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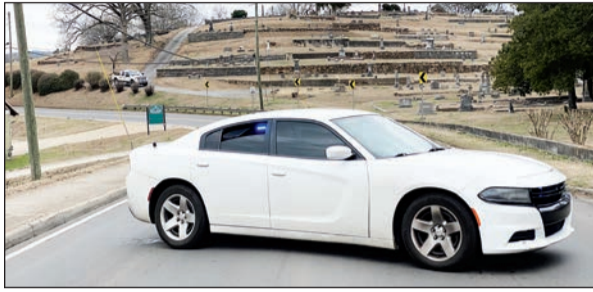
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More details emerge on explosive device arrest



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A Cartersville man accused of possessing "a homemade explosive device" was transferred out of the local jail on Feb. 23, according to Bartow County Sheriff's Office information.

By JAMES SWIFT
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A Cartersville Police Department (CPD) field report adds more details to the arrest of a local man taken into custody last month on a plethora of charges — including possession of an explosive device.

Per Bartow County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) records, 46-year-old Richard Kenneth Bailey, of

Cartersville, is also facing two counts of possession of a Schedule II controlled substance and one count of possession of methamphetamine by ingestion in connection to his Jan. 26 arrest.

Bailey's initial contact with law enforcement was following an automobile accident along Erwin Street and Porter Street.

"While making contact with Mr. Bailey, I immediately observed he had slurred speech,

slowed movements, swaying side to side and had the odor of marijuana emitting from his person," the responding officer writes. "After being medically cleared, I approached Mr. Bailey's vehicle and observed the passenger side door to be ajar."

Inside Bailey's Kia K5, the responding officer reports finding a marijuana "bud" in the passenger door handle.

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2024 targeted for Cass-White roundabout completion

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Cartersville-Bartow County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planner Tom Sills said a long-discussed roundabout project along Cass-White Road is on track to wrap up before the end of next year.

"The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is installing roundabouts at the exit ramps on either side of the Cass-White bridge," he said. "Over the course of construction, it will involve — time to time — closure of the bridge itself."

The next scheduled closure of the bridge, Sills said, will be next month.

"The contractor will have the bridge closed starting at 7:30 p.m. on March 10 and opened back up for traffic at 5 a.m. on March 13," he added. "Folks will be given advance notice



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Cartersville-Bartow County MPO transportation planner Tom Sills.

each time that is to occur."

Sills said the construction contract allots a maximum of six bridge closures, with those closures limited to weekends only.

"It's going to be weather-dependent, obviously," he continued. "It's already been closed twice."

Although the project likely will not see completion until 2024, Sills said he expects to see big impacts on the Cass-White Road corridor once the improvements are made.

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EUHARLEE

Grant sought for Osborne Park improvements

By JAMES SWIFT
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The Euharlee City Council heard a number of items at a work session meeting on Feb. 21, including a proposal to upgrade amenities at Joe Cowan Park.

"In 2019, we had three bleacher covers that were redone by a company that went out of business," said Becky Pruitt. "In 2021, we had the remaining three done because they were ripped ... those three are under warranty."

Last year's deep freeze damaged practically all of the awnings over the bleachers at the park, Pruitt continued.

"This quote right here is for six dugout roof coverings and six bleacher covers," she told the council. "The dugout coverings are \$21,900 and the bleachers are \$22,350."

With the aforementioned warranty in effect, Pruitt said nearly \$11,000 would end up getting knocked off, leaving the City with a final bill of \$33,075.

"Staff is recommending that we take this proposal and get all of our awnings uniformed," Pruitt continued. "They will be the same as the pavilion, that the stadium ball field is. So they'll all match."

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Opened in early January, "Portraits of Hope" will close March 5 at the Booth Western Art Museum.

Booth presents free 'Preventing Loss — Redeeming Loss' lecture March 2

By MARIE NESMITH
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Continuing to offer stories of recovery, "Portraits of Hope" will conduct a final piece of related programming before closing at the Booth Western Art Museum. On March 2, Dr. Tom Dooley will present "Preventing Loss — Redeeming Loss" from 4 to 7 p.m.

"The Booth museum partnered with Recovery Bartow, under the leadership of Barbara Hoffman, and other community partners when planning programming for 'Portraits of Hope,'" said Lisa Wheeler, director of curatorial services for the Booth museum. "Early on, the decision was made to allocate one of our programs to 'Focus on the Family.'"

