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Treutlen BOC passes ordinance to reinforce burn ban resolutions



Treutlen firefighters have fought several fires since the state of emergency was declared including two along State Route 46/LOGAN REYNOLDS

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

The Treutlen County Board of Commissioners passed a new ordinance during a called meeting on April 27 to levy fines and jail time against residents who violate burn ban resolutions amid severe drought conditions.

"This kind of drought's only affected this area two or three times in my lifetime, that I can recall," said Board Chairman Phil Jennings.

The ordinance will allow Treutlen County law enforcement

to threaten violators with up to \$1,000 in fines, up to 30 days in county jail and restitution costs for firefighters to extinguish the flames in question.

Any penalties levied will be considered misdemeanors as ordinances cannot levy felony charges, according to County Attorney James Garner. He also drafted the ordinance during the meeting, offering and asking for suggestions from the board on wording and protocol.

The called meeting was spurred by reports of residents

violating the county's emergency burn ban, which went into place on April 21. The original burn ban was a resolution, and so did not carry any penalties for violation.

"We were made aware that we still have some citizens that are ignoring the resolution," said Jennings. "Not only our resolution, but also the state, who's got us under a burn ban as well, and [we] felt like we needed to have something with some teeth."

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Two retirees provide affordable produce to the city of Uvalda



Daniel Walker and Scott Buchans began operating a produce stand in Uvalda in 2020 as a way to remain active after retirement. The stand has since grown and attracted a loyal customer base, giving Uvalda residents easier access to affordable fruits and vegetables/LOGAN REYNOLDS

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

At the intersection of First Street and Main Street, Daniel Walker and Scott Buchans have spent the past six years selling produce and boiled peanuts to Uvalda.

Many years ago, both Walker and Buchans were truck drivers. After both struggling with health concerns, they eventually found themselves bored in retirement.

"I got tired of sitting around the house," said Walker. "So, we decided we'd come up here and sell."

So, in 2020, the two set up a stand at Uvalda's main intersection, where they have operated off and on through six years of summer and winter, weather permitting. They originally began by only selling boiled peanuts, but soon branched out into selling a wide variety of produce.

"We try to help the community out, try to have what they want," said Walker.

The pair's produce stand has attracted many passerbys, as well as loyal customers from the local community. Walker and Buchans also sell their produce to local restaurants, such as Jan's Fried Chicken in Cedar Crossing.

When possible, Walker and Buchans purchase their produce from local farms, with other produce coming from Moore's Farm in Manor.

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Store Manager Jeff Rogers in the Soperton Farmers Home Furniture temporary location. Following the destruction of his store during Hurricane Helene, he and his team got back on their feet and are preparing to move into a new store/LOGAN REYNOLDS

Farmers Home Furniture: Surviving and surpassing Hurricane Helene

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: This story originally appeared in Tri-County Magazine with Soperton Farmers Home Furniture manager Jeff Rogers' name spelled incorrectly. It is corrected and republished here in full.

The Million Pines City serves as the home for many people and businesses, including one store recognized throughout the Southeast.

Farmers Home Furniture was founded by Sherwin Glass in 1949 and built its first store in Soperton. The company would then branch out with 265 locations in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Car-

olina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, with a focus on furniture, décor and appliances.

The old store did not remain forever, being replaced by a new Farmers Home Furniture in 1972.

Jeff Rogers, a Soperton native, has worked with Farmers Home Furniture for 27 years, and has served as manager of the Soperton location since 2005. Becoming manager of the Soperton location, the first location, is a source of pride for Rogers.

"When you're a kid, you go in there and your mom and dad buy furniture and all, and now we got people - I'm selling to grandkids of people I started selling to when I start-

ed here," said Rogers.

For Rogers, Farmers Home Furniture helps the local community by giving them easier access to the appliances they need, along with options to help them pay for it.

"Some people can't go to Lowe's and pay for a refrigerator, so we finance it for them," said Rogers. "You know, break it out on monthly payments, low payments and, you know, that's what we've always done. And a lot of the stuff that we carry, folks, you know, they can't get it nowhere else."

However, the long-standing Soperton staple would take a heavy beating from Hurricane Helene, which made landfall in the United

States on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024.

The Treutlen County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) spent the morning of Sept. 26 finalizing their preparations for the storm and readying their Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

"We got here that early to go ahead and start preparing for what we thought was gonna be a kinda rough storm, but nothing too severe," said EMA Director Justine McNure.

Part of those preparations were ensuring first responders had access to functional chainsaws with replacement chains, oil and gas, along with

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WCHS graduation to be held May 22

SPECIAL TO THE TRI-COUNTY CONNECTOR

Commencement exercises for the Wheeler County High School Class of 2026 will be held on Friday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at the high school football stadium. Leading the seniors onto the field will be Valedictorian, Anna Elizabeth Ethredge, daughter of Pat and Rebecca Ethredge; Salutatorian, Layla Joanna Gibbs, and honor graduates Trent Butler, Nikita James, Isabelle Sellers, Lily Van Houten, Erin Ricks, Tyona Green, Lane Connell, Kyla McClure, Konner Smith, Carson Ford, CJ Bowman, Laurie Conner, Juan Delgado, Brayden Horne, Shelley Conner, Irvoni Bryant, Jekayla Mills, Tobias, Clark, Reco Wooten, Remington Smith, Aiden Lanier, Brittny Martinez.

Other candidates for diplomas are: Brody Adams, Patrice Allen, Lockland Bell, London Bridges, Shiann Carey, Summer Chapman, Justin Culver, Laith Davis, Jackson Geter, Sicily Gonzalez, Kolben Haymons, Ki'Ahni Jackson, Talia Jack-

son, Haley Kaderabek, Sencear Marks, Sirus Marks, Ahmad McMillian, Ryan Parker, Maniya Pettigrew, Keaton Pickle, Simaya Pound, Jadirra Randolph, Alvin Ricks, Jakob Tarpley, Jose Tavera, Kasyn Troup, Zoey Vann, Mela Weedman, Amaru Weeks, Peyton Williams and Nathan Wright

Conducted entirely by the seniors, the program will be highlighted by the presentation of diplomas by Wheeler County Principal William Bell and Superintendent Dr. Alex Alvarez.

The recessional of the graduates is a beautiful tradition at Wheeler County High School. Each senior will present a long-stemmed red rose from the class bouquet to their mother and diploma to their father.

Serving as junior ushers and listed in alphabetical order are: Kamrin Clark, Sadey Cravey, Kenevia Harris, Mackenzie Johnson, Rhett McCranie, Kinlee Raiford, Legacy Stanley and Molly Wright.



SNAPSHOTS: JAQUEZ KELLY NAMED OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Junior basketball standout Jaquez Kelly has been recognized by Level Up Media Outlet as the Offensive Player of the Year. Nelson Wilcox was on hand today to present Jaquez with a plaque honoring this outstanding achievement.

Jaquez continues to add to an impressive season, having previously been named 1st Team All-Region and Offensive Player of the Year by the Region 4, Class A DII Basketball Coaches. We are proud of Jaquez's hard work, dedication and leadership on and off the court/SPECIAL PHOTO



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OBITUARIES



Bobby Joe Cammack

Mr. Bobby Joe Cammack, 84, beloved husband of Joan Posey Cammack of Soperton passed away early Monday morning, April 27, 2026 at Treutlen County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, in the Billy Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home with Pastor Kerry Walker and Pastor Adam Tarver officiating.

Bobby was laid to rest in the Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

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Tyrel Lamar Barfield

Graveside services for Mr. Tyrel Lamar Barfield of Soperton were held Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 2 p.m. in the Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery in Treutlen County. The Rev. Keven Connell officiated. Mr. Barfield died Monday, April 27, 2026.

