

Terrell Schools career-training gaps, seek employer's help to rebuild

By KATHRYN CROCKETT
Staff Reporter

Terrell County schools are working to establish a formal work-based learning program after an assessment identified gaps in employer partnerships, student placements and the coordination needed to connect classroom instruction with job experience.

Superintendent Shereca Harvey said Monday that the district does not currently have the program, despite offering career courses intended to prepare students for employment and further training.

“Our priority is to establish a work-based learning program,” Harvey said in an Oct. 5 interview with The Dawson News.

Her explanation adds con-

text to the Fiscal Year 2027 Perkins career education plan approved by the school board Sept. 14. The document shows strong graduation and career pathway completion results alongside low rates of industry credentials and structured workplace learning.

Harvey said the district previously offered a separate workforce initiative, but it did not meet the requirements for work-based learning.

“The community needs to know that our CTAE program is not where it’s supposed to be,” she said.

The district is assessing what it needs to rebuild career, technical and agricultural education, commonly called CTAE, while seeking employers who can help shape instruction and

provide opportunities for students.

“This year will serve as a baseline for growing the program and expanding the program to where it needs to be,” Harvey said.

The assessment identifies shortcomings within the district as well as challenges facing a small rural community.

It cites an “absence of a full-time or adequately supported WBL coordinator” and inconsistent procedures for placing, monitoring and evaluating students. Transportation and scheduling also limit participation.

Harvey said establishing the program will require personnel certified to observe and monitor students in workplaces. The district is considering whether

teachers who lead career pathways could also serve as work-based learning coordinators.

The next step, she said, is understanding what local employers need so those needs can help guide student training.

One potential connection is emergency dispatching. Harvey said Dawson police and the sheriff’s office have expressed interest in training students for jobs as 911 dispatchers, positions the agencies have difficulty filling.

The district is working to extend its law and justice pathway to provide that preparation.

“We want to make sure our pathways align with the needs of our local community,” Har-



A dispatcher works at a console equipped with multiple monitors. Terrell County schools are working to expand their law and justice pathway to prepare students for 911 dispatch jobs/SPECIAL PHOTO

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Partnership helps feed up to 200 families each month

By GEORGE WILSON
Special to The Dawson News

A strong community is built when people open their hearts, share their resources and work together to care for their neighbors. Through JL Barnes CDC, George Wilson and his dedicated team distribute free food provided by Feed the Valley to individuals and families throughout Terrell County.

For five years, Wilson and his team have worked to provide food to people throughout the community. Every fourth Saturday of the month, Wilson coordinates a community food giveaway that serves approximately 100 to 200 families. He works diligently to ensure that the available food reaches local residents who need it. His strong and dependable team stands beside him, helping to receive, organize and distribute the food with dignity, kindness and respect.

The monthly outreach has become an important source of support for households facing rising grocery costs, unexpected hardships or limited access to fresh food. By returning each month, Wilson and his team provide consistency that families can count on while building stronger connections throughout the community.

The giveaway is held at S&S Personal Care Home, 475 Cinderella Lane SE in Dawson. Shakita Randle, the owner of S&S allows JL Barnes CDC to use the property as the distribution location so families have a

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A bigger home for second chances: Dawson boutique relocated

By KATHRYN CROCKETT
Staff Reporter

Cynthia Miller opened Second Chance Thrift Boutique to clear out her house. Instead, she kept finding things worth bringing home — enough to stock a shop and, eventually, a warehouse.

Now, the business that grew from those purchases has moved into a larger space, with room for other people’s efforts to help the community, too.

Second Chance celebrated its grand opening Oct. 3 at 647 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Alongside furniture, clothing and home decor, Miller is making space for nonprofit fundrais-

ing and a planned shopping area for people receiving domestic violence assistance.

During a visit Monday, Miller credited the people who helped her make the move possible.

“With the help of the Lord and my family,” she said.

And friends, she added.

The relocation grew out of a practical problem at her former Main Street storefront: The building needed repairs, and she needed somewhere to operate while the work was done.

“This place came up for sale. I had

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Young Sisterhood returns to serve Terrell County girls

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Young Sisterhood Youth Ministry Inc. is returning to serve girls in Terrell County, proclaiming 2026 as its “Rebirth Year” with renewed plans to help young members develop confidence, character and a sense of purpose.

The organization served local youths from 2007 to 2021. Director Allison Harvey and the Young Sisterhood advisory board announced its return and thanked the community for the support and encouragement the ministry has received.

“What began in 2007 is rising again with renewed vision, renewed purpose, and a renewed commitment to empowering the next generation of young girls,” organization officials said in making the announcement.

The ministry’s earlier work included efforts to renovate a space in Dawson. In March 2020, Harvey appeared before Terrell County commissioners on behalf of Young Sisterhood to request help in ren-

ovating the former Terrell High School vocational building at 432 Crawford St., next to the Dawson Public Safety Department.

For the relaunch, Harvey serves as director; Valencia. Sander Cody serves as secretary, Tammie Thomas as treasurer and Sonji Harvey as chief financial officer.

Advisors are Cynthia Oxford, Antoniette Jones, Lisa Harvey, Dolie Blackshear and Sonja Carter.

Members listed with the organization’s group photograph are Layla Teasley, Reagan Hall, Symiah Asberry, Adyson Ash, Alaiya Harvey, Tanayla Rogers, Kaylen Gillian, Chantell Huckaby, RayNiah Huckaby, Khloe Key, Khylee Gillian, Layla Vanover, Jordaynn Vanover, Elyse Harvey, Star Griggs, Mariah Jones, Kulture Harvey, Raegan Huckaby, Riley Morman, MaKenzie Jones, Hailey Wright, Emonie Harvey, Madison Allen, Journey Buggs, Raganee Houston, Paisley Johnson, Madison Beauford, Azaria Green, Kirsan Johnson, Keleigh Hayslip and Quanasia Huckaby.



Young Sisterhood returns to serve Terrell County girls/SPECIAL PHOTO

Members not pictured are Jewel Lewis, Aubree Green, Paishleigh McNeil, Jailah French, A’Riyah Ross, O’Riah Preston, Tomorrow Green, Nakaylei Petty, Justice Williams, Jordynn Broner and Jaislyn Broner.

Organization members de-

scribed the return as a fresh season for its work with girls and expressed gratitude for the community’s involvement.

“We are excited about what God is doing and grateful to have our community walking with us on this journey,” officials said.



OBITUARIES

Gerald (Jerry) Lewis Casey

Gerald (Jerry) Lewis Casey: Gerald (Jerry) Lewis Casey, 73, of Dawson, passed away at home on Sept. 24. Jerry was born on Dec. 10, 1952, in Albany, the son of the late Louie Casey and the late Mary Lizzie Morris Casey. A member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, he was employed by Foster Tractor Co. from 1968–1974 and from 1974–2017 by Laing Implement Co., aka Albany Tractor Co., aka Flint Ag & Turf, retiring after 49 years. Jerry loved God, his family, and friends. He also loved NASCAR racing (Ford Power, Baby!) and gardening. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William Wayne Casey, and a granddaughter, Jessica Marie Casey.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Patricia Ann McGough Casey; four children: Jason (Julie) Casey, Ron Casey, Don (Teri) Casey, and Kelly Casey, all of Dawson; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Diane Harris. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 1787 Americus Highway in Dawson (39842). Arrangements were handled by Johnson & Son Funeral Service of Dawson. A memorial was held on Oct. 3 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

