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BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS - Talbot County Board of Education District 1 representative Julia Leonard, her husband Willie and the Talbotton Police Department sponsored a Back-to-School event this past Saturday at the Talbotton Fire Department and the event was a tremendous success with an excellent turnout. There was plenty of free food, and school supplies for all who attended. Talbot County School Superintendent Jonathan Taylor was also in attendance along with Talbotton Police Department's Major Smart Web.

Rain Being Predicted for the Weekend

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

Editor's Note: This is a weather forecast and the weather is subject to change. Please make sure to check for weather updates. This forecast taken from the Weather World's extended forecast.

Weather World is predicting rain for the upcoming weekend. Here is what Weather World is forecasting for the Talbot County area for the upcoming week.

Thursday, July 30: The high temperature today is expected to reach around 94 degrees and the low temperature will be around 70 degrees. There is only a 17% chance of rain in the forecast for the day.

Friday, July 31: It is being predicted that temperatures will begin to cool today and over the next few days. The high temperature for the day is expected to reach about 89 degrees and the low temperature around 69 degrees. There is only a 4% chance of



showers today.

Saturday, Aug. 1: The weather man is calling for patchy rain today with a 71% chance of the wet stuff. The high temperature for the day is expected to be around 81 degrees and the low temperature is expected to be around 71 degrees.

Sunday, Aug. 2: The rain is expected to continue today with a 87% chance of light rainfall and showers being predicted. The high temperature will be just a bit higher and is expected to reach about 84 degrees and the low temperature is expected to be around 71 degrees.

Monday, Aug. 3: The children are expected to have a rain filled day for the first day of school. There is a 79% chance of showers being predicted in the forecast today. The high temperature for the day is expected to be around 88 degrees, the lowest temperatures before the temperatures rise again, and the low temperature is expected to be around 71 degrees.

Tuesday, Aug. 4: There is a 57% chance of rainfall being predicted for today but

if it does rain it is not expected to last very long. The high temperature for the day is expected to reach about 93 degrees with the temperatures beginning to rise again. The low temperature is expected to be around 74 degrees today.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Weather World is predicting partly cloudy skies with no rainfall and only about a 4% chance of showers for today. However, we are going to see hotter temperatures today with the high temperature being predicted to reach about 85 degrees and the low temperature is expected to be around 74 degrees.

Thursday, Aug. 6: Today, we can look for sunny skies and hot weather with the high temperature being predicted to reach about 93 degrees and the low temperature expected to be around 75 degrees. There is also a 57% chance of showers being predicted for the day with patchy rain to be expected.

Winds throughout the week are expected to range in speeds from four to nine miles per hour.

Copeland Sentenced to Life

By JOHN KUYKENDALL & LENDREZ GREENE

Talbot County resident Semaj Copeland was sentenced to life in prison with a possibility of parole in the murder of Manchester High student athlete Daryus Bryant on Thursday, July 23 in Muscogee County Superior Court.

Prosecutors stated in court that Copeland did not have a weapon in the April 20, 2024 shooting of Bryant in Columbus, but as the driver of the vehicle his actions led directly to Bryant's death.

Bryant, an outstanding athlete, played football, basketball and ran track at Manchester High School. He was a track state champion.

Bryant was shot and killed only a few days before his 17 birthday in Columbus after attending the school's prom on April 20, 2024.

Bryant was well known in his community, was a state track winner, a leader on the Manchester High football and basketball teams and was being recruited by several universities.

Bryant and Clarence



Photo By LG Broadcasting

COPELAND SENTENCED TO LIFE - Talbot County resident Semaj Copeland (right) is shown during his court appearance on Thursday, July 23 with his attorney Mark Shelnutt (left) in Muscogee County Superior Court before receiving his sentence in the murder case of Daryus Bryant.

Favors, both were attending the school's prom the night of the shooting. Favors received injuries in the shooting but luckily survived.

Copeland, an outstanding athlete at Central Elementary High School, was one of three people charged with Bryant's murder and was a distant cousin of Bryant.

On May 26, in Muscogee County Court, Copeland, Jaquan Mahone and Zion Horton were convicted in the case.

Horton and Mahone were both found guilty of malice

murder. Copeland was found not guilty on a charge of malice murder. All three teens were found guilty of felony murder, three counts of aggravated assault and five counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.

On June 23, Horton and Mahone return to court for sentencing and both received life without the possibility of parole.

Copeland's sentencing was postponed until July 23 due to his attorney, Mark Shelnutt, having a conflict on June 23.



Submitted Photos

A FUN DAY AT SIX FLAGS OVER GEORGIA - On Wednesday July 22, Major Smart Web, Captain Fennell and Officer Lynn with the Talbotton Police Department, accompanied staff from the Family Life Center in Talbotton on an outing to Six Flags over Georgia with five of the youth who reside at the Life Center. According to Major Web, it was an enjoyable experience and fun for everyone.

CEHS to Hold Open House Today

Students Return to Class on Monday, August 3

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

The Talbot County School System will hold open house at Central Elementary- High School (CEHS) on Thursday, July 30.

Open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The open house gives

families, students and staff an opportunity to get to know each other in a welcoming, interactive environment.

It provides parents and students the opportunity to ask questions, get to know the teachers, staff and administrators and an overview of academic and

program information.

Opening day for the 2026-2027 school year will be Monday, Aug. 3 and the bell time for classes will be at 7:30 a.m. and the last bell will be at 3:30 p.m.

A copy of this year's school calendar is available on the school's website at <http://www.talbot.k12.ga.us>.

4-H to Hold Save the City Yoga Event

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

Talbot County 4-H will sponsor a "Save the City Yoga" event for students in

grades third through 12 grades on Tuesday, Aug. 4 and Tuesday, Aug. 11 between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. each day.

The event will be held at the Talbot County Recreation Department. Call (706) 665-3230 for more details.



Photo By Pres Hall

ROAD READY FOR OPENING DAY - Central Elementary High School (CEHS) is on track with plans to open for students return on Monday, Aug. 3 to begin its 2026-2027 school year. Transportation and Maintenance Director/Supervisor Miriam Samuels, staff and crew have been working tirelessly to prepare for the return of faculty and students. Most importantly, they have been working to ensure that buses are road ready and looking good. Of course, students safety is the utmost and top priority. Wishing all a blessed and safe school year!



Things to Do In and Around Talbot County This Week

BOC to Meet

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners will meet Monday Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. for the regular monthly board meeting. The meeting will be held in the Talbot County Board of Commissioners' Office located at 35 West Madison Street in Talbotton.

BOC Work Session

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners will have a work session on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. to discuss the FYE 2027 Budget. The meeting will be held at the Commissioners' Office located at 35 West Madison Street in Talbotton.

Driver Classes

New Salem Baptist Church in Talbotton is hosting an AARP Driver Safety Class on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone 25 years of age or older can attend. Save money on your automobile insurance with the Defensive Driver Discount. Contact your insurance agent for specific details on how much money you can save, then come and take the class. Why pay more than you have to ? To register call Marjorie Howard at 706 329-8764. Please bring your current driver's license and AARP membership card (if applicable). Membership is not required to attend the class. Bring your own refreshments and snacks to enjoy during the day. Onsite class registrations will be accepted, so come and bring a friend! Plenty of free parking is available onsite. Classes are \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members, payable by check or money order.

Church Anniversary

Powell Missionary Baptist Church has some exciting events taking place. The con-

gregation is preparing to celebrate its 147th anniversary. Plans are also underway to expand the physical footprint of the existing building. This expansion is a part of the church's desire to broaden it's outreach in the community by providing space for church and community activities. There is a capital campaign underway to raise the funds to make this possible. There are several fundraising activities taking place. The church is planning a souvenir memory book and selling advertisements to help with the cost. For more information or to place an advertisement please contact Doris M. Perryman-Epps by calling (706) 575-0026.

Outreach Program

Fishing For Youth of America was founded in memory of Richard Nash's mother and father. The program provides fishing supplies for our youth. It is the hope of FFYA to encourage our youth to fish and do other wholesome activities and to stay away from drugs, guns, gangs and violence. If we can get our youth to appreciate the outdoors they make better young people. If you know of a child or grandchild that could benefit from this program we would love to hear from you. It's also a program that benefits children that would otherwise not get anything for Christmas. If anyone would like to support this cause you can give in Honor or in Memory of someone. For more information on how you can be a part of this much needed outreach you may call Richard 478-998-2996.

