Teacher, principal contracts in limbo

By Drew Davis

Local teacher and principal contracts are still not renewed for the fall, despite having been presented to the school board Tuesday night.

Following a lengthy personnel discussion behind closed doors, the Wayne County Board of Education approved regular personnel recommendations but declined to approve either set of contract renewals. When School Superintendent Jay Brinson recommended a long list of non-administrative certified personnel for renewal, the motion to renew failed on a 2-2 split. Janet Royal and Ray Davidson voted for the renewals, and Nick Ellis and Mitch Sutton voted against it.

Then Brinson recommended renewal of the contracts for principals, assistant principals and certified personnel in the Central Office. All of the current principals were on the list, though schools were not specified.

Two elections in Wayne set for Tuesday

By Drew Davis

Voting was picking up Friday for at least one of the two elections planned for Wayne County Tuesday. Not only will local voters be helping choose presidential nominees in Georgia’s Presidential Preference Primary Tuesday, but voters in District 4 will also be casting ballots for a new school board member. Early voting has been under way for the past three weeks, but as of late Friday morning, only 142 votes had been cast for the vacant Board of Education seat. The candidates include Shonan Daniel, Candace Gilbert, Gary Scott and Thomas. If needed, a runoff would take place March 11.

Wrights lose weight, gain new perspective

By Jamie Denty

“The thank you, Wayne County!” about Hope and Colby Wright upon learning about local residents’ gathering at the Jesup Drive-in to watch The Biggest Loser’s season finale. “There were so many who made this happen—Mr. Ralph Echols, Miss Pam [Highstreet], Mr. Bruce Harris. We can’t name them all because we don’t know who all was involved,” says Colby, who lost 122 pounds and placed third on the show. “It’s amazing!” adds Hope.

Meetings planned

County to hire legal help

By Drew Davis

After further prompting from U.S. Rep. Buddie Carter, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to extend the date to allow the public to enter comments on a proposal from Republic Service to build a rail spur at the Broadhurst Landfill to April 5. That spur, according to a permit application, would allow Republic to bring in many tons of garbage and coal ash from anywhere in the country.

In an e-mail response to attorney Ken Crowder, who is working with a group of Wayne County residents to challenge the plans for the Broadhurst Landfill, the Savannah District of the Corps said no litigation has been reached on a request for a public hearing in Wayne County. However, according to John Detmyr, regulatory specialist for the Corps, the public-comment period deadline has been extended to April 5.

Following a retreat this week, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners has apparently determined to seek further legal advice. Chair Kevin Copeland said the commissioners have agreed to hire an attorney versus in-contract law to advise the Board on two agreements signed in 2005.

County Attorney Andy Beaver has advised the Board that engaging in the challenges to the plans of Republic to build the rail spur could be construed as a breach of those agreements. Beaver said that a breach could be costly to the county and may even allow Republic to stop paying lease fees to the county government.

Headed to the ‘Final Four’

Colby and Hope Wright each had huge transformations while participating in NBC’s The Biggest Loser. While they didn’t win the grand prize, both say they came away from the experience as winners. They also wanted to say how much they appreciated the support of the community.


**OBITUARIES**

**Rinehart & Sons**

Joe H. Drubelby  
**Jesse—Joe H. Drubelby, 82, of Jesup died Feb. 25, 2016, at his home under the care of Comfort Cures Hospice.**  
Survivors include his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Betsill, of Troutville, Va.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Woodrow J. and Una Proveaux of Baltimore, Md., and Victor Proveaux of Athens, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren: and nieces and nephews.  
Funeral service will be held today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. at Rinehart and Sons Funeral Home. Interment will be in Jesup City Cemetery.  
Active pallbearers will be family and friends.  
Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to services at the funeral home.  

**Memorial Services for Colleen Proveaux**  
**Jesse—Colleen Proveaux, 79, of Jesup died Feb. 24, 2016, in Jesup, Ga.**  
Survivors include her mother, Evelyn Lane, of Troutville, Va.; a son, Kevin B. Ansley of Savannah, Ga.; two sisters, Jewel Lane and Mina Crosby Douberly; a brother, James Douberly; and nieces and nephews.  
Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1125, Jesup, Ga.  
Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.rinehartandsons.com.  
Rinehart and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.  

**Frank Thomas Ansley**  
**Bristol—Frank Thomas Ansley, 94, of Bristol, Va., died Feb. 25, 2016.**  
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The writer of the March 1st column, from Savannah, has been noted in the Feb. 24 edition. We apologize for the error, and we are working on correcting this in a timely manner.

The policy of The Press-Sentinel is to correct errors of fact that appear in this newspaper.

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**Columns**

**Gladys Proveaux**  
**Jesse—Gladys Parks Proveaux, 87, of Jesup died Feb. 24, 2016, in Baptiste Village in Waycross after suffering from illness.**  
Wayne County native was a member of Jesup First Baptist Church, a volunteer with the Mesic Memorial Hospita l Auxiliary and Red Cross Blood Drive, and a former instructor with the Wayne Ceramic Guild. She was the widow of Woodrow W. Proveaux.  
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Community Health Fair planned for March 5

The 2016 Wayne County Community Health Fair will be held on 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the Wayne County Recreation Building. The fair, which is free to all—there’s a fee of $5.00 to cover parking, cafeteria food, and free health examinations—will feature booths on nutrition, fitness, disease prevention, a walk-in clinic, blood pressure and cholesterol checks, a kids area, and information on the Wayne County 40 School System.}

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Last week I called on some of the participants to show up for important meetings that were being held. I knew some must make a personal decision to not show up, so I did. I said those who showed up on that round should please immediately respond as I asked the people to elect them. I said, I and a lot, too. More.