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been looking at it for a while,” Miller said. Initially, she was looking for a temporary solution. The larger property offered another possibility. “Then I saw this, and I said, ‘Oh, this’ll be ideal,’” she said. Family and friends helped move the merchandise and prepare the space. On Monday, Miller introduced two young men who had helped with the work, part of the support behind the store’s new beginning. For Miller, the business itself began with a different kind of transition. In an April interview with the Dawson News, she explained that she started the shop after her husband died. Shopping had become

a habit, and purchases were accumulating at home. “I had all these boxes piled up. I thought I gotta get this stuff out of this house,” she recalled thinking. Opening a thrift store seemed like a way to sell what she already owned. But Miller’s interest in finding merchandise soon outgrew that original purpose. Asked during that interview how many pieces she had sold from her house, she admitted it was only three. “I bought so much. I have a warehouse full,” she said. At the time, she said the boutique had been operating for about three years. She gathered merchandise from different places, accepted contributions and offered consignment. She also searched for items customers wanted when she did not have them in stock. “I’ve done that for a lot of cus-

tomers,” Miller said. Her return to Dawson preceded the store. She and her husband, both originally from the community, lived in Maryland for more than 20 years before coming home when he became ill. In April, Miller said he had been gone for six years. “It’s still hard, but I know I’ve got to continue each day,” she said. The boutique became part of that life in her hometown, connecting her with local shoppers and travelers passing through Dawson. At the new location, those connections are expanding to include space for others to raise money and provide assistance. Miller said one participant is selling merchandise to support a nonprofit. Another area, still being prepared Monday, will hold donated items for people receiving help through organizations working

with a domestic violence advocate. Under that arrangement, Miller said, clients would receive vouchers to shop in the designated section. The store’s offerings also include jams and jellies, alongside the furniture, family clothing, home decor and assorted finds advertised for the opening. Miller continues to accept donations and said the boutique will donate items as well. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weekday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about donations or available merchandise, call (229) 310-4522. What began as an attempt to make room in her own house has become a business with room for other people — and, Miller hopes, more ways to help them.

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vey said. The approach would give employers a role in what students learn, alongside opportunities to host them for job shadowing, internships and other workplace experiences. Existing connections vary considerably by program. Agriculture has consistent support from farmers, agricultural businesses and community partners, according to the assessment. Criminal justice has some involvement from law enforcement and public safety agencies through guest speakers and occasional career activities. Business and Technology has

“minimal employer engagement beyond classroom instruction,” the report says. Few businesses participate in advisory meetings, internships or structured work-based learning related to that pathway. “This limits opportunities for students to gain real-world experience in business, finance, and technology-related careers,” the assessment states. The document also notes that students’ available jobs are often concentrated in retail and food service. Those jobs provide experience, but positions connected to students’ coursework could offer a more direct route into their chosen fields. The performance figures illustrate that gap. Terrell’s Fiscal Year 2023 result, however, was 22.22%, below the state target of 43.64% and statewide result of 63.55%. That measure tracks industry-recognized credentials aligned with students’ career pathways.

Work-based learning participation was reported at 0%, compared with a state target of 40.92% and statewide result of 41.61%. The plan separately cites participation of 1.59%. Harvey’s explanation that Terrell lacks a formal program helps clarify the reported zero, but the interview did not establish how the separate figure was calculated. Of the 10 performance measures listed in the report, Terrell met or exceeded five targets and fell below five. Nine measures are labeled Fiscal Year 2025; the extended graduation measure is labeled Fiscal Year 2024. The district’s proposed response includes earlier identification of students interested in workplace learning, preparation in resumes

and interviews, and expanded outreach to employers. Participation would be reviewed quarterly through placement rosters and employer documentation. For credentials, the plan calls for certification preparation within coursework, additional review sessions, testing fees and remediation, and retesting when permitted. Health care is the district’s highest-ranked development priority. While the Perkins plan sets a broader Fiscal Year 2029 goal, Harvey said the district intends to offer all health care pathway classes during the 2027-28 school year through an accelerated schedule. “We are looking at an accelerated model, so students would not take one course per year; they would take one course per semester,” she said. The implementation outline she provided places introductory and essential health care courses in ninth grade, followed by support services and patient care fundamentals in 10th grade. It then anticipates technical college dual enrollment and work-based learning during the later high school years. An accompanying checklist marks qualified staffing, and two classroom beds as completed. Other outstanding needs include wheelchairs, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, CPR mannequins and equipment for practicing patient care. The district also needs clinical partners, student supervision procedures, placement agreements and transportation plans for experiences outside the county. Potential partners include hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers and home health agencies.

Community members also can help shape those programs through advisory councils. Harvey said Terrell previously operated with one council for career education. The district is now establishing separate councils for individual programs, including health care, teaching, agriculture, construction, and law and justice. “In the past, there had been one council, and that did not meet the requirements for CTAE programs,” she said. The advisory meetings are open to the public, Harvey said. Dates listed in the Perkins plan will be revised to reflect current needs and members’ schedules. The department also has new leadership. Harvey said the plan was submitted by former CTAE Director Vivian Laster and that Moore now leads the department at Terrell County High School. Employers and residents interested in advisory service, guest speaking, job shadowing or student placements can contact the new CTAE director, Moore, at (229) 995-2544 or tmoore@terrell.k12.ga.us, according to Harvey. Harvey said some program decisions and funding commitments were already in place before the current school year and could not be changed for the current academic year; however, assessing the district’s starting point will help determine how it expands. “I think it’s necessary for us to properly assess our current status in order to expand the program in the right way,” she said. For Harvey, the rebuilding effort starts with connecting students’ education to opportunities close to home.

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safe, accessible and welcoming place to receive their food. Feed the Valley provides the food distributed at the event. Together, their service demonstrates what is possible when local organizations, first responders, businesses and residents unite around one purpose: making sure families in the community do not go without. Wilson and his volunteers have a big heart for Terrell County. Month after month, they continue pushing the effort forward because they understand that food assistance can relieve pressure on a household and bring hope during a difficult season. Their work is about more than distributing groceries. It is about treating people with compassion, strengthening families and reminding every person who comes through the line that the community cares. The success of the giveaway depends on teamwork. Volunteers give their time to unload food, prepare the distribution area, organize food and welcome families as they arrive. That shared commitment allows the outreach to serve a large number of households in an orderly and caring way each

month. Wilson extended his thanks to every person who takes time out of their day to help hand out food to the community. He said this five-year effort could not continue without the commitment, compassion and hard work of the team members and volunteers who consistently show up to serve local families. Community donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. Donations of food, supplies and volunteer time can help the team reach more families, strengthen future distributions and continue meeting needs throughout Terrell County. Churches, businesses, civic organizations and individual community members are encouraged to support the effort whenever possible. Every contribution, regardless of size, can make a meaningful difference for a family in need. The free food giveaway takes place every fourth Saturday at S&S Personal Care Home. Only food is distributed at this time, while supplies last. For information about the event, call S&S at (229) 537-0216.

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Terrell County voters are reminded that Saturday Advance (Absentee In-Person) voting for the upcoming November 3 General/Special Election is Saturday, October 17 and 24, 2026 in the Elections & Registration Office located in the Governmental Building during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. both Saturdays. Voters may view a sample ballot specific to the voter at the following website: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

Carolyn H. Williams, Supervisor,

Terrell County Board of Elections & Registration

NOTICE

Upcoming Appointment of Terrell County Board of Equalization:
In accordance with Georgia laws (O.C.G.A. § 45-5-311), the Terrell County Grand Jury is required to appoint members and alternate members to the Terrell County Board of Equalization during the December term of the Superior Court of Terrell County, Georgia.

