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## Woodland Referendum Approved By Voters

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

According to Woodland Election Superintendent Cynthia Powell, voters approved the city's referendum in the Nov. 4 Municipal General Election and the state Special Election. Talbot County voters also voted for the Democratic candidates in the Public Service Commission races.

### CITY OF WOODLAND

The City of Woodland asked voters to vote yes or no on a referendum deciding if fluoride should be added to the city's water supply. According to Powell, the referendum passed by "the majority of voters."

There was no need for voters to cast a vote for mayor or council members, even though the names of the candidates appeared on the ballot.

Incumbent Mayor James Carter was the only candidate to qualify to seek the office.

Originally there were six candidates seeking the five council seats for the city. However, former council member Danny Barron, who originally qualified to seek a council seat, withdrew from the election on Sept. 25 leaving only four candidates for the four posts.

The five candidates who were elected include: incumbent T.L. Carter, incumbent John R. Haralson, incumbent Allison Owens, incumbent Jeffery Mitchell and newcomer Cynthia Carter.

### CITY OF TALBOTTON

There was no need for an election in the City of Talbotton since all the candidates who qualified were unopposed.

The following candidates will take office on Jan. 1.

Incumbent Mayor Tony Lamar will return to office. Timothy Turner will hold the Post 1 council seat; Annie Powell will hold the Post 2 seat; Andrew Hall will return to the Post 3 seat; Noddia Carreker will hold the Post 4 seat and Latasha Hollis will return to the Post 5 seat.

### CITY OF GENEVA

Likewise, the City of Geneva did not have to hold a municipal election.

Mayor Nigelco Marshall was the only candidate to qualify for the seat.

The following council

members will take office on Jan. 1: Juanda "Wanda" J. Callier, Gregory Daniel "Danny" Lockhart; Susan A. Lockhart and Evelyn Woody Walker.

### PSC SPECIAL ELECTION

Talbot County help to elect the two Democratic

candidates for Georgia's Public Service Commission seats.

In the District 2 race, Democratic candidate Alicia M. Johnson received 627 votes and Republican candidate Tim Echols received 219 votes. Johnson was elected to the seat by the state wide

vote.

In the District 3 race, Democratic candidate Peter Hubbard received 615 votes in Talbot County, while Republican candidate Fitz Johnson received 216. Hubbard was elected to hold the office by the state wide vote.



Photos and information provided by Pres Hall

**GETTING A NEEDED FACELIFT** - Washington Avenue (Highway 41) in Talbotton has seen improvement action for several weeks. Robinson Paving has been in the process of undergoing a much needed extreme road makeover on the roadway. The old paving has been stripped away and the road is down to dirt to make way for a brand new first asphalt street. It's exciting watching the machinery at work.

## Free Fall Community Distribution Event at CEHS

Submitted to the *NEW ERA*

The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency - PRE-ETS Students and Central of Talbotton Elementary/High School (CEHS) are proud to present a Free Community Distribution Fall Event.

In collaboration with Tree of Life and Valley Community Outreach (a.k.a. The Village), the event aims

to support local families and foster community engagement during the fall season.

Generous sponsors including Walmart, Kimble's Corrections, and Amazon have donated a variety of items for distribution, including apparel, household goods, seasonal items, food, shoes, 50 turkeys, and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a raffle giveaway.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Arthur Miller Gymnasium at CEHS.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, receive essential items, and celebrate the spirit of giving. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

## Annual Giving Tree Fundraiser Begins at Library

Submitted to the *NEW ERA*

Give the gift of reading this holiday season by donating to The Giving Tree at any Pine Mountain Regional Library System location.

"Library supporters often ask how they can help their local libraries," said Jennifer Domenech, PMRLS assistant director. "This is an inexpensive, easy way to promote reading that benefits the library and the community."

In order to participate in The Giving Tree fundraiser, library goers can select a book title from any Giving Tree, available at all PMRLS locations. For a contribution of \$20, the library will purchase the book, put a book plate honoring the donor or an individual of their choosing, and the book will be added to the library's children's or young adult collection. Donors will receive an acknowledgement card to give to the honoree or their family.

This is the second year for the fundraiser. In 2024, the library raised \$420 and added 21 new books at six locations.

"We greatly appreciated the support from the community last year, and we're thrilled to bring it back for 2025. We can't wait to see what books the community selects," Domenech said.

The fundraiser begins



Monday, Nov. 10, and will end on Friday, Jan. 2.

In addition to The Giving Tree, the library is celebrating Freeember. During the month of November, all items in the designated Book Sale

area are free.

A list of all Pine Mountain Regional Library System locations can be found at [pinemtnlibrary.org](http://pinemtnlibrary.org). PMRLS serves Meriwether, Talbot, Taylor and Upson counties.



Submitted Photo

**EDGE HONORED BY COMMISSIONERS** - Harriett Edge was presented a token of appreciation by the Talbot County Board of Commissioners during the board's Nov. 3 meeting for her 35 years of service to the Talbot County community as a driver for the Talbot County Transit System. She is being presented a certificate of appreciation by Commissioner Ken Chapman.



Submitted Photo

**LEONARD HONORED BY COMMISSIONERS** - Quentin Leonard was presented a certificate of appreciation by the Talbot County Board of Commissioners during the board's Nov. 3 meeting for his 10 years service to the Talbot County community as the Chief Assistant Appraiser. He is being presented a certificate of appreciation by Commissioner Ken Chapman.



Submitted Photo

**GIBSON HONORED BY COMMISSIONERS** - Jona Gibson was presented a certificate of appreciation by the Talbot County Board of Commissioners during the board's Nov. 3 meeting for her five years service to the Talbot County community as the County Clerk. She is being presented a certificate of appreciation by Commissioner Ken Chapman.

## Thanksgiving Deadlines Set

In order to get your newspaper printed and mailed to you on time for Thanksgiving and to allow our employees to enjoy the holiday, the newspapers will be printed early and delivered to your mailbox on Wednesday, Nov. 26, the day before Thanksgiving.

To make this happen, the newspaper must have early deadlines and those deadlines are as follows:

- **Stories, photographs and obituaries:** Stories, photographs and obituaries for that issue must be received no later than noon on Thursday, Nov. 20.
- **Advertising:** All advertising must be received no

later than noon on Thursday, Nov. 20.