Help for Elderly

The River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging is ready to help senior citizens. If any senior citizen in the Talbot County Region has problems or needs help with utility bills or more, please call

Woodland Mayor and Board Member of River Valley Regional at 706-256-2900 or 706-256-2928 or Katie Howard at 706-256-2910.

New Life Services

New Life Community Church invites everyone to fellowship with the church family on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The church is located at 9108 GA HWY 85 in Waverly Hall at the City Hall building. Rev. Desmond Thornton and associate pastor Rev. Solomon Terry presiding.

Church Pickup

Friendship Baptist Church located in Woodland is offering a Transportation Ministry free to any person who would like to attend the church. The transportation service will be available every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information please contact Clarence Leonard at 706-427-3443 or Scott Hope at 706-573-8231. A mask is avised and social distancing is required.

Free Produce

Geneva Baptist Church will be giving away free produce to everyone every Thursday at 9:30 a. m. Produce will be given away while supplies last from FTV Food Bank.

Let Us Help You

Christ the King's Outreach Ministry welcomes Harris and Talbot County residents in need of short-term assistance with groceries, utility bills and rental payments and do what the church can to help. Christ the King's Outreach Ministry office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling the Ministry at (706) 663-0090.

Clothing Center

New Beginnings Outreach Ministry of Woodland has a special clothing center. All items are from community donations. We also have household items, baby accessories and furniture. EVERYTHING IS FREE AT THE CENTER. For more information contact Brother Richard Crawl by calling 706-977-5469 or Pastor Searcy at 706-601-6776.

Free to Needy

Pastor William Searcy of The New Beginnings Church of Woodland announces that the church's Outreach Ministry's Center will be open two days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Friday. This will be on the last week of each month. **EVERYTHING IS FREE.** They have clothing, miscellaneous items, including furniture. Remember, this is FREE to the public. Call 706-601-6776.

Change of Service

Valley Grove Baptist Church, Manchester (Tax), will have services on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. until further notice.

How to Submit Items

The Talbotton New Era gladly prints items of interest for the community as well as local church news and events by non-profit organizations. Please note the deadline for items for the community and church events section of the newspaper must be received by 12 noon on Monday, prior to run date to be printed in that week's issue. Items received after the Monday deadline will not appear until the following week.

Please do not send items more than once. Items will continue to be printed in the newspaper until the event is over.

Sorry no flyers, items written in all capital letters or items sent as pdf files are accepted.

Please email items as an attached on a Word document or as email body copy.

Jpegs, pdfs, etc. can not be used by the newspaper for news copy.

Please do not indent or double space between paragraphs and sentences.

Please do not use 2025 or spell out months of the year, simply use Sept. 10. Do not use times in this manner 5:00, please use 5 p.m.

Photographs can only be accepted in jpeg format and as an attachment to an email. Please do not attached them to Word documents. Such photographs do not work well.

Please note the newspaper reserves the right to edit or reject any submission to the newspaper for the things to do section or the newspaper. We appreciate your continued support of the Talbotton New Era and the Talbot County community.

Concord Baptist to Hold Fall Revival

Submitted to *NEW ERA*

Concord Baptist Church warmly invites the public to attend its 2026 Fall Revival, a two-night worship experience designed to encourage spiritual renewal, strengthen faith, and bring believers together in praise and fellowship.

The revival will be held: Monday, August 3, 2026 Tuesday, August 4, 2026 7:00 p.m. nightly

Location: Concord Baptist Church 801 Chalybeate Springs Road Woodland, GA

The revival theme is inspired by Psalm 85:6, which declares:

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"

Under the theme "Revive. Restore. Rejoice.", the services will focus on experiencing God's renewing power, restoring hope, and celebrating His faithfulness.

Concord Baptist Church is honored to welcome Rev. Roderick Green, Pastor of First African Baptist Church

in Columbus, Georgia, as this year's guest revival preacher. Known for his passionate, biblically sound preaching and dynamic delivery, Rev. Green has inspired congregations throughout the region with messages that challenge believers to deepen their relationship with Christ.

"We believe this revival comes at a time when our communities, families, and churches need spiritual encouragement more than ever," said Rev. Dr. Jake Golden, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church. "Our prayer

is that everyone who attends will leave revived in spirit, restored in hope, and rejoicing in the goodness of God."

The revival is free and open to the public. Churches, community organizations, families, and individuals throughout the Talbot County, Chattahoochee Valley and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend. All are welcome to experience uplifting worship, heartfelt fellowship, and powerful biblical preaching.

For additional information, please visit the church's social media pages.

Information Being Sought For Upcoming Sections

From Staff Reports

This newspaper is needing stories and photographs from high school fall sports coaches, local police departments, fire departments and all other emergency services for the upcoming special editions planned for August and September.

The newspaper is attempting to contact all the fall sports coaches from Callaway High, Flint River Academy, Greenville High and Manchester High to gather news and photographs. The deadline for the edition is nearing quickly. Please contact John Kuykendall as soon as possible by emailing him at john@starmercuryvindicator.com.

A second special section will bring attention to the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack and our local heroes.

The newspaper would like to have photographs and information about local heroes who have gone above and beyond the line of duty and need to be recognized for his or her heroic acts.

Please email story information on a word document or as email body copy. Photographs must be received as jpegs.

If you have questions or would like to submit information about a local hero, you may call John at (706) 846-3188 or email him at john@starmercuryvindicator.com.

All submissions will be greatly appreciated.

ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the **3rd day of November, 2026**, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Talbot County, Georgia ("the County"), at which time will be submitted to the qualified voters of the county for their determination the question of whether a **one percent (1%) county special purpose local option sales and use tax (the "SPLOST") shall be imposed and continued on all sales and uses in the County for a period of six (6) years** for the raising of approximately \$5,900,000.00 for the purpose of funding capital outlay projects ("the Projects") in the form of the ballot set forth below.

The ballots to be used at such referendum shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

() Yes

() No

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Talbot County for a period of time not to exceed six (6) years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$5,900,000.00 for the following purposes: (1) Road, street, and bridge purposes, including related transportation infrastructure improvements; capital outlay projects concerning volunteer fire departments;

Acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects concerning an emergency management service ("EMS") facility or building; and capital outlay projects concerning the renovation, improving, and equipping of the existing park facilities of the County; (2) Acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects concerning water meter upgrades in the City of Talbotton; acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects concerning the expansion, improvements, and renovations of City Hall in the City of Talbotton; acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects consisting of parks and recreational facilities, as well as improvements and renovations to existing parks recreational facilities located in the City of Talbotton; acquisition, construction, installation, expansion, repair, and improvement of capital outlay projects concerning sidewalks in the City of Talbotton; (3) Acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects concerning water and sewer in the City of Woodland; acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects consisting of parks and recreational facilities, as well as improvements and renovations to existing parks recreational facilities in the City of Woodland; acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects concerning the expansion, improvements, and renovations of City Hall in the City of Woodland; (4) Acquisition, construction, renovation equipping and installation of capital outlay projects concerning water and sewer in Junction City; Acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping, improving, and installation of capital outlay projects concerning parks and recreational facilities in Junction City; capital outlay projects concerning the paving, resurfacing, repair, reconstruction, and improvement of municipal streets and related infrastructure in Junction City; the acquisition, construction, installation, expansion, repair, and improvement of sidewalks, pedestrian pathways, crosswalks, streetscape and gateway improvements, and related infrastructure within Junction City; (5) Acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and installation of capital outlay projects concerning water and sewer in the City of Geneva; capital outlay projects concerning citywide beautification and improvements including landscaping, planting of trees and grass, irrigation systems, lighting, signage, public spaces, sidewalks, and related infrastructure in the City of Geneva; acquisition, installation, construction, and equipping of an electronic bulletin board (electronic message sign), together with all necessary foundations, utility connections, software, hardware, signage, and related infrastructure in the City of Geneva; (6) Acquisition, installation, construction and equipping of capital outlay projects concerning roads and bridges purposes in the City of Manchester; acquisition, installation, construction and equipping of capital outlay projects concerning water and sewer in the City of Manchester; acquisition, installation, construction and equipping of capital outlay projects concerning public safety in the City of Manchester.