Any resident of Terrell County having the following qualifications and an interest in serving on the board may nominate himself/herself for appointment by submitting a nomination form as indicated below:

QUALIFICATIONS

(1) Each person who is, in the judgment of the appointing grand jury, qualified and competent to serve on the Board of Equalization, who is the owner of real property, and who is at least a high school graduate, shall be qualified, competent, and interested in serving as a member or alternate member of the board. No member of the governing authority of a county, municipality, or consolidated government; member of a county or independent board of education; member of the county board of tax assessors; employee of the county board of tax assessors; or county tax appraiser shall be eligible to serve as a member or alternate member of the board of equalization.

(2) Within the first year after a member's initial appointment to the board of equalization, each member shall satisfactorily complete not less than 40 hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner. The failure of any member to fulfill the requirements of this subparagraph shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled. No person shall be eligible to hear an appeal as a member of a board of equalization unless, prior to hearing such appeal, that person shall satisfactorily complete the 40 hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures required by law.

(3) Any person appointed to such board shall be required to complete annually a continuing education requirement of at least eight hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner. The failure of any member to fulfill the requirements of this subparagraph shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled.

TERM OF OFFICE
Members and alternate members of the Board of Equalization appointed by the upcoming grand jury will serve a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029, unless replacing a member in the middle of a term.

NOMINATION FORM
Please complete an application form that can be received from the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Terrell County, Georgia and either drop it off or mail it as soon as possible so that it may be received by **November 19, 2026** to:
Clerk of Superior Court of Terrell County
P.O. Box 189
Dawson, GA 39842

Please note on front side of the envelope in which the form is mailed the following: **ATTENTION: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**
Application forms may be obtained and dropped off at the Superior Court Clerk's office whose physical address is 499 Rountree Drive SW, Dawson, GA 39842

A right-handed bass guitar turns out be a good investment

An old belief says that left-handed people are more creative than their more populous right-handed counterparts.

I doubt that that school of thought is actually true just based on the statistics alone. I know very few lefties at all, let alone creative ones. I consider myself a pretty imaginative southpaw, but that hasn't made life necessarily easier in our right-hander's world.

Growing up there was a gang of five boys - my brother, cousins and myself - together as often as we could be. Whether rampaging through the woods, felling small trees to build forts or playing ball

in the abandoned garden spot (we often played with a tennis ball so we could pretend to be heavy, home run hitters), my left-handedness was often a handicap, especially in sports.

Having an older brother and cousin meant using hand-me-down equipment, right-handed equipment. I learned to play baseball, and golf, right-handed. Maybe that's why I never showed much aptitude in such endeavors. Not that I've ever been much of a sports guy anyway. I'm too afraid of the ball to ever have been a Major Leaguer, and golf, though this opinion could change when I'm in a different stage of

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

life, takes too much time and money.

As I got older, however, I became more inclined to learn how to play a guitar. What kind of guitars were readily available? The right-handed kind. So I borrowed one from my brother and started practicing. At the time, left-handed guitars were more expensive and were not available

in many popular makes and models, so I opted to continue playing right-handed.

So every stringed instrument I have ever owned, I played backwards. Naturally backwards per my perspective anyway.

For some time I had a bass guitar, right-handed of course, purchased on the cheap from a discount music store when I was a teenager. I had my eyes on another prize at the time (I was already dating my future wife) so the instrument saw little use. The guitar has spent most of its life zipped in an equally cheap carry case, tucked away in a closet wherever I've happened

to call home at the time.

Until now.

My son expressed interest in learning the bass guitar. Lucky for you, I told him, I have one begging to be unpacked and put to use. And put it to use he has. The other day came home to walls rattling, a deep note reverberating from his bedroom. He's still getting the hang of it, earning callouses on his fingers. He says it hurts, and I tell him that nothing worth doing ever comes easy.

But this might come easier for him than his old man, because lucky for him ... he is right-handed.

COUCH THEATER



From left, Arturo Castro, Jessica Biel, John Cena, Teyonah Parris and Sam Richardson star in "Matchbox: The Movie"/SPECIAL PHOTO, Courtesy of Apple TV

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

Spider-Man: Brand New Day (PG-13)

The fourth installment in Tom Holland's "Spider-Man" film series is finally out to rent on Oct. 6 after its legendary run in theaters, where it became the third-highest-grossing film of all time! (Luckily, Marvel isn't holding back with on-demand streaming of the film, like Universal is with Christopher Nolan's "The Odyssey.") Zendaya ("The Odyssey") and Jacob Batalon ("The Wrecking Crew") are back in their roles from the previous three films, while Jon Berthal's Punisher makes his first appearance in the series. More newcomers include Florence Pugh ("Thunderbolts"), who joins the cast as her MCU character Yelena Belova, and Sadie Sink ("Stranger Things") makes her debut in the MCU as Jean Grey. The film picks up four years after

Dr. Strange's spell wipes Peter's (Holland) existence off the face of the planet. (Amazon Prime Video)

Animals (R)

After teaming up with his longtime buddy Matt Damon for action-thriller film "The Rip," Ben Affleck is back on Netflix with this crime thriller, co-starring Kerry Washington ("Wake Up Dead Man") and Gillian Anderson ("The Julia Set"). "Animals" follows Los Angeles mayoral candidate Mark Kimball (Affleck), whose son suddenly gets kidnapped during his political campaign. The kidnapper demands a ransom, but with all his money spent on his campaign, Mark is forced to resort to more dangerous methods of getting his child back. In turn, amid the chaos, secrets from his and his wife's past emerge that they never expected to come to light. Steven Yeun ("The Rip") and Adriana

Paz ("A Mouthful of Ash") round out the rest of the cast. Stream it on Oct. 9! (Netflix)

Avatar: Seven Havens (TV-PG)

If you have any Zillennials in your home, you know the chokehold that "Avatar: The Last Airbender" still has on them. It's long regarded as one of the best animated fantasy series of all time and introduced us to beloved characters like Aang, Katara, Zuko, Appa and more. Shortly after the original "Avatar" series ended, a sequel series, "The Legend of Korra," aired from 2012 to 2014. Now, 12 years later, a third series is set to premiere on Oct. 9, following Korra's Avatar successor, Pavi, who's also a reincarnation of Korra. Taking place 225 years after "Korra," Pavi and her twin sister, Nisha, team up to save the Seven Havens before an apocalyptic event destroys their world. (Paramount+)

Matchbox: The Movie (PG-13)

After the \$1 billion feat that "Barbie" (2023) achieved in theaters, Mattel had no choice but to wonder, "What if we made movies about every iconic toy we have?" However, because "Masters of the Universe" bombed, they decided to go for a streaming-only release for this action-comedy film based on the Matchbox toy cars. John Cena ("Coyote vs. Acme") leads the film as spy and former soldier Sean Walker, who reconnects with the childhood friends he used to play cars with. But while they're at the bar, the entire group gets drugged and kidnapped by a group of criminals who are searching for a nuclear warhead; and even though his past almost gets his old friends killed, they decide to help Sean in an attempt to steal the bomb and clear their names. Check it out on Oct. 9. (Apple TV)

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DID YOU KNOW ...?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

I've told this before, but it's definitely worth retelling now. In October of 2016, I had a problem - I was laying out the newspaper and had a pretty good-sized "hole" on one page, blank space with nothing in the folder with which to fill it. Remembering my days as a teacher, I recalled the trivia bits I used to post on the classroom bulletin board and thought, "Why not stick some of those in that hole on page six?" or whatever page it was.

