Luke, Jesus proclaims to his disciples, "all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

From 40 to 90 A.D., the eye-witnesses to the life of Jesus, including Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Peter and Jude, wrote the Gospels, letters and books that became the Bible's New Testament. 2 Timothy 3:16 states: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

## Sparkling through wartime: The glamorous tale of Kramer Jewelry

We are currently working on an estate sale that has some beautiful vintage costume jewelry and one of the makers is Kramer. I thought our readers would enjoy hearing the history of this amazing company.

In the midst of World War II, while the world grappled with uncertainty, a beacon of artistry and sparkle emerged in the bustling metropolis of New York City. It was 1943 when Louis Kramer, a visionary with an eye for beauty, founded Kramer Jewelry Creations. Little did he know that his venture, crafting intricate pieces from humble materials like gilt metal, rhinestones, glass, and enamel, would leave an indelible mark on the world of costume jewelry.

Soon, Louis's brothers, Morris and Harry, joined his endeavor, recognizing the burgeoning appetite for dazzling yet accessible adornments. Every facet of their operation remained rooted in the energy of New York City, a testament proudly displayed on their creations with the simple yet elegant markings: "Kramer," "Kramer N.Y.," or "Kramer of New York."

Louis Kramer himself was deeply involved in the creative process, personally overseeing the design and ensuring the impeccable quality of each piece. His artistic flair shone brightly in the company's most exuberant designs,

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often featuring breathtaking parures. A clear passion for the natural world permeated his work, with a particular fondness for flowers. Delicate brooches bloomed with colored enamel or gilt petals and leaves, some even boasting rhinestones set in playfully "trembling" centers, adding a touch of whimsical movement. Beyond florals, Kramer's creations sparkled with vibrant rhinestones in rich hues of blue, red, and topaz, alongside striking geometric patterns and charming animal figures.

The landscape of fashion shifted dramatically in 1947 with Christian Dior's introduction of his revolutionary "New Look"—a celebration of exaggerated femininity and romantic silhouettes. Dior embraced the allure of showy costume jewelry, utilizing opulent amounts of faux gems, including the dazzling brilliance of Swarovski crystals. It was a perfect match for Kramer's dedication to craftsmanship and glamorous aesthetics.

In the 1950s and '60s, a prestigious partnership blossomed.

Kramer was tapped to produce exclusive costume jewelry for the House of Dior. These coveted pieces, bearing the distinguished marks "Christian Dior by Kramer," "Dior by Kramer," or "Kramer for Dior," elevated the company's reputation to new heights.

Kramer's ornate Dior creations were a symphony of elegance, featuring cascading Swarovski aurora borealis crystals that shimmered with an ethereal glow, delicate petal-shaped pastes, and lustrous baroque faux pearls. They built upon the company's inherent obsession with meticulous craftsmanship and organic, romantic design, achieving a level of sophistication rarely seen in costume jewelry.

Despite the fruitful collaboration with Dior, the changing tides of fashion eventually led to Kramer closing its doors in the 1970s. However, the legacy of Kramer Jewelry Creations endures. Today, their exquisite pieces, particularly the complete parures produced for Dior, are highly sought after by collectors, testaments to the enduring beauty and artistry that bloomed in a New York City workshop during a time of global upheaval. These sparkling relics serve as a reminder that even in the most challenging of times, the human spirit's desire for beauty and adornment continues to shine.

## If I could get over thinking about overthinking

I'm an overthinker. Case in point. It takes me about 30 minutes to get to work. I had a thought pop into my head this morning about overthinking, and then I thought about it all the way to the office. I finally concluded I should just write a column about overthinking, but now I'm overthinking that ... because I'm also overthinking every paragraph, every sentence, every word. "Should I say it like this? Should I say it like that? What if this isn't clear enough? What if that isn't clear enough?" Delete. Start again. Delete. "Hmm. Maybe I should just write about puppies ... Or, maybe I should go sit in my thinking chair and think about this some more ..."

Overthinking. All of my life. (I know. Some of you feel my pain.) It's frustrating. It's aggravating. It's depressing. Especially when you overthink why it's so frustrating, why it's so aggravating, why it's so depressing, which in turn creates additional emotions you get to overthink as well. All the while you're screaming in your head: "I need to stop feeding the monster!" ... while you continue to feed the monster.

I've tried from time to time to overcome overthinking. I tried Bible verses. Short, powerful verses that will shut "them" up - Dr. Jekyll "and" Mr. Hyde - chain them, hide them away so I didn't have to listen to them. Only, there really aren't any I could find. Most of them assume you're worried or fearful. "Do not be anxious about anything ..." - Philippians 4:6 "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?" - Jesus, Luke 12:25. I wasn't worried. I wasn't anxious. Well, until I started overthinking why these verses didn't appear to offer me any comfort or solutions, or practicality, or why I couldn't remember them, or why I didn't use them, or why ...

I've tried mindfulness training. The state, by definition, where you focus your attention on the "present. It (Psychology Today) is the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by

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what's going on around us." "That's a tree. I see the tree. I'm focused on the tree. It's a pretty tree." (I also employed this method to instill thankfulness. "I thank you Lord for the eyes you've given me so that I can see the tree.")

"That's a bird. I hear the bird. I am focused on the bird." ("Thank you Lord for my ears ...") "I am in the present. I am in the here and now."