So, naturally those gentle souls that had made the decision they certainly have a right to be.

Unfortunately, they chose a public meeting to meet their frustrations. Their display of anger and grief was nothing new. I was merely another face for columnists, a face, it is part of my job to question public officials when it occurs. I do the best I can. It is not easy to write less than pleasant things about someone—it is part of the difficulty of being a community journalist. So I write.

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DAVIS

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Kevin White, 6th Ward city council member, asked the Board to consider a resolution asking the Board to discuss the possibility of a publicly owned landfill. White said that he would support the resolution if it was brought to the Board for discussion.

The Board also discussed the need for a new water line to provide water for the new development on U.S. Highways 380 and 80. The Board agreed to discuss the need for a new water line at a future meeting.

健身挑战

The Wayne County Hospital Authority will host a fitness challenge called “Move for 50” from March 7 to April 7. Participants are encouraged to sign up as a team, although individual participants may also participate.

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For more information, visit the website at sitebooksarefun.com. The sale is a fundraiser to provide better-sellers, stationery, scrapbooking books, cookbooks, and more. The sale is open to the public and will run from March 7 to April 7. The sale will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

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Jackets drop home game to Statesboro Blue Devils

By John Eden

STAFF WRITER

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Headed to ‘Final 4’

Team bond, hard work take Lady Jackets to historic win in quintessential final game

Sixes of the game that are present locally are blueberrry herring. This bait fish is prevalent in Clark Hill, but this time last year hydroelectric plants were causing fishing to be very tough. I didn't think we would need this technique for the rest of the summer using deep running lures. I had been going out since February. Two of them are supposed to be 25 or more feet deep. The school seems to school more
dive 19 or more feet, and a couple to 15 feet. We weren't able to get a school

down enough to bring it close to the boat. This

and we got a look at it, he reached for the net.

I got a solid strike. “Get the net!” I yelled to

reach the main lake at the same area.

was crossed over another line. I wondered why,

would be at 15 feet and stripers would

lowed a bit of slack to get in the line, and the fish

got off. We were more encouraged then and worked

them. At least we got one fish each day, and the last one

was the best fish that we bagged as we wanted but still

fun to catch.
Jacket soccer teams fall to S.E. Mustangs

By John Eden

The Jacket soccer teams fell to strong South Effingham teams last Tuesday in matches at Guyton. Though both goalkeepers had good showings for the Jackets, the Mustang boys were able to score three goals and the Effingham girls scored four, while the Jacket offensive efforts were scoreless.

Lady Jacket keeper Kaylee Jones recorded 15 saves in goal, and Yellow Jacket keeper Billy Parker recorded 20 saves.

**Boys’ match**

“Our guys are young, but starting to find themselves,” Willow Jacket head coach Derek Mosley said. “I was super-proud of our keeper, Billy Parker. He had at least 20 saves and kept us in the match.”

Mosley said he was also impressed with the team’s young performers.

“N.J. Lemmon, Mason Manning, Phillip Taliero and Cody Bennett are some guys that stepped up tonight,” he noted. The Mustangs scored with 17 minutes left in the first half and then tacked on two goals late in the second half to take the 3-0 win.

“We really dominated in the second half, but we never found the net,” Mosley said.

**Girls’ match**

“The girls played a good game,” Lady Jacket head coach Jenny Fulton said. “South was able to capitalize on our mistakes.”

The noted that three of the goals the Lady Mustangs scored came on defensive breakdowns, with one goal on a penalty kick.

The Jacket soccer teams outplayed the region rivals in a region match yesterday, March 1 with play set to get under way at 5 p.m. The next region match will be March 8, when the Jackets travel to Liberty County.

WCHS golfers start seasons with wins

**SPORTS**

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**STAFF REPORT**

The Wayne County High School golf teams are geared up and ready for a new season. The Jackets are poised to de- fend their Region 2-AAAA title, and the girls are working to move up one spot and claim the region title this year.

“The teams are looking forward to end-of-season competition and are making daily training efforts to capture region titles,” coach Jamie Lang said.

In addition to regular weekly matches, the teams will par- cipate in a five-team tour and play at five local courses this season. Every Tuesday, the teams will travel to one location to compete against four other teams, which include Blakely, Glynn, Brunswick and Ware.

The Jacket program at each of the five schools are very competitive and the multi- team format will better prepare our players for post-season action,” said Ellis.

Play began this week and a win was recorded for both teams at Cherokee Base in Hinesville against Liberty and Braselton high schools.

The Jackets scored a 165, followed by Liberty’s 227. Braselton did not have enough players to post a competitive score.

The boys were led by Zach Robinson with a 37, Zach Spill with a 40, Myrick Poolman with a 43, and Austin Crowe with a 45. Members of the Jacket team also played in the annual Greater Brookfield-Marine Bank Tri-Match at Brookfield Golf Course and against Bulloch County.