The reaction from the readers was immediate and positive, so I made it a column the following week. That was 10 years ago. This week, my little emergency solution turns ten years old, and I am amazed and gratified that it's lasted so long, and is so popular with you, the readers. Thank you for the last decade of enjoyment that we have both derived from all of this. Let's get to the tenth anniversary of trivia right now!

Did you know ...

... a woman was elected to Congress before women had the federal right to vote? Jeannette Rankin (1880-1973) was the first woman to hold federal elected office in the United States. She was elected in 1916 as a member of the House of Representatives from Montana. She was elected again in 1940. Montana women were able to vote

for her at her first election; the 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920, gave all American women the right to vote in federal elections from that point on. (A true trend-setter.)

... it's never a good idea to land a plane with your eyes closed? In 1986, a jet from the Soviet national airline Aeroflot was on approach to land in the Russian city of Grozny. The captain of the flight reportedly bet the first officer that he could land the plane without visual confirmation - in other words, land with his eyes closed. He didn't really close his eyes, of course; he used an all-instrument approach and curtained off the windows of the plane's cockpit. As you might expect, this did not end well: Flight 6502 touched down far too fast, overturned, and killed 63 people, including the first officer. (I guess the captain never collected on the bet.)

... colors exist that your eye cannot see? Of course, you already know about infrared (one wavelength below red) and ultraviolet (one wavelength above violet), but other such colors exist - and don't have names. People perceive these colors when looking at an image featuring side-by-side red and green strips and side-by-side blue and yellow strips on a black background. Scientists are studying these shades of color never before detected. (A colorful comment, no?)

... a popular celebrity was the inspiration for an insect's nickname? The species of horsefly that has a large gold backside

is known as the "Bootylicious" horsefly. The identity is associated with entertainer Beyoncé (born Beyoncé Giselle Knowles, 1981). She recorded the song "Bootylicious" in 2001, and researchers say the horsefly is something of a diva among insects. (Uh, yeah.)

... goats have been used as torture devices? Specifically in the torture known as "the goat's tongue." In the Middle Ages, the victim would be tied to a tree, and the soles of the victim's feet would be moistened with salt. A thirsty goat would then be set loose to lick the victim's feet until the flesh was worn away. (A baaa-a-ad way to torture people.)

... those lines down the middle of the highway were inspired by milk trucks? A man named Edward Hines (1870-1938) was traveling on a highway in 1911 and following a milk truck which was leaking onto the roadway. Hines realized that putting a line down the middle of the road would help with safe traveling, and the idea took off. (Hey, whatever works!)

Now... you know!

... talk show host Jerry Springer (1944-2023) was British? Springer was born in London - inside the Highgate Underground station, to be precise, which was used as a bomb shelter during World War II. Springer and his parents would later emigrate to the United States and settle in Queens, New York. He served as a city

councilman in Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1971 to 1974, resigning after admitting to hiring a prostitute, but won his seat back in 1975. Springer was chosen by the council to serve as Mayor from 1977 to 1978 (Cincinnati did not elect mayors at the time; they do now). He ran unsuccessfully for governor of Ohio in 1982 and twice considered running for the Senate, but negative associations with his off-the-wall talk show kept him from doing so. (Jer-ry! Jer-ry! Jer-ry!)

... the popular 1940s and 1950s fad of swallowing live goldfish began on a bet? In 1939, a freshman at Harvard University, Lothrop Withington, Jr. (1917-2013) was challenged to swallow a live goldfish for a \$10 bet. Withington, who was running for class president at the school, accepted the challenge, swallowed the fish, and began the series of events which eventually forced a Massachusetts state senator to introduce a bill outlawing the consumption of live goldfish. (There's something awfully fishy about that story.)

... Beauty and the Beast was the first animated movie nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award™? The 1991 Disney feature also had the distinction of having three of its musical numbers nominated for Best Song, one of which - the title song - won. (A tale as old as time.)

Now... you know!

Politicians

Most of us poke fun at politicians, but sometimes we let it go too far, and I am always reminded of a comment made by the late Jim Minter, editor of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

In a small circle of friends at a dinner party, the topic was about no-good politicians. The conversation eventually gained traction, and the bulk of the attendees were castigating politicians when he asked, “Do you know a politician?” Most everybody nodded their head affirmatively and he asked, “You probably don’t think he is such a bad fellow, do you?”

They all agreed that their friend was not someone they took pleasure in

castigating. His point was well taken.

I have known a lot of politicians in my life, and I sorta like most of them. There have been some I really liked and with whom I enjoyed a friendship over the years.

Opponents, however, are like offensive coordinators. They don’t hold back when their favorite team loses a big game, and the offensive coordinator and the play caller is second guessed without reluctance.

It was Mark Twain who said, “Why spend money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponent will do it for you.”

Grover Cleveland was accused of fathering an illegitimate child, the accusation gaining such traction that the Democrat admitted



LORAN SMITH

culpability. This resulted in a Republican ditty that went like this: “Ma, Ma, where’s my Pa? Gone to the White House, Ha, Ha, Ha.”

The Democrats retorted with, “James G. Blaine, the continental liar from the state of Maine.” That reminds us that nothing is new under the sun.

My take is that all candidates not be allowed to buy television advertising. Make ‘em to go back to the stump, which is a reminder that it would be more fun.

I love the stories about Gene Talmadge whose routine was take over a political rally, regardless. If he were speaking, he would rail long and loud about a few issues and when he left and the next speaker had begun, he would stage a fist fight with his henchmen, and the fisticuffs took all attention away from the subsequent speakers.

If he spoke later in the program or last, he would arrive with horns blaring from his cavalcade and he would begin rambling through the crowd, shouting and shaking hands to the extent that nobody heard a word that was said

from the podium.

You may, if you are up on Georgia’s political history, know that Carl Sanders was the first governor elected after the Supreme Court outlawed the County Unit system in 1963.

He defeated Marvin Griffin, who famously said, “A lot of people that ate my barbecue voted for somebody else.”

After Carl Sanders became an ultra-successful lawyer in Atlanta, I often went by his office at the corner of North Avenue and West Peachtree Street and reminisced with him about Georgia football, politics, and whatever was topical for the moment.

One day he told me an interesting story. One weekend of the Georgia-Florida game, he was entertaining some VIP guests on state

Elections are all about change

Elections, at their core, are all about change. Voters are asked to keep the same candidate or party, or change them up for something and someone new.

They’re asked by pollsters if we’re on the right track or wrong track. That’s a gauge to see how voters are feeling about the things going on around them and thus determine if they’re likely to want a change or not.

Then there’s the changes themselves. Anyone who has ever been sent to a corporate management training seminar has probably had to do an exercise or three to demonstrate the core truism of human nature: People fear change.

Life in this millennium has become quite frightening for many, as change is not only constant but

the rate of change is ever increasing. How we do things, how we receive information, how we make and spend money, and the neighborhoods and communities in which we live are all changing.

A lot of us have no idea what to make of it. Many fear we – individually and collectively – are losing control over it.

How we view this depends a lot on our age. We look at the same changes which provide different fuels for our collective anxieties.

Those of us that are older and set in our ways don’t necessarily like having to learn new ways to do the same old things. We grew up with three TV channels and likely don’t watch many more than that now, despite having hundreds to choose from.

We’re irritated that they’re now spread across a half dozen streaming channels that cost us a lot more than our old cable bundle.