- **Classified advertisements:** Classified advertisements for that issue must be received no later than noon on Thursday, Nov. 20.
- **Public notices and legal advertisements:** Public notices and legal advertisements for that issue must be received no later than noon on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Please note these are hard deadlines and any item received after deadline will be printed in the following week's issue. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation and we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Contact The New Era by calling (706) 846-3188 or emailing: [starmercuryjohn@gmail.com](mailto:starmercuryjohn@gmail.com)





# Things to Do In and Around Talbot County

## Community Event

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## Gospel Singing

New Providence Baptist Church in Buena Vista invites you to start the new year right with a night of worship with the community! They invite you to their Congregational Hymn Singing on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m. The singing will be led by Silas Fuller. New Providence Baptist Church is located at 197 Providence Church Road in Buena Vista.

## 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 asso-

ciate 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 eveyone 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. For more information contact Bro. Richard Crawl at 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 their Outreach Ministry's Center will be open two days a week from nine to five on Monday and Friday. This will be the last week. **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.

## 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.

## Food Talk Series

UGA Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program is offering free virtual and in-person classes with a series of sessions featuring meals in minutes called "Food Talk." If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Erica Chaney at 706-665-2397 or Erica.Chaney@uga.edu. You can also visit the Talbot County Extension Office at 401 S. Washington Ave. in Talbotton.

## 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 newspa-*

*per reserves the right to edit or reject any submission for the things to do section Thank you for your contin-*

*ued support of the Talbotton New Era newspaper the Talbot County community and its churches.*

# DEATHS AND FUNERALS

## John David Chapman, Sr.

April 3, 1953 - November 8, 2025  
Owner of Chapman's Deer Processing

John David Chapman, Sr. 72 of Woodland, GA passed away Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Piedmont Northside Hospital in Columbus, GA.

Johnny, as he was best known by his family and friends, was born April 3, 1953, in Manchester, GA, the son of Edgar E. Chapman, Sr. and Barbara Ann Chapman. He started at the early age of 17 years old as a butcher at Colonial Grocery Store and later Big Star. . His true passion was fishing which he won numerous Bass Tournaments throughout the southeast, before starting Johnny Chapman's fishing guide service. He later started Chapman's Deer Processing having been self employed and running his own business for over 40 years. He loved the outdoors. He loved hunting in every season, but fishing was his passion. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son John David Chapman, Jr. of Greenville, GA , longtime companion Jane Forbus of Manchester, GA, brothers Edgar (Mary) Chapman, Jr. of Peachtree City, GA and Ken (Stephanie) Chapman of Woodland, GA, sisters Sandra Harrell of Peachtree City, GA and Nancy (Randy) Stewart of Pawleys Island, SC along with many nieces, nephews and longtime friends.

Memorial services for Johnny Chapman will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the Chapel of Cox Funeral Home 93 Prather Barnes Road Manchester, GA. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory. The family also requests that you please sign the online registry and leave condolences for the family on the tribute wall page.

Cox Funeral Home in Manchester, GA will be in charge of the arrangements.



# Who is the Baby Ruth™ candy bar named after?

By JACK BAGLEY

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Ah, the approach of Thanksgiving makes me remember.

The holiday itself just makes me fat.

But memories ... they still don't have any calories, so I enjoy them a lot.

Like the one where my ex-wife once said that when we were together, every day was like Thanksgiving.

"That's what I got for marrying a turkey," she said.

Anyway, you came here for trivia, not bad jokes. (At least I hope you did.) So as not to disappoint, here's the trivia. Enjoy!

## Did you know ...

... the average farm in the United States has 467 acres? In Japan, the average farm has 3 acres. (They certainly do make it work for them, though.)

... the world's largest bowling alley is in Japan? Inazawa Grand Bowl in Inazawa City has 116 lanes. The alley covers 182,000 square feet, and visitors to the building can see all 116 lanes from the entry escalator. (And if you bowl three strikes in a row, you've done what's called a turkey. See, I can work a reference for Thanksgiving in there too!)

... the creator of the Rubik's Cube™ had difficulty solving it? Ernő Rubik (born 1944) invented the popular brain puzzler in 1974. Rubik admits that he needed an entire month to solve the cube once he'd invented it. Today, the record for the fastest solve by a human is 3.13 seconds. A robot, however, solved the cube in 0.38 seconds. (I never could figure that thing out, myself.)

... high heels were originally worn by men? In the 10th Century in Europe, men adopted the heel in order to make it easier to ride their horses. Having a high heel made keeping the foot in the stirrups easier. Persian cavalry members wore inch-high heels, and the trend spread to Europe. It became associated with the upper class because the heels showed that the wearer owned and maintained horses. (So there.)

... all was not well in *Star Wars* land between two iconic and beloved characters? According to some reports, Kenny Baker (1934-2016), the actor who was inside the robot costume of R2D2, absolutely hated his co-star, Anthony Daniels (born 1946), who wore the gold outfit of C-3PO. Baker called Daniels "the rudest man I ever met." (Another area where the Force could be applied, I guess.)

... the red and blue in the American flag have specific color names? If you want to be 100% Betsy-Ross-Approved correct, you have to use Old Glory Red and Old Glory Blue in your flag. The Color Association of the United States dictates what the colors on the palette are called, but it doesn't always work its way down to the market – flag-makers have gotten away with using Pantone Dark Red and Pantone Navy Blue instead of the "approved" colors. (Scandalous, I tell you.)

... Baby Ruth™ candy bars are not named after a baseball player? The popular candy made by the Curtiss Candy Company was introduced in 1921, and many people – then and now – think it was named after the popular baseball star, Babe Ruth (1895-1948). But company officials say the bar was named after Ruth Cleveland (1891-1904), the daughter of former President Grover Cleveland (1837-1908). Ruth was born in between her



father's two non-consecutive terms as president and was a very popular child. When she died of diphtheria at the age of 12, people were shocked, and she was still fondly remembered 17 years later when the Curtiss Candy Co. produced a new chocolate-covered bar. The theory of it being named for Babe Ruth is less believable when one considers that the Curtiss company was headquartered in Chicago, and would not likely have named a confection after a New York ballplayer. (Never let the facts get in the way of a good story.)

... the largest functioning guitar in the world is located at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh? Modeled after a 1967 Gibson Flying V, the guitar is 43 feet 6 inches long, 16 feet wide, and weighs more than 2,000 pounds. The strings are made of airline cables. (And they're a real pain to try and play, too.)

... the first aluminum drink can was introduced in 1959? It held beer – Coors™ beer, to be precise. The cans had to be opened with a can opener that made triangular-shaped holes in the top. Coors also introduced aluminum can recycling at that time, paying one cent per returned can. Prior to 1959, drinks such as beer and soda were sold in tin-plated steel cans with an interior liner of plastic or wax. Such cans were developed in the mid-1930s. (Now ask me when the pop-top can was invented. Go ahead. Ask me.)