Revive, Restore, Rejoice

IN FALL REVIVAL AT

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 THROUGH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 - 7 PM NIGHTLY

Guest Pastor Rev. Roderick Green

Pastor of First African Baptist Church of Columbus, GA

Concord Baptist Church is located at

801 Chalybeate Springs Road

In Woodland, GA

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES AND GAMES

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god
5. Romanian monetary unit
8. Santa's helper
11. Fictional Pink Floyd corporal
13. Sea eagle genus
14. Broad volcanic crater
15. Minneapolis suburb
16. Actual commercial worth (abbr.)
17. Exchange rate
18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea
20. Men's fashion accessory
21. Craft material
22. Offerings
25. Early
30. Large room
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
32. One who hauls
33. Shorthand for accepting
38. Promotional materials
41. Loss of memory
43. One who beheads
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. White clerical vestment
50. Partner to "oohed"

55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Zero
57. Owl monkey genus
59. Lace bug genus
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Storage devices
62. Keyboard key
63. Make a mistake
64. One-time Korean president

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky, lizard
4. Rumanian river
5. Missive
6. Stout-bodied moths
7. Brings out
8. Bird of prey
9. King of Thebes
10. Cleaving tool
12. African antelope
14. Three are particularly famous
19. Satisfy
23. C. European river
24. Dictator
25. Portion of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Consume food
28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape or wear away by friction
34. Popular vegetable
35. Pacific Standard Time
36. Brazilian state capital
37. Paddle
39. Cause to become insane
40. Drier and flakier
41. Mimic
42. ESPN host Kimes
44. One who moseys
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. UNC's chief rival
58. Midway between south and southeast

WORD SCRAMBLE

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Rearrange the letters below to spell something pertaining to retailers

T C I D R E

Answers to this week's puzzles can be found on Page 6-A.

Talbot County School District
Child Find

In accordance with IDEA regulations, the Talbot County School District seeks to ensure that all children with **disabilities (ages 3-21)** within its jurisdiction are being served. Child Find is a federally established comprehensive system designed to ensure that each child, regardless of disability, has access to a free and appropriate public education. The purpose of Child Find is to locate, identify, and evaluate children from 3 to 21 years of age who may have a developmental delay or other disabilities and provide appropriate services. Talbot County School District offers Special Education services to eligible students (ages 3 through 21) enrolled in the county schools, those who may be homeschooled, or enrolled in private schools and preschools, including religious schools. All referrals are confidential, and services are provided at no cost to the family. If you know a child who may have a problem with learning, speech, vision, or hearing, or who has physical or health impairments, please notify:

Mr. James Short, Director of Federal Programs/Special Education

Mr. Clayton Teat, Special Education Assistant Director

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CARDS OF THANKS

By PRES HALL

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/THANKS/EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE: The lovely yet saddened bereaved family of the late Howard "Tweet" Walker, Jr. (1971-2026), graciously and humbly says, "Thanks So Very Much!" Tweet was an incredible guy, just a big gentle giant, standing tall but never looking down on anyone. He was an extraordinary hardworking and caring family man, immeasurable community supporter and friend to any and all. He loved outdoors! He was my "Little guy" and I his "Big guy." Rightly so, he will truly be missed in the neighborhood. However, the entire families wishes to express their sincere and wholeheartedly thanks, appreciation and gratitude for every act of condolences; kindness and loving support shown during this most difficult and unfortunate time of bereavement. Most especially, the much needed uplift-



ing prayers. Meanwhile, I ask and pray that we continue to keep these grieving families, especially the immediate family in fervent prayers as they

face the obvious difficult and challenging days ahead. The yet grieving family pray God richly and abundantly bless each of you! Praise God!

THANKS TO EVERYONE: Talbot County Board of Education District 1 representative Julia Leonard, her husband Willie and the Talbotton Police Department would like to say thank you to everyone

who helped make the Saturday Back-to-School event such a success. Thanks to everyone who donated, those who volunteered, those who attended and the Talbotton Fire Department for hosting the

event. The event was a tremendous success and it was all of you who helped make it successful. **Thank you, Julia Leonard and the Talbotton Police Department**

Talbotton New Era Submission Deadlines

The *Talbotton New Era* is sent to the printers on Monday each and every week. In order for our staff to meet the printing office deadline, the following deadlines have been established and must be adhered to:
News, sports, obituaries, feature material, and church announcements: Must be received by noon on Monday of the week the item is to be published in the newspaper.
Advertisements other than legal ads: Must be received no later than 12 noon on Monday of the week the advertisement is to be published.
Legal advertisements: Must be received no later than noon on Friday prior to

the week the legal is to be published in the newspaper. This includes *all* "pulls" or cancellations of legal ads.

These are *firm* deadlines. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with our deadline.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids

Rock Church Road Project

The Town of Junction City is requesting bids for **paving the recently completed culvert portion of Rock Church Road**. Please contact **Gary Byrd, City Attorney at 706-628-5511**, to review engineering specifications. Sealed bids should be submitted to Mr. Byrd's office, **103 N. College St., PO Box 119, Hamilton, Georgia 31811, no later than noon on August 3, 2026**. Said bids will be opened at 7:00pm that day at City Hall, Junction City.

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

HERE'S TO A GREAT YEAR OF LEARNING AND FUN!!

Hope your school year is filled with fun, friends and lots of learning! Enjoy your new experiences, and keep up the great work in the classroom.

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One Year Later

Friday of this week marks a special milestone in my life, one I never thought in a million years I'd have to experience.

One year ago Friday, my life changed forever.

I had a heart attack. Looking back, I can see the entire thing very clearly. I know I've talked about it here before, but if you'll indulge me, I want to go through it again - this time, as a story of survival.

On the morning of Thursday, July 31, 2025, I was getting ready to go to work. The time was around 6:20 a.m. and I was having breakfast.

As I was eating a bowl of cinnamon-spice oatmeal, I felt a pain in the center of my chest. It wasn't all that different from others I'd had, which were easily resolved with some antacid tablets.

In my mind, I was having an acid reflux episode, and all would be well. Indeed, the antacids did ease the discomfort. I should have suspected something was truly amiss when the pain didn't entirely go away, but since I had no other symptoms - no pain in the left arm, no nausea - it was time to go to work and I had things to do.

My Thursday progressed as they normally do, with the work in the office going as usual. The pain in my chest eased and returned, and my clearest recollection of the day is that it was an exceedingly strong case of reflux.

I found it difficult to go to sleep that night, as I struggled to get comfortable - which, in the end, I didn't. But I managed to eke out a few hours of something similar to rest, and Friday morning got up to repeat the process.

The pain never went away, no matter how many antacids I took.

I made it through Friday and again found sleep difficult - more so, in fact, than Thursday. Again, I was able to get about three hours of light sleep.

Saturday, I went to work at the Pine Mountain Wild Animal Safari, and my fellow tour guides noticed that I was not "myself." I mentioned the "reflux" and they expressed concern for my health. That evening, I attended the 40th birthday party of a dear friend, and everyone noticed I was withdrawn and quiet - my chest was hurting and I didn't tell them. I slept even less that night.

Sunday, I visited my daughter and grandchildren, and my ex-wife said I should see the doctor about the pain that wasn't stopping. I agreed and said I'd make an appointment as soon as I could. If I got one hour of real sleep that Sunday night, I would be surprised.

I made it through the fol-



Jack Bagley
Musings of An Aging Mind

lowing Monday somehow, but that night there would be no sleep. I was nauseous by that point, and when midnight came and I still couldn't sleep, I finally called an ambulance to take me to the hospital, where I would spend the next week essentially fighting for my life.

I didn't hear the words "heart attack" until I was hooked up to the medical miracles in the ambulance, and I found out later that it was the widomaker heart attack and I'd survived the 100% blockage.

That survival was something of a miracle, and I'm grateful to God for that.

The rest of the story I have already told you, including the later development of congestive heart failure and a three-week stay in the hospital in October due to that and pneumonia, which also almost killed me.

Now, it's one year since that fateful morning and that bowl of oatmeal.

I'm still here.

Thanks to some magnificent, dedicated people I can say I have a pretty good chance to see my 70th birthday in a couple of years.

I would love to relate how I've changed my lifestyle, gotten more exercise, reduced my weight, taken a more proactive approach to life... I'd love to tell you that, but I have a policy to never lie in this column.

The first thing I jonesed for after getting out of the second hospital stay was some fried chicken from the Butcher Block restaurant in Manchester. I know that isn't what a heart patient is supposed to eat, but it's good, and I wanted it.