Mr. Barfield, 39, was born in Dublin, Ga. on Sept. 21, 1986 and was a lifelong resident of Treutlen County. He attended Treutlen High School and was a former employee of Mohawk Industries of Dublin. He later became the owner and operator of Tiny Burger of Soperton. He enjoyed fishing, baseball, working outside and he loved his son "Jasper" very much. Mr. Barfield was a Christian and attended Snowhill Church of God. He was preceded in death by his mother, Wanda Genelle Foskey and his aunt, Deneice Hanson.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Gore; son, Jasper Barfield; father, Quinton Barfield; grandmother, Wonnell Kight Foskey; brother, Mitchell (Ashley) Foskey; sister, Gabby Barfield; niece, Shae Foskey and three nephews, Mitchell Foskey Jr, Jayden Dixon and Bryce Dixon.

Visitation was held Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Higgs Funeral Home (higgsfuneralhomeandflorist.com and facebook) of Soperton had charge of arrangements.

Southeastern Technical College instructor named top nine in Georgia for Rick Perkins Award

SPECIAL TO TRI-COUNTY CONNECTOR

Southeastern Technical College (STC) is proud to announce that Cosmetology Instructor Linda Hairr was recognized among the top nine instructors in the state of Georgia for the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction, presented by the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) during its annual conference in Atlanta.

Now in its 35th year, the Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction honors the system's most outstanding instructors, recognizing innovation in the classroom and a deep commitment to student success.

"I am deeply honored to have received such recognition, particularly because it was bestowed upon me by my own peers and coworkers," said Hairr. "Representing STC in this capacity is an incredible experience, made even more profound by being among the top nine across the state. Standing among such an elite group of professionals was truly humbling, and I will always be grateful for this opportunity."

Hairr has served as an instructor at Southeastern Technical College for 15 years and currently teaches on the Swainsboro campus. A five-time nominee for the Rick Perkins Award, she previously represented the College at the 2019 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) and Rick Perkins Award Conference as the institution's award winner.

In addition to Hairr's statewide recognition, STC student Jessica Martinez-Ramos represented the College in the GOAL program, which honors the most outstanding technical education students across the state. Now in its 54th year, GOAL celebrates student excellence, leadership, and achievement.

Martinez-Ramos, a licensed practical nurse pursuing an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree through STC's Bridge

Pathway, reflected on her experience at the conference.

Martinez-Ramos said, "The GOAL conference reminded me that success is not a solo journey. It's built on shared struggles, lifted by support, and strengthened by the people who believe in you - even before you fully believe in yourself."

The state winners were announced during the April 22 conference banquet. As the 2026 State Rick Perkins award winner, Christopher Davis, an Automotive Technology instructor from Augusta Technical College, received a crystal award and \$2,500. Thanapon (May) Saysombath, a Dental Hygiene student from Columbus Technical College, was named this year's State GOAL winner and received a brand-new Kia Sportage courtesy of Kia Georgia, a longtime supporter of technical education in Georgia.

During the conference, Kia Georgia also announced a \$100,000 donation to the TCSG Foundation, continuing its commitment to supporting Georgia's workforce pipeline.

"We are proud to continue our partnership with the Technical College System of Georgia and invest in the next generation of Georgia's workforce," said Kia Georgia President and CEO Stuart Countess. "Technical education plays a critical role in driving innovation and economic growth."

A portion of the donation is directed to the TCSG Foundation's Last Mile Fund, which provides financial assistance to students nearing graduation to help them overcome unexpected barriers and complete their credentials.

More than 159,000 students are enrolled across TCSG's 22 colleges, preparing for high-demand careers that support Georgia's position as the No. 1 state for business and the Top State for Talent.

For more information about Southeastern Technical College, call (912) 538-3100 or (478) 289-2200, or visit www.southeasterntech.edu.

Walking with God

By ALBERT WHITE

And he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. - Luke 9:23

I took notice of this verse earlier this week and was drawn by the spirit to the word follow. Since I enjoy the Greek of the text I looked it up in the Strongs. The definition that grabbed me was the one that said to join as a disciple, or to become or be his disciple. Of course it had a root, so I went on to see that it was Alpha, Christ the first and the last. This is what I took away. I can't follow from the front if I have a ministry and only allow God to use me for what I want to accomplish then I am attempting to follow from the front. I need his leadership and his guidance everyday. Then on the other end of the spectrum, I can't be dead last either because to walk with God he has to at the beginning and at the end of every ministry. That places me in only one place, beside him. Close enough to talk. Close enough to be corrected. Close enough to be encountered. A disciple walking and learning from the Lord. Living in his presence. It would be easy to take the idea of following as lingering behind gleaning knowledge from the almighty. I read in Genesis that God walked with Adam in the cool of the day. That makes me think that God wants a close encounter with his creation. Deny yourself, lay down selfish wants and desires concerning the outcome of ministry and service and allow God to be in control.

It is my desire to follow the Lord just this way. The flesh sometimes gets in the way, because we think there should be certain milestones that are met at points of our lives and at year markers of our ministry. That makes it hard to get out of the way, but it remains the instruction, deny yourself and take up the passion (cross) and follow me. We love our ministry so much that we deny ourselves time and money to accomplish what we believe is a fit offering for the Lord. I hear in my mind's ear, to obey is better than sacrifice. I know that it is. One thing I am sure of through all the years that I have served the Lord and have attempted to be a good disciple of Christ is that we will always continue learning the will of God. We will always continue to battle the will of our own flesh. So my prayer today is that we will become followers of Christ, definitely not out front of him, and not lingering in the back, but to walk with Jesus, that I might learn of him and bring God glory and praise with my obedience to his purpose.

PASTOR'S VIEWPOINT

By CHARLES "BUDDY" WHATLEY

My first thought was that John 2:12 is a short, insignificant, meaningless verse. It's like that computer screen with the twirling circle or the hourglass that appears while you're waiting for the real screen to appear. Or it's simply a transition from one story to another, in this case from the changing of water into wine story in John 2:1-11 to the cleansing of the temple story in John 2:13-17. Or if you're flying, it's that layover time between flights; very few people take pictures of the airport, although some people do. It's not the sort of story you'd include in a Bible filled with stories of creation, and mass migrations, and battles, and end of time prophecies.

But this is the Word of God and there are no insignificant stories in the Word of God, which raises an important question... "Why include this little bit of nothing story? It's a walk with friends from Cana in Galilee to Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee and it's the 22nd of 229 events in Jesus' life. Just a few words from John 2:12 NASB, "After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother, and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days."

The walk from Cana in the Galilean highlands to Capernaum on the shore of the Sea of Galilee drops 1,700 feet. Cana is 1,000 feet above sea level and Capernaum is 700 feet below sea level. It's a bit over twenty miles and about a day's walk for a healthy traveler. It's also part of the "Jesus Trail" which runs 40 miles from Nazareth to Cana and then down to Capernaum. The section from Cana to Capernaum is the most scenic and challenging part of the trail over the Arbel Cliffs through the Arbel Pass and then past the Horns of Hattin, an extinct volcano, offering a natural pass to the Sea of Galilee across the Plain of Gennesaret. Then you'd turn northeast through Magdala and Tabgha to Capernaum. (Or you could have waited until cars were invented and the roads were paved to drive 45 minutes down Route 77 and Route 90.)