We’re mad when we can’t get a live person on the phone, and when we can the people only respond with pre-written scripts and rarely can solve the problem we called about. We totally can’t understand ordering food from a kiosk that then asks us to add a gratuity.

We do, however, have a life of experiences to gage these changes against. We know the world as it once was, how it is now, and can somewhat figure out the difference between changes that are fads, which ones are longstanding, and more importantly, which ones matter.

We often forget that while “the kids” are used



CHARLIE HARPER
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to change and often quicker to adapt to them – especially the changes in technology – they lack the time horizon to fully appreciate the big picture that helps with grounding and our illusions of certainty.

One of my favorite occurrences about this time of year is when articles begin to appear about life current college freshmen have never experienced. This year’s class was born

approximately 2008. The iPhone was introduced to the world in 2007.

These kids now in college don’t know a world that didn’t include the iPhone. If their parents were cutting edge early adopters of technology, they had Blackberries. A lot of them had flip phones. Some even had Nextel phones with two-way radios. A lot of money was made or lost on bets for which of those technologies would win. Most of them didn’t.

This is not to say those who are younger and more comfortable with change don’t have the anxieties that come with it. These college freshmen lived with the Covid shutdown during their middle school years. They had to distance themselves from friends, missed a large gap in their education, and many were forced to wear masks indoors for a couple of years based on dubious at best

science.

They’ve earned their distrust in how adults and systems deal with change, how it will affect them, and whether adults that talk about what’s best for kids and the future are really just trying to enact policies that benefit themselves. They’re wise to hold these suspicions.

The successful candidate is the one that not only understands the apprehensions surrounding change, but can offer tangible paths and explanations for how their proposed changes will make lives better, or remind voters how the opponent and/or their party has or will make lives worse. This message needs to cut across all demographic categories, with some understanding that age matters when considering change.

The Okefenokee Swamp mining controversy has not gone away

A bit of an update: It has been a little more than two months since our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and to my knowledge, the United Nations has not installed a One World curriculum in the Charlton County school system or begun micro-chipping stray cats in Ware County. In fact, a check of other cities in the U.S. that have World Heritage Sites seem to indicate they have successfully resisted a U.N. takeover, although there are rumors that the local buffalo in Yellowstone have been acting a bit strange lately. You just never know what

buffalos might be up to.

As for our Okefenokee, all seems well except that the issue of mining the area for titanium dioxide so that the world never runs short of toothpaste whitener still remains a possibility. We seem to be in a temporary timeout.

Much will depend on how important the issue is to our new governor, be it Republican Rick Jackson or Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms. Neither have mentioned mining in our Okefenokee thus far that I am aware of. I hope someone will remember to ask them.

The key, of course, is the Legislature. How much

pressure will they feel from pro-mining or from anti-mining forces? I remind you that in a democracy, all political decisions are made with either the application of pressure or its absence. So far, it has been a stalemate. In a clumsy effort to absolve themselves of having to take the heat, legislators tried to cop out from making a decision by claiming it was for the bureaucrats in the state Environmental Protection Division to decide. Your reaction, along with many others, put the heat right back where it belongs – the people we elected, not unelected bureaucrats.

Bipartisan efforts to institute a permanent ban or even a temporary moratorium on drilling were bottled up in the House Natural Resources Committee and never saw the light of day, thanks to its chair, Lynn Smith, R-Newnan, who never saw fit to respond to your questions as to why.



DICK YARBROUGH

Thankfully, she is history. The Sphinx has retired. “Chairwoman Smith has established a legislative legacy that will safeguard the environment and natural treasures across our state for future generations to cherish,” intoned House Speaker Jon Burns. Oh, please. Tell that to Pogo the Possum.

Advocates for a permanent ban on drilling aren’t taking any chances. For them, the beat goes on. On Friday, October 16, the

College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick is hosting a day-long Okefenokee science symposium featuring a number of scientific speakers on all aspects of the swamp. You can find more information on the College of Coastal Georgia website.

On Saturday, October 17, Georgians for the Okefenokee along with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light and Adamah ATL are co-hosting Sabbath at the Swamp, a multi-faith prayer service at the swamp’s edge. It will be followed by a catered, working lunch and then a boat tour of the swamp. For details, go to the website of the Georgia Interfaith Power and Light.

And then there is the Student Swamp Coalition, a consortium of undergraduate and graduate students from 10 schools in the state including UGA, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Georgia Southern University, Coastal College

of Georgia, Kennesaw State University, Columbus State University, Emory University, The Galloway School, and Summerour Middle School.

They are focused on big corporations like including Home Depot, Procter and Gamble, Mondelez and Chemours and others who either use titanium dioxide or sell products that contain the mineral, asking them to find another source. Of course, they have been ignored and dismissed by the corporate suits.

I have some bad news for said corporations. I was once a corporate suit myself. (Look it up.) These students aren’t going away. Neither are the anti-mining coalitions. Neither are a group of active and responsive readers and the organizations they represent from all over Georgia who take mining in and around our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge up-close-and-personal. Neither am I. Don’t say we didn’t warn you.

As stated earlier, things are on hold at the moment as we await the upcoming elections and a new cast of characters (along with some holdovers) under the Gold Dome. And then the fight to allow the mining of titanium dioxide in the Okefenokee area or to ban it will likely heat up again. As that noted philosopher Yogi Berra stated, “It ain’t over till it’s over.” And this one ain’t over. Stay tuned.

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D-120
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of MARTHA SHARON DAVIS, deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 5TH day of OCTOBER, 2026
STEVEN DANIEL DAVIS, ADMINISTRATOR
MARTHA SHARON DAVIS, DECEASED
1700 JOHN MARTIN ROAD
DAWSON, GA. 39842
October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

D-118
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF TERRELL
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: BARBARA ANNETTE WATSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 4151
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
To: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, INTERESTED PARTIES, CREDITORS
JILL RANEE WISENER has petitioned to be appointed **Administrator** of the estate of **BARBARA ANNETTE WATSON** 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 OCTOBER 26TH, 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 at the following address/ telephone number 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.
Carol M. Speir
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CINDY THOMAS
Clerk of the Probate Court
Address: P.O. Box 67
Dawson, Georgia 39842
229-995-5515
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

D-119
Terrell County Development Authority
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Terrell County Development Authority will have a public meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Terrell County Board of Commissioner's Chambers Meeting Room at the Terrell County Courthouse located at 235 E. Lee Street, Dawson, GA 39842.
October 8, 2026

D-114
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of THEODORE ERIC ROTHMAN, deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026
ELIZABETH BLAKEMORE, EXECUTRIX
THEODORE ERIC ROTHMAN, DECEASED
C/O JOHN M. MOORHEAD
MOORHEAD LAW FIRM, LLC
314 W. RESIDENCE AVENUE
ALBANY, GA. 31701
September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

D-121
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of DANNY PHIL JOHNSON, deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 6TH day of OCTOBER, 2026
DEBORAH LEE JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR
DANNY PHIL JOHNSON, DECEASED
COLLIER & GAMBLE, L.L.P.
EDWARD R. COLLIER
P.O. BOX 577
DAWSON, GA. 39842
October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

D-113
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of MILDRED KAY LEARY deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 11TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026
JIMMY LEARY, EXECUTOR
MILDRED KAY LEARY, DECEASED
312 6TH AVE. NE
DAWSON, GA. 39842
September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

D-115
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF TERRELL
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: DEMETRIC BERNARD MALLORY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 4149
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
To: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, INTERESTED PARTIES, CREDITORS