... the word "news" has nothing to do with things that are new? It was supposedly coined from the first letters of "north, east, west, south," the four directions of the compass – meaning that information was compiled from all directions. (That's the story, anyway.)

... the Heaven's Gate website is still up and running? For those who may not remember, Heaven's Gate was a UFO cult headed by Marshall Applewhite (1931-1997) and Bonnie Nettles (1927-1985). The forty or so members of the cult firmly believed that when the Comet Hale-Bopp passed near Earth in 1997, it would be followed by an extraterrestrial spacecraft, and they intended to be aboard it, one way or another. Applewhite convinced 38 of his followers to join him in a ritualistic suicide. Two members of the group, however, were instructed to remain behind to maintain the Heaven's Gate website, answer e-mail, and sell books and tapes to spread the message. The website is still accessible at heavensgate.com but it hasn't been updated in quite some time. (Hard to get updates from a comet.)

Now ... you know!

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Sealed Bid Auction for the purchase of the real property described in the Schedule portion of this Invitation for Sealed Bid. Opening will occur publicly at the date, time, and place as follows:

**Date/Time:** 10:00 AM Monday, December 1st, 2025. Bids must be received in the Commissioner's office no later than 9:59 a.m. Bid opening begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Talbot County Board of Commissioners  
35 West Madison Street  
Talbotton, GA 31827

## SCHEDULE:

1) 005 12217 TCO All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in land lot 229 of the 16th Land Districts of Talbot County, Georgia, containing 1.00 acre of land, more or less. Said property being bound as follows: on the north and West by lands of Judith A. Frix, on the East by right-of-way of CSX Railroad, and on the South by a County Road known as Packing House Road.

The property is offered for sale and will be sold "As Is" and "Where Is" without representation, warranty, or guaranty as to quantity, quality, title, character, condition, size, or kind, or that the same is in condition or fit to be used for the purpose for which intended, and no claim for any allowance or deduction upon such grounds will be considered after the bid opening.

The minimum starting bid is \$10,000.00.

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities if technicalities or to re-advertise as appropriate.

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As I Was Saying ...

I don't know about you, but I will be forever grateful to see 2025 in the rear-view mirror of life.

This year has been, without a doubt, the lousiest year of my 67 on this little speck of dust in a sunbeam. While some areas of life have actually gotten better with age, one major area - my health - has started into a noticeable decline, and that decline is very disconcerting (to say the least).

You may have noticed that I haven't been around in these pages very much in the last few weeks. Well, I have been away. I know you're all weary of hearing about my health issues, but since I shared the story of the heart attack with you, I might as well bring things up to date.

But before I do, I want to give a shout-out to the publisher of this newspaper, John Kuykendall, who was forced to take on my responsibilities as well as his own during my illness. The fact that the papers got out on time and complete is a testament to how hard Johnny worked while I was away, and even though I'm back now (in a limited capacity for a time), he's still in there putting in yeoman's work to make these papers shine.

Thanks, Johnny.  
Okay, back to the story on my health.

During the early days of recovery from the July 31 heart attack, I was prescribed more than a dozen medications to take each day. The fine physicians at WellStar hospitals in LaGrange and Marietta, who had me under their care, now believe one of them had an unexpected side effect which hit me pretty hard - a severe cough, one that lasted a long time and led to a lung problem that, to be honest, almost put me in the ground.

I won't name the medication (can't afford to face a lawsuit, you know) but it has this side effect that maybe 5% of users get. My dumb luck, I was in the five percent. And that side effect hit me like the proverbial ton of bricks.

The coughing was almost non-stop, and it became more and more difficult to breathe in between coughing jags. On October 8, I had a follow-up cardiology appointment in LaGrange, and I am very glad I kept it.

The cough had gotten so bad that I couldn't walk more than ten steps or so without stopping to wheeze myself back to something resembling normal. I have no doubt that the cough also annoyed everyone in every waiting room I sat in during those weeks. It got pretty wild around the office, too, as my colleagues listened to me trying to hack up a lung every ten minutes.

Anyway, when I went to the cardiologist, I was seated



Jack Bagley  
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in the waiting room (coughing, of course). They called me back, but the moment I entered the doorway the nurse ordered, "Sit down!" Apparently I was ash-grey and sweating, having trouble taking those steps. I did as I was told, and while I was with the cardiologist, the nurse was arranging an ambulance to take me to the hospital. "I can't let you go home like this," she said apologetically.

I would spend the next ten days at West Georgia Medical Center, initially being treated for fluid buildup around my heart - congestive heart failure, they call it. After ten days, the team decided I needed the specific care available at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, so I found myself there for the next fourteen days.

The heart issue began to ease as they took fluid off my body - and brother, did they take fluid off my body. I went into the hospital in LaGrange weighing 272 pounds, and on discharge I weighed 232. Yes, I lost 40 pounds in three weeks, all of it fluid. (I won't go into how that happened; it's icky and not fit for a family newspaper.)

But as the heart issue eased, the lung issue from the coughing took center stage, and we were back to square one as far as making me healthy again. Test after test, x-ray after x-ray, CT scan after CT scan, and the final diagnosis was something called Cryptologic Organizing Pneumonia.

That's a fancy term that means, "We don't know what causes it and we're not sure how to treat it, so we're going to try this." As it turns out "this" was the right thing to do.

After taking me off the medication that they suspected was the cough cause, the doctors began an intensive course of steroid treatments, and within a couple of days I was breathing better, my coughing had been reduced to nothing, and I was finally released from the hospital November 1.

The recovery is going to take longer; I am on supplemental oxygen for a few weeks and I have to rebuild muscles in my legs which began to atrophy due to being in bed so long. But that's just chump change, if you ask me.

I'm still here. That's the best part. I'm still here.

Be Cautious: A Few Safety Tips for Holiday Shopping

The holiday season is upon us and that means lots of shopping. We shop for holiday foods, presents, decorations and more. It is important to remember that during the holidays criminal activity does increase.

According to the FBI, burglary and theft crimes rise by as much as 22% during the holidays. It is also important to note that the rate of DUI arrests also increase.

Taking those things into consideration, it is a good idea to find ways to stay safe.

The first thing to remember is to keep your vehicles and home locked. Most of the time, crooks will enter an auto or home that is unlocked.

Do not leave packages, purses, phones or any other valuables in your car, even if it is locked. If you have such items, lock the items in the trunk.