I know I need to lose weight, and as of this week I'm taking medication to help me do just that. As soon as I get rid of about 100 unnecessary pounds of me, I'll be doing much better.

Once the strain on my leg muscles (which have never really recovered from three weeks flat on my back) is eased, I do plan to go back to walking for exercise.

I don't drink or smoke, so I don't have to worry about giving those up.

I can truly say that I've spent the past year just living and enjoying the fact that I am still doing so.

Now, the journey to a better, more fit me begins.

Looking for Answers Through My Car Window

It's not often I take time for myself. I'm always busy working, or cutting grass, or just whatever needs being done, so those moments for myself are rare. Recently I was able to take one of those moments.

It has been a while since I visited Harris County, where I grew up. I had to visit the county to do some work for the newspaper. While I was doing that, I managed to take a few minutes for myself and do some remembering.

I managed to stop at Pine Mountain Valley Baptist Church where my family members are buried and take a moment.

Every time I visit their graves, memories begin to rush through my mind, and that is what happened this time as well. I left the graveyard and went on with my work.

As I drove I looked out my car window, and it seemed there were many things that brought back memories. Some of the memories were happy ones and some were not so happy ones.

Like just passing Moultrie Park (sports complex) and remembering coaching so many teams, umpiring and spending hours with my son and daughter on those fields, those were all happy ones.

However, riding over the bridge where my father was tragically killed was not a happy one.

Whether a good memory or a bad memory, it is important to remember those memories. They are part of our life and part of who we are. We have to go through the bad times to get to the good times, and sometimes visa versa. The good thing is, no matter what the situation, we can usually battle through it if we work at it. However, it is those battles, the memories we make with family and friends, and our desire to do better that is part of what makes us who we are also.

Sometimes, we have to realize that the bad memories may not be as bad as we remember them to be.

Here's an example. Let's say you sit down to family dinner, the food is good, the conversation is good and all is well. Good memory right? Then, as you prepare to clear the table you accidentally tip over your drink and it splatters all over one of the family members. The two of you will not have the same memory of that event because the spill would probably degrade the memory of the person who just had something spilled on him or her.

We need to realize that the



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memory doesn't matter as much as the moment. Simply put, everything we do from one moment to the next is important to our existence and to that of those around us. Memories are just the stories of our life.

I also thought about the regrets in my life. Yes, we all have those, whether it is a project that we started and never finished, or that we spend too much time working and not enough with family, or that we never told a family member or friend who has passed on how we felt about them. No matter what the regrets are, we all have them.

Sydney J. Harris said, "Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable." Meaning if we do something and regret it we can get past it, but it is the things we do not do that we have problems with.

What we most often for-

get is that when we reach tomorrow, today is gone and we can't get it back. So we need to remember that old saying, "Don't regret tomorrow what you didn't do today."

Taking a trip down memory lane can sometimes help us to get more focused on today. When we look back at the memories and the regrets we can begin to realize where our life began, where it is today, how much we have grown as a person, how much better we are at dealing with things and so much more.

Simply put, we can access the person we are today verses the person we were 10 years ago, 20 years ago and so on. We can determine if we are in fact a better person today or maybe not the person we really want to be. That is just the tip of the iceberg. It can also help us again determine where we are in life and where we want to be.

So, my readers, take a moment, look out the window and reflect on your life. It is amazing what you might see, and amazing what you might learn from the experience.

If I learned one thing from this, it is that Grant Ngobean got it right when he said, "Don't live your life regretting yesterday... Live your life so tomorrow you won't regret today."

“Who Are You? Who, Who, Who, Who”

Admit it - some of you had to sing that.

Those that have been around for a while will remember that song made popular by the band, appropriately named, The Who in 1978.

Over 20 years later, in 2000 to be precise, the song would enjoy a huge resurgence in popularity because it was chosen as the theme music for the television series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation". The television series not only became a huge hit, lasting an incredible 15 seasons, it also inspired a number of other CSI-based series based in different locations.

The opening lyrics and music of the song are unmistakable, and something happened last week that brought it to mind again.

As I get older the original parts are getting rather worn. A bit of an aggravating situation had been getting worse and during a routine doctor's visit last week, I mentioned it. That resulted in getting some x-rays done. During the registration process I had to provide my insurance cards and then something happened that reminded me of that song. The person behind the desk asked for my identification.

Make sure you understand the picture I am trying to paint with words - before proceeding to get x-rays taken, I had to show proper identification, or ID.

Go almost anywhere and attempt to purchase an adult beverage, tobacco products, or some over-the-counter medications and if you appear to be under a certain adult age, they will ask for ID. And in some places when making a substantial purchase with a debit or credit card, ID will be requested.

WHO are you?

Having one's ID requested has become so commonplace that most people just produce it without thinking. Whether it is a driver's license or any form of state-issued ID, it is not an issue.

Showing proper ID accomplishes two things - proving that you are who you claim to be or proving your



Andy Kober
Columnist

age. Unless a person is attempting something illegal or not allowed, showing ID is not an issue.

So why do so many liberals fight so hard to keep proper ID from being required to vote?

It is a fair statement to make that casting ballots for those seeking public office in our towns and cities, counties, states and in the federal government is much more important than an individual purchasing a beer, a pack of cigarettes, or non-prescription medications.

Voting for our leaders and representatives is a privilege and right of being an American citizen. It is a right reserved for our citizens. So, why is there an issue when ID

is requested to cast a ballot?

WHO are you? Who, who, who, who?

We all know the truth even if the liberals will never admit it.

Requiring ID to vote helps eliminate voter fraud and helps keep those who should not be voting from casting ballots.

Despite the claims of one political party, legitimate voters will not be disenfranchised. What that party is afraid of is losing votes from people who should not be voting - illegal immigrants, people voting multiple times, deceased people still voting, and other cases of fraud.

While we might disagree with some of what President Donald Trump says and does, the majority of Americans agree with the need to protect American elections - only allowing Americans to cast ballots.

That's my opinion.

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* Another Prayer For Our Nation-USA *

Our Nation Is Spiraling Like A Runaway Train

Greetings and blessings!

Today, we are approaching the end of our nation's 250th July month anniversary. Of course, I'm concerned, more so, worried, that we are on a runaway track to destruction and our only hope is a higher power, God Almighty! I'm totally saddened and disturbed at what unfortunately is happening in America right now and it's not a good feeling. So, please take notice, we are in a deadly war of the President's choosing who said it would be over in weeks and now, 5 months later, we are still going. Most concerning is 18 soldiers' lives have been sacrificed from this senseless, wreckage war. Rightly so, I proudly salute and honor my fallen comrades and their families too. This unpopular war has driven prices sky high in every category. In fact, we're spending countless billions of dollars making a show of force and power instead of having sensible

diplomatic negotiations. It's pretty obvious that those calling the shots know very little about war tactics. But anyway, as a child, I learned to never go in if I don't see my way out. I also learned, let well enough alone and if it's not broken, then don't try to fix it. And again, my mind refers back to this scripture that's most appropriate for such a time as this. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, (yes! we have been and still are very bad), then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and will heal their land (nation)." (II Chronicles 7:14). God's Word hasn't and will never change, it stands alone and need no help or props. God also said, "Before My Word shall fail, Heaven and Earth will pass away." So then, I do know who is in control, so if you would, let's fervently pray in unity



Pres Hall
Columnist

and agree in this short prayer: "Oh, gracious Father in heaven, I come humbly before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity and restoration among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity, decency, respect and seek the well-being of all. May Your peace reign in our land, and may Your purposes prevail. In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope (that's now lost), and let righteousness and jus-

tice flow like a might river." Please Lord, we ask in Jesus Name!

Yet still, we as a people have always risen above adversity, finding strength and resilience in our shared values and collective spirits. America, it's extremely essential that we come together on one accord and fervently pray. And be reminded, "Where there is unity, there is strength." Do know, "...The fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much," (James 5:16). Finally, my brethren and my friends, let us stand together, united in faith and united in purpose. And sincerely ask God to "Create in us all a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us," (Psalms 51:10). "So that we may do what it right and pleasing in His sight." In doing so, Oh what a mighty and profound difference it will make in the United States! May God Grace the USA!