"See spot run. Run spot ..." ("Thank you Lord for my hands ... and this dog poop bag ...")

The problem with mindfulness is it just flat out wears you out. All that paying attention. All that intense living in the here and now. Out there/here in the world, not in your mind. The worst thing is you can be on guard 24/6.999 and it's going to be that tiny little percentage that's going to get you.

"Did it. Here I am. Alert. Aware. Feeling. Sensing. At peace. Guess I can quit thinking about it now ... Wait. Were you thinking about it now or were you experiencing it? And did you think about the fact that in 100 years that tree's still going to be around, and you'll be dead? What do you think about that ...?"

I've tried a number of self-help books. Sidenote. Goodness gracious! Do you know how many self-help books there are on the market! (I know you do. That was rhetorical. "Or was it leading ... Or maybe I was testing the water ...") Note to self: Just come back to that when you have more time to think about it.) "How to talk to your cat about gun safety." - Zachary Auburn; "How to raise your I.Q. by eating gifted children." - Lewis Burke Frumkes; "How to traumatize your children ... 7 proven methods to help you screw up your kids deliberately." - Knock Knock (that's the publisher's name). (Note to

self part II. One of these days you should write a column about self-help books, but give yourself time to think about it first.)

Those were just for fun, but seriously. Self-help books. Tried them. Christian authors. "Get out of your head" by Jennie Allen; "You are what you think" by Dr. David Stoop. Et cetera. Secular authors. "Calm the f—k down" by Sarah Knight; "Unf—k yourself." by Gary John Bishop. Et cetera. Etc. (In case you're wondering. Yes, I really did read those last two and now I'm overthinking what your opinion of me is going to be. "Are they going to be shocked? Isn't he a pastor! Are they going to be disappointed ...")

Currently I'm on "Don't believe everything you think" by Joseph Nguyen. His is a bit unique in that his solution is to not think at all. You should have thoughts, you just can't think. (Or something like that. I'll have to think about a better description later.)

He offers a five-step process, an acronym, PAUSE.

P is for Pause, take deep breaths to help calm your nervous system and "pull our focus away from the thinking mind and into our bodies, anchoring us in the present moment."

A is for Ask, to ask yourself things like: "Is this thinking making me feel the way I want?" The questions, he says, "remind us of the power we have to choose whether we want to emotionally suffer or not. If we want to keep feeling the way we do, then we can choose to do so. But if we want peace, we can choose it by letting go of the thinking that is causing our suffering."

U is for understanding you have the choice to stop and let go of your thinking.

S is for saying and repeating to yourself, "Thinking is the root cause of suffering," which in turn is supposed to remind you, empower you, enable you, to manage your thinking because now you "begin to see through it".

E is for Experience, to experience your emotions full. "Most of our destructive habits and behaviors come from the avoidance and suppression of emotions," he writes. "When we ignore or fight our feelings, we only make our suffering worse."

That's just a quick glance, but I can say, now that I've read it, he has given me a lot to think about.

## Mommy not-so dearest: Be thankful for good mothers

In 1887 Martha Canary appeared before a judge in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the charge of public drunkenness. This wasn't an uncommon occurrence for the woman better known as Calamity Jane. She had made quite a name for herself in the Wild West as a sharpshooter, equestrian and cross-dressing-all-around hellraiser. Please pardon my French.

Court records from the period indicate that Calamity Jane appeared before the bench in a "delicate condi-

### New Southern Dad



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tion." That's the outdated polite way of saying she was pregnant, or expecting or knocked up, if you will. To this day there is little to do

in Cheyenne besides tie one on and fool around. A few months later a little girl was born.

Jane tried to curb the restless independence that had made her famous by settling down with the child's father, a Texan most likely of ill-repute. It wasn't long, however, before Calamity took to the road, baby in tow, as drunk and rowdy as ever. Rumor had it she could shoot the pacifier out of the baby's mouth

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Sense + Sensitivity

### Mom struggles to connect with childless friends

**D**ear Harriette: I'm a newbie mom. My daughter is approaching her first birthday, but I still feel like a newbie. Learning all the tricks of motherhood has been a whirlwind, but something I didn't expect to be so hard is the shift I've been feeling in so many of my adult relationships. I am the only one from my immediate friend group who is a mother. When I'm having a tough time with my daughter and need support, I'm afraid to be a burden to my friends.

When I'm having great days with my daughter, I neglect my friends. When I do see them, they forget that my child exists or forget that I exist as they ooh and aah over photos of her. I don't want to hold anything against them because it feels like maybe I'm the one who can't be pleased right now. Is there any way to create a better balance for me? How can I be a mom and have my childless friends, too? — Solo Mom

Dear Solo Mom: As impossible as this may seem, you need to expand your friend group, adding in at least one mom. In this way, you will have someone to talk to



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who understands your new reality. That will take the pressure off of your other friends. It can also help you be less sensitive when they don't understand your needs.

You can also be honest with your friends and tell them that sometimes you need them to support you, even if they don't really understand what you are going through. Chances are, somebody from your group will try to step up.

Dear Harriette: "Broken Vows" wrote to you saying she found a condom in her husband's pants pocket. She might also want to consider being tested for sexually transmitted infections — and, in conversation with her husband, mention this. — Better Safe

Dear Better Safe: Absolutely, this is great, practical advice.