But our question was, "Why tell this insignificant story in the midst of so many significant stories?" Jesus turned water to wine, walked from Cana to Capernaum, and then drove the money-changers out of the temple in Jerusalem. Maybe you remember "Immanuel" from Christmas; it means "God with us." Jesus didn't come to change water to wine, feed the crowds, or entertain them with miracles. God took on flesh to live with us, to walk with us, to talk with us, to know us, to save us, and to heal us... and all that is summed up in one verse, John 2:12!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Telfair's Got Talent II

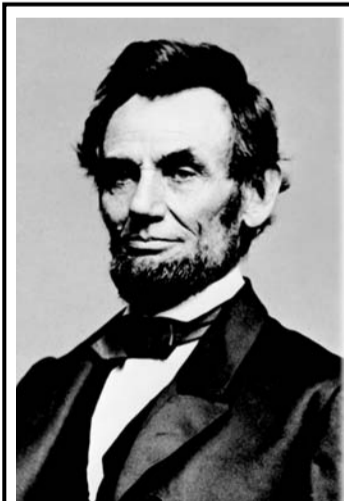
Saturday, June 20, 6 p.m. at TCA (Telfair Center for the Arts) 119 College Street, McRae-Helena, Georgia

Come enjoy a free showcase of locals displaying their talents. Comedy and music will be featured throughout. The musicians will each perform two songs, one written by Thomas N. Monroe and a second song of their choice. Monroe's song Nui Ba Den, which appeared on the album The Newsman by John McEuen, co-founder of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will be included. Donations to cover expenses will be accepted.

Southeastern Technical College Groundbreaking Ceremony

Monday, May 11, at 9 a.m. at 413 Pete Phillips Drive, Vidalia, Georgia

On behalf of Southeastern Technical College, President Larry Calhoun invites you to the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy. This expansion represents an exciting opportunity to further support Georgia's future workforce and educational advancement in our area. It would be an honor to have you join us for this occasion. The ceremony will be brief, followed by light refreshments.



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DID YOU KNOW...?

Was the Roman Empire once put up for sale in an auction?

By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

Okay, my trivia friends, I want to ask a question of you. Many of you purchased the first collection of silly trivia from this column gathered into a book, back a few years ago. I am now contemplating collecting more from the columns since then into another book.

Since the first book bears the title of the column, I thought I'd call the second one "Now... You Know!" The question is: would you buy it? Drop me an e-mail and let me know. Meanwhile, here's some of what might make it into that new book! Enjoy!

Did you know...

... the writer of To Kill A Mockingbird was able to write the book because of a Christmas gift? Harper Lee (1926-2016) was having a difficult time balancing her job with her writing. In 1956, she confided in friends about the issue, and her friends gave Lee an entire year's salary as a Christmas gift, enabling her to take the next year off work and just write. Out of that came the classic novel which went on to win a Pulitzer Prize and sell more than 30 million copies. (I'd have time to write a Pulitzer winner myself if I had a year off with pay.)

... a museum exists dedicated to sea monsters? In Iceland, you can visit the Skrimslasetrið, in the city of Bíldudalur. This museum goes into great detail regarding the area's history of sea monster sightings. Inside you will find displays, literature, and even eyewitness events. (I'll believe it when you pronounce Skrimslasetrið for me.)

... the oldest version of the Medal of Honor belongs to the Navy? Authorized in 1861 for sailors and Marines, the Medal of Honor – the highest military award for bravery and valor in the United States – wasn't authorized for soldiers until the following year. Additional trivia note: the Medal of Honor was originally only authorized for enlisted personnel. Army officers were allowed to receive it beginning in 1863, but the Navy did not allow officers to earn it until 1915.

... the Roman Empire was once put up for sale in an auction? In 193 AD, the Roman Praetorian Guard decided they'd had enough of the shenanigans of Emperor Pertinax (126 AD-193 AD) and assassinated him, then found themselves faced with a quandary – exactly who would take over? The Guard decided to essentially sell the throne to the man who would pay the highest price, and two very wealthy men, Titus Sulpicianus (137 AD-197 AD) and Didius Julianus (133 AD-193 AD) began to bid. When Julianus offered 25,000 sesterces to each soldier, the Guard declared him the winner and new Emperor of Rome. His "reign" lasted 66 days, and came to an end when an army led by General Septimius Severus (145 AD-211 AD) entered the city. Severus had heard about the so-called auction and then led – and won – a battle against the Praetorian Guard. The Senate passed a motion proclaiming Severus as Emperor, and Julianus was hunted down and killed by a soldier in the palace. Severus was the last of the five men who had held the imperial throne of Rome during 193 AD. (I would say Julianus got the short end of the deal, wouldn't you?)

... turkeys are named after Turkey? No, I'm not trying to confuse you. The bird we know as the turkey was named after the nation of Turkey. Helmeted guinea fowl (what a turkey really is) came from Africa, but British merchants introduced them to Europe through Turkey, and people assumed the bird was from there. (Well, you know what happens when you assume, right?)

... who the last English king to die in battle was? King Richard III (1452-1485) fell in battle at Leicester Cathedral in the Battle of Bosworth Field. Richard's remains were discovered under a parking lot at the site of the old cathedral in 2012 and after DNA testing to confirm his identity, he was reburied in a tomb inside the cathedral. He was the last of the Plantagenet kings, succeeded by Henry VII (1457-1509) who was of the House of Tudor. (My kingdom for a horse, or something like that.)

... the U.S. government once experimented with insects as weapons? In 1955, the government carried out "Operation Big Buzz" in Georgia. The program called for the producing, storing, loading into munitions, and dispersing from aircraft a huge number of mosquitoes. The idea was to see if the mosquitoes could be used as weapons, once infected with the yellow fever virus. The 330,000 that were dropped into Georgia in May of 1955 were not infected, however; it was just a test to see if the wacky idea would work. And it did work, to an extent: mosquitoes from the drop were located as far as 2,000 feet from the release site. No further use was made of the idea, thankfully. (The mosquitoes showed very little interest in the job, it seems.)

... when the U.S. War Department was established in 1789, the Army had a total of 840 soldiers? Their job was to supervise public lands and guard the frontier of the young nation. (If you were wondering when the idea of drawing down the service after a war started, here you go.)

Now... you know!

The best thing about going to concerts

There are a lot of people in diabetic support socks and walkers shuffling around at a Bob Dylan concert.

I had the chance recently to see the Voice of a Generation in concert, and like the famous singer-songwriter, his fans are getting old. I felt satisfyingly young and oddly safe in the crowd of people who came out on that Wednesday evening to catch the show. It was a crowd I didn't have to worry about standing up for every song or, worse, a fight breaking out.

Did you know some people go to shows just to start a fight? I attended a heavy metal festival once, headlined by veteran rocker Zakk Wylde. I fought the crowd for a decent spot on the floor, hoping to strain my ear drums with some solid guitar playing. Instead, just moments into the first set, a circle formed in the crowd and folks started throwing punches.

I left my boxing gloves at home, so I retreated to the back of the room before I lost a tooth.

I envy people who can have a good time at concerts.

I've been to my fair share of music events, some I remember better than others for reasons I will not get into here, and the anticipation of going to one is always better than actually attending.

For starters it's too crowded. To make enough money to justify hosting a concert to begin with, venues have to cram as many people as possible into a small amount of space. There's few things as unpleasant as rubbing shoul-

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

ders with someone who has overindulged in intoxicants halfway through the opening act.

Which leads to my second point; it's too expensive. After shelling out a week's wages on ticket fees, you almost need to take out a second mortgage to hit the concession stand. That forces people to pre-game and leads to the rubbing-shoulders scenario.

Lastly, and this is where I may lose some of you, is few artists sound better in person than they do on the record. If you want to hear your favorite song, just listen to it from the comfort of your own home.

All that being said, I still go to as many concerts as I can. I just like to

complain. I do live in an area where seeing a big name act requires a long commute, which adds to concert-going costs, therefore I enjoyed them more when I lived in the big city.