The Lady Jackets posted a 374. They were led by Deanna Long with a 56, Taylor Grant and Reagan Reddick each shot a 59. Those three players are in action this Saturday (Apr. 9). The Jackets will compete at the Sonny Storey Invitational at Laurel Island Links in Kingsland. The girls will compete at the Statesboro River Invitational at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro.

The Yellow Jacket head coach, Jamie Hines, said: “South was able to capitalize on our mistakes, but we really dominated in the second half, but never found the net.” Mosley said.

**Final-Four contest**

Veteran High School from Lake City, the Wayne team’s opponent in the semifinal round was Martin County High from Region 2. The Lady Warhawk defeated Coralville 54-44 in the Thursday, march 17, final-four contest and defeated Bolivar 54-41 in the Wednesday, march 16, final-four contest.

In first-round play, they won Ware County on the road Tuesday and host Brunswick on Thursday. Those matches will begin at 4 p.m. Above left, Jacket Ashton Howard hits a return. Above right, Morgan Courington gets set to serve.

**Junior Jackets split on the diamond**

The junior diamond Jackets split games with Brunswick and Richmond Hill last week. They first beat Brunswick 10-0 and then lost to Rich- mond Hill 8-2. “ Didn’t hit that well,” coach Jason Barfield said of the Brunswick game. “We relied on errors and walks from Brunswick to score majority of our runs. Have to hit better if we want to beat really good teams.” He said the hitting was there for a few at-bats, but the team couldn’t hit the fastball,” he said. “The pitcher was throwing a first-pitch fastball to every batter, and we couldn’t hit it. Have to be better if we want to set.” Also, junior pitcher Pitcher Walker was stranded three runners in the ninth, with batters on 1st and 2nd. Above, a Richmond Hill play- ers leads the three to Chase Brown off of first. Right, pitcher Brad Thomas attempts to pick a runner off from second base.

Middle schools drop baseball games

**SPORTS**

Wayne County’s middle school baseball teams dropped two games on Mon- day, March 1st. The Jacket Middle fell to a Jeff Davis Middle 5-0, and Arthur Williams Middle fell to Appling Middle 12-1. “We lost to a good Jeff Davis team,” said MPMS coach James Hobbs. “On a positive note, Ray Tennard made his debut on the mound in relief and threw five good innings for us. Also, we score a lot of positives from Jacob Brewer who pitched the first inning.”

At the plate, Brewer went 2-for-2, Keeper Sturfield and Zach Thomas each had a hit.

**ARMHS**

“We just have a lot of work to do in a short period of time this week also,” said ARMHS coach Jason O’Steen. “We are not playing very well at all the present time. We are very young for the most part, and we are just going through some growing pains. For one, we are allowing too many free passes by walking people and too many balls going to the screen and allowing base runners to move up on the 4-6-3 on second-round play.

“We have some talented players on this team, and I love working with every one of them,” he said. “However, we are not talented enough to make a huge number of mis- takes and overcome them. We have some smart players, some smart hitters, but the ball a little, and just make the routine plays in the field.”

In the game, Wilson-Jones and Anthony Bryant led the team at the plate combining two hits each.

**Final Four**

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to be the ‘Cats last points, however, as the Lady Jackets shut down the girls with disciplined but tough team defense to keep the Bishopcreek team from scoring.

**Final Four content**

Veteran High School from Lake City, the Wayne team’s opponent in the semifinal contest today, was the top- seeded team from Region 2, and posted a 25-5 overall record for the regular season.

The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Statesboro High School. The Lady Warhawk defeated Coralville 54-44 in the Thursday, March 17, final-four contest and defeated Bolivar 54-41 in the Wednesday, March 16, final-four contest.

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GAMES OF THE WEEK

WCRD all-star basketball teams in district play

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

The Wayne County Recreation Department is holding a scorekeepers and softball officials meeting on March 7 at 4 p.m. for more information call 427-5131.

**AWBS program**

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This call during the show's premiere allowed Colby Hightower to share the news with the world. "It proved to be the ultimate test to..."

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"The test to see if we are..."

"Every street," he says. "I hope we..."

"Every effort to live healthy. As we consciously make..."

"We help people file for..."

"We're like one big family, "Hope says. "We file..."

"Eventually a person has..."

"I'm going to go down to..."

"We have a little bit more opportunities that..."

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**WAYNE COUNTY CRIME BEAT**

**Jesup Police Department**

Feb. 24

**Burgruiny** was reported on Vine Street.

**Criminal trespass** was reported on Walker Street.

**Theft by taking** was reported on Greenwood Street.

Feb. 25

**Driving without paying for gas** was reported on North First Street.

**James Currie Hem- ton,** Sr., 52, of 122 Pinellom Drive, was arrested and charged with a violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act (VGCSA).

Feb. 27

**Aggravated assault**—believed to be another animal/attack—was reported on East Cherry Street.

**Simple battery** was reported on Walker Street.

**Theft by taking** was reported on East Pine Lane.

**Theft by taking** was reported on Sunset Lane.

**DOB**

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grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Mon-

day at 11 a.m. in Rinehart and Sons

Church of God.

She was preceded in
deed by her husband,

She was born May 7, 1930, in Willa-

crime to children in the third
degree.

**Linda Kay Lang**

was reported by a walk-

**Dwaine Leggett,** 27, of

was arrested and charged

with cruelty to children

in the third degree.