Dear Harriette: I just wanted to mention that your

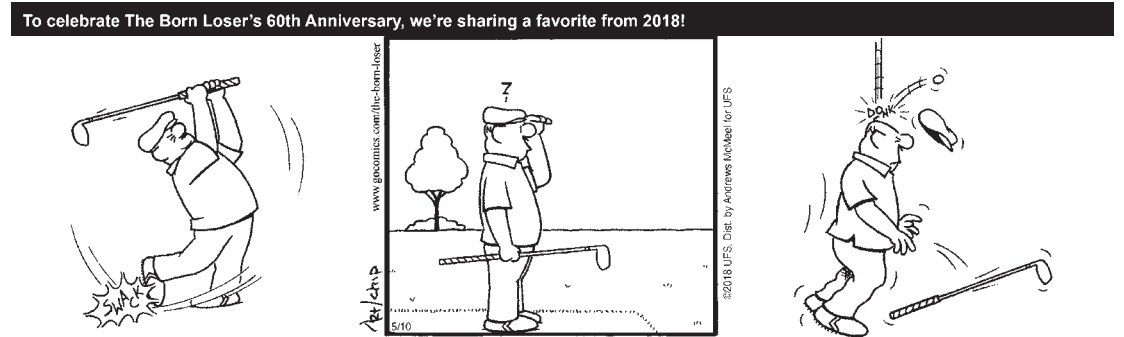
advice to "Peer Pressure," the person who didn't have interest or time to prep for a marathon with her friends, was perfect. Around 30 years ago I was faced with the same problem, and I chose not to participate. At that time, I felt I had too much going on in my life; my kids were younger, and I didn't feel that I could train properly without sacrificing valuable family time. I don't regret my decision, but at times it has been hard because of the teasing that I took and the passing of a good friend from the complications of the leukemia that he had beaten at the time. Your solution to this person's problem — to be the documentarian of the group's journey — is perfect and would've been a great way for me to have helped with their efforts while maintaining valuable family time. — Protecting What You Value Most

Dear Protecting What You Value Most: We so often guilt ourselves into doing things that don't make sense. Thinking outside the box for ways to stay connected to others without bowing to peer pressure is important and can be difficult to envision, but it's definitely worth it.

### Garfield, by Jim Davis



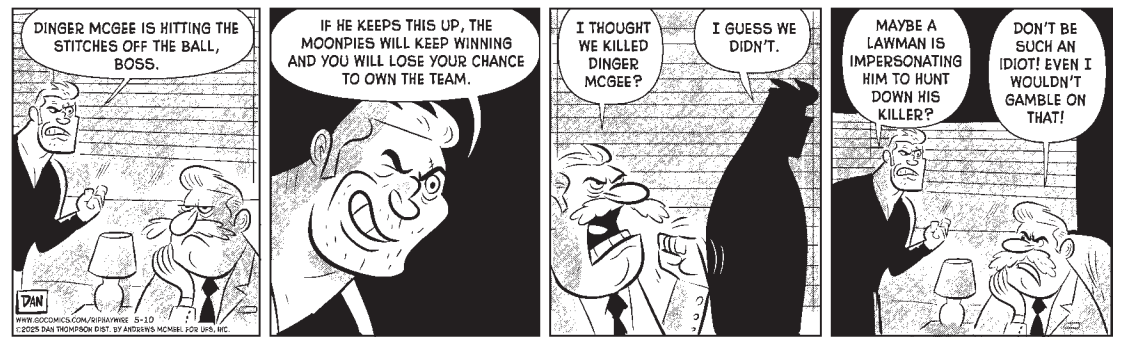
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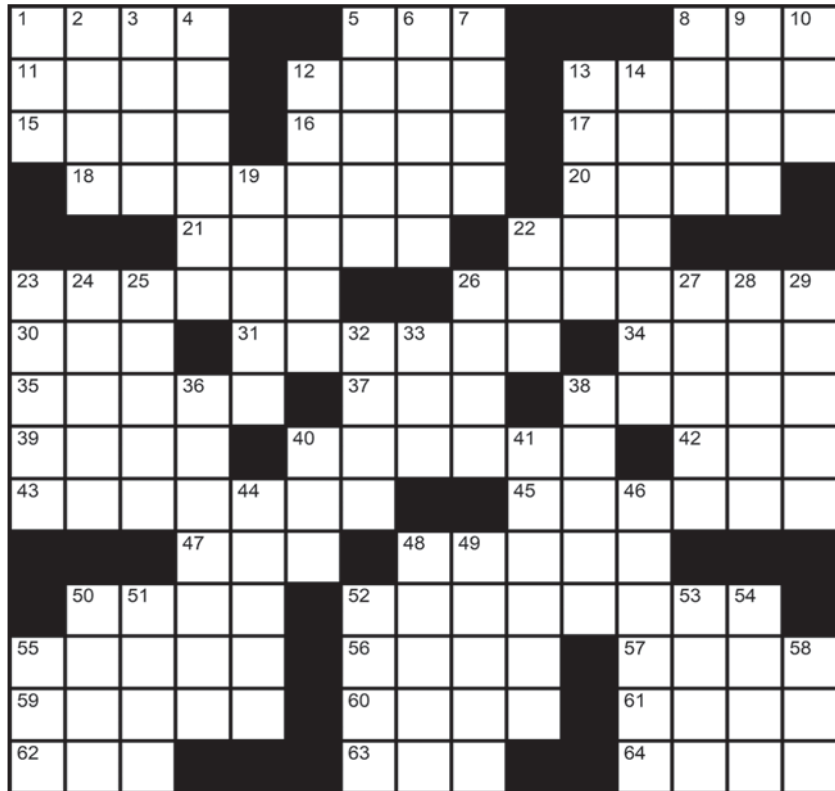
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- 1. Deals a death blow
- 5. Large edible mushroom
- 8. Food safety agency, acr.
- 11. Auditioner's hope
- 12. Closing act
- 13. \*Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, supposedly
- 15. Corset rod
- 16. Therefore
- 17. \*\*"Lord of the Flies" shell
- 18. \*Ed of TV
- 20. Sty sound
- 21. Pillow filler
- 22. Gastrointestinal tract
- 23. \*Pooch on a 1950s skirt