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Bible Thought of the Week

"I will walk by faith even when I cannot see." 2 Corinthians 5:7

Waverly Hall Police and Family Connection to Hold National Night Out Event

Submitted to the *NEW ERA*

Harris County Family Connection and the Waverly Hall Police Department have partnered to bring the 2nd Annual National Night Out to Harris County! If this year's event is anything like last year's, we're in for barrels of fun, unforgettable memories, and plenty of opportunities to build new

friendships while strengthening old ones.

Time and place for the event:
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Lucy Laney Park
6783 GA Hwy 208
Waverly Hall, GA
What to expect when you arrive:
Children will be laughing in the bounce house, friends catch-

ing up over a meal, Families meeting our heroes who work every day to keep our community safe, and conversations that begin with a smile and end with a stronger community.
You will also meet your local law enforcement officers—our hometown heroes.
Check out amazing Resource Vendors with free giveaways.

Reconnect with friends and neighbors—or make some new ones.
Enjoy free food and drinks. Listen to music.
Let the kids enjoy the bounce house.
Celebrate the community that makes Harris County such a special place to call home.
At Harris County Family

Connection, our mission is to improve outcomes for children and families by bringing together community partners, resources, and opportunities that create stronger, healthier, and more connected communities. Events like National Night Out remind us that when we know one another, trust one another, and work together,

everyone benefits.
The Waverly Hall Police Department stands ready to provide their leadership, partnership, and unwavering commitment to serving and protecting our community. We are honored to stand beside you in building relationships that make Harris County safer and stronger.

We Lead From Where We Are

In my previous column, I wrote about Moses becoming a shepherd and leading his father-in-law's sheep to the backside of the desert. I asked why he would do that. I then explained that he was leading the sheep from the place he was Spiritually, mentally, and physically. Moses was in a bad place. And like Moses, when we're in a bad place, we lead others into a bad place.

Now, the logical question for today's column is: Why was he there? Why did God lead him to Egypt, and more importantly, to the backside of the desert? The short answer is that he was there because God was preparing him for what He had created him for. Don't run past what I just said. Quite often, when God wants to prepare us, He sends us into some of the most untenable, God-forsaken places and circumstances imaginable. This is not to crush or destroy us, but to prepare us for our destiny.

For forty years, Moses endured God's preparation process. I want to mention a few character traits Moses must have possessed that got him through.

First, Moses possessed confidence. Forty years in Egypt taught Moses that God's timetable wasn't his timetable. But because of his miraculous beginning - being born under a sentence of death, the midwives defying Pharaoh's order to kill all the

male Hebrews at birth, and being floated down the river by his mother, being drawn from the water by Pharaoh's daughter, and being raised in Pharaoh's house - undoubtedly, he was confident God had a plan for him!

Secondly, Moses possessed faithfulness. I believe that because Pharaoh's daughter hired Moses' mother as his nursemaid, she instilled the tenets of the Jewish faith in him. As has often been quoted, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." In the harshest circumstances imaginable, he remained faithful to the core values his mother instilled in him and allowed them to guide him. The values that would enable him to lead a flock of sheep for forty years on the backside of the desert would empower him to lead a bunch of ungrateful, rebellious Hebrews for forty years through the Wilderness.

Thirdly, Moses was prepared. Slow down and very slowly read what I am about to say - God never calls us up

to the next level until we are prepared to go. We get impatient. We get in a hurry. We want to move to the next level of our destiny right now. But again - God never calls us up to the next level until we are prepared to go. Sometimes, the preparation process is long, arduous, and frustrating! But hear me, it is always necessary!

I sense that somebody reading this column today may feel as though God has forgotten you. I hope that you will believe me when I tell you that He has not forgotten you. He knows exactly where you are and what you are going through. He is allowing it! Why? To prepare you to move to the next level of your destiny.

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." (Psalms 27:14)

Be confident, be faithful, and be prepared.

- Bro. Aaron

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Rev. Aaron McCollough
Columnist



DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Patricia Jean "Pat" Lowman
April 24, 1940 - July 15, 2026
Waverly Hall City Council Member

Patricia Jean "Pat" Lowman, 86, of Waverly Hall, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Born on April 24, 1940, in Manchester, Georgia, Pat was the daughter of the late Willie Gordan Harris and Frances Hancock Harris. She grew up in Meriwether County, graduated from Manchester High School, and later attended Phillips Business College in Columbus, Georgia. Shortly after completing her education, she met the love of her life, Bobby Lowman. The two were married for 60 years and made their home in Waverly Hall, where they built a life centered on family, faith, and service to their community.

For 20 years, Pat served as the office manager for Hayward Pritchett Distributor Inc./Pritchett's Chainsaw and Small Engine Repair in Waverly Hall. While she enjoyed her career, her greatest passion was serving the town she loved.

Her dedication to Waverly Hall spanned more than four decades. She played an instrumental role in numerous community improvement projects, including the 1977 Governor's Project Competition; the Paint Up, Clean Up, Fix Up, Beautify Waverly Hall campaign; and the "Up with Waverly Hall" Committee, which led the renovation of the Government/Arts Building dedicated to Jim Stretch on October 9, 1994. That building now serves as Waverly Hall's City Hall and Police Department.

As councilwoman for public safety for 40 years, Pat helped guide the growth and stability of the Waverly Hall Police Department and was instrumental in establishing the city's new Fire Department building. She also faithfully served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1996 to 2003 and again from 2017 to 2025. Her steady leadership, unwavering commitment, and genuine love for her community helped shape Waverly Hall through decades of growth and change.

In recognition of her extraordinary service, the City of Waverly Hall honored Pat on February 22, 2026, proclaiming the day as Patricia Lowman Day in celebration of her forty years of distinguished public service.

Pat was known for her spirited personality, infectious sense of humor, and generous heart. She loved her family deeply and treasured every moment spent with them. A devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of Waverly Hall, she faithfully served on the Board of Trustees and taught Sunday School for many years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bobby Lowman, and her niece, Allison Morgan Cline.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughter, Laurie Ann Lowman of Waverly Hall; grandsons, Andrew (Jessica) McPherson of Shiloh, Adam McPherson of Columbus, and Allen McPherson of Shiloh; great-grandchildren, Hailey, Harley, Hazley, Elleigh Ann, and Lilly McPherson, all of Shiloh; great-great-granddaughter, Leilah McPherson of Shiloh; sisters, Geraldine Morgan of Manchester and Mary Jane (Robert) Koon of Shiloh; nieces, Cindy (Mark) Stephens of Ellerslie, Stacy (Keith) Haralson of Pine Mountain Valley, and Brenda (Tim) Brown of Griffin, Georgia; nephew, Greg Lowman of Milton, Florida; along with several beloved great-nieces and great-nephews. The family gratefully acknowledges the attendance of Mayor Michael Harris; Mayor Pro Tem Geraldine Boddie; Council Members Tara Barbee, Gregg Fischer, Rob Miley, and Brian Wallace; Police Chief Jason Durham, Fire Chief Alex Lawski, City Clerk Pam Nelms, and city attorney, Dennis P. McPherson, whose presence honors Pat's decades of faithful service to the Town of Waverly Hall.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at the Waverly Hall Methodist Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow at Waverly Hall Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Refuge Church Building Fund, Refuge Church, 150 Pine Street, Waverly Hall, GA.

Pat's legacy will live on in the community she faithfully served, the family she dearly loved, and the countless lives she touched through her kindness, leadership, and unwavering dedication to Waverly Hall. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Cox Funeral Home of Manchester is honored to serve the Lowman family.

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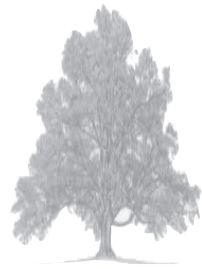
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Debtors & Creditors Notice

26-061

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HARVEY INGRAM

All creditors of the Estate of WILLIAM HARVEY INGRAM late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person(s) indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 20TH day of JULY 2026.

CHRISTINE G. INGRAM
417 HARVEY INGRAM RD.
WOODLAND, GA 31836

Executor(s) of the Estate of WILLIAM HARVEY INGRAM, Deceased

(7:30, 8:6, 13, 20)

26-062

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GLENN STRICKLAND

All creditors of the Estate of GLENN STRICKLAND late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person(s) indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 21ST day of JULY 2026.