**Jennifer Renee Young,** 38, of

was arrested and charged

with driving away without

suspended/revoked.

**Donna Lynn Lang**

was reported on Golf Road.

**Selena Renee Young,** 17, of

was arrested and charged

with aggravated assault

and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office,

which are public records.

**The police force is com-

ing for staff from the depart-

ment and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office,

which are public records.

**The Georgia Bureau of Investiga-

tion's drug laboratory database can be viewed online at www.gain.org.

**Report Crime**

If you see something going on in your neighborhood that you think
tainment, give us a tip so we can report the
to e-mail news@thezimmer.com.

**Wayne County Sheriff's Office**

**Firearm transaction card**—unauthorization use of—was reported on Pine Oak Street.

**Edward Ivey Young**

was arrested and charged

with cruelty to children

in the third degree.

**Pamela Williams**

will be his family.

**Vernon Presley**

will be prior to services at the fu-

eral home.

**Manning and John Collins.**

**Linda Kay Lang**

was reported to 11 a.m. prior to services at the fu-

eral home in Appling County.

**Active pallbearers** will be his family.

**Vernon Presley**

**Family and friends may sign the on-

charge of all arrangements.

**Manning and John Collins.**

**To schedule an appointment, call 912-0209.**

Skating Rink Closed Due to Lack of Parental Support

It is with great sadness that as of Saturday 02/20/2016, I have been forced to close the doors to the Fun Place, LLC Skating Rink. This unfortunately has come about due to lack of parental support with our community children and young adults. With problems ranging from unattended children being left with no way of contacting parents or responsible parties in the event of an emergency to unruly children damaging skating-rink property with no guardian standing responsible to correct the situation, it has gone beyond our control. By having to stop and deal with situations that should never have occurred, my staff is being forced to neglect our patrons who are NOT causing problems. It is not fair for them to be treated that way. We love these kids, but we are NOT a babysitting service. We have done everything in our power to work with and handle these problems, but it must STOP.

We do not wish to remain closed, as we know there are many, many children and adults alike whom we enjoy seeing on a regular basis that are not a part of this growing problem. We are taking this time to re-eval-

uate our rules and regulations to determine where we go from here.

If I decide to reopen, I will be requiring all parents and guardians who are not staying with their child to come to the admissions window and fill out the Application Form. I encourage parents to get feedback on how they feel things should be handled if we reopen our doors.

If I decide to reopen, I will be requiring all parents and guardians who are not staying with their child to come to the admissions window and leave LOCAL emergency contact information. No more dropping them off in the parking lot and leaving, Park and talk to us! You are leaving us with your children; make sure we have what we need to keep them safe.

Tell us your thoughts; call me on my cell phone listed below. My heart is heavy with the disappointment of the behavior of some of our parents and guardians with their children and their children’s actions. With problems ranging from unattended children being left with no way of contacting parents or responsible parties in the event of an emergency to unruly children damaging skating-rink property with no guardian standing responsible to correct the situation, it has gone beyond our control. By having to stop and deal with situations that should never have occurred, my staff is being forced to neglect our patrons who are NOT causing problems. It is not fair for them to be treated that way. We love these kids, but we are NOT a babysitting service. We have done everything in our power to work with and handle these problems, but it must STOP.

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Fifty ways to save money

I hope that this past week you took the challenge of participating in the “America Saves” campaign by going to the provided website and signing the pledge to make a commitment to save this year. If you haven’t already, commit to saving by taking the pledge, available at gofundme.com/money.

To assist you in developing the savings habit, UGA Cooperative Extension is pleased to provide 50 different saving suggestions in the following categories: General, Food, Pre-approach, and Over-the-counter, Housing, Transportation, Emergency savings, and Family and Friends.

I think 50 suggestions might be a little more than you want to take in at one time, so over the course of the next several weeks, I’ll give you a few each week. So let’s begin with “General Ways to Save.”

1. Save your loose change. Putting aside 50 cents a day over the course of a year will allow you to save nearly 40 percent of a $500 emergency fund.

2. Keep track of your spending. At least once a month, use credit-card, checking, and other records to review what you’ve purchased. Then ask yourself whether it makes sense to reallocate some of this spending to emergency savings.

3. Never purchase expensive items on impulse. Think over each expense purchase for at least 24 hours. Acting on this principle will allow you to save 10 percent or more of your income from impulse purchases.

4. Use debit and credit cards prudently. Limit credit-card purchases to those you can pay off in full at the end of the month. If you use a debit card, do not rely on an overdraft feature to save money you do not have. With other approaches,

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QUESTION: What’s the relationship between fatherlessness and violent behavior among adolescent boys? I’m wondering about this because recent statistics show that an increasing number of boys of all ages are growing up in homes where no father is present.

Jim: As the president of a large family-help organization, and as a boy who grew up without a father, I can testify that there is a deep-seated need to let others affirm their sons’ strength and dignity in rough-and-tumble activity and as a boy who grew up without a father, I can testify that there is a deep-seated need to let others affirm their sons’ strength and dignity in rough-and-tumble activity and learning to gain self-confidence and learn to graze their own strength. Dad is the one who can help them in this area.

As you’re probably aware, names and dates play differently. Boys may have an inherent need to engage in rough-and-tumble activity from an early age. It’s one of the ways they gain self-confidence and learn to graze their own strength. Dad is the one who can help them in this area.