BALEND A LESHELL TOWOLAWI has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of **DEMETRIC BERNARD MALLORY** 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 OCTOBER 13TH, 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 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 at the following address/ telephone number 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.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By: CINDY THOMAS
Clerk of the Probate Court
Address: P.O. Box 67
Dawson, Georgia 39842
229-995-5515
September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2026

D-117
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of MICHAEL DAVE KILPATRICK, deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 25TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026
JEREMY MICHAEL KILPATRICK, EXECUTOR
MICHAEL DAVE KILPATRICK, DECEASED
C/O COLLIER & GAMBLE, LLP
EDWARD R. COLLIER
P.O. BOX 577
DAWSON, GA. 39842
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

D-122
NOTICE
Upcoming Appointment of Terrell County Board of Equalization:
In accordance with Georgia laws (O.C.G.A. § 45-5-311), the Terrell County Grand Jury is required to appoint members and alternate members to the Terrell County Board of Equalization during the December term of the Superior Court of Terrell County, Georgia.
Any resident of Terrell County having the following qualifications and an interest in serving on the board may nominate himself/herself for appointment by submitting a nomination form as indicated below:
QUALIFICATIONS
(1) Each person who is, in the judgment of the appointing grand jury, qualified and competent to serve on the Board of Equalization, who is the owner of real property, and who is at least a high school graduate, shall be qualified, competent, and interested in serving as a member or alternate member of the board. No member of the governing authority of a county, municipality, or consolidated government; member of a county or independent board of education; member of the county board of tax assessors; employee of the county board of tax assessors; or county tax appraiser shall be eligible to serve as a member or alternate member of the board of equalization.
(2) Within the first year after a member's initial appointment to the board of equalization, each member shall satisfactorily complete not less than 40 hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner. The failure of any member to fulfill the requirements of this subparagraph shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled.
(3) Any person appointed to such board shall be required to complete annually a continuing education requirement of at least eight hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner. The failure of any member to fulfill the requirements of this subparagraph shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled.
TERM OF OFFICE
Members and alternate members of the Board of Equalization appointed by the upcoming grand jury will serve a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029, unless replacing a member in the middle of a term.
NOMINATION FORM
Please complete an application form that can be received from the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Terrell County, Georgia and either drop it off or mail it as soon as possible so that it may be received by November 19, 2026 to: Clerk of Superior Court of Terrell County P.O. Box 189
Dawson, GA 39842
Please note on front side of the envelope in which the form is mailed the following: ATTENTION: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Application forms may be obtained and dropped off at the Superior Court Clerk's office whose physical address is 499 Rountree Drive SW, Dawson, GA 39842
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County, state, federal offices at stake in the Nov. 3 election

STAFF REPORTS

Terrell County voters will go to the polls on Nov. 3 to cast their ballots for the candidates they feel are most qualified to represent them in their respective offices. Local observers are predicting a large turnout at the polls. At stake are some of the most important offices in the county, state and nation.

Locally, the election will be held under the supervision of Terrell County Board of Elections and Registration Supervisor Carolyn Williams.

Appearing on local ballots will be contests for United States Senator, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of insurance, state school superintendent, commissioner of Labor, public service commission, U.S. Representative for the Second Congressional District, State Senator, State Representative and several other offices.

Terrell County voters will cast their ballots for candidates seeking a number of offices.

For United States Senator, incumbent Democrat Jon Ossoff and Republican Mike Collins are seeking the office. Vying for governor are Republican Rick Jackson and Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms. For lieutenant governor, Republican Greg Dolezal and Democrat Josh McLaurin are seeking the position.

For secretary of state in Georgia, Republican Tim Fleming and Democrat Penny Brown Reynolds are seeking the office. Republican Brian Strickland and Democrat Tanya Miller are seeking the office of attorney general. For commissioner of Agriculture, incumbent Republican Tyler Harper and Democrat Katherine E. Juhan-Arnold are seeking the office.

Incumbent Republican John King and Democrat Keisha Sean Waites are seeking the office of commissioner of insurance. For state school superintendent, incumbent Republican Richard Woods and Democrat Lydia Powell are seeking the office. Incumbent Republican Barbara Rivera Holmes and Democrat Nikki Porcher are seeking the office of commissioner of Labor.

For Public Service Commission District 3, Republican Fitz Johnson and incumbent Democrat Peter Hubbard are seeking the position. For Public Service Commissioner District 5, Republican Josh Tolbert and Democrat Shelia Edwards are seeking the office.

For U.S. Representative in the 119th Congress from the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia, incumbent Democrat Sanford Bishop Jr. is being challenged by Republican Matt Day. For state Senator from District 12, Democrat Edward Brown does not have any opposition. For state Representative in the General Assembly from the 151st District, a contest has developed between incumbent Republican Mike Cheokas, Democrat Ethan Wolfe and Independent Travis Lockhart.

For district attorney of the Pataula Judicial Circuit, incumbent Republican Vic McNease qualified for the office without opposition. All four of the incumbent county commissioners qualified for re-election. Nevertheless, none of the four candidates for those seats will face opposition. Incumbent Democrat Clyde “Eddie” Owens represents District 1; incumbent Democrat Ernest Johnson represents District 2; incumbent Independent Larron Copeland represents District 3; while incumbent Democrat Brad Stafford represents District 4.

For the Lower Chattahoochee River Soil and Water Conservation District supervisor position, no one qualified, and the race will not appear on the ballot for this reason. Therefore, Brian Goolsby will be required to continue serving as supervisor.

There are three proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot for voters’ consideration, including:

- (1) Increases the maximum acreage that may qualify for assessment and taxation as bona fide conservation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres.
- (2) Provides for the nonpartisan election of all probate court judges.
- (3) Authorizes the creation of the Georgia Next Gen-

eration 9-1-1 Fund for the expansion, maintenance and operation of 9-1-1 systems.

Williams noted that the last day for a voter to request an absentee ballot by mail is Oct. 23. On Election Day, polls will open at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m. Voters who are in line at closing time will be permitted to vote.

Under the law, there are six polling places, or precincts, in Terrell County, including:

- Precinct One – Terrell Governmental Building, Dawson;
- Precinct Two – Sasser City Hall, Sasser;
- Precinct Three – Bronwood City Hall, Bronwood;
- Precinct Four – Parrott City Hall, Parrott;
- Precinct Five – Graves United Methodist Church, Graves;
- Precinct Six – Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, located between Herod and Dover on the Herod-Dover Road, County Road 167.

Terrell voters will utilize 27 of the 32 BMDs, or ballot-marking devices in the county, Williams said. On Election Day, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., electors who are 75 years of age or older or who are disabled and require assistance in voting, shall, upon request to a poll officer, be authorized at any primary or election to vote immediately at the next available booth without having to wait in line.

Williams also noted that no elector shall use photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, or cellular telephones, while within the enclosed space in a polling place.

Voters are reminded that they must present photo identification at the polling place before casting their ballots. There are six acceptable types of identification, including:

- A Georgia driver's license, even if expired;
- Any valid state or federal government-issued photo ID, including a free voter ID card issued by the Department of Driver Services or the county registrar's office;
- A valid U.S. passport;
- A valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency or entity of the U.S. Government, Georgia or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state;
- A valid U.S. military photo ID;
- A valid tribal photo ID.

According to Williams, there will be 10 BMD units and two poll pads for Precinct One in Dawson; four BMD units and two poll pads for Precinct Two in Sasser; four BMD units and two poll pads for Precinct Three in Bronwood; three BMD units and two poll pads for Precinct Four in Parrott; three BMD units and two poll pads for Precinct Five in Graves; and three BMD units and one poll pad for Precinct Six in Herod/Dover.