When you go shopping, do so with family members or a friend. There is some safety in numbers.

While shopping women should keep their purse as close to their body as possible. Do not put it in a shopping cart. Men should keep their wallets in their front pant pocket or a pocket that can be zipped or buttoned closed.

During Black Friday, retail stores are going to be crowded and everyone loves the Black Friday sales. Whatever you do, do not argue or confront anyone about an item. Just let it go.

You should always try to pay with by digital wallet or your debit or credit card. If you must use cash, don't flash it. Be cautious about other people seeing the cash you have.

Stay alert of your surroundings at all times and when shopping always keep your packages or bags in hand. If you must return to your car to place the items in the vehicle's trunk, do so but do not go alone.

Be aware of data breaches, which increase as well during the holidays. When shopping try to use one card. Doing so will help reduce the risk of having multiple cards compromised.

Be sure to keep all your shopping receipts, not matter how small. Monitor your debit and credit card activity closely and review the account as soon as possible.

Issues can arise in the parking lot before and after shopping. Here are a few ideas to help reduce the chance of having an issue while parking, exiting and returning to your vehicle.

Be patient while attempt-



John Kuykendall  
Publisher & Editor

ing to find a parking spot. Do not try and speed up to that empty space. Be cautious and keep an eye out for other vehicles moving or backing up.

If you are going to be shopping early before the sun is up or later in the evening, be sure to park your vehicle in a well-lit area and as close to the store as possible. Darkness makes it easier to commit a crime.

Again, do not leave any valuables your car, be sure it is locked and parked near other vehicles.

It is easy to forget where you parked when you have been shopping for a long time or visiting multiple places. Be sure to note where your vehicle is parked. It is also a good idea to take picture of your vehicle showing some of the surroundings to make your vehicle easier to find.

Before exiting or re-entering your vehicle, take time to take a look around the area where your vehicle

is parked. Look for any suspicious activity near your vehicle. If you notice that a flyer or any item has been left on your car, especially the front and rear windows, do not stop to read it.

If your car is not equipped with a backup safety system, be sure to back out of your parking spot slowly and keep an eye out for other vehicles or people.

Be sure to keep you home safe as well.

When you decorate, be sure to keep Christmas trees and decorations at least three feet away from any heat source.

If you use candles, be sure to extinguish them before leaving a room or going to sleep. Do not leave open flames unattended.

Be sure to check electrical decoration for any wire damages, do not overload outlets and try to use non-combustible materials for decorations.

Be sure you smoke detectors are in good working order and replace batteries if needed.

Keep your doors and windows locked, even if you are home.

Next week we will cover more ways to be safe, such as Internet shopping tips.

Hoping everyone stays safe during the holidays.

Getting What You Deserve

Elections are over ... at least for a while.

Around the local area there were people seeking election to various seats while others sought re-election. I would like to thank each one who offered themselves up for public service. It is an incredibly thankless job, growing more so.

In each contested race one person won and the others did not. There is no shame in losing an election. Any shame is borne by those who did not take the time to vote yet will take plenty of time to criticize.

Over decades of covering and reporting on elections there are two types of people that seek public office. One is to better their community, and the other is to stroke their own ego. Time always proves which side of that coin an elected person is on. Just give them a while, which brings us to the topic of this week's column.

A WISE person once said that people get the type of government they deserve, and that is true.

We should always vote for the person who will strive to do the best job of represent-

ing their constituents. Unfortunately, that does not always prove to be the case. In too many instances candidates sound good prior to an election, but change after the election.

Some people vote for candidates that make promises they cannot keep.

A classic example is Zohran Mamdani, mayor-elect of New York City.

Reportedly born in Uganda, Mamdani's only actual job experiences have been short-lived before going to work for politicians and becoming a politician. Often described as a "progressive socialist" Mamdani has been extraordinarily vocal on topics that appeal to those residents of New York City unwilling to support themselves, but perfectly willing to be supported by those paying taxes.

Mamdani's socialist platform, forget progressive as it is nothing more than repackaged socialism, includes housing reform - or more getting something for nothing, police reform - defund the police, prison reform - turn prisoners loose early if they serve any time at all, and public ownership



Andy Kober  
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of utilities, grocery stores and other private enterprises - and that has already repeatedly proven untenable.

In 2024, Mamdani proposed a \$30 an hour minimum wage in New York City. While that might sound good to those satisfied with working minimum-wage jobs, businesses cannot afford to raise prices to accommodate that.

WANT to hear more? Mamdani supports rent control. Again that sounds good to some, but if property owners cannot fund repairs, upgrades, and make a profit, they will shutter properties.

Mamdani has pledged tuition-free educations at City University of New York and State University of New York, funded by higher taxes on corporations and higher-

income earners. Increased taxation will make corporations and those with money leave the city, to find tax-friendlier places elsewhere.

All that free stuff sounds too good to be true, and it is.

Even prior to the election, businesses and those financially capable of leaving New York City were preparing to do so. After the election and Mamdani's apparent win, more are expected to leave. Between now and Mamdani's inauguration, the exodus from New York City might resemble the drop of a green flag at a stock car race.

AS with all things, time will tell and we need only watch what happens in New York City. Speaking only for myself, I do not want to see my tax dollars, or yours, flow from our pockets to New York City to bail it out.

The voters of New York City made their choice and they deserve the government they get. They can swim, or sink, on their own.

That's my opinion.

A newspaper columnist for over 35 years, Andy Kober can be reached by email at [andykober@hotmail.com](mailto:andykober@hotmail.com)

\*National Infantry Museum Columbus GA\*

Every Soldier Has A Story

Greetings and blessings and a very proud salute to our veterans! By the time you are reading this, Veteran's Day will be over. And I do sincerely pray that every veteran was honored and remembered, at least in some small way. However, it's never too late to show gratitude to those who have and still are sacrificing so much for this country. Even though, many do not have a clue of our soldier's story, but at the Infantry Museum, you will get a taste and view of their service, experiences and unwavering sacrifices.