The best thing about attending concerts is the people watching. There are some interesting characters taking up seats in concerts halls and arenas. Music brings people together. People of all backgrounds and walks of life can come together to enjoy a good song, and it's easy to make a temporary friend who just happened to buy the seat next to yours, at least if they know how to pace themselves.

Just don't forget your diabetic sock or boxing gloves.

HERE'S A TIP!

By JOANN DERSON
King Features

* Last month's Earth Day got me thinking about how many plastic bottled beverages my family goes through. I have found six glass reusable bottles that can be run through the dishwasher, and I store them in the fridge in a cardboard six-pack holder. I still want the convenience of grabbing a bottle of water from the fridge, but I feel better that I'm not contributing to a plastic problem.

* Using ice-cold sour cream instead of ice-cold water in your pie crust recipe will give you a flakier crust.

* "If you love to burn candles as much as I do, consider storing them in the fridge for a day or so before you burn them. I swear, it makes them burn evenly. Someone told me this once, and I tried it and have been doing it ever since. No more crooked candles."

* "When traveling for more than a few days, stick your plants into the bathtub with a little bit of water. They soak it up, and you don't have to have someone come over and water your plants. This will only work for a week or less, though."

* Kitchen remodels can be expensive, but when your kitchen isn't usable, that's even more of an expense. Plan by setting up an alternate kitchen to save money instead of opting for take-out food. Microwave, toaster oven, coffee pot and a small dorm-style fridge can take care of a lot of your needs in the short term.

* If you are planning on putting in some new plants or sprucing up your garden, check with your town's yard waste recycling center for free mulch or compost details. Many facilities offer these to their residents.

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City of Mount Vernon Building Permit(s)

The City of Mount Vernon reminds all residents and business owners that a building permit is required before beginning any construction or alteration on residential or commercial property. This includes, but not limited to, new structures, changes to an existing floor plan, additions to heated or unheated space, installation of pools, communication towers, fencing, and the placement of prefabricated or accessory buildings.

Permit applications must be completed at City Hall and include details such as the size, type, use, and location of the proposed project. Once reviewed by the City Administrator or Clerk, applications are presented to the Mayor and City Council for approval at the monthly council meetings. Permit fees (as voted on by the City Council) are \$150 for residential projects and \$300 for commercial projects. These fees take effect May 5, 2026.

Property owners are responsible for securing the required permit. Beginning construction without one may result in fines up to \$1,000, along with court costs and collection fees.

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Kehoe

The recent death of Marilyn Kehoe brought grief to a broad spectrum of people from Athens to Cortona, Italy, her longtime second home where she ably assisted her husband, Jack, in establishing the premier studies abroad program throughout collegiate America.

They spent their summers in the hilltop town in Tuscany where you are often hailed with "Go Dawgs" when you walk down the street and that included natives as well as the colony of Georgia students who have spent time there.

Count me among the many who have been charmed by this Tuscan community which became the focal point of UGA's studies abroad program. With their easy-going manner and selfless lifestyle Marilyn and Jack were re-

vered in Cortona by the natives.

Over the years, my wife, Myrna and I made a half-dozen stops, or more, in Cortona and often stayed in their guest bedroom at the top of the hill which requires considerable stamina to climb the steps to the Kehoe flat.

With advancing age, the two of them, nonetheless, considered it a daily function that was healthy to the extent I don't ever remember anybody confirming that they hailed a taxi to return home, unless there was a relentless downpour.

They made friends with the merchants and townspeople; they rubbed shoulders with the local gentry, the city fathers, and the politicians. Jack was an amicable sort who got along with local leaders even when Cortona was led by a Communist mayor.

The story of how the Kehoes settled on Cortona as the place they wanted to

develop a study abroad program under the UGA banner is enlightening. Several years before he died, he told me how that came to be: "In honest reflection, one must go back to 1969. At that time, most American universities located their programs in three major cities: Rome, Florence and Venice, all wonderful cultural centers and major tourist attractions," Jack explained.

"After experiencing a period of living and working in a sculpture studio in Rome in 1966, I observed one surprising factor. The American students took advantage of the museums, galleries, and churches, but did not take advantage of Italy's most important cultural aspect—its people."

Jack and Marilyn learned to speak Italian and were conversant with all levels of the social structure on Cortona. Marilyn learned to cook to the extent that if she and Jack invited you to dinner, you would be served



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pasta that would become convinced it was the best you ever tasted.

They were connoisseurs of Italian wine and traveled throughout Italy becoming expert on the historic sites and cultural masterworks, memorials and classic arts.

It was Jack and Marilyn who outlined a tour for us one year which included the suggestion that we take in the Palio di Siena where city center is turned into a horse track twice a year. The jock-

eys ride bareback and the town goes out of its mind over this scintillating event. I have been to major horse tracks over the years, including several times to the Kentucky Derby. If I had a choice to see one last race, I would choose the Palio.

Celebrated author Frances Mayes, the Georgia native who was captivated by Cortona's breathtaking views and picturesque hill-sides and the Etruscan heritage, wrote a bestselling book, "Under the Tuscan Sun," which was also made into a movie.

That heightened Cortona's international fame and caused real estate values to escalate. Cortona has been good to the University of Georgia, but you could say, UGA has been good to Cortona.

The mutual admiration society which exists became so firm, that when other universities tried to unseat Georgia with the Cortonese, they were roundly rebuffed.

"Jack was the brain and brawn of the Cortona program," says Rick Johnson, a former director of the program after Jack Kehoe retired. Then he added, "Marilyn was the heart and soul of the program."

"A southern belle from North Carolina, she was the silent partner, but when emotions were fractured, Marilyn was the one who provided a warm embrace. Homesickness was a challenge, and kids found Marilyn to be their savior. Kids looked to her often and came away healed and smiling."

"She provided counseling and tender loving care at critical times while raising her own four kids. Jack could not have made Cortona the best study abroad program there is without Marilyn's help. They were a great team."

That is a fitting epitaph for this great lady.

There will be no redraw of the state of Georgia's maps . . . for now

The United States Supreme Court struck down Louisiana's Congressional district maps last week, setting off a wave of redistricting sessions in legislatures across the South. Louisiana is in a court-ordered situation as their map was specifically ruled unconstitutional. Alabama had a pending case, and their Governor has already called for a special session of as well to remedy the map according to the SCOTUS decision.

Tennessee has elected to do the same, with Texas and Florida having already completed redrews. On the other side, Virginia and California have completed partisan redrews this year – both having to ram through changes to their constitution to add Democratic seats. Virginia's process and map has been declared unconstitutional by a state judge, with the resolution to the changes pending before their state Supreme Court.

"Gerrymander" has become partisans favorite word when one of the states they are aligned with perform it, and an unfair anath-

ema when they're on the opposite side. Those trying to make sense of talking heads making opposite arguments for and against, but always using the word "fairness" to apply to their side.

Too often the benchmark for "fairness" rests on who started it. New York redrew maps in 2024 to gain more seats for the Democrats. Illinois has had maps that look as if drawn by Rorschach himself for decades. All of New England wildly over-represents Democrats by population, though Republicans posting their map on social media should quit highlighting Vermont (with its one Congressional district) as evidence of systematic gerrymandering for obvious reasons.

The people appealing to your sense of fairness want you to be motivated and/or shamed by it. They have no interest in holding themselves or their party to the same standard.

Reapportionment – the act of redrawing districts – is not about fairness. It's the most raw act of power you can witness from a legisla-



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tive body. It is where friends will metaphorically stab friends in the front because there's little time to arrange a clandestine back stabbing. Those who have power want to keep it or expand it. Those who do not will exploit every angle to attain it.