Serving as the election manager for Precinct 1 will be Mary Kennedy; Bertha Holloway for Precinct 2; Tina Eglin for Precinct 3; Kim Bridges for Precinct 4; Delois Alexander for Precinct 5, and. Norma Wilson for Precinct 6.

Candidates are reminded that they are prohibited by law from campaigning within 150 feet of any polling place. This includes signs, posters, advertisements, handouts or any literature, as well as personal solicitation of voters. The law also provides that candidates cannot leave vehicles with bumper stickers or any other type of advertisement at the polling place during Election Day. Additionally, candidates are reminded that they cannot bring voters to the polls in vehicles that have signs or bumper stickers seeking votes on the vehicle.

In the General Election, a voter does not have to declare his or her party and can vote for the candidates of his or her choice. On election night, citizens of Terrell County may log onto the Georgia Secretary of State's election results website to monitor election-night reporting as precinct results are uploaded from Terrell County.

“If there are any questions pertaining to this election, please contact the Elections and Registration office, and we will be happy to assist you,” Williams said.



The annual Exchange Club Fair is coming to Albany Oct. 27-Nov. 1/FILE PHOTO

Fall stirs up excitement for Exchange Club Fair

STAFF REPORTS

ALBANY – With a tinge of fall in the air, the fancy of many southwest Georgians turns, as it always does, to the Exchange Club Fair.

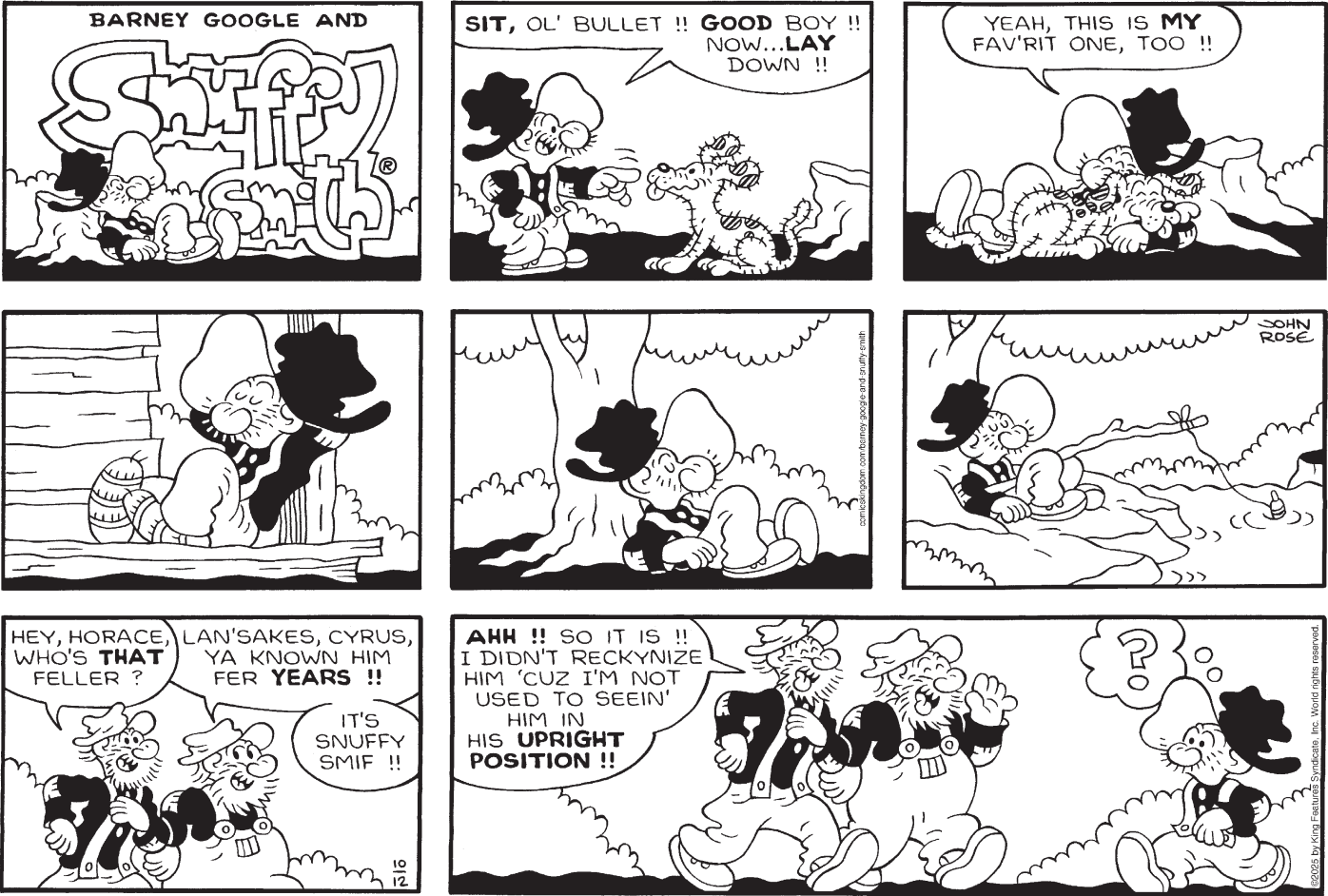
Always one of the highlights of the year for area fun-seekers, the 2026 edition of the fair is set for Oct. 27-Nov. 1 at the 810 South Westover Blvd. Exchange Club Fairgrounds.

With famous midway rides provided by James E. Strates Shows and the famous “fair food” prepared by local and area vendors, this year’s edition of the fair offers a little bit for everybody.

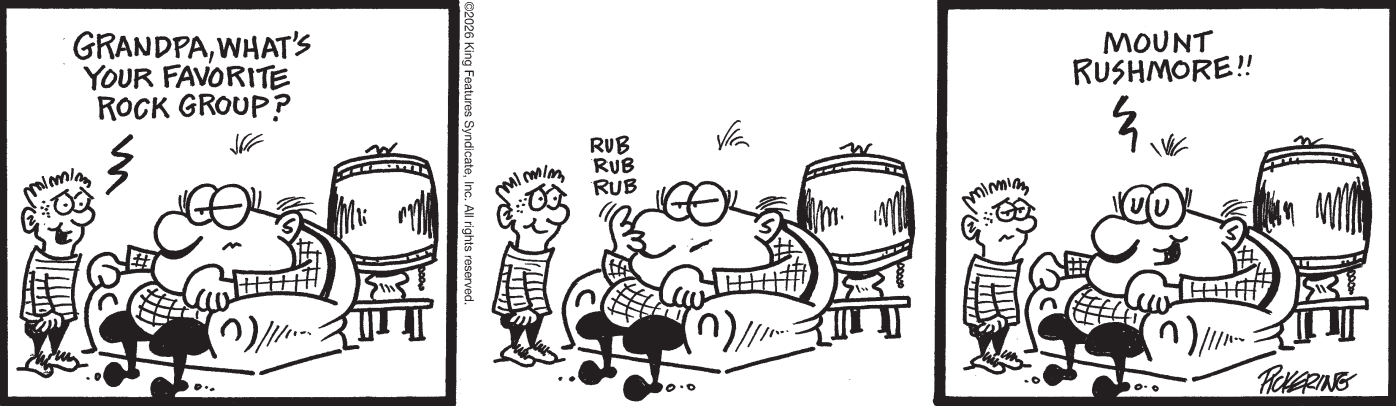
Along with the usual traditional features will be a dog show, a comedy/magician act, balloon rides, a petting zoo, a pizza-eating contest, live bands and wrestling on Sunday.