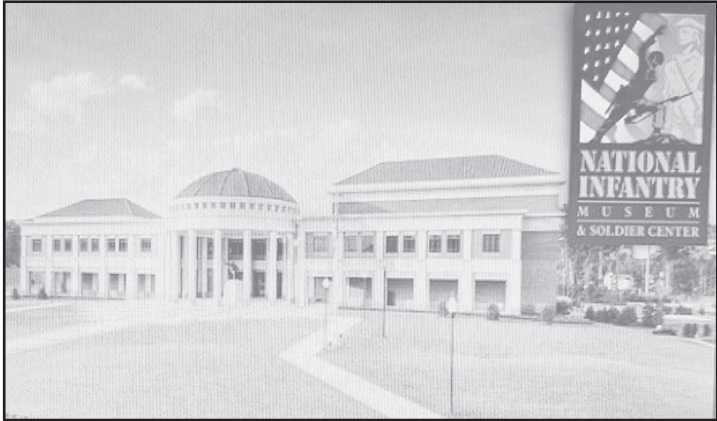
Actually, I was ecstatic, more so excited to visit the Museum for the first time with my veteran son, Juan Kelvin who unfortunately, passed away a couple of years ago. So this year, my family and I visited again, being very much reminded when we visited with him. But nevertheless, he was missed but also remembered



Pres Hall  
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as we marked the places, activities and sights that we shared with him there. Yes, of course, we made lasting memories, taking pictures and just enjoying family. Soldiers barely tell their stories except to other soldiers. But, the National Infantry Museum (NIM) will tell and show the things they keep to themselves.

Therefore, I'm encouraging families to visit the Museum, its rated number one in the nation. The NIM has a wide variety of exhibits, both indoors and outdoors. Visitors can explore galleries dedicated to specific eras, whatever war, you will be



impressively educated. You can literally immerse into their family friendly varieties of attractions. Furthermore, there's a beautiful giant screen theater that brings military history to life. More so, this reality center allows families, friends and all guests to step into the shoes of Soldiers past and presents through pivotal moments in military history. So then, perhaps you will reach out to your veteran and take a stroll to the National

Infantry Museum in Columbus near Ft. Benning. There are year-round events to show appreciation to our veterans, soldiers and their families and friends. It takes 2 days to completely visit the museum and hours to just walk thru! Trust me; you will truly learn more of the soldier's untold stories. Meanwhile, remember, everyday is Veterans Day for the price they had to pay. So, I salute all and say, "Thank You!" God bless our troops!

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# 2022 - Four U. of Idaho Students Murdered

By ANDY KOBER

Here is what happened this week in American History.

• Nov. 13. On this day in 2022, an event that could have been a Halloween horror movie takes place as four University of Idaho students are stabbed to death. Ethan Chapin, Kaylee Goncalves, Madison Morgen and Xana Kernodle were in a rented three-story house near the university, along with some other students. Between 4 and 4:25 am Christopher Kohberger entered the house and fatally stabbed all four. Other students in the house would discover the carnage and call police. During the investigation Moscow Police Department,

Idaho State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation found that a specific car had been captured on various surveillance camera systems and DNA evidence at the scene led to Bryan Christopher Kohberger, a PhD student in criminology and teaching assistant at Washington State University, a short drive from the murder scene. In a plea deal, Kohberger pled guilty to all charges but avoided the death penalty instead receiving four consecutive life sentences for the murders.

• Nov. 14. In 1910, aviation pioneer Eugene Burton Ely becomes the first pilot to fly an aircraft off a ship.

The aircraft was a modest Curtiss pusher, visually similar to the Wright Flyer, and the cruiser USS *Birmingham* with a makeshift deck, served as the testbed. Two months later, Ely would land the aircraft on the cruiser USS *Pennsylvania*, proving that an aircraft could take off and land on a ship. Unrealized at the time, this was the beginning of the end of battleship dominance of the sea and the birth of seaborne air power.

• Nov. 15. Today in 1842, a slave revolt takes place that results in the deaths of at least 19. Whites were never the only ones to keep slaves and in this case it was various Native American Indian tribes. About 20



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**EVADES DEATH PENALTY** - This week in 2022, Bryan Kohberger murders four University of Idaho students. Kohberger uses a knife so the four murders are up close and personal. To avoid the death penalty, he pleads guilty to the murders and receives four consecutive life sentences, which will be at taxpayers' expense. To date, Kohberger has not publicly revealed why he murdered the students.

blacks escaped the Cherokee Nation heading toward Mexico where slavery had been abolished. Raiding for supplies, they were joined by 15 slaves who had escaped from Creek Indians. They were pursued by Cherokee and Creek, with 14 either killed, or captured and returned to slavery. The remaining escaped slaves came upon two slave catchers who were taking slaves to the Choctaw Nation. The slave catchers were killed and the two slave groups joined, continuing toward Mexico. A combination of Cherokee and Choctaw Indians would capture some

of escaped slaves and five would be executed for the murders of the slave catchers. The remaining escaped slaves would be captured and returned to the various Native American Tribes.

• Nov. 16. In 1907, the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory are combined to form Oklahoma which becomes the 46th US state.

• Nov. 17. On this day in 1971, actor David Paul Ramsey is born in Detroit, Michigan. He has become an accomplished actor with roles in a number of televi-

sion series including *The Arrow*, *The Flash*, and other DC-based superhero programs. He also portrayed boxer Muhammed Ali in *Ali: An American Hero*. Ramsey is 53 and still very active.

• Nov. 18. In 1950, the Korean War has taken a new turn and Chinese Commander Peng Dehuai has released over 100 prisoners-of-war, including 30 Americans. The POWs took back to South Korean, UN and US forces information concerning Chinese and North Korean shortages of food and ammunition, along with claims that Chinese troops were withdrawing back to China. It is just what South Korean, UN and US leaders wanted to hear and as a result overall Allied Commander Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that American soldiers would be home by Christmas. Then ensuing drive against North Korean, Chinese and Russian forces became known as the "Home by Christmas Offensive".

• Nov. 19. Today in 1493, long before America is a country, Spanish explorer Christopher Columbus first sights the island now known as Puerto Rico, which was claimed by Spain and colonized by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1508. Amerindian peoples were living on the island but quickly assimilated by arriving Spanish settlers. Puerto Rico became a US Territory in 1898, after the Spanish-American War.



Photos By Mary Byers

**FELLOW VETERANS** - Left, Manchester's American Legion Post 88 was honored and saluted as they traveled down West Main Street in the Manchester Veterans Day parade held on Saturday; right, Warm Springs V.F.W. Post 4610 was present and represented as citizens lined the streets with flags held high.