- 26. Most cautious
- 30. Go wrong
- 31. Camels' relatives
- 34. Lake north of Cleveland
- 35. Wide open
- 37. Kind of conifer
- 38. Spectrum maker
- 39. Better than never
- 40. Portable stairs
- 42. Headdress
- 43. Tennis shoe
- 45. Triage nurse's measurements
- 47. Old horse
- 48. Film director Sergio
- 50. Band's work-related trip
- 52. \*Slicked men's hairstyle

- 55. Does like a hot dog
- 56. Rod for a hot rod
- 57. Winter forecast
- 59. Be
- 60. Measurement, abbr.
- 61. U2 guitarist
- 62. \*Clearasil target
- 63. Ballpark fig.
- 64. Wine choice

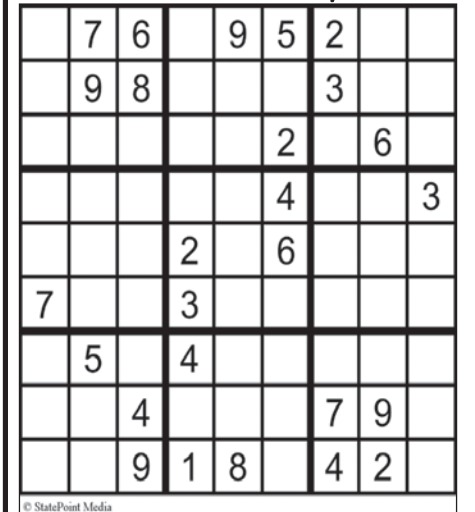
### DOWN

- 1. Roman goddess of fertility
- 2. \*Domino's nickname
- 3. German Mrs.
- 4. Coiffed
- 5. Turn pumpkin into Jack-o-Lantern
- 6. "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- 7. Low-ranking worker
- 8. Certain Scandinavian
- 9. 52 cards
- 10. Fireplace mess
- 12. Beer mug
- 13. Use elbow grease
- 14. \*First Black nominee of Oscar for Best Actor
- 19. City in Northern France
- 22. Neon or radon, e.g.
- 23. Church bell sounds
- 24. Liturgy instrument

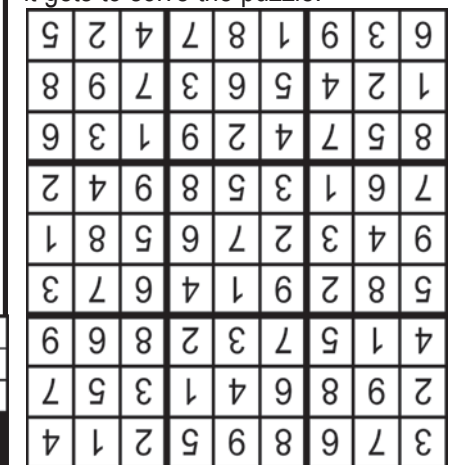
- 25. Speak like Pericles
- 26. \*June Cleaver's husband
- 27. "Fear of Flying" author Jong
- 28. Type of rug
- 29. Christmas help, pl.
- 32. Way, way off
- 33. \*\_\_\_-Century Modern
- 36. \*Charles Schulz creation
- 38. Newspapers and such
- 40. Chicken order
- 41. Calls forth
- 44. Eroded limestone landscape
- 46. Movie trailer, e.g.
- 48. Lumen per square meter, pl.
- 49. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.
- 50. Yellow ride
- 51. The Fonz: "Sit \_\_\_ \_\_\_!"
- 52. Female equivalent of sir
- 53. \_\_\_-European language
- 54. Fireplace fodder
- 55. \*Candy in dispenser
- 58. Itsy-bitsy



## SUDOKU



Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Sudoku answer featured above. Crossword answer featured to the left.

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# BBB Tips: Door-to-Door Sales

**B**etter Business Bureau (BBB) is noticing an increase in calls related to door-to-door sales. Door-to-door salespeople offer paving services, pine straw, magazine subscriptions, security alarms, or other products and services.

Many door-to-door salespeople are legitimate, but others might only be looking to make a sale and then move on. BBB recommends people to have a plan in place prior to hearing that tell-tale knock at your door:

- Ask about licensing. Many cities require door-to-door salespeople to have a peddler or solicitor license. Ask if the salesperson has checked in with the city and gotten proper licensing. Not sure? Call the city or county offices to verify.