Mom may worry that “someone will get hurt” when father and son start wrestling on the floor, but there’s an important sense in which that’s precisely the point. A family scuffles with Dad—in a safe and controlled environment—goes a long way toward teaching kids about appropriate boundaries in play. And in the process, fathers are afforded a great opportunity to affirm their sons’ strength and presence.

So what happens when a boy grows up without this kind of interaction with his dad? That’s where the connection between fatherlessness and teen violence rears its ugly head. If a boy doesn’t learn about appropriate boundaries in physical activity, and if he doesn’t get the masculine affirmation he needs from his father, he may feel driven to “prove” himself somehow. He’ll enter the adolescent years with a deep-seated need to let others know that he’s a person who deserves respect. And he may end up demanding it in some pretty unhealthy ways.

QUESTION: I realize that I need to “be the parent” when it comes to setting boundaries for my kids’ media and entertainment consumption. I’m guessing that they won’t be overjoyed with having rules and guidelines, but is there a strategy or approach I can take that is more likely to be effective in getting them to buy in?

Bob Waliszewski, director, Plugged-In.com: When establishing media standards, one point that’s particularly helpful for kids to understand is that they’re not alone in needing to have boundaries in their lives. Disciplines in all areas of life is healthy and necessary. In fact, when it comes to labeling entertainment as “acceptable” or “out of bounds,” almost all of us do it to varying degrees. With movies, for instance, millennials use the MPAA ratings as their film-viewing boundary marker. Others may contend that they have no boundaries at all, but the truth is, even these individuals have their limits.

Once your children realize that establishing boundaries is healthy and universal, then the natural question and discussion emerges of determining where to draw that line. I’m not a fan of relying on gut feelings. Unless Joe or ratings, as they are often misleading and untrustworthy, draw that line. I’m not a fan of relying on gut feelings. Unless Joe or ratings, as they are often misleading and untrustworthy, draw that line.

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See COLLINS, Page 3B

Fathers can affirm sons’ many strengths through play

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See DALY, Page 18

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Blenderian substitutions make dinnertime delicious

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Miranda Anderson and Adam Durden

**SOCIALS**

**Anderson-Durden, March 26**

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson of Jesup and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Durden of Richmond Hill announce the engagement of their children, Miranda Livonia Anderson of Jesup and Gregory Adams Durden of Richmond Hill.

The bride-elect's paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Noah “Bud” Herrin of Odum. Her maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson of Richmond Hill.

The bridegroom-elect's maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Noah Turner of Garden City. His paternal grandparents are the late John Durden and Nell Durden of Richmond Hill.

Miranda Anderson and Adam Durden

**Davis-Rogers, Sept. 10**

Carolyn-Davis Reed of St. Clair, Mo., announces the engagement of her daughter, Summer Davis of Brunswiek, to Adam Rogers of Jesup, son of Dought and Rita Rogers of Jesup.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Andy Davis. She holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo., and a master’s degree in counseling and educational counseling from Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, Mo. She is employed as an enrollment coordinator at Troy University's Brunswiek site.

The bridegroom-elect holds a bachelor’s degree in cinema and television arts from California State University Northridge. He is employed as a forgeman-team lead at Alcoa in Midway.

The wedding is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. on St. Simons Island. Invitations are being sent.

Adam Rogers and Summer Davis
As we get up in areas with cool being

I am so grateful that the Farmers Market is now a Wayne County place to purchase many items made on the farm or in gardens. When it opens back up, you can buy fresh milk, canned goods, noods, and of course produce. A must-stop shopping experience.

I am so grateful for the groups in Wayne County that are trying to bring back some of the crafts from our an- cepters. We have a quilting guild that meets regularly. The Wayne County Arts Council has an open studio on Tuesdays with ladie learning how to crochet, make candles or try a num- ber of artistic avenues. My point in this col- umn is to see how not disposable we can be but rather how to live sustainably—a life where we treasure what we have instead of getting tired of it in two seconds. Let us make Wayne County a safe place, not a dump- place. Please send com- ments and/or sugges- tions to Vickie@edhat- mail.com.

If you have more money available for emergency savings.

5. Are you looking for a better way to save for your kids to have fun? Consider making a list of items you need, or reused. In- stead of mindlessly throwing it away, beaus- tate and think on what you just used and do not fall into any of those categories ...

Answers to Puzzle No. 1957

CASHWORD - THE PRESS-SENTINEL’S GAME OF SKILL
SOLVE THE PUZZLE & WIN CASH! THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE IS WORTH $2500

When you have completed the CASHWORD puzzle, clip it out and paste it on the  outside (back) of an envelope. One entry per envelope.

The decision of the judges will be final and all contestants agree to accept that decision as a condition of entry. Remember, there is only one correct solution will be credited to a contest for only one week. Copies of each week’s current puzzle are on display in the office of the primary market area, which is defined as Wayne and adjoining counties that fall within the ac- cessible market area. There is a limit of one entry per person per week.

Answers to PUZZLE No. 1597

CROSSWORDS

Answers to PUZZLE No. 1598

COLLINS

My Opinion

Questions:

Answers: None. They both weigh a ton!