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### Debtors & Creditors Notice

25-104

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA  
IN RE:  
ESTATE OF KENNETH BURNHAM  
All creditors of the Estate of KENNETH BURNHAM late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. **This 28th day of OCTOBER, 2025.**  
**JACOB BURNHAM**  
Administrator(s) of the Estate of KENNETH BURNHAM, Deceased  
ATTY: ERIN A. MULDOON HAUG  
LAW OFFICE  
7805 WATERS AVE, UNIT 9B  
SAVANNAH, GA 31406  
912-352-8053  
(11:6, 13, 20, 27)

### Foreclosures

25-103

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE FOR RIGHT TO REDEEM**  
TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA  
To: BEATTY KNOW JR, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, and any other interested party or parties: **TAKE NOTICE THAT :**  
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:  
ALL AND ONLY THAT PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS TAX PARCEL 007 08339, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 101 OF THE 16 TH LAND DISTRICT, TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 8.02 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING A PORTION OF 10 ACRES, DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 83, PAGE 41, THE DESCRIPTION CONTAINED THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE.  
**Map and Parcel: 007 0834**  
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 4th day of December, 2025.  
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 26th day of February, 2025, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Talbot County, in Deed Book 00509, Page 0226.  
The property may be redeemed at any time before the 4th day of December, 2025, by payment of the redemption price at as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:  
**Christopher Carter**  
120 Cosby Road  
Junction City, Georgia 31812  
(11:6, 13, 20, 27)

25-107

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER**  
TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Dixie D Stephens to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as grantee, as nominee for Synovus Mortgage Corp. dated May 2, 2001 and recorded on May 16, 2001 in Deed Book 176, Page 335, Talbot County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-A by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on February 11, 2022 in Deed Book 481, Page 207, Talbot County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred And 00/100 Dollars (\$64,700.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Talbot County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on December 2, 2025 the following described property:  
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 207 and Land Lot 210 of the Second Land District of Talbot County, Georgia, and being designated as Lot 9 and Lot 9A in Block H and fronting 100 feet on the south side of Georgia Highway 190. Said tract of land being more particularly described according to a Plat of Survey prepared by Hugh Riley, Surveyor, dated June 5, 1975, and recorded in Plat Book E, Page 85, and a Plat of Survey prepared by J. Dayton Willis, Surveyor, on July 20, 1957, and recorded in Plat Book C, Page 2, Talbot County, Georgia, Deed Records, said Plats of Survey being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto for the pur-

pose of a more complete and accurate description.  
Tax ID #: SCENH 09  
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).  
Your mortgage servicer, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-A, can be contacted at 877-888-4606 or by writing to 8950 Cypress Waters Boulevard, Coppell, TX 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.  
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.  
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Dixie Stephens or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **6576 Scenic Heights Road, Manchester, GA 31816**.  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.  
**U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-A as Attorney in Fact for Dixie D Stephens**  
**McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC**  
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
404-474-7149  
MTG File No.: GA2025-00737  
(11:6, 13, 20, 27)

**General Legals**

25-108

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
The River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging, 710 Front Avenue, Suite A, Columbus, Georgia 31901 is requesting proposals from potential applicants for a contract and/or contracts to provide Evidence Based Programs in the following counties: Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooley, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, and Webster. Evidence Based Programs include, but are not limited to: Matter of Balance, Chronic Disease Self-Management, and Diabetes Self-Management. All applicants must complete a Request for Proposal (bid packet) to be considered. Proposals may be submitted for one or more services to begin July 1, 2026 and concluding June 30, 2027. A one-year contract will be awarded, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 containing a contingency clause permitting renewal for each year of the remaining contract based upon satisfactory performance. Request for Proposal (bid packets) will be available on the River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging website under Public Notices ( <https://rivervalleyrc.org/public-notices/> ) **Monday, November 10, 2025.**  
**Point of contact: Naomi Masuoka.**  
**A bidder's conference will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 1:00pm until 2:00pm at River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging at 710 Front Ave., Suite A, Columbus, GA 31901.**  
A Unit Cost Methodology Training will also be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging at 710 Front Ave., Suite A, Columbus, GA 31901. Completed RFPs will be received until Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging at 710 Front Avenue, Suite A, Columbus, GA 31901. No applications will be accepted after the deadline.  
Proposers will be notified in writing of the RFP decision no later than January 20, 2026.  
Contract is contingent upon River

Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging receiving funds from the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services. The River Valley Regional Commission is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in its operation.  
(11:13)

### Public Hearings

25-101

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
There will be two public hearings relating to aging services that are provided by the River Valley Regional Commission / Area Agency on Aging. These public hearings will be conducted in person on the following dates/times. The Columbus meeting will be virtual also using the information below on Microsoft Teams.  
**Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. ? 11:00 A.M. ?**River Valley Regional Commission/Area Agency on Aging-  
710 Front Ave, Suite A, Columbus, GA  
**Thursday, November 20, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. ? 11:00 A.M. ?**Reginald Barry, Jr. Senior Center, 115 E. 24th Ave.  
Cordele, GA  
Meeting ID: 260 575 105 516 4  
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+1 762-233-1078, 396799547#  
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Find a local number  
**Phone conference ID: 396 799 547#**  
The public hearings offer opportunities for interested persons to discuss aging services and programs within the following sixteen counties: Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooley, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor and Webster.  
Services include: Information and Assistance/Referral, Intake and Screening, Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals, Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program, Wellness and Prevention Programs, Caregiving Programs, Options Counseling, etc.  
For more information call Kia Barrow, Asst. AAA Director  
706-256-2936 or 1-800-615-4379.  
Programs and services are funded through the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services and River Valley RC/AAA including federal, state and local funds.  
(10:23, 30)

### Probate Notices

25-109

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TALBOT COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LILLIE OPHELIA DILLINGHAM , DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 2025-P-45  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
DORIS A. WILLIS and WALTER J. WILLIS JR. have petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of LILLIE OPHELIA DILLINGHAM 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 **DECEMBER 8, 2025.**  
**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: NIPLEJA WILLIAMS  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
PO BOX 157  
TALBOTTON, GA 31827  
706-665-8866  
(11:13, 20, 27, 12:4)

25-102

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TALBOT COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF

## DEADLINES FOR LEGAL NOTICES

Noon on Friday prior to run date.  
If legal notice is past deadline a late fee will be charged. First affidavit is at no cost. There is a charge for each additional affidavit.