Georgians are currently voting for member of Congress using maps drawn by the same restrictions stuck down in the Louisiana case. There is a lot of pressure from segments of the Republican party and their griftersphere to force Governor Brian Kemp to cancel

the ongoing election, call a special session, redraw maps, and start the process over.

There is little chance this is going to happen. It's something that Governor Kemp has already ruled out for this year. It's not even clear the Governor has this power under Georgia's Constitution.

Votes have already been cast. Throwing out legally cast votes for a do-over isn't something courts are likely to mandate as a remedy.

Most of those who immediately called for the Governor to cancel elections and immediately redraw maps are candidates for statewide office, including some (but not all) of the current candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

When voters hear red meat being thrown to the base, they often see the first order operation, say "yeah, they're appealing to their people" and move on. Hyper-partisans don't care as much about communities of interest as they do larger majorities. Appealing to the base with rhetoric that

isn't legally or logistically possible sends a signal that they're on the right side, and costs them nothing.

A special session would require five legislative days for a bill to be introduced and pass both chambers. Candidates for statewide office who are currently state elected officials cannot raise money when the legislature is in session.

Not only would a special session upset the election currently underway, but would halt last minute fundraising if done "immediately" as several have requested. Those self-funding their campaigns would have a clear advantage over those still trying to fund their last minute get out the vote ads. This would affect those incumbents trying to win their legislative seats in addition to the statewide races.

Those seeking maximum advantage with weirdly drawn maps may also end up losing it all. Few in Georgia media want to remind you what happened the last time Democrats were in charge of redrawing Georgia's congressional and leg-

islative maps. House members in Republican areas were drawn into multimember districts. Senate districts in rural areas connected remote parts of the state with land bridges several hundred yards wide. A Congressional district ran from suburban east Atlanta to Savannah, with others having zig zag shapes through towns and counties segregating neighbors based on party, and on race.

The statewide election that year yielded the first partisan flip of state control since Reconstruction. Some credit the flag issue. Some cite angry teachers. But in a race decided by a slim margin, every disaffected voter can claim they were the reason.

Normal Georgians rejected the sacrifice of their communities of interest to maintain partisan power. When Republicans do eventually meet to address redistricting concerns, they would be wise to balance partisan desires with the will of local communities.

Dick Yarbrough: Some random thoughts on some random subjects

I would like to say I hate it when I'm right but, jiminy crickets, I am right so much that if I spent all that time hating myself I wouldn't have time to hate broccoli. And I really hate broccoli.

Case in point: I went out on a limb last week predicting the political platforms of all the candidates for all of the offices in the upcoming election in Georgia. I said I thought they would all promise to: Lower our taxes. Reduce crime. Shrink the size of government. Create jobs. Stand up to powerful special interests groups. Fight bureaucracy. Secure our borders. Take care of our veterans. Improve education. Fix Medicare. In watching the debates last week, it was pretty clear all the candidates are firmly committed to (Inhale): Create jobs. Stand up to powerful special interests groups. Fight bureaucracy. Secure our borders. Take care of our veterans. Improve education. Fix Medicare. (Exhale). Am I good or am I good?

The one exception among the candidates is the mud wrestling going on between businessman Rick Jackson and Lt. Gov. Burt Jones for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. They have collectively taken negative advertising to a new low (or high.) Jackson has spent some \$47 million and Jones



DICK YARBROUGH

has spent roughly \$26 million in ripping each other to pieces. All of this for a job that pays \$182,000. My two cents worth? I'm tired of both of them and their ads.

... One of the perks of my job at BellSouth Corporation was that I had a staff in Washington and that got me the opportunity to attend the annual White House Correspondents' Dinners. It is no cliché to say everybody who was anybody was there, including the president. The media roasting the president in good fun and then the president responding with a few zingers of his own was what the evening was all about. Much fun. I was surprised and pleased that the thinnest-skinned president in the history of our Republic finally agreed to attend. I couldn't wait to see how it turned out. And then, suddenly, the surre-

al attempted assassination. There is talk of perhaps rescheduling the event. I hope they do. The nation could use a little healing and laughter is the best medicine.

... I will have more to say about this later but be forewarned that our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is still a target for those who wish to mine the site for titanium dioxide in order that this world never runs short of toothpaste whiteners. Yes, the Conservation Fund purchased the 8,000 acre Twin Pines tract and, yes, the state Department of Natural Resources bought almost 4,000 acres of that land and will create a new Wildlife Management Area, but there is still a lot of land along Trail Ridge available

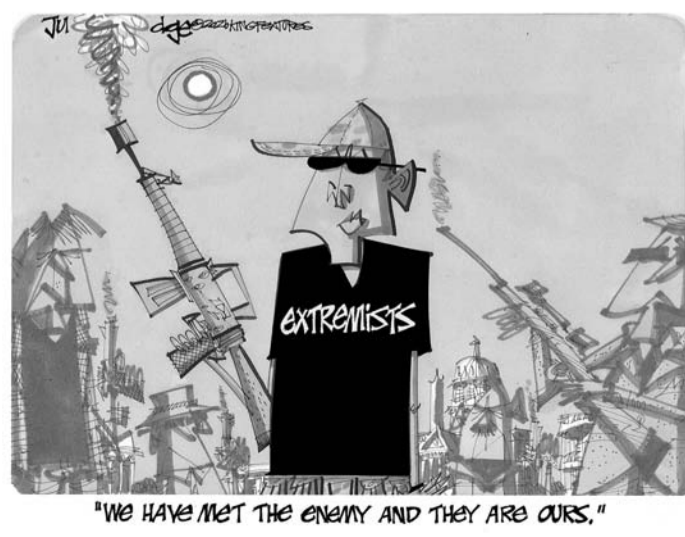
for mining and companies who have shown an interest in doing just that. As Yogi Berra said, it ain't over until it's over and this threat isn't over by a long shot. Stay tuned.

... I saw a clip on TV recently showing three police officers in the Queens area of New York City responding to a domestic dispute at 3 a.m. As they approached the door, the house suddenly blew up. Their body cameras showed the three being knocked to the ground. Later, it was revealed they had suffered injuries. So, what did they do? They got back up and rescued survivors. (The explosion was deliberately started by a family member who died in the explosion.) That is what police do, and the next time I

hear some Gen-Whatevers talking about defunding the police, I am going to throw up on their Birkenstocks. We need the police more than we need that bunch of ungrateful ignoramuses.

... Finally, in the you-can't-make-this-stuff-up department, it turns out that former UGA and Miami

quarterback Carson Beck will have to take a pay cut after being drafted by the woeful Arizona Cardinals in the recent NFL draft. Beck made a reported \$6 million at Miami. As a rookie in the NFL, he will make \$1.34 million. As my sweet mama would say, bless his heart.



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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, TREUTLEN COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kevin Manning to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for AgGeorgia Farm Credit, ACA, its successors and assigns dated January 30, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 153, Page 468, Treutlen County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to AgFirst Farm Credit Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 25001, Page 1811, Treutlen County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$68,495.00), 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 Treutlen County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.

AgFirst Farm Credit Bank is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: LoanCare, LLC, 3637 Sentara Way, Suite 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, 800-909-9525.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **2980 Ga Highway 46, Soperton, GA 30457**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sales transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

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All that tract or parcel of land, together with all improvements located thereon, situate, lying, and being in the 1221st G.M. District of Treutlen County, Georgia, containing one (1) acre, more or less, and being more particularly shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by Daniel R. Riggs, Registered Surveyor, dated January 12, 1978, and recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 90, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Treutlen County, Georgia. Said tract fronts on the southeast side of Georgia Highway No. 46 for a distance of 210 feet and extends back southeasterly of equal width for a distance of 210 feet. Said tract is the same as conveyed to Terry Duane Henry from Jack E. Josey, Jr., by warranty deed, recorded on October 4, 2016, in Deed Book 152, pages 287-289, Treutlen County Deed Records.
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S26-030
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE

Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi. Fa.'s issued by the Tax Commissioner of Treutlen County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Treutlen County, against the following named persons and the property as described next to their respective name(s). They will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the Courthouse door in Soperton, Treutlen County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in June 2026, the same being June 2nd, 2026, and continuing on June 3rd, 2026, if necessary, between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property. The property (ies) hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in Treutlen County, State of Georgia. The years for which said Fi. Fa.'s are issued and levied are stated opposite the name of the owner in each case. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer costs, all taxes, advertising costs and recording fees.