Daly

Colin’s continued from page 3B

W h ich  w eigh s m ore, a ton of feathers or

A n sw er: N eith er, th ey both w eigh  a ton !

The puzzle editor who does not have a contest word, please provide a prize. The puzzle editor is available for questions and answers.

The prize is a $10 gift certificate to the local bank.

Answers to PUZZLE No. 1958

The puzzle editor who does not have a contest word, please provide a prize. The puzzle editor is available for questions and answers.

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Answers to PUZZLE No. 1958
Tv Listings

03...NBC--WSAV--Savannah
11...CBS--WTOC--Savannah
22...ABC--WJCL--Savannah
28...FOX--WTGS--Savannah

SATURDAY EVENING  FEBRUARY 27, 2016

SUNDAY EVENING  FEBRUARY 28, 2016

MONDAY EVENING  FEBRUARY 29, 2016

TUESDAY EVENING  FEBRUARY 29, 2016

WEDNESDAY EVENING  MARCH 1, 2016

THURSDAY EVENING  MARCH 2, 2016

FRIDAY EVENING  MARCH 4, 2016
For the first time in WCHS history, the Lady Jacket basketball team will compete in the “Final 4” of the GHSA state tournament. Members of the Lady Jackets 2016 Region 3-AAAA championship team include Chandler Henderson, Amani Trice, Tania Ward, Jumara Nixon, Amiah Height, Martina Davidson, Jada Balanger, April McAlley, Alex Thomas, Bekah Bennett, Alora Dow, Bre Wilson and Nakaya Davis. The coaches are Kala Hobbs, Olivia Jim and Bragg Thompson.
6B 1990. If you have a copy you (book) tact Michelle @ 912-256- SEEKING ALL TYPES HARVESTED FOR GUM TO SEEKING OLD PICTURES God send an Angel to us, seen on books. Larry Odum 912-294-7548 OR 912-202-2431 COPIES OF THE OLD PIC-
Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor. The property is subject to any restrictions, covenants, and conditions of record, including a recording at the Courthouse in the City of Waynesboro, Georgia.

NOTICE OF SALE

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the Uniform Commercial Code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor. The property is subject to any restrictions, covenants, and conditions of record, including a recording at the Courthouse in the City of Waynesboro, Georgia.

**COMMON LAW TITLE**

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point of intersection of a certain
delineated upon a certain
"TRACT NO. 3" of HIDE-A-
WAY ACRES Phase 12, dated
March 26, 2004, said plat
being recorded herein in
Wayne County, Georgia, RLS
recorded in the Office of the
County, Georgia, at pages 203-
204.

Lot 13, in the Third Land District of Wayne
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娘家，将该房屋以总价格为500,000美元的价格转卖给Sara Johnson。根据该协议，Sara Johnson应在合同签订后立即支付首付款100,000美元，剩余款项在合同签订后的3个月内一次性支付。合同还规定了双方的权利和义务，如违反合同，违约方需支付违约金。
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE NAME change of

MICHAEL HERB, Petitioner to CHANGE NAME

CIVIL FILE ACTION # 684

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given that the Petitioner to Change Name has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Superior Court of Wayne County, Brunswick Judicial Circuit in Chambers within thirty (30) days of the filing of said Petition. Objectors must be filed with the Clerk of Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Petition. Interested parties may file objections within thirty (30) days after the filing of the Petition for the hearing of objections. The hearing will be held at a time set later at a date. If no objections are filed, the petition will be granted without a hearing.

Tammy K. Thornton
Judge of the Probate Court
By Hope S. Cunningham
Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
359 E. Walnut St.
Jesup, GA 31546

IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JAMES EDWARD TODD.
Even though no objections were filed, the hearing will be held at a time set later at a date. If no objections are filed, the petition will be granted without a hearing.

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COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
STEPHEN STORM HERB.

The Petitioner to Change Name has filed a Petition to Change Name and the hearing will be held at a time set later at a date. If no objections are filed, the Petition to Change Name will be granted without a hearing.

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Weddings
A New Beginning

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO

The Press-Sentinel
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• Responsibilities of bridal-party members
• Factors to consider when hosting an outdoor wedding
• Customize your ceremony to give it a unique touch
Keith, Lewis plan wedding through difficult times

By Kara B. Jackson
SPECIAL TO
THE PRESS-SENTINEL

Wedding planning can be a stressful, difficult time, even in the best of circumstances, but for Hanna Keith and Garrett Lewis, extra difficulties have been added to the mix.

With less than three months until their wedding date, the plans continue despite Keith's continuing her pursuit of a post-baccalaureate degree and undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Keith, the daughter of Jesup Mayor David Earl and Carol Keith, is a 2004 graduate of Wayne County High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. She is currently pursuing a post-baccalaureate degree and is scheduled to graduate in December this year with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Lewis, the son of Herman Lewis Jr. and his wife, Brenda, is a 2005 graduate of Wayne County High School. He graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in industrial management and in 2012 with a master's degree in business administration.

The couple met early in life and dated throughout high school before moving away to different colleges upon graduation.

"It was hard for us to manage the long-distance relationship between Statesboro and Athens, so we separated during college but kept in touch," Keith said. "He and I both moved home December 2009, went on a few dates, and picked up right where we had left off. … We've been together ever since!"

Altogether, Keith and Lewis have each been a part of the other's life for 15 years.