**FORREST DAVID RIGSBY, DECEASED**  
ESTATE NO. 2025-P-44  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
**SHERRY ANN RIGSBY** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate **FORREST DAVID RIGSBY**. deceased, 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

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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 **NOVEMBER 24, 2025.**  
**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: NIPLEJA WILLIAMS  
Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court  
PO BOX 157  
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706-665-8866  
(10:30, 11:6, 13, 20)

## Chinese Taikonauts Stranded in Space

### Skywatcher in Hamilton Spots Fireball

By ANDY KOBER

The more humans explore space, the more often incidents will happen.  
It was reported last week that three Chinese taikonauts – the Chinese name for astronauts -- that have already spent six months in space, will have to stay a bit longer.  
The taikonauts were scheduled to depart the Chinese space station, *Tiangong*, last Wednesday on board a Shenzhou-20 spacecraft but that was delayed due to the possibility the spacecraft suffered an impact with what has been called “space junk” or man-made debris in Earth orbit.  
According to China's National Space Administration, the suspected impact was being analyzed along with a damage and risk assessment.  
No further information has been released by the Chinese but there have been calls for Elon Musk and SpaceX to provide a rescue spacecraft to retrieve the taikonauts, much as SpaceX recently did for astronauts.  
Our local amateur astronomer Ms Lynn, who is always a wealth of information, shared the Chinese space station's name “Tiangong” translates to mean “Heavenly Palace”.  
  
Ms Lynn also reminds that on Nov. 12-13, 1833, the Leonids Meteor Shower produced an incredible meteor shower that was seen over the entirety of North America east of the Rocky

Mountains.  
It has been estimated that Leonids shower produced over 240,000 meteors in the space of about nine hours. It was such an astounding event the Cheyenne Indians established a peace treaty and the Lakota Indians were said to have reset their calendar. For some time afterward, the birthdays of Native Americans referenced the meteor storm. There were churches claiming that meteor storm was the beginning of the return of Jesus.  
The meteor storm would become known as the Great Meteor Storm of 1833.  
The current Leonids Meteor Shower will reach peak activity during the overnight hours of Nov. 16-17, but not with the fantastic display witnessed in 1833. Instead the typical number of meteors will be an average of 10 to 15 per hour, with the best viewing time from about 1 am to dawn.  
The Leonids Meteor Shower is caused by dust and debris left by Comet 55P/Tempel-Tuttle, which orbits around the Sun every 33 years. It was initially discovered by German astronomer Wilhelm Tempel on Dec. 19, 1865, and by American astronomer Horace Tuttle on Jan. 6, 1866.  
This year the Moon should not be a factor with watching the Leonids Meteor Shower during peak activity.  
  
**Keep your eyes on the sky** for passing fireballs. Meteors can flash across

the sky anytime and extraordinarily bright meteors are often referred to as fireballs --- and they are spotted quite often.  
On Wednesday, Nov. 5, 127 people across Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia reported seeing a fireball. A person in Hamilton, GA also spotted that fireball.  
The fireball was first reported at 6:56 pm Central Time by a skywatcher in Huntsville, AL. The fireball was seen as far north as Wapakoneta, OH, as far east as Bolton, NC; as far south as Edgewater, FL, and as far west as St. Louis, MO.  
In Georgia, the fireball was seen as far north as Hiram, as far east and south as Savannah, and as far west as Hamilton.  
None of the sky watchers reported hearing the fireball make noise as it passed but 23 people reported witnessing it fragment into smaller pieces. The fireball was caught on three videos and one still photo.  
Anyone seeing a fireball is urged to report the sighting to <https://amsmeteors.org>  
Going outside and looking at the sky, especially the night sky, can be fun and educational for the entire family.  
There are a number of free apps available to help identify stars and constellations, and some of the apps will show satellites.  
**Happy skywatching!**

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**SCHLEY COUNTY TOPS CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS** - The Central Middle School Hawks and Lady Hawks took to the court on Saturday, Nov. 8 when the Schley County Middle School Wildcats came calling. Both teams worked hard and gave a valiant effort but fell a little short in both games. The Lady Hawks were defeated by the Lady Wildcats by a score of 37-27 and the Hawks fell to the Wildcats by a score of 33-29. The teams will host the Chattahoochee County Panthers on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. The Taylor County High Vikings will visit on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Basketball Season Begins for CEHS Hawks

**3By JOHN KUYKENDALL**

Sorry, game results were not available at press time. See next week's issue for results.

The Hawks will not play again until Saturday, Nov. 22 when the Jordan High Red Jackets will come calling at 12:30 p.m.

The Lady Hawks basketball team will not play a game until Tuesday, Dec. 9 when the team will host the Jordan High Lady Red Devils at 5 p.m.

Central Varsity Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	1/13	Crawford	Home	6:00
11/10	Furlow (Boys)	Home	4:30	1/16	Marion	Home	6:00
11/22	Jordan	Away	12:30	1/17	Macon Co.	Away	2:00
12/6	Stewart (Boys)	Away	3:30	1/24	Chatco	Home	2:00
12/9	Jordan	Home	5:00	1/27	Schley	Away	6:00
12/12	Marion	Away	6:00	1/30	Webster	Home	6:00
12/13	Macon Co.	Home	2:00	1/31	Taylor	Home	2:00
12/19	Furlow (Boys)	Away	5:00	2/3	Crawford	Away	6:00
1/6	Schley	Home	6:00	2/6	Chatco	Away	6:00
1/9	Webster	Away	6:00				
1/10	Taylor	Away	2:00				

Central Middle School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	11/13	Marion	Away	4:30
10/27	Marion Co.	Home	4:30	11/15	Chatco	Home	10 a.m.
11/3	Taylor Co.	Away	4:30	11/20	Taylor	Home	4:30
11/5	Chatco	Away	4:30	12/1	Crawford	Home	4:30
11/6	Crawford	Away	4:30	12/4	Schley	Away	4:30
11/8	Schley	Home	10 a.m.	12/8	Furlow	Away	4:30
11/10	Furlow	Home	4:30				

Can I Get a Little Help?  
My Thoughts on Flat Tires

Many years ago, what feels like a lifetime, I found myself trapped in a bumper-to-bumper sea of automobiles on Atlanta's downtown connector. There was a time in my life when this was a common occurrence. Yes, I was once a commuter, spending hours each week behind the wheel of a car driving to and from work, clogging the roadways and polluting the air with fossil fuel emissions.

But on that particular day, I, and the thousands of other drivers trying to make our way to the I-75 and I-85 split, were facing no ordinary traffic jam. The flow of cars had come to a complete stop – a take the car out of gear and get your foot off the pedal kind of stop. After 30 minutes or more of staring up at the skyline, blue lights lit up in various positions in and around traffic and the vehicles began to inch forward then suddenly part, opening a path toward the shoulder.

In the middle of the path was a disabled car, with a blown tire, being pushed by a poor soul, a traffic jam Moses parting the sea he helped create, out of the roadway. The wayward motorist was flanked by a



crew of Atlanta's finest, who had stopped traffic. A few officers helped push the car safely from the interstate.