Map & Parcel: 11326MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Braswell, Marnie
Current Record Holder: Braswell, Marnie
CRH Address: 4026 Lothair Church Road Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 777.29
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 2000, 16x80, Fleetwood, Weston, located at Tax Map & Parcel 017A004, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 11331MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Rogers, Bubba
Current Record Holder: Rogers, Bubba
CRH Address: PO Box 557 Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 899.59
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1985, 14x66, located at Tax Map & Parcel 022013N, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 11396MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Anderson, Deborah
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Anderson, Deborah, Deceased
CRH Address: 6 Poplar Court Bluffton, SC 29910
Amount Due: \$ 511.96
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1984, 14x70, Horton Homes, Inc., Horton, located at Tax Map & Parcel 006045, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 11487MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Johnson, Archie R.
Current Record Holder: Johnson, Archie R.
CRH Address: 1189 Troups Tomb Road Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 488.54
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 14x65, located at Tax Map & Parcel 009052, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 11558MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Lawson, James
Current Record Holder: Lawson, James
CRH Address: 1226 Outlaw Avenue Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 468.90
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 2004, 14x65, located at Tax Map & Parcel S011051, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1238MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Crockett, Roger Jr.
Current Record Holder: Crockett, Roger Jr.
CRH Address: 1143 Sumner Lane Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 755.40
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1986, 12x54, located at Tax Map & Parcel S016011, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1400MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Clark, Janilene
Current Record Holder: Clark, Janilene
CRH Address: 77 Cedar Lane Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 762.55
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1980, 14x60, Horton Homes, Inc., Summit, located at Tax Map & Parcel 017B036, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1498MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Wadley, Scelia
Current Record Holder: Wadley, Scelia
CRH Address: 1528 Canady Avenue Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 545.98
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1973, 12x68, Urania Homes, Inc., located at Tax Map & Parcel S004035, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1563MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Coney, Shanita
Current Record Holder: Coney, Shanita
CRH Address: 1476 Mississippi Avenue Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 386.56
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1980, 12x56, located at Tax Map & Parcel S010039, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1605MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Telfair, Kristal L.
Current Record Holder: Telfair, Kristal L.
CRH Address: 329 New Street Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 627.28
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1997, 16x76, Fleetwood, 6763L, Serial # GAFLV75A29654W1.12, located at Tax Map & Parcel S003094, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1736MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Crockett, Robert
Current Record Holder: Crockett, Robert

CRH Address: 515 Sumner Lane Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 527.50
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1985, 12x60, Bonnell Enterprises, Dynas-ty, located at Tax Map & Parcel S016011, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1759MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Banes, Judith
Current Record Holder: Banes, Judith
CRH Address: PO Box 386 Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 435.00
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1994, 16x76, Fleetwood, "C" Series, located at Tax Map & Parcel S011100, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1813MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Stevens, Maxine Marie
Current Record Holder: Stevens, Maxine Marie
CRH Address: 2684 Old Louisville Road Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 548.95
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1990, 14x66, Horton Homes, Inc., Echo, located at Tax Map & Parcel S004039, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1819MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Harden, Larry
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Harden, Larry, Deceased
CRH Address: 1733 Martin Luther King Road Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 1,472.84
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 2000, 16x76, Southern Energy Homes, Southern Homes, located at Tax Map & Parcel S011075, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1889MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Wise, Ron
Current Record Holder: Wise, Ron
CRH Address: 1076 Ennis Circle Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 700.62
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1998, 16x68, Horton Homes, Inc., Dynas-ty M Series, located at Tax Map & Parcel S013038, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1921MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Barwick, Danielle Mason
Current Record Holder: Barwick, Danielle Mason
CRH Address: 3376 GA Highway 199 Spur Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 1,311.23
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1996, 16x76, Horton Homes, Inc., Mi-rage, located at Tax Map & Parcel 017B032, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1932MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: VanFleet, Geneva
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of VanFleet, Geneva, Deceased
CRH Address: 501 GA Highway 298 Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 758.17
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 2002, 28x76, located at Tax Map & Parcel 044021A, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1989MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Jones, Loretha
Current Record Holder: Jones, Loretha
CRH Address: 1464 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 1,412.12
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 28x66, Horton Homes, Inc., Summit, located at Tax Map & Parcel S011084, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1992MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Williams, Amanda
Current Record Holder: Williams, Amanda
CRH Address: 145 Cascade Circle Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 853.40
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1990, 14x66, Horton Homes, Inc., Sum-mit, located at Tax Map & Parcel 023058, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 287MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Blair, Anthony
Current Record Holder: Blair, Anthony
CRH Address: 2102 Alabama Avenue Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 625.59
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 14x70, General Manufacturing Homes, Inc., General Ltd., located at Tax Map & Parcel S010016, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 315MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Ferguson, Catherine
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Ferguson, Catherine, Deceased
CRH Address: 5301 Louisiana Avenue West Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 1,199.90
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1984, 14x70, Fleetwood, Auburn, located at Tax Map & Parcel S008001, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 368MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Thomas, Diane
Current Record Holder: Thomas, Diane
CRH Address: 1455 Outlaw Avenue Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 468.74
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 14x56, Pioneer Housing Systems, Inc., Pioneer, Serial # PH305GA6878, located at Tax Map & Parcel S004031, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 370MH

Defendant in Fi-Fa: Watts, Charles
Current Record Holder: Watts, Charles
CRH Address: PO Box 103 Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 529.25
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 24x60, Horton, Serial # H68764GLR, located at Tax Map & Parcel 009A033A, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 384MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Miller, Patricia
Current Record Holder: Miller, Patricia
CRH Address: 4360 Anderson Pond Road Adrian, GA 31002
Amount Due: \$ 452.65
Tax Years Due: 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1994, 24x40, Fleetwood, Eagle Trace S, located at Tax Map & Parcel 013005, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 415MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: McDougle, Marchell
Current Record Holder: McDougle, Marchell a/k/a Marchelle McDougle & McDougle, Stacy
CRH Address: 1656 Ginger Springs Road Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 528.73
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1996, 16x76, Pioneer, Serial # PH1501GA9835, located at Tax Map & Parcel 016057, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 466MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Clayton, Carla
Current Record Holder: Clayton, Carla
CRH Address: 64 Bittersweet Trail Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 703.28
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1997, 26x48, Pioneer, GD, located at Tax Map & Parcel 014049, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 480MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Phillips, Sadie
Current Record Holder: Phillips, Sadie
CRH Address: 1721 Anderson Pond Road Adrian, GA 31002
Amount Due: \$ 520.56
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 24x60, located at Tax Map & Parcel 006012, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 481MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Dunn, C.T.
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Dunn, C.T., Deceased
CRH Address: 1020 Oak Hurst Road Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 528.45
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1970, 12x48, New River Homes, Shiloh, located at Tax Map & Parcel 006063, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 518MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Jackson, Robert Lee Jr.
Current Record Holder: Jackson, Robert Lee Jr.
CRH Address: 698 Oak Ridge Road Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 688.57
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1993, 28x66, located at Tax Map & Parcel 024004, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 596MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Miller, Lawanda
Current Record Holder: Miller, Lawanda
CRH Address: Route 2 Box 399-2AA Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 1,279.52
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1997, 14x66, Fleetwood, "C" Series, located at Tax Map & Parcel 024066, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 624MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Latimer, Zack
Current Record Holder: Latimer, Zack
CRH Address: 1176 MLK Jr. Drive Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 963.12
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1996, 24x64, Pioneer Housing Systems, Inc., Pioneer, located at Tax Map & Parcel S012020, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 641MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Phillips, Crystal
Current Record Holder: Phillips, Crystal
CRH Address: 571 Whipoorwill Way Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 1,272.94
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1982, 24x46, Fleetwood, Spring Hill, located at Tax Map & Parcel 037008, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 756MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Smith, Gloria
Current Record Holder: Smith, Gloria
CRH Address: 1089 Sumner Lane Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 755.31
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1998, 28x56, Pioneer Housing Systems, Inc., Budget, located at Tax Map & Parcel S016011, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 758MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Lovett, Chiquita
Current Record Holder: Lovett, Chiquita
CRH Address: 1121 Canady Avenue Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 627.67
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 16x76, Fleetwood, Weston, located at Tax Map & Parcel S012043A, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 764MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Johnson, Charlie
Current Record Holder: Johnson, Charlie
CRH Address: PO Box 342 Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 547.37

Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1998, 16x76, Clayton Homes, Inc., Explorer, located at Tax Map & Parcel S004035, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 871MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Barwick, Earl
Current Record Holder: Barwick, Earl
CRH Address: 3724 Highway 298 Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 626.64
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1997, 28x65, Peach State Homes, Signa-ture Homes, located at Tax Map & Parcel 037042A, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 953MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Phillips, Terrell
Current Record Holder: Phillips, Terrell
CRH Address: 615 Horseshoe Bend Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 840.89
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1995, 28x56, located at Tax Map & Parcel 041025A, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 979MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Shaffer, Debra
Current Record Holder: Shaffer, Debra
CRH Address: 11813 GA Highway 46 Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 1,129.82
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1993, 24x48, Horton Homes, Inc., Sum-mit Mod, located at Tax Map & Parcel 030023, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 995MH
Defendant in Fi-Fa: Jones, Woodrow
Current Record Holder: Jones, Woodrow
CRH Address: 1732 MLK Jr. Drive Soperton, GA 30457
Amount Due: \$ 421.84
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023
Legal Description: MOBILE HOME: 1977, 12x76, Fleetwood, Broadmore, located at Tax Map & Parcel S011104, Treutlen County, Georgia.

Penny S. Wheeler
Treutlen County Tax Commissioner

* Deed Book: Refers to Deed Records located in the Treutlen County Courthouse, Clerk of Superior Court's Office where property is more fully described. 4C-2-26

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

S26-027
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TREUTLEN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA JEAN KERSEY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-P-18
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Whom It May Concern: Jeremy Shane White has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Martha Jean Kersey, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 13, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (held on to be determined, 20___)(scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Tiffany W. McLendon
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Clerk of Probate Court
650 Second St
Soperton, Ga. 30457
Address
912-529-4320
Telephone Number
April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2026

S26-025
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF TREUTLEN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In the Interest of: S.A.G. and L.A.G.

Glenwood Housing Authority will be taking bids on a 2012 GMC Sierra 1500 work truck April 27 - May 28, 2026. Gas motor with approximately 90,000 miles. This will be sold "AS IS".

You may look at this vehicle and submit bids at our office located at 69 S 1st Street Glenwood, GA 30428.

Please call 912.523.5425 with any questions.

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Rather than applying solely to the current ban, the ordinance is designed to apply to future bans as well. The ordinance was future-proofed to avoid introducing new ordinances each time a burn ban resolution became necessary. "That way, it's sort of always there, and then when you need to make that declaration, you don't have to come back to the books each time," said Garner.

According to the ordinance, a burn ban will come into effect when a resolution is posted to the Treutlen County Official Website. A resolution can be issued by the Board of Commissioner's chairman without a vote, a feature decided by the board to avoid calling a meeting every time a resolution may be needed.

Board Member Cali Hollis offered a motion to accept the new ordinance, which passed unanimously.

The current resolution, which prohibits "all outdoor open burning," is scheduled to last for 60 days until June 20, unless it is dismissed or extended. This ban preceded the Georgia Forestry Commission's (GFC) ban by one day.

The GFC issued the first mandatory ban on outdoor burning in the agency's history on April 22. The ban applies to 91 counties south of the metro Atlanta area for up to 30 days, unless the ban is extended by GFC Director Johnny Sabo.

The ban's area reaches as far north as Columbia County, along the Alabama state border up to Harris County and along the Florida state border.

The order prohibits prescribed burns and agricultural burns, as well as the burning of leaf piles or yard debris. The ban applies "regardless of whether such activities require a permit from the State Forestry Commission."

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp issued an accompanying executive order declaring a state of emergency for Georgia wildfires. According to the or-

der, "assistance from the state is necessary to prepare for and respond to the evolving threats and circumstances in connection with existing wildfires and enhanced fire risks, as well as the corresponding hazardous conditions and anticipated impacts."

The state of emergency applies to all 91 counties listed in the GFC's ban, referred to in the executive order as the "Affected Counties," and will last for 30 days unless extended.

As of April 30, the GFC has responded to a total of 115 wildfires which have burned a collective 419.51 acres statewide. In addition, firefighters have contended with two large wildfires in Clinch County and Brantley County, which have burned 32,373 acres and 22,600 acres respectively as of April 30.

To assist with the Brantley and Soperton fires, Treutlen County and Soperton held collection drives, asking residents to donate medical supplies, food, drinks, toiletries and other items to assist those displaced by the fires.



County Attorney James Garner drafts a new ordinance during a called meeting of the Treutlen County Board of Commissioners on April 27, allowing county law enforcement to punish residents who violate burn bans with fines and jail time. The ordinance was spurred on by reports of residents violating both county and state burn bans/LOGAN REYNOLDS



Daniel Walker and Scott Buchans began operating a produce stand in Uvalda in 2020 as a way to remain active after retirement. The stand has since grown and attracted a loyal customer base, giving Uvalda residents easier access to affordable fruits and vegetables /LOGAN REYNOLDS

PRODUCE STAND
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Walker also grows certain foods himself.

One reason many customers stop by their stand is the pricing. Regardless of the price they paid for the products from suppliers, Buchans said every item on their table was listed at \$5 each.

"I think it helps the community, because a lot of them don't have a lot of money to buy groceries around here," said Buchans.

For example, Walker regularly purchases 40 pound bags of peanuts for

the stand for \$85, which are then boiled on-site and divided up into quart bags. Each of these bags of boiled peanuts are only \$5, which would only result in approximately \$10 profit if all sold.

"I can sell them for \$5," said Walker. "I won't try to get rich off of it."

Tomatoes have been in high demand as of late, as the current drought has made them scarcer from the pair's suppliers. Despite the price hikes, the two still sell their tomatoes for \$5.

The pair are also willing to haggle with customers, understanding that some

are less financially able. Walker and Buchans have given away boiled peanuts for free to customers without any money.

"We help when we can," said Buchans.

Walker and Buchans' venture is not intended to be very profitable. While the profits they do make are helpful, their primary goal is to get outside and active during their retirement.

"I would like a little bit off of it, but, I mean, we're not going to get rich," said Buchans. "It's more just, it gets us out of the house, and we'll make a little bit."

FARMERS FURNITURE
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external power sources and a functional EOC.

"We're just pretty much doing everything to prepare, mentally, physically, and just making sure that our community is still able to somewhat function when a disaster hits," said McNure.