Activities will get started Tuesday-Friday (Oct. 27-30) at 5 p.m., while Saturday (Oct. 31) fun starts at 11 a.m. and Sunday (Nov. 1) at 1 p.m. Children 2-and-under, those less than 48 inches tall, veterans and active military may enter each day at no charge, while seniors 55 and older will be allowed entry for \$5, children 3-10 \$10 and adults \$15. Parking is free.

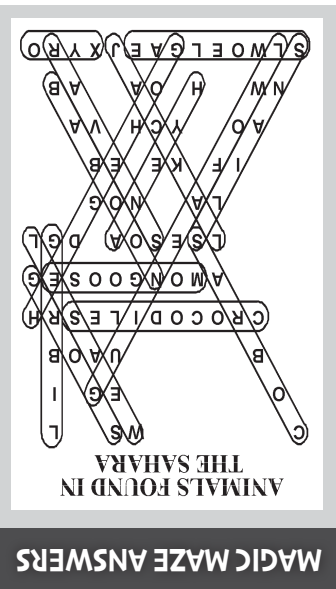
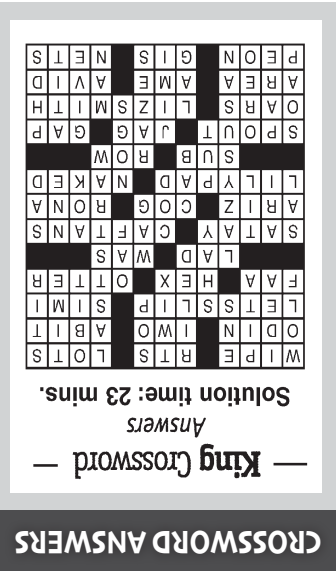
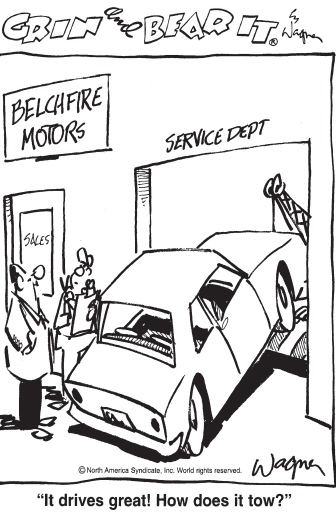
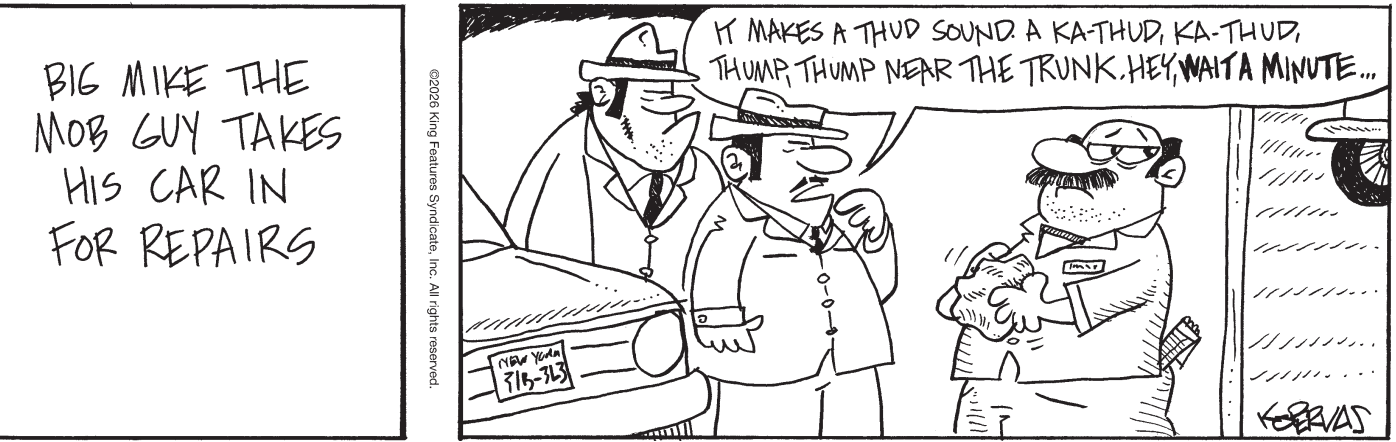
Homerun Foods is offering a special 99-cent “Splash and Dash” promotion that gives patrons an opportunity to win a fair mega-pass or a valuable prize pack with the purchase of a 99-cent drink. Chances to win free tickets to the fair will be available at AlbanyGAFair.com.



The Spats



Out on a Limb



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: LARGE FLIGHTLESS BIRD

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Cobras

Crocodiles

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- Gerbil

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Hedgehog
- Hyena

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Mongoose

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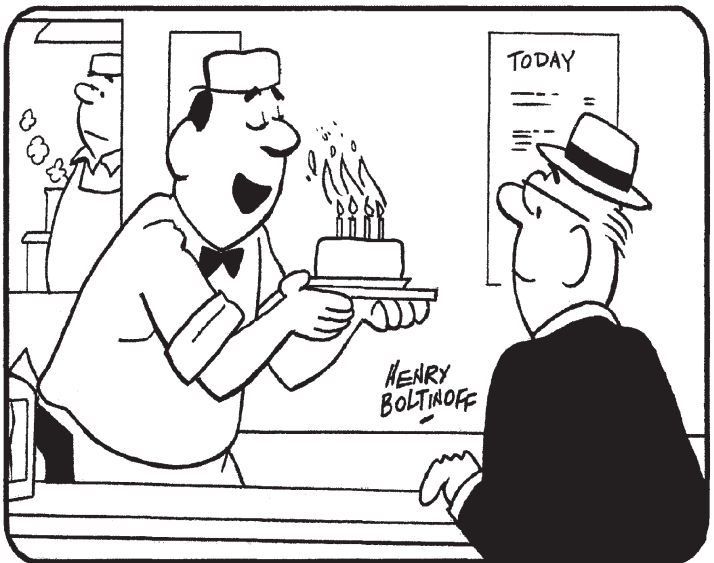
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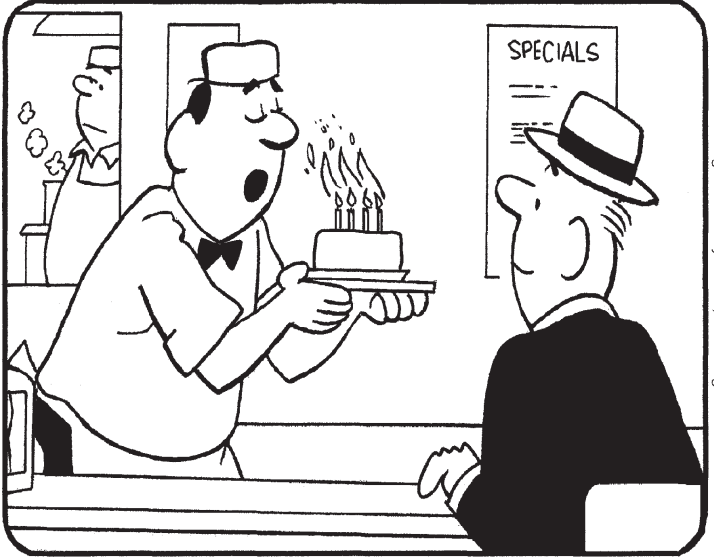
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Back of stool is added. 6. Mouth is different.

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