- Check identification. A reputable seller will provide all the information asked of them, including a photo ID and a business card.

- Verify the individual and the company. A reputable salesperson should not have a problem with having their identity checked with a quick phone call to the company, especially if they claim to be with your existing vendor. Research the company and contact them to check if the salesperson is in fact an employee. Read the company's Business Profile and customer reviews at BBB.org.

- Read the contract closely. If you are interested in a product or service, get everything in



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writing including price, contract details and all other terms and conditions. Tell the salesperson the proposal will be reviewed, and a decision will be made. Verify the physical address and valid contact information for the company are included. Read and understand all the terms and conditions carefully before signing on the dotted line.

- Don't give in to pressure. Watch out for high-pressure sales tactics and be aware that anything you sign could construe a contract. If you feel pressured, end the sales pitch.

- Do the Math. Paying \$30 to \$40 per month for subscriptions or monitoring may not sound like much, but it can add up. Be wary of automatically renewing subscriptions and make sure you check the average costs for any product that interests you. Most magazines have detachable postcards inside with some of the lowest rates available.

- Know your rights. The Federal Trade Commission's Three-Day Cooling-Off Rule gives the customer three days to cancel purchases over \$25 that are made in their home or at a location that is not the seller's permanent place of business.

Along with a receipt, salespeople should also include a completed cancellation form that customers can send to the company to cancel the agreement.

- Stand strong. Be careful about allowing strangers into your home. If you do allow a salesperson inside your home and decide during the presentation that you are not interested in making a purchase, simply ask them to leave. If the salesperson refuses to leave, tell them you will call the police – and follow through if they do not leave immediately.

People who have issues with door-to-door solicitors can file a complaint on BBB.org, as well as reporting anyone suspicious with their local law enforcement.

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## HARPER

From page 4A

the fact that our future employer is paying us because they're taking away our time.

We only get paid because someone can make money using the capital they have and the infrastructure they have built, combine that with some form of labor and effort from us, and make more money or produce more for their organization.

It's not about time. It's about increasing value. An upwardly mobile soci-

ety has workers at all levels thinking about growing. Personal growth combined with growing an organization means more for everyone involved.

The opposite path is looking at all resources are fixed. This is not a growth mindset. It instead believes that for some to make more, someone else has to have less.

Not only do these societies tend not to grow, but they decay. Those who should be helping grow the pie are too busy trying to take from someone else's plate. Those

who already have wealth expend too many resources defending against someone taking it away from them.

The better path, for everyone involved, is to focus on increasing value. A person who can figure out how to add value to any organization or any system will, in turn, add value to themselves. As long as this question is asked and answered properly, today's graduates will be able to handle tomorrow's changes as they are presented.

## YARBROUGH

From page 4A

to ten years), of doing business with Twin Pines, including buying from the project or any titanium the project produces."

A number of investor groups, representing over \$695 billion in assets under management, presented a resolution at the Chemours annual meeting on April 20 (ironically, two days before Earth Day) asking them to make that commitment permanent. The resolution received 6.4% of the vote and while that seems like a low number, it was large enough to allow the sponsors to refile the resolution next year and is being called a victory.

The shareholder resolution

came during the same week that over 540 students, faith leaders and conservationists from Georgia signed on to letters to the Chemours CEO and Board of Directors urging the company to permanently avoid having anything to do with mining the Okefenokee. Included in that effort were students from UGA, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Georgia Southern and Columbus State. They call themselves The Georgia Student Swamp Coalition. I love it.

I will have more to say about this at a later date but former Gov. Sonny Perdue, the Secretary of Agriculture in the first Trump Administration and current chancellor of the University System of Georgia, recently sent a letter to Interior Secretary Doug

Burgum in support of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. I must admit I didn't see that coming.

Twin Pines President Steve Ingle said in response to Perdue's letter that "it does not have any bearing on our permit application, nor does it impact our plans to mine for titanium and zirconium in Charlton County." That response I did see coming. To misquote Marie Antoinette, "Let 'em eat toothpaste whiten-er." Hopefully, somebody will tell him what Joe Adcock said. Good luck on trying to sneak this bad idea past us.

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## DOMINY

From page 5A

at 50 paces. It's worth nothing that this little girl was Calamity Jane's second child. The first, a boy called "Little Calamity" died of unknown causes. There is plenty of indication that Jane had tried to be a decent mother. But the lawless West was no place for a family, especially if you made your living in wild west shows, brothels and other places of the like.

In a last-ditch effort to give her daughter a proper upbringing, Jane used fame to raise money to send her off for an education. The good folks of Deadwood, South

Dakota, were eager to give to the cause and gathered a tidy sum to send the child to a convent school. However, the funds were used to host a celebratory party, complete with drunken revelry.

By the time Calamity Jane died in 1903, the two were officially estranged, the daughter having married and started her own life, much quieter than her mother's had been.

No matter how unreasonable you ever thought your own mother was, she was most likely a better parent than Calamity Jane. Curfews, television limits and chores are welcome to multiple arrests, abandonment and theft. I don't have anything to complain about. Thanks

mom. My kids certainly have it made. They'll complain from time to time, but they know their mama loves them.