According to McNure, all of Treutlen County's first responders were prepared and ready for deployment. However, the EMA's scale as a small town agency meant they could not prepare the manpower necessary to deal with a storm like Helene.

"We could not prepare for what Helene brought for us," said McNure. "We just do not have the manpower to sustain a storm like that any better than what we [did]."

The preparations made by the Farmers Home Furniture team were not as extensive. According to Rogers, they were provided certain steps by company management to prepare the store.

"There's not a whole lot you can do for what happened to us, but, you know, they did send out a thing to us, and told us to check this, that and the other, and checklists, but all the stuff that they had on there, we don't board up," said Rogers. "We don't have that kind of weather here, you know?"

During the storm, first responders were deployed

throughout the county to respond to emergencies, with some forced to ride out winds blowing over 75 miles per hour, as estimated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in their vehicles. The storm destroyed many homes and businesses throughout Treutlen County, and a large number of trees were downed throughout the county, with the NOAA noting trees down on Georgia Highways 29, 46 and 227 and Swainsboro Highway.

"Nowhere could you get outside the city of Soperton," said McNure. "You couldn't get in nor out, and I was like, 'Wow, we're fixing to have our work cut out for us.'"

The county's electricity infrastructure was also heavily damaged, taking 29 days before power was fully restored to the county. However, no lives were lost in Soperton due to the storm.

Roger's store was hit particularly hard by the storm, so much so that the NOAA noted it had been "completely gutted by the winds" in their write-up. Roger himself was alerted to the store's condition when he received a phone call telling him individuals were walking off with store merchandise.

"The storm tore the building down," said Rogers. "[I] was the fire department that called me

and said people were taking my stuff, running down the road with it."

According to Rogers, "the whole top was peeled back" and the large glass windows lining the front of the store were all blown out.

"It was pretty horrible," said Rogers. "I mean, that's how we make a living, and all I could think about was me and all my people - employees - we couldn't make a living, you know?"

The storm generated over 100 cubic yards of debris for local officials to clean up across the county. The EMA's EOC remained activated until late October, and companies contracted by the city remained in the area until February 2025.

Meanwhile, Roger's team was able to temporarily set up shop in an old house right next door to the destroyed store and resume their operations, with some assistance from corporate. According to Rogers, they sold approximately \$70,000 worth of merchandise during that October.

"It was kind of crazy, but it was kind of cool, too, if you think about it," said Rogers.

On Oct. 31, the team rented store space next to the local Piggly Wiggly to use as a new location. However, Rogers and his team will not have to spend much longer in the rented location, as Farmers Home Furniture committed to rebuilding the destroyed store in 2026.

GA EPD issues a statewide Level 1 Drought Response

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division issued a state-wide Level 1 Drought Response declaration on April 27 in an effort to combat exceptional drought conditions and wildfires.

"No matter what law you put in place, no matter what regulation, it all comes down to being aware," said John Johnson, fire chief of Treutlen County and Soperton's fire departments.

According to the EPD's press release, a Level 1 Drought Response requires public water systems to "implement a public information campaign including, at a minimum, notice regarding drought conditions and drought-specific announcements." These public information campaigns are designed to increase awareness of and encourage water conservation.

A Level 1 Drought Response also prohibits general landscape watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. However, irrigation of personal food gardens, drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses, and hand watering with a hose equipped with an automatic cutoff or a handheld container are permitted at any time of day.

Irrigation of new and replanted plants, seed and turf is also permitted at any time of day, but only for the first 30 days after planting.

As part of the required public information campaigns, the EPD provided local communities with guidelines for water conservation to provide to residents. In those guidelines, residents are encouraged to check for and repair any water leakages inside or outside the home, not to run tap water more than necessary, to only water landscapes when necessary

and to adjust sprinklers to only spray water onto lawns, rather than onto homes, sidewalks or roads.

Local public water systems also cannot impose restrictions on outdoor watering which differ from state restrictions without a variance from the EPD.

Water in south Georgia is drawn primarily from underground wells part of the Florida aquifer system, considered by the United States Geological Survey to be one of the most productive aquifers in the world. The EPD's water conservation effort aims to conserve the water in the aquifer system until substantial rainfall can end the drought.

"We're trying to conserve the levels in the aquifer system," said Chief Johnson.

According to the National Drought Migration Center's United States Drought Monitor, 52 counties in south Georgia, including Montgomery County and Wheeler County, are experiencing exceptional drought as of April 28. Several more counties, such as Treutlen County, are experiencing extreme drought.

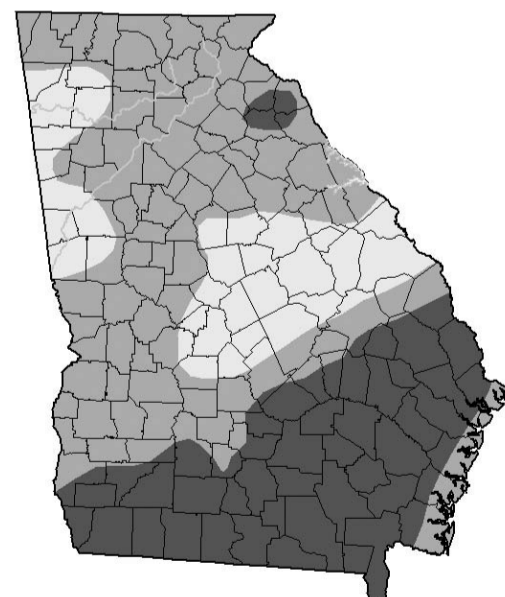
Some areas did see rainfall on April 28, such as Treutlen County, but only two-tenths of an inch of rain fell. Chief Johnson said that amount would be nowhere near enough rain to alleviate the current drought.

"Not even a drop in the bucket," said Chief Johnson.

According to Johnson, it would take a five day storm delivering one inch of rain per day to put an end to the current drought conditions. Until then, he expects the emergency burn bans and water conservation rules to remain in effect, even past the listed deadlines.

"Unless we get a significant amount of rain, we don't expect changing that," said Chief Johnson.

U.S. Drought Monitor
Georgia



	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	None	D0-D1	D1-D2	D2-D3	D3-D4	D4	
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	80.72	33.30	
Last Week (4/21-2026)	0.00	100.00	100.00	98.09	71.04	27.31	
3 Months Ago (1/27-2026)	0.00	100.00	92.72	68.85	9.97	0.00	
Start of Calendar Year (1/01-2026)	0.00	100.00	100.00	37.95	1.21	0.00	
Start of Water Year (9/01-2025)	1.82	98.18	52.78	11.27	0.00	0.00	
One Year Ago (4/28-2025)	48.72	51.28	11.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Intensity:
None D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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The new store will come equipped with all the merchandise a major location would be stocked with, meaning Roger's staff will no longer have to make weekly trips to the Dublin location to fulfill orders. Also, according to a press release, photographs and memorabilia from the original store will be incorporated into the new location.

The rebuilding efforts were not cheap, with Rogers estimating the company committing \$2.5 million into rebuilding the Soperton store.

"It means a lot that they can build it back like they are, and it's going to be as nice as it is," said Rogers.

"I mean, they spent a lot of money on that thing, just to be right here in little bitty Soperton."

Farmers Home Furniture held a groundbreaking ceremony for the reconstruction on Sept. 23, 2025. The ceremony was held at the original store site on Second Street, with company executives, community leaders and members of the

public in attendance.

"Soperton, Georgia, is the very first location where our business started, and we are building it back better than ever," said Farmers Home Furniture CEO Philip Fairchild in a press release. "This project reflects our dedication to Soperton and the enduring legacy of our founder, Sherwin Glass."



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