Like a clog removed from a drain, traffic began to flow again. I, of course, was relieved to continue my journey home, but I couldn't help but feel sorry for the person whose tire mishap caused a lot of trouble for a lot of people. That very scenario became my worst nightmare. Forget parallel parking, teaching someone how to change a tire on the side of the interstate during rush hour should be on the driving test.

That nightmare of mine never came true thankfully, and I've only participated in traffic jams and never created one. However, I've changed more flat tires in the past two years than I ever have. Five if I'm remembering correctly. I am beginning to think someone is throw-

ing nails around my beautiful car, or maybe I've been hexed. I cut a nun off in line at the grocery store a while back. She said something in Latin that suspiciously sounded like "curse" ...

While getting another patch job recently at the tire shop, I realized that I should probably teach my kids how to change a tire. And check the oil and water. Maybe how to change the bulbs in headlights. Sure, they're not at driving age yet, but you're never too young to learn something new. Especially since the list of knowledge I should bestow before adulthood only seems to get longer and never shorter.

Knowing how to change a tire is about like having insurance. You hope you never need it but you're better off having it. My kids may go their whole lives without ever changing a tire, but if they know how to do it, they can at least help their old man.

With my luck I'll be doing it again soon.

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The “Lighter Side” of the News

Pet Dingo? Why Not?

The state government in Queensland, Australia, is considering a classification change that would allow for dingoes to be kept as household pets.

The Queensland Department of Primary Industries is weighing a potential change that would see dingoes reclassified as *Canis familiaris*, also known as domestic dogs.

The change is being considered as part of a review of Queensland's biosecurity laws ahead of legislative amendments expected to be made in the spring.

Dingoes are currently classified as an invasive species in the state, meaning they cannot be released, relocated, fed, sold or kept.

"Dingoes will continue to be protected in national parks and landholders will still be able to take action to protect their livestock from wild dog or dingo attacks under the general biosecurity obligation," a Department of Primary Industries representative told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

The potential rule change has already received some push back from wildlife advocates and experts.

"Dingoes are not dogs," Alix Livingstone of the non-profit Defend the Wild wrote in her submission to a Department of Primary Industries discussion paper. "They are a genetically, evolutionarily, and behaviorally distinct species that play an irreplaceable ecological role as Australia's apex land predator."

Kylie Cairns, a genetics researcher specializing in dingoes, said the canines do not make suitable pets.

"They're more wild so they don't do as well in home environments as domestic dogs," she said. "They're much smarter, they're much better able to escape traditional domestic household home environments in terms of climbing up fences, and so they just don't generally fit into most domestic settings as easily."

Dingoes are currently legal to keep as pets in New South Wales and Western Australia, but rescue groups said many of the animals end up being abandoned or surrendered by their owners.



File Photo

**A HOUSEHOLD PET** - The state government in Queensland, Australia, is considering a classification change that would allow for dingoes to be kept as household pets. At the present time, dingoes are currently classified as an invasive species in the state and can not be released, relocated, fed, sold or kept.

came true Monday when a \$1 ticket Munford bought from the Lucky Stop on Legion Road in Hope Mills scored a \$154,168 jackpot.

"I was like, 'Oh my god, that's me, that's me, I won,'" Munford recalled of when she checked the winning digits. "I was so excited."

She said her surprise brought on a flood of emotion.

"I was in the living room crying," she said.

Munford said her winnings will go toward paying bills.

"I love the Cash 5 now," Munford said.

Rare Monkey Born at Zoo

A Minnesota zoo announced the birth of a cotton-top tamarin, a critically-endangered species of monkey native to the tropical forests of Colombia.

The Lake Superior Zoo said on social media that the baby, which has not yet been named, was born Sept. 30 to parents Mira and Dino.

The baby joins siblings Echo, Tango and Foxtrot, the zoo said.

Anna Schopf, an animal care specialist at the zoo, said keepers are keeping their distance while the baby bonds with its family.

"Babies being raised by like their parents and by their siblings is really important for their social development, and so we don't step in really heavily, so that we don't interrupt with that process," Schopf told FOX 21 news.

The baby, along with the rest of the tamarin family, is on display from noon until 2 p.m. each day in the zoo's Primate Conservation Center. The monkeys' time on display is currently being limited to make sure the baby gets plenty of rest and nursing time.

Ice Cream Headache

A Minnesota man visiting Ireland stopped at a famous ice cream shop to attempt the Guinness World Record for the fastest time to eat a 130-gram ice cream cone.

Spring Lake Park resident James Clark paid a visit to Teddy's in Dun Laoghaire and attempted the ice cream-eating speed record, which was previously set at 24.97 seconds.

Teddy's shared a video on Facebook showing the ice cream cone being weighed at 130 grams before Clark attempted his feat.

The footage shows Clark completing his attempt in 24.72 seconds, appearing to take the record, although it must still be reviewed and certified by Guinness World Records.

Always Do That Workout!

A Maryland man said a workout at the gym led him to the Powerball ticket that earned him a \$150,000 prize in a recent drawing.

The Prince George's County player told Maryland Lottery officials he was leaving the gym on Oct. 16 when he decided to stop at Keller's Market on Livingston Road in Accokeek.

He bought some Powerball and Mega Millions tickets before heading home.

The purchase led to his winning a \$150,012 prize in the Oct. 18 Powerball drawing.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw the \$150,012 pop on the screen," the winner said. "I called my wife, who was downstairs, because this was unbelievable."

The winner said he plans to save his prize money for now, but it could lead to a little extra holiday spending.

Persistence Pays Off

A North Carolina woman learned the value of persistence when playing the same set of lottery numbers for six years resulted in her finally winning a \$154,168 jackpot.

Hope Mills resident Barbara Munford told North Carolina Education Lottery officials she selected a set of numbers for a Cash 5 drawing six years ago and has been using them ever since.

"My sister convinced me to keep playing those same numbers," Munford said. "She told me I was going to win one day."

Her sister's prediction

Clark said the record would be his 35th Guinness World Records title.

Get Out of the Road!

Drivers on a Washington state road came up against a surprising road hazard during a recent rain storm -- a large sea lion.

The Cosmopolis Police Department said on social media that the "large friend" was spotted loitering in traffic on Blue Slough Road during heavy rains on Thursday afternoon.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife was informed of the semi-aquatic pedestrian's presence in the roadway and enforcement officers arrived with a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration agent.

The rescuers were able to haze the sea lion out of the roadway and back into a nearby river.

Experts said sea lions are known to visit land for numerous reasons, including resting, avoiding predators and regulating their body temperature.

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