Parenting is a hard game, especially for mothers in this age of trying to balance work, family and all of the other responsibilities that society throws on you. The pressure just hits some folks harder than others, like Calamity Jane. In hindsight her name was more fitting than people knew at the time.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there young and old. Take care of yourselves. Have a little time to relax. You know you've earned it. And always remember, you are appreciated.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Wicked Lemon Meats opens in WR



Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Wicked Lemon Meats is officially open and serving up something special. The Robins Regional Chamber helped celebrate the grand opening of this fresh, local meat market on May 6. Located at 154 S. Houston Lake Road, Suite 900, Wicked Lemon Meats is a go-to spot for premium cuts and top-notch service.**

## Giles Outdoor Power Equipment and Chamber host ribbon cutting



Perry Area Chamber of Commerce

**Giles Outdoor Power Equipment is cutting into a new chapter! The family-owned business celebrated its new location at 450 Perry Parkway with the Perry Chamber on April 25. Known for top-tier products, expert advice, and hometown hospitality, Giles continues to power up the community, one satisfied customer at a time.**

## Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

### Perry Chamber

- Candlewood Suites – Tue. May 13, 11 a.m., 110 Mataji Way, Perry
- The Summit Group – Wed. May 21, 11 a.m., 906 Ball Street, Perry
- Perry's Squeaky Clean Laundromat – Thu. May 22, 1 p.m., 401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry
- The Bold Kind – Fri. May 23, 1:30 p.m., 811 Carroll Street, Perry

### Robins Regional Chamber

- Houston County Habitat for Humanity ReStore – Wed. June 4, 11 a.m., 2607 Moody Road, Warner Robins

## Huey Magoo's expands to a new Perry location, bringing flavorful hand-crafted chicken tenders

### Special to The Journal

**PERRY**—The wait is over. Huey Magoo's – the fast-casual brand famous for its bold flavors and hand-crafted chicken tenders, is bringing its fan-favorite tenders to Perry, Georgia with the grand opening of its newest location.

Huey Magoo's expands its commitment to bold flavors, fresh ingredients, and made-to-order meals with the opening of its 75th restaurant nationwide. Every tender starts with the best 3 percent of the chicken—the tenderloin—and is served hand-breaded, 24-hour marinated and grilled, or “sauced” and tossed in buffalo, sweet heat, lemon pepper or garlic parmesan for maximum flavor.

The 2,400 square-foot restaurant features indoor seating and a convenient drive thru offering guests a variety of convenient ways to enjoy their meal, including dine-in, takeout, catering, and online ordering through the Huey Magoo's mobile app, website, and third-party delivery services such as UberEats, Grubhub and DoorDash. This location is the second operated by Danny, Trinette and Jacob Rosales, who bring 17 years of experience in the restaurant industry and a passion for delivering an exceptional guest experience.

“We're incredibly proud to open our second Huey Magoo's and continue growing with a brand known for its commitment to quality and community,” says franchisee Danny Rosales. “The response to our Warner Robins location has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're excited to bring the same fresh, flavorful menu and exceptional service to our newest store in Perry. It's an honor to keep expanding with



Courtesy: Huey Magoo's

**The tender meal comes with five breaded chicken tenders, fries, coleslaw, toast and sauce.**

Huey Magoo's and share a dining experience families can count on and enjoy.”

The menu includes a robust selection of customizable options including fresh-made salads, sandwiches, wraps and the most popular choice, tender meals. Guests can also enjoy hand-spun chips, freshly prepared coleslaw, banana pudding, and house-made specialty dips—including Magoo's, Spicy Magoo's, and Ranch—showcasing the brand's commitment to quality and freshness. These selections complement a wider variety of flavors - an additional six signature dips (buffalo, honey mustard, bbq, garlic parmesan, sweet heat, and bleu cheese), and sides available to customize every meal.

There's even more to love with the recent launch of the Magoo's Rewards™ loyalty program, where members earn points toward free food with every purchase. New users receive a BOGO 10-piece Tender Bite Meal to redeem within 30 days. Members earn 10 points per \$1 spent, with catering orders earning one point per \$1, making every meal—wheth-

er a quick bite or a group gathering—more rewarding. The Huey Magoo's mobile app makes ordering, tracking rewards, and accessing exclusive offers easier than ever.

“We're thrilled to see passionate franchisees like Danny Rosales continue to grow with the Huey Magoo's family,” says Mike Sutter, Chief Operations Officer. “From day one, our goal has been to serve the best-tasting chicken tenders in a welcoming, high-quality environment, and it's exciting to see that vision thrive in new communities. As we expand into more markets, partners like Danny play a key role in helping us share the experience with guests of all ages.”

Huey Magoo's Perry location is now open at 1504 Sam Nunn Blvd. Hours of operation are Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. For more information, visit HueyMagoo's.com, to download the app, click here or contact the restaurant directly at 478-268-3470.

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If you're looking for safe, effective, and enjoyable ways to stay fit, here are five great low-impact workouts for you to try today.

### Swimming & Water Aerobics

**Why It Works**  
Exercising in water offers a more joint-friendly alternative to traditional workouts. The buoyancy of water acts as a cushion, supporting your body weight and taking the pressure off your knees, hips, and spine, while still providing enough resistance for you to strengthen your muscles. Along with reducing the strain on your joints, swimming and water aerobics also help improve heart health, flexibility, and lung capacity, making it an excellent, well-rounded workout.