After dating for so long, they began to be lovingly pressured by friends and family to get engaged.

"Garrett and I had discussed getting engaged but wanted to do it on our time, when everything was just right," said Keith. "During Thanksgiving of 2014, my family gathered at my aunt's house in Jacksonville; Garrett and his parents joined us.

"As we got ready to bless the food, Garrett began a speech by thanking my family for allowing him and his parents to be a part of the Keith Family Thanksgiving and also thanked them for making him feel 'part of the fami-

ly all these years.' He said, 'There are a few things I've learned over these years, the most important being that I love you, Hanna, and I don't know what I'd do without you.' He turned and looked at his mom and dad and said, 'Well, let's do this!' and got down on one knee to ask me to marry him!

"Of course I said yes and, in fact, later jokingly said, 'It's about time!' I had no idea this was coming; everyone knew but me!"

Because Keith was still in the middle of nursing school, the couple opted for a long engagement and decided to get married after she graduated.

Finding hope in planning

"A year and half to plan a wedding seemed like ample time," said Keith. "We enjoyed the rest of 2014 as a newly engaged couple, and then the planning began. The few months following, Garrett and I set a date for May 21, 2016, and had been planning the details when in June we got the devastating news that I had been diagnosed with breast cancer."

The couple talked about postponing the wedding for fear that the planning would become too stressful, but they decided to go ahead with the date they had set in order to give them both something to look forward to.

"From day one we made sure that all my physicians were aware that we had a date set to get married and I needed to get started with treatments as quickly as possible in order to be strong and healthy by then!" said Keith.

She would use the wedding and the planning process to distract herself from chemotherapy treatments and surgeries.

"It wasn't until my last surgery took place Dec. 30 that we were able to put 2015 behind us and kick things into high gear," Keith said. "Five months is a very short amount of time to put together a wedding. … Now with only three months left, there are still a few details to iron out, but the process has been exciting—stressful for my mom, but a lot of fun!"

"I attended a few bridal expos to get some ideas and even went dress shopping just to get a feel of what I wanted. I am a very indecisive person, so I just knew it would take me forever to find the perfect dress, but to everyone's surprise I found the dress on my first visit to That Dress in Rincon. I never expected to be that girl who cried at the sight of a dress, but when my family started crying, then came the waterworks!"

Both the bride and the groom-to-be look forward to their special day and the hope it brings.

"Being high school sweethearts and coming from several generations of families that grew up here in Wayne County, we
Responsibilities of bridal-party members

Being asked to join a bridal party is both an honor and a responsibility. When asked to take on such significant and meaningful roles, men and women may recognize the honor but be unsure of what their responsibilities are as couples move forward with their wedding plans.

Bridal-party roles can vary depending on certain circumstances, but many couples still want their bridesmaids and groomsmen to perform many of the more traditional tasks associated with their roles. The following are some of the tasks bridesmaids and groomsmen can expect to perform in the months leading up to the wedding and during the wedding itself.

• Maid of honor: The maid of honor serves as the bride-to-be’s right-hand woman as she plans her wedding and gets ready on her big day. Maids of honor typically go gown-shopping with the bride and may even choose or offer suggestions about the color and style of the bridesmaids’ dresses. Once a dress style and color has been chosen, the maid of honor will make sure everyone is fitted on time.

A maid of honor will also plan the bridal shower, sending invitations and arranging for lodging for out-of-town guests if necessary. Many brides want the details of their bridal showers to be a surprise, and maids of honor should honor those sentiments when possible. A maid of honor also plans the bachelorette party, though many brides do not mind being involved in the planning of such parties.

The maid of honor may be asked to help address save-the-date cards and envelopes as well.

Come the day of the wedding, the maid of honor will ensure the bride’s day is as stress-free as possible, helping to address any last-minute issues that may arise. Maids of honor may be asked to serve as the legal witness to the wedding and sign the wedding license before the reception. At the reception, the maid of honor will toast the bride.

• Best man: The best man is the maid of honor’s counterpart, helping to plan the bachelor party and toasting the groom at the reception. The best man also tends to hold the rings during the wedding ceremony, and during the day of the wedding, he will coordinate the groomsmen to make sure everyone is ready to go on time. The best man may arrange transportation for the groom and groomsmen on the day of the wedding and may also return the groom and groomsmen’s attire the following day if the newlyweds are departing on their honeymoons.

• Bridesmaids/groomsmen: The bridesmaids and groomsmen serve similar functions, acting as sources of support as couples plan their weddings. Bridesmaids and groomsmen help to plan the bachelorette and bachelor parties and may also be asked their opinions as couples make decisions regarding their weddings. Bridesmaids and groomsmen must be prepared to take pictures once couples have officially tied the knot. They also must help the bride and groom with any issues that may arise in the hours before couples become husband and wife.

• Flower girl/Ring bearer: Flower girls and ring bearers are often young relatives of the couple; a flower girl or a ring bearer may be a young brother or sister or a niece or nephew. The responsibilities of the flower girl and ring bearer are typically limited to the ceremony, during which they will walk down the aisle, either together or individually, before the father of the bride escorts his daughter to the altar or stage.

• Father of the bride: The father of the bride walks his daughter down the aisle during the ceremony and, along with his wife, may pay for the wedding, though many couples now finance their own nuptials. The father of the bride will dance with his daughter during the reception, and some fathers may even share a special toast for the newlyweds during the reception, though such a toast is not traditionally required.