ZANA STRICKLAND
5346 ROCKWELL COURT
COLUMBUS, GA 31907

Executor(s) of the Estate of GLENN STRICKLAND, Deceased

(7:30, 8:6, 13, 20)

26-060

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID DANIEL DOBARZYNSKI

All creditors of the Estate of DAVID DANIEL DOBARZYNSKI late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person(s) indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 14TH day of JULY 2026.

WALTER DOBARZYNSKI
13617 ELLENDALE DR.
CHANTILLY, VA 20151

Executor(s) of the Estate of DAVID DANIEL DOBARZYNSKI, Deceased

(7:23, 30, 8:6, 13)

26-058

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN LACKEY, JR.

All creditors of the Estate of JAMES ALLEN LACKEY, JR. late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person(s) indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 1 ST day of JULY 2026.

JAMES LACKEY III
5903 RUSH CREEK HWY.
WOODLAND, GA 31836

Executor(s) of the Estate of JAMES ALLEN LACKEY, JR, Deceased

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

Foreclosures

26-056

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA TALBOT COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by, Lucy E. Rosario, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for JFQ Lending, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated 10/27/2022, and recorded on 11/10/2022, in Book 493, Page 100, Talbot County, Georgia Records, as last assigned to as last assignment to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment recorded 4/2/2026 as Instrument No. in book 00515, Page 0236, conveying the after described property securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$246,235.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 9/1/2026 sell at public outcry to the high-

est bidder for cash: During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Talbot County, Georgia., the following described property situated in Talbot County, Georgia, to wit: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT NO. 3 OF THE 17TH LAND DISTRICT OF TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT 1, CONTAINING 5.939 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AS DEPICTED ON A PLAT FOR OSCAR SNELLING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK G, PAGE 427, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE AND SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE TO SHOW THE METES AND BOUNDS OF SAID PROPERTY.

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The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagees to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are as is, where is. The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to 1) confirmation and audit of the status of the loan by the holder of the security deed, 2) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 3) procedures for rescission of sale under O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, whereby the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided above. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 & 1400 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

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ments/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/tre-faqs#D_5

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Lucy E. Rosario For Foreclosure sale information please contact Vylla Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 3309, Anaheim, California 92803, Phone: (888) 313-1969 TS # 26-40989

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(7:2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 8:6, 13, 20, 27)

Probate Notices

26-063

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TALBOT COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF HOMER HARVEY JR., DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2026-P-032

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: JOANN GEDDIS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of HOMER HARVEY JR. deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before AUGUST 24, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

SHATARA POWELL
Judge of the Probate Court
By: NI LEJA WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 157
TALBOTTON, GA 31827
706-665-8866

(7:30, 8:6, 13, 20)

26-059

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TALBOT COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED STANFORD, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2026-P-17

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: JAMES SAMUEL REYNOLDS, III, BETTY R. FOLK, SHANNA REYNOLDS

SIMPSON and to whom it may concern: Cathy L. Tibbits has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the Estate of Mildred Stanford, deceased, of said county. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before August 10, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a Notary Public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

Shatara Powell
Judge of the Probate Court
PO Box 157
Talbotton, GA 31827

(7:9, 16, 23, 20)

Answers to This Week's Sudoku

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

Answers To This Week's Crossword Puzzle

- SOLUTIONS ACROSS**

 - 1. BATA
 - 5. LEU
 - 8. ELF
 - 11. CLEGG
 - 13. ERN
 - 14. MAAR
 - 15. EAGAN
 - 16. TMV
 - 17. AGIO
 - 18. SUSUS
 - 20. TIE
 - 21. GLUE
 - 22. AMENITIES
 - 25. PREMATURELY
 - 30. CHAMBER
 - 31. SSR
 - 32. TOTER
 - 33. APPRO
 - 38. ADS
 - 41. AMNESIA
 - 43. DECAPITATOR
 - 45. CAMERAMEN
 - 48. BABA
 - 49. ALB
- SOLUTIONS DOWN**

 - 1. BCE
 - 2. ALAS
 - 3. TEGU
 - 4. AGAS
 - 5. LETTER
 - 6. ERMINES
 - 7. UNVEILS
 - 8. EAGLE
 - 9. LAIUS
 - 10. FROE
 - 12. GNU
 - 14. MAGI
 - 19. SATE
- 23. MUR
 - 24. TYRANT
 - 25. PCT
 - 26. RHO
 - 27. EAT
 - 28. MME
 - 29. ABRADE
 - 34. PEA
 - 35. PST
 - 36. RIO
 - 37. OAR
 - 39. DERANGE
 - 40. SCALIER
 - 41. APE
 - 42. MINA
 - 44. AMBLER
 - 45. CABAL
 - 46. ABAFT
 - 47. MANA
 - 48. BEMA
 - 51. AAR
 - 52. HOAR
 - 53. ETCH
 - 54. DUKE
 - 58. SSE

Answer to this week's Word Scramble: Credit

This Week's Horoscopes

- ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20:** Aries, your bold approach is magnetic right now. If you have a big idea that you've been waiting to share, present it now. Everyone is ready to listen.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21: Think about how you can treat someone else to something nice, whether it is a gift, time spent with you or whatever it is that they desire. Build the foundation for a stronger friendship.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21: This week is all about clearing out the old to make room for the new, Gemini. Begin decluttering your physical space and then move on to clearing out your mind.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22: Cancer, your social circle is a great asset this week. Reach out to a friend you haven't spoken to in a while. You might find the conversation sparks a great new collaborative idea.
- LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23:** Leo, your hard work is finally getting the recognition it deserves. Don't be afraid to accept any praise that comes your way. You will inspire others with your natural leadership and confidence.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22: Virgo, whether it is picking up a new hobby or diving into a book you have been meaning to read, you are craving knowledge this week. Your mind is hungry for growth, so feed it.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23: Right now you are able to resolve lingering tensions with ease, Libra. Lean into your diplomatic nature; you have the power to turn a complicated situation into a win-win for everyone.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22: The connections you nurture this week will prove incredibly lucky for you, Scorpio. You will come across as deeply authentic, which can draw people to you like a magnet.
- SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21:** Getting details handled early on will clear the path for a much more open week as the weekend approaches, Sagittarius. Take to the task at hand now and reap the rewards later.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20: Your creativity is off the charts right now, Capricorn. You might find that you are better positioned to problem-solve when you're doing things unrelated to the task at hand.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18: It is a wonderful time to redecorate the garden or spend quality time with family, Aquarius. Nurturing yourself will give you the stamina to tackle the world outside of your home.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20: Pisces, people are generally interested in what you have to say this week, so be sure to speak up. Your message may inspire others.

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Did You Know...by Jack Bagley

Is a popular Australian phrase misremembered by most people?

By JACK BAGLEY
didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com

Did you ever have the feeling you were being watched? I have. I get it every week, right around the time you are reading this silly column. You're watching me, trying to figure out if what I'm saying is accurate and true ... and knowing that it is, since this isn't the first of April. I've gotten used to all the eyes of the world (or whatever portion thereof is reading this) upon me.

And if you like to write, you can contact me at didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com and I always answer, usually quickly!

Now, on to the stuff you came to stare at!

Did you know ...
... raw kidney beans can poison you? Raw kidney beans contain a chemical called phytohaemagglutinin (no, I do not know how to pronounce it). This chemical can cause vomiting and headaches after just a small handful of raw beans have been ingested. Cooking the beans removes the chemical from them. (You won't even have time to learn how to pronounce it.)

... a popular breed of dog was bred to protect tax collectors? The Doberman pinscher was a breed developed in Germany in the 19th Century. They were bred to be guard dogs to protect tax collectors, who carried large sums of cash as they traveled through the countryside. They're very good with children and even with cats, as their fierce reputation is more public relations than actual fact. (They don't have to be scary if they look scary.)

... you are literally not the same person you were seven years ago? During a period of seven years, human beings replace every cell in their bodies. The cells you were made of seven years ago have been totally replaced. (And you never even noticed.)

... there are many more millionaires (and billionaires) now than there were 100 years ago? In 1900, there were only 5,000 millionaires in the United States. By 2000, the number had shot up exponentially to

more than five million. As far as billionaires go, there were only two in the world in 1900 – John D. Rockefeller (1839-1937) and Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919). By 2000, there were 322 billionaires. Rockefeller was once quoted as saying, “If you can count your millions, you are not a billionaire.” (There may be many more, but I'm not one of them. Darn it.)