### How to Get Started

Swim laps on your own for a full-body workout. Consider joining a water aerobics class if you enjoy guided exercises. Walk or jog in the shallow end of the pool for a gentle cardio session with some resistance.

### Chair Yoga

**Why It Works**  
Yoga is great for improving flexibility, balance, and strength, but some traditional poses can be challenging for

people who already struggle with joint pain. Chair yoga offers a modified, low-impact version of traditional poses, allowing you to enjoy the benefits of yoga without having to put too much pressure on your knees, wrists, or back.

### How to Get Started

Join a chair yoga class at your local gym, or explore online options. Focus on gentle stretches to help loosen tight, sore muscles and improve overall flexibility. Incorporate deep breathing exercises to reduce stress and improve relaxation.

### Tai Chi

**Why It Works**  
Tai Chi is a slow, flowing exercise that focuses on improving your balance, coordination, and joint mobility. Along with improving flexibility, Tai Chi can help reduce arthritis pain, making it an excellent workout for older adults looking to stay active and improve overall health.

### How to Get Started

Sign up for a beginner Tai Chi class at your local gym. Set aside 10-20 minutes each day, focusing on slow, controlled movements. Breathe and focus on keeping your movements fluid, allowing your body to move without too much strain.

### Cycling & Stationary Biking

**Why It Works**  
When most people think of cardio workouts, they might first think of running, but cycling is a great alternative. It will still help strengthen your legs and glutes while putting much less pressure on your joints than running. If you prefer an indoor workout, consider trying out a stationary bike.

### How to Get Started

Ride for 15-20 minutes at your own pace, and increase the length of time once you're comfortable. If you need extra back support, consider using a recumbent stationary bike. Make sure your bike seat is adjusted well so you don't put unnecessary strain on your knees.

### Walking

**Why It Works**  
Walking is one of the simplest and most effective exercises for maintaining joint health. Not only is it highly accessible and low-impact, but it also helps improve heart health, strengthen your leg muscles, and improve flexibility. Walking is also good for your mental health, reducing stress and improving your overall mood.

### How to Get Started

Start with walking 30 minutes a day, slowly increasing the amount of time as you see fit. Wear cushioned shoes for extra support.

Walk on softer surfaces, like grass or rubberized tracks, to minimize the impact on your joints.

Staying active doesn't have to cause you pain. Whether you prefer swimming, yoga, Tai Chi, cycling, or simply taking a stroll around your neighborhood, all these exercises will help you stay mobile and healthy without putting unneeded stress on your joints. Make sure you choose exercises that you enjoy and can stick to long-term.

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## Houston County Baseball

# Bears snap Pope's 25-game winning and nine-year semifinals streak with sweep in Marietta

By **CLAY BROWN**  
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MARIETTA — For the last three years, Houston County and Pope's seasons have ended at each others hands.

It's a rivalry unlike traditional regional or city foes, there's always a sense of dread when the Bears have to make the trek up to Jeff Rowland field where the Greyhounds made nine straight semifinals appearances until now.

There was a similar feeling this time around, but there was also an air of confidence. Like HoCo was ready to visit the grave of their 2024 season and exact revenge.

And that they did.

There was no having to sell the moment, there was no Game 2 lull. There was only grit, determination and, ultimately, victory for coach Matt Hopkins and the Bears by scores of 6-4 and 4-2. They will now advance to the semifinals for the third year in a row.

"Honestly I don't really have words. It's one of those where you feel nervous coming here because of the previous three [trips], you've just not been able to get it done," Hopkins said postgame. "But you know, I think at the end of the day, I would say [I'm feeling] relief. But the whole time I think I felt good the last week. I love where our guys are at."

Three observations:

### The guts on Ganas

With the second out on the board in the top of the seventh of Game 2, the third base umpire inched his way closer to the HoCo dugout and warned them not to run out on to the field after the game.

But as reliever Tyson Ganas delivered strike three to a swinging Greyhound a few Bears couldn't help but trickle out of the dugout. Ganas roared down from the mound after delivering in yet another clutch situation.

Max Willhide started the nightcap for HoCo and pitched a solid five innings, but the sixth is when things started to unravel.

A hit-by-pitch and a deep double to right field put two on for Pope, down 3-0; Two sacrifice flies later the score was 3-2 and Ganas was asked to come in after Willhide's 5.2 innings.

The Pope crowd was rocking by that point and the student section came back to life after they'd been silenced in Game 1.

HoCo asked Ganas to deliver the four most important outs of his life up to that point, they asked him to seal their semifinals appearance.

Much like the region championship series, Ganas answered the call.

"That's why we pitched him so much early in the year," Hopkins said of Ganas. "It's why we've been trying to get him the experience and get it under his belt and make sure that he's ready for that moment. And it wasn't too big for him. I don't think anybody told him he was at Jeff Rowland field and, hey, 'You're not supposed to do



Two Bears embrace after a thrilling and emotional quarterfinals sweep over Pope in Marietta.

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well.' Because he went out there and competed really hard and it was really good to see."

Ganas struck out three of the five batters he saw despite the Greyhounds desperately trying to stay alive.