Bridal parties play a big role on couples’ wedding days, and those roles are both an honor and a responsibility.
Factors to consider when hosting an outdoor wedding

Many couples tie the knot outdoors, as nature can provide an idyllic backdrop on such a special day. In many ways, planning outdoor weddings is similar to planning weddings that take place with a roof overhead and four walls surrounding couples and their guests. But there are some distinct features of both indoor and outdoor weddings, and couples planning the latter would be wise to consider the following factors before they commit to a location for their ceremony.

**Laws**
Laws dictate what can and cannot be done in open spaces, and couples with outdoor locations in mind should confirm local laws and regulations before they commit to a location for their wedding. Research which permits you might need and whether there are any rules or restrictions at each location you are considering. The cost of such permits may be negligible, but the rules may restrict what you can do in a given space and how long you can do it. Discuss these rules with each other to determine whether the rules are something both of you can live with.

**Location**
Proximity to your reception venue and the hotel where guests are staying is another factor to consider if you are planning on hosting an outdoor wedding. A remote location might provide stunning views and privacy, but guests might tire if the ceremony location is far from the hotel and/or reception venue. This should not be too big an issue if the ceremony and reception are held at the same locale, but couples should still look for nearby lodging before booking remote outdoor locations.

**Weather**
Weather is perhaps the biggest factor couples must consider when planning an outdoor wedding. Outdoor weddings are best held during those seasons when the threat of precipitation is insignificant and temperatures are mild, but it's still necessary to have a backup plan just in case Mother Nature does not want to cooperate. If possible, find an outdoor location that provides access to an indoor ceremony facility in case of inclement weather. If that's not possible monitor the forecast as closely as possible and arrange for a tent to be erected should rain start to fall. (Note: The cost of such tents can be considerable, so build this contingency into your budget.) If the forecast is calling for chillier temperatures than you had hoped for, e-mail out-of-town guests a few days in advance to remind them to dress warm.

**Logistics**
No matter how beautiful a backdrop may be, photos of an outdoor ceremony can be compromised. Couples, along with their photographers, should visit the site in the weeks before their weddings to determine arrangements for the ceremony that will guarantee photos are not compromised by sunlight or shade. Facility managers can probably offer advice as to the best places to hold the ceremony and seat guests, but a run-through at the location with your photographer in tow can help ensure your photos come out perfect.
Steeped in tradition, weddings have featured many of the same components for centuries. Those about to tie the knot may feel somewhat limited in their ability to shape their weddings into unique celebrations of their relationships and love for one another. Although it may not seem as though there are many opportunities to put your own stamp on the wedding, there are plenty of ways to do just that.

When looking to personalize your wedding ceremony, determine whether there might be anything blocking you from doing so. For example, if yours will be a religious ceremony, there may be certain rites that need to be followed. Secular ceremonies may offer more opportunities to customize.

- **Vows:** Vows are one of the easiest ways to put a personal touch on your wedding. You can select the words you want to exchange during the ceremony as well as any readings during the service. Work with your officiant to narrow down particular phrasing or sentiments that fit with your vision of the wedding and relationship.

- **Participants:** Wedding party members fulfill certain roles during the ceremony, but they are not limited to those tasks alone. Consider asking wedding party members or other friends or family members to take on specialized roles in the wedding. They may be able to do certain readings, escort guests to their seats, light candles, or sing and participate in other ways.

- **Musical interludes:** Choose music that connects with your personalities as a couple rather than selecting standard songs merely because they are the easier route. Work with the organist or other musicians, and request that they perform or play musical pieces that you enjoy.

- **Candle lighting:** Many couples like to incorporate candle-lighting components into their ceremonies. Lighting unity candles blends two families together into one in a symbolic way. Other couples choose different traditions, such as mixing two different-colored sands in a new vessel, to represent the joining of two lives together. You can consider these types of additions for your wedding ceremony or come up with your own unique tradition.

Impart a special touch to a wedding ceremony in any number of ways. Doing so will help set this special day apart in the minds of guests and make it even more memorable to look back on as a couple.
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want our wedding ceremony and reception to reflect who we are and where we come from,” said Keith.

The ceremony will be held at Jesup First Baptist Church, where Keith grew up, and her childhood pastor, Felix Haynes, will officiate. The reception will be held on Lewis’ family’s farm, where the couple plan to one day build a home and raise their family.

“Bits and pieces of our family history will be woven into all of the details of our wedding; my dress is being altered by my aunt and will include parts of my [mother’s] and late grandmother Mema Kay’s wedding dresses incorporated into it,” she said.

The couple hope that the wedding will be even more special for all they’ve endured.

“We couldn’t have made it through these 15 years together, especially this last year, without the love and support of our family and friends, and we wouldn’t be able to celebrate without them by our side on our special day,” explained Keith. “My sister, Sidney, will be my maid of honor; Garrett’s dad, Herman, will be his best man, and our bridal party will include some of our closest high school and college friends. Our wedding will be a celebration of life and love, so we welcome family and close friends to come celebrate with us.

“We’re looking forward to our special day and know that the best is yet to come!”

Hanna Keith and Garrett Lewis have fought the challenges associated with breast cancer, including shaving her head, and are excited to find hope in planning their wedding.
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