... a popular Australian phrase is misremembered by most people? You may have heard the phrase, “I'll throw another shrimp on the barbie,” spoken by Australian actor Paul Hogan (born 1939) in a series of tourism television commercials. Countless people working on an Australian accent quote the phrase ... but the thing is, Hogan never said it. What he *did* say was, “I'll slip an extra shrimp on the barbie for you.” This is another example of the Mandela effect – remembering things as fact that didn't actually happen. (Never mind all that, I'd like my shrimp, please, Paul.)

... a park exists which is dedicated to snack treats? In the town of Collegedale, Tennessee, one can find the Little Debbie™ Park. This facility has play structures that are shaped like the snacks put out by the Little Debbie snack company – Nutty Buddy Bars, Oatmeal Creme Pies, etc. The land on which the park sits was donated by McKee Foods, owners of the Little Debbie snack brand. (Great place for dessert after the shrimp from the barbie!)

... an American general shut down a German general who complained about protocol at the end of World War II? On May 7, 1945, German Generaloberst Alfred Jodl (1890-1946), who had been sent by the German High Command to sign the surrender that would end the war in Europe, sneered because the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), was not there. According to reports, Jodl growled, “Eisenhower didn't even bother to show up.” That brought a reply from the Allied officer there to accept the surrender, General Walter Bedell



Smith (1895-1961). Smith, known as “Beetle” to the Allied command, replied to Jodl, “General Eisenhower outranks you.” Smith was correct: Eisenhower's rank as a five-star general was equivalent to the German grade of field marshal, one rank higher than Jodl at the end of the war. (Rank has its privileges.)

... the first browser for the World Wide Web (what we now call the Internet) was created in 1990? Developed by Tim Berners-Lee (born 1955), the invention of the browser has led to his being credited as the man who invented the Internet. He didn't; he just invented a way for people like you and me to access it. (And I, for one, am very glad he did!)

... Dorothy was originally blonde in *The Wizard of Oz*? The character of Dorothy Gale had been written as a blonde in the original books by L. Frank Baum (1856-1919), and when costumes were being designed for the classic 1939 movie based on the books, actress Judy Garland (1922-1969) was fitted with a blonde wig in order to keep with the book. However, the director of the movie, George Cukor (1899-1983), nixed the idea because he didn't like the way Garland looked with a blonde wig. He felt the wig made Garland look too “sophisticated” to be a Kansas farm girl. (Toto, on the other hand, liked it.)

... white is not a color? To be pedantic, white is the total absence of all color. Black, on the other hand, is the presence of all colors together.

... earlobes have no biological purpose? Scientists who study such things say that the earlobe, which has millions of nerve endings and may play a role in social bonding, actually have no biological purpose for existing. (They do, of course, make a convenient place to hang a pair of eyeglasses.)

Now ... *you know!*
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Thoughts on Schoolwork and Hoarding

Another summer, as far as the school calendar goes, is coming to an end. That means my home will soon be littered with textbooks, worksheets and various scraps of paper. It seems like only yesterday I was hauling a trunk load of recycling to the dump.

It does my heart good to throw things away, even if my children scribbled or doodled on it. That may sound a little hard-hearted, but if I kept every piece of parchment colored or written on by my offspring, I'd soon be overrun with litter. I'd be forced to traverse my home along treacherous pig trails between towers of loose paper. One wrong move or wayward sneeze would leave me buried alive beneath colorful depictions of cartoon characters and hastily calculated long division.

Teachers always want you to show your work, as if calculators don't exist and every cell phone didn't come pre-installed with one. To think of all the moments of my youth squandered, paper and pencil wasted trying to figure out math problems. But then again, how would my life have turned out if I was good with figures? I could be living the face-paced, sexy life of a corporate accountant.

My son has a good head for numbers, so much so that, to his teachers' disdain, he can do a lot of math in his head. He's like some kind of savant. I tried getting him into a casino one time with the ol' two kids in a trench coat trick, but apparently the security guard watched a lot of cartoons.

But back to the accumulation of things ... I do keep a scrapbook of cherished drawings or written things for sentimental purposes, but the rest goes right into the trash. I don't want to end up on that TV show where psychiatrists and cleaning specialists mock help someone so the people at home can feel better about their cluttered homes. Not too long ago, while helping my parents clean out their attic I came upon a hoard of schoolwork from my childhood. My mother seemingly was incapable of throwing out the things I now so easily toss into the



wastebasket. She asked if I wanted to save any of it. You can guess the answer. In the end we did what should have been done decades before – got rid of a ton of paper. My knees hurt for weeks after multiple trips up and down the stairs laden with boxes.

Similarly, my wife's parents saved a lot of her things in large containers that eventually made their way to my garage where they have sat undisturbed for years. I'm

dying to haul these bulky, heavy boxes away, but I'm patiently waiting for permission. OK, maybe impatiently. I could just do it and hope it goes unnoticed. It's a victimless crime, and I'd have a corner of my garage back.

That's the problem with saving things. Precious memories from one moment become a chore down the road, or for someone else all together.

So this school year I'm going to do my kids, and future self a favor. I'm going to keep throwing things away.

You can reach Kyle Dominy at: k.l.dominy@gmail.com or write to 115 South Jefferson St. Dublin, Ga. 31021



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- Grading, compaction, and base preparation;
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- Installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps;
- Restoration and cleanup of all disturbed areas; and
- Traffic and pedestrian control necessary to complete the work safely.

All work must comply with applicable federal, state, and local requirements, Georgia Department of Transportation standards, and current Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards.

Contractors must provide proof of all required licenses, general liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and any other documentation requested by the City. Each bidder is responsible for inspecting the project locations and verifying all measurements, quantities, site conditions, and permitting requirements before submitting a bid.

Bids may be delivered during regular business hours or mailed to:

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PO Box 187
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Woodland, GA 31836

Delivered or mailed bids must clearly state “SIDEWALK DEMOLITION AND REPLACEMENT BID” on the outside of the envelope.

Bids may be submitted by email to the City Clerk at cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com. All bids must be received no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, July 31, 2026. Bids received after the stated deadline will not be considered. The City of Woodland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk at cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com or (706)674-2200, during the regular business hours of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Wednesday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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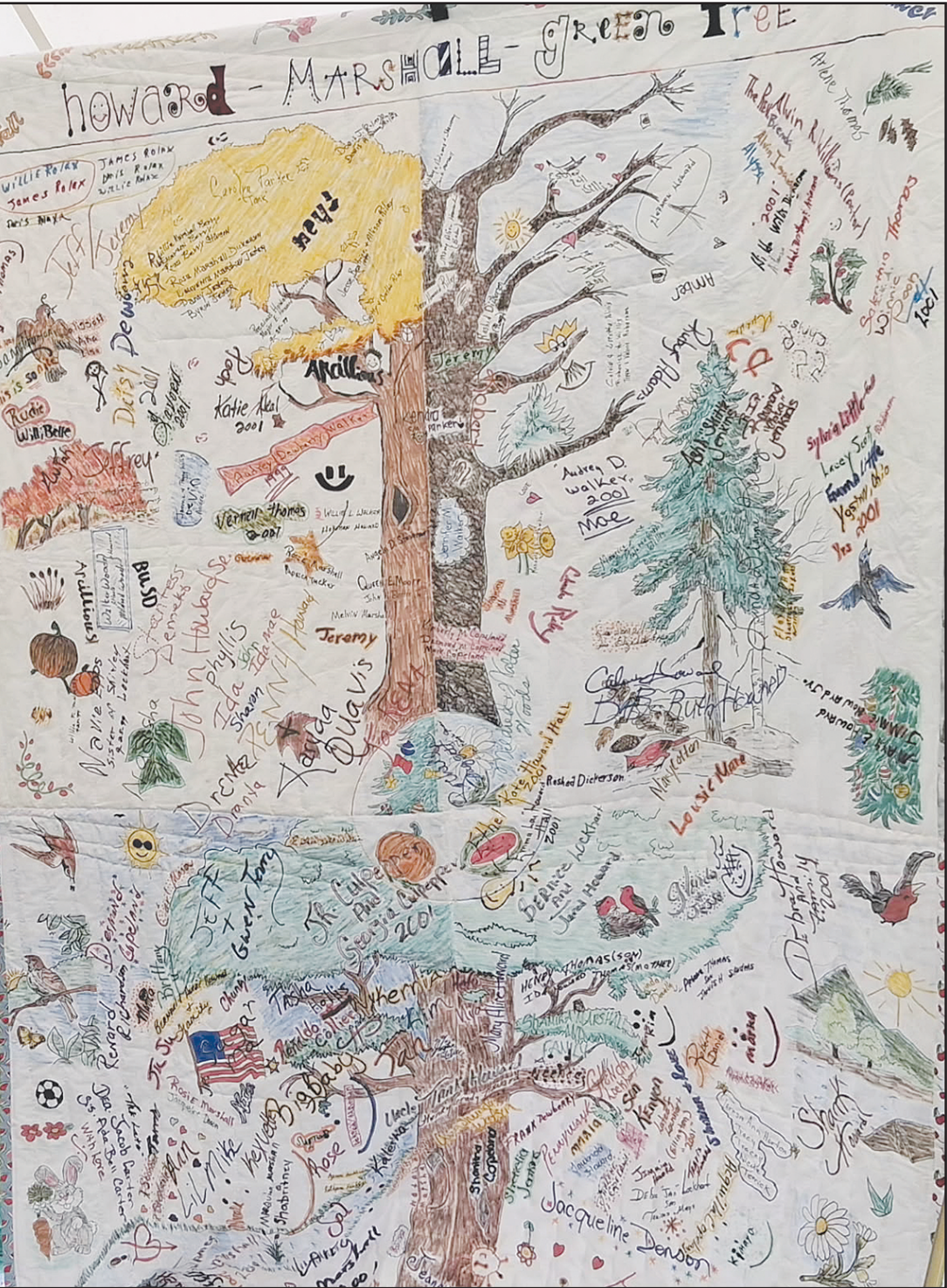
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Tank and Lillie Howard Family Day