The first two batters of the seventh fouled off two pitches a piece, the first took Ganas to a seven-pitch at-bat.

The tying run came up to the plate and on a 1-2 count took a big swing that met nothing but air as the pop of the glove and umpire's grunt signified a HoCo victory and celebration in the Bears' dugout.

### The Bobrowski game

The biggest threat to HoCo's Game 1 hopes was Nick Bobrowski.

The junior lefty doesn't offer much in terms of top velocity, but what he lacks in that department he makes up for with change in speed and break in his pitches.

Bobrowski punished Northgate in Game 1 of the round two doubleheader with 11 strikeouts, and even on an off day he still struck out nine HoCo batters.

Bobrowski found himself in several 3-0 counts, and though plenty of them became strikeouts, they didn't help his case as he hit six batters and walked two more in 4.2 innings.

HoCo was gifted base runners, but Bobrowski and the Greyhounds' defense still made it difficult for the Bears. The best they could do was battle and run his pitch count up in an attempt to run him off the bump.

"I can't tell you how excited I was to see that guy leave the field," Hopkins said. "He is really stinking good. That's one of the better arms we've seen and we couldn't put good swings on him. Luckily we just kept battling and got his pitch count up and started getting more guys on and they went to the [bullpen] and we did what you're supposed to do when you get in the pen."

Who will it be this week, or next week?

Every important series it

feels like a different unlikely hero surfaces for the Bears.

In the region championship series Ganas hit his first home run of the season — Hopkins said he hadn't

even hit one in batting practice.

This time around it was Logan Elbie.

"I'd just say it's our guys doing a great job. It's our guys executing the plan

that we do during the week. It's our guys doing exactly what they're supposed to do," Hopkins said of the unpredictability in the batting order. "It's also what makes a lineup difficult

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when you don't know who it's gonna be and you don't know how to pitch. 'Hey, you got through this guy, who's next?' Oh, well that guy can hit a bomb too."

I'm not sure if you'd call the cleanup spot an "unlikely hero," but when it comes to hitting two bombs in one series it seems like it applies.

Elbie went yard in both games, each to left field.

The first one came in the opening inning of Game 1 on a full count; It was a no-doubter that sailed over the Pope Baseball logo in left field and sent the dugout into a frenzy.

The second was another two-run bomb crushed to left field with no regard for the innocent bystanders in the bleachers. That put HoCo up 3-0 in the third inning and in complete control of the game for a time.

This week it was Elbie, who will it be next week?

### UP NEXT

The Bears still have more baseball. Next up is Loganville at home on Tuesday, May 13. Time is to be determined.

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Veterans Soccer

# Warhawks fall short of elusive semifinals appearance in loss to River Ridge

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**WARNER ROBINS** — Throughout the school's 15-year history the Veterans soccer program has never advanced past the quarterfinals, and that trend continued as the Warhawks fell to River Ridge 6-1 on Tuesday.

Three observations: **The 'Hawks were forced on their back foot**

Offense coming slowly is one thing, but Veterans was locked out almost entirely for much of their quarterfinals matchup against the Knights.

River Ridge was so aggressive on the attack that it was the best the Warhawks could do just to clear the ball and give the defense time to breathe.

Even when Veterans cleared it to a good spot the River Ridge defenders converged on the ball and reclaimed possession.

Warhawks head coach Matthew Roth commended the Knights' defenders after the game.

"They are really good at throwing numbers forward and confusing our midfield a little bit. They just have such good movement and such good interplay between the players it was hard for us to stay with our marks [and] pick

up marks as they transitioned," Roth said. "That kind of made us nervous I think. That got everybody on their back foot and a little panicky. So we were playing to clear the ball a bit more than we would've liked [rather than] play to possess out of the back."

**The Knights won one on ones**

One of the things that made the River Ridge defense so problematic was their ability to win one on one attacks.

Up and down the field the Knights seemed to get every 50/50 ball and take possession every time they made a play on the ball. Their size and aggressiveness overwhelmed Veterans, who also had trouble getting the ball to each other as the Knights attacked the passing lanes too.

"They had size for sure. Just their aggression and every touch they had was intentional...we really had to basically play in reaction to what they were doing rather than establish anything for ourselves," Roth said.

**Halftime adjustments** River Ridge shut Veterans out in the first half as the Warhawks took a 2-0 deficit into the break. The Warhawks didn't, however, go without making adjustments.

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Coming into the second half they focused less on playing from the back line and tried to play through the middle. That gave them more opportunities to reclaim possession after losing it and lessened the Knights' easy counter attack chances.

It did net them a goal with 14:44 to go in the game, but by that point the 6-1 score was too much to overcome for the Warhawks.

"We added a forward [to] change the formation a little bit to clog the midfield and play counter rather than from the back and play it from the midfield," Roth said. "That helped a little bit. Their center back, all three of 'em were outstanding positionally and just skill wise that unlocking that was a little difficult. We did get some opportunities going forward and we added some pressure a little higher up the pitch. We did eventually get a goal from it but by that point it was kind of for merit's sake."

**UP NEXT** Veterans finishes their season with an 18-4 overall record and a 10th straight Region 2-5A championship.



Camren Laris (3) fights off two River Ridge players.



Elton Mantooth (15) and Elijah Belcher (18) chase a River Ridge forward during their quarterfinals matchup.



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