Celebrating Love, Legacy and Togetherness!

By PRES HALL

Praise God for blessings! Once again, on Saturday afternoon, July 18th, families gathered at the Thomas Quarter, Powell Church Road for an evening of remembrance and all sorts of fun.

In fact, due to unplanned issues, situations and circumstances, the get-together had to be downsized but not dismissed. And of course, having a little good family time together is better than having no time at all, especially due to the fact that we have lost so many loved ones.

Most recently and sadly, longevity patriarch, 97 years old, Willie Frank Dewberry. Also, in August 2025, we

regretfully lost Lance Austin Brown and Lillie O. Dillingham.

So, thank God we gathered, even though it short but sweet, as we meet and greet with plenty to eat. Yes, the Thomas Country Kitchen is to be applauded!

Later there was fun and games! games, and as always. But first and most importantly, it did begin with prayer and moments of silence in remembrance of those who passed on.

The eloquent, specially chosen family poem says it all, "Family Tree" ... "There's love within our family tree and happiness abounds. Its roots are deeply ground. We enjoy the rays of sunlight, and

endure the winds and rain, and when a leaf falls from our tree, together we share the pain. God gave us earthly families and never did intend, that bonds of love built on earth, upon our death would need. For when our life is over and from the earth our souls will flee, one by one, leaf by leaf, He (God) will rejoin our family tree."

Once again, the gorgeous, hand quilted family tree with descendants was hung for everyone to see! Many thanks to the phenomenal planning committee as all who contributed to this unforgettable event! Indeed! We are forever and eternally grateful for our blessed family! Thank You, Lord!

This Week in History

2019: El Paso Walmart Shooting

By ANDY KOBER

Here is what happened this week in American History.

• **July 30.** On this day in 1916, it is about 2 am when a massive explosion takes place on Black Tom Island in New Jersey. The explosion came after several small fires were discovered along the island's pier. Stored on the island were about 2 million pounds of small arms ammunition and artillery ammunition along with about 100,000 pounds of TNT. After the initial explosion there was a second, smaller explosion. At least seven people were killed with hundreds wounded. Black Tom Island had been used as a major ammunition depot with much of the material being used to supply the Allies during World War I. The explosions destroyed warehouses and sent debris over a mile away. Windows were broken as far away as Philadelphia. It would be determined the explosions had been caused by German agents Kurt Jahnke and Lothar Witzke. Jahnke escaped, making his way back to Germany. He would be executed by Soviet agents in 1950. Witzke was arrested in Arizona near the Mexican border. He was imprisoned and later released, then deported back to Germany. A third person, Michael Kristoff, was arrested but later released due to lack of evidence.

• **July 31.** In 1874, Patrick Francis Healy is inaugurated as president of Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Born in a log cabin in Macon, GA, Healy was a Catholic Priest and Jesuit. Healy considered himself to be white even though his mother was 1/8 black. By the laws of the time, Healy was considered black which means he was the first black American to earn a PhD and the first black president of Georgetown University -- a predominately white institution.

• **Aug. 1.** Today in 1620, the sailing ships *Speedwell* and *Mayflower* are headed to America with Pilgrims on board both ships. *Speedwell* begins taking on water and is forced to return to London for repairs, but not before some of the passengers board *Mayflower* and continue toward America. *Mayflower* will be remembered in the pages of history while



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FACE OF EVIL - Pictured during his trial, Patrick Crusius was found guilty on 22 counts of using a firearm to commit murder among other charges stemming from a murderous rampage at a Walmart in El Paso, TX. By his own admission, Crusius was targeting Mexicans.

Speedwell is forgotten. *Speedwell* will reach America, arriving in 1635. After that voyage she returns to England, is refitted and sold. Whatever happened to her after that is unknown.

• **Aug. 2.** On this day in 1953, actor and musician Patrick Alan Lilley is born in Inglewood, CA. A talent scout noticed Lilley when he was just seven and he appeared in a variety of commercials and guest appearances. Then known as Butch Patrick he lands the role of a child werewolf in the popular television series *The Munsters* and later in *Munster Go Home*. Patrick will serve as a character actor in a wide variety of roles. Now 72, Patrick remains active.

• **Aug. 3.** In 2019, in El Paso, TX, Patrick Crusius enters a Walmart about 9 am. He spends about 30 minutes walking around the store before returning to his car. A few minutes later he enters the store again, this time purchasing an orange which he eats while inside the store and then goes back to his car. The El Paso girls soccer team is holding a fundraiser outside the store and shortly after 10:30 am, Crusius exits his car, goes to the trunk and retrieves a rifle. He begins shooting people in the parking lot, then enters the store and begins shooting people. At 10:41 he leaves the store again, shoots more people in the parking lot, then gets into

his car and drives away. Crusius only drives a short distance before stopping and surrendering to Texas Rangers with an El Paso Police Department motorcycle officer. Among the 90 charges, he would be charged with 22 counts of committing a hate crime resulting in death, and 22 counts of using a firearm to commit murder. He would be sentenced to 90 consecutive life sentences without parole and is currently held in jail in Palestine, TX.

• **Aug. 4.** Today in 1971, race car driver Jerr Gordon is born in Vallejo, CA. At the age of five, Gordon began racing quarter-midgets going on to become a major NASCAR star. Now 54, Gordon has retired from racing full-time and serves as Vice President of Hendrick Motorsports.

• **Aug. 5.** On this day in 1962, actress and model Marilyn Monroe is found dead in her home in Brentwood, Los Angeles, CA. She was just 36 years old and had led a very troubled life including time living in an orphanage. Born Norma Jeane Mortenson, she was known as one of the "Blonde Bombshell" characters and sex symbols popular in the 1950s into the early 1960s. There were reports of a relationship between Monroe and then President John F. Kennedy.

ADDENDUM - The Revolutionary War continues with both sides casting eyes toward New York. Loyalist David Mathews has been appointed Mayor of New York, which both sides recognized as strategically important. The result is the buildup of a large British military presence in New York. A few months earlier the North Carolina militia had defeated Loyalist Highlander Scots in the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. And in March, the Continental Navy had conducted its first amphibious assault during which British military supplies were taken and the British Governor taken prisoner. Despite these actions, the British had little respect for the Continental Army and Navy, and even less for the militias.

The Korean War continues with Chinese and North Korean guerillas slipping through South Korean, UN and US lines to cause havoc, then slipping back on their side of the uneasy border.



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MANCHESTER HOLDS BACK TO SCHOOL BASH - The Manchester Recreation Department and Huddle Youth Center teamed up to host the annual Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, July 25. Organizations in the community came together to provide school supplies as well as outreach for programs such as sports, churches, and even the local Girl Scouts. Events like these help provide for families in the area that need assistance preparing for school. This ensures that all students are equally equipped and ready to learn.

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