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From left, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) representative April Martinez and Euharlee Police Department Officer Andy Page.

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OBITUARIES

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Ronald Alfred Meadows

Ronald Alfred Meadows, 76, of Emerson, Georgia, concluded a life well-lived Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Ronnie was born in Cartersville, Georgia, on April 6, 1946, to Sidney Meadows and Retha Mulkey Meadows. A simple, southern gentleman, Ronnie was

equally at home fishing with his grandchildren, tending to his garden, working at his church, or helping a friend. Instilled with a kind spirit and deep faith, Ronnie looked for the good in everyone and sought to leave the places he went a little better than he found them. Though to us Ronnie was close to perfect, he was not totally perfect.



Meadows

He could never say "no" to breakfast at Doug's with the "Liars' Club," a well-placed joke, or his grandchildren. While he had a long and storied career at First Brands, working his way up to maintenance supervisor, Ronnie was most proud of his title as friend, husband, Dad, and, arguably most importantly, PawPaw. His presence was constant, commitment unwavering, and love undeniable. Personifying John 15:12, Ronnie heeded the Lord's command to love one another as He

has loved us. Ronnie is preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Retha Meadows, brother Tommy Meadows and sister Gail Rogers. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Brenda Meadows; sons, Tony (Debra) Meadows and Brett Meadows; grandchildren, Braden Meadows, Camden Meadows and Mahaley Meadows; sisters, Virginia (Max) Mauldin, Carolyn McPherson and Dawn (Billy) Henon; several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life Service will be

conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Emerson Church with Revs. David Franklin & Chris Weldon officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Emerson Church where Ronnie served as a Deacon. Please visit www.owenfunerals.com to leave online condolences for the family. Owen Funeral Home, 12 Collins Drive, Cartersville, GA, is honored to serve the Meadows family.

Stepmother feels slighted by teen's birthday episode

DEAR ABBY: I am a first-generation Mexican American who married into a Caucasian blended family. My husband, my stepdaughter, "Lisa," and her mother and stepfather make up a beautiful unit. I have no children. Although my family initially ruffled at my interracial marriage, they got with the program -- so much so that we invited Lisa to partake in a coming-of-age rite, the quinceanera. We were excited to update and modify it as much as possible so all sets of parents, grandparents and other family could be involved. Suddenly, when Lisa was 14 -- a year before the quinceanera, when planning should be ramped up, not down -- my extended family went into radio silence. Despite our attempts to encourage, coach and generate excitement, we were led to believe



Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

Lisa had gotten cold feet and was reconsidering the event. We honored her wishes and planned to find other ways to make her feel special. Two weeks before her 15th birthday, Lisa sent me an invitation for her quinceanera! Abby, words cannot express how heartbroken I feel. I was supposed to teach her about the cultural significance of what she was embarking on. I attended anyway, making sure to shower her with praise and put on a good face. However, in addition to being devastated, I was deeply offended. Of course, because no one bothered to check in, many features of the rite were handled

improperly. I've been holding my tongue for Lisa's sake since I'm afraid this could cause a rift with her mother. What I don't want is for Lisa to think my feelings have anything to do with something she may have done. For the sake of peace, is continued silence better? -- MADRE DE LA QUINCEANERA

and an understanding of the meaning of that milestone, it appears her mother and stepfather opted instead for "quinceanera-light." Do not pick a fight over this. Move on. But do continue to share with Lisa everything you have to offer -- your wisdom, your experience and your cultural heritage -- from now on.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a domestic partnership for more than 30 years. I have suggested couples counseling for the past 10 of them, but my partner has never followed through. I'm willing to give all my

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GMI venues place fourth, seventh in 10Best award contests

By MARIE NESMITH
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For the second straight year, Tellus Science Museum took fourth in the USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards contest. As in past competitions, the 20 nominees in the Best Science Museum category were selected by 10Best's editors, with the Top 10 establishments being determined by popular vote.

Tellus' sister venue — the Booth Western Art Museum — placed seventh in 10Best's Best Art Museum contest.

"It still surprises me each year when we get notification that we've been nominated, especially considering how many incredible science museums we have in our country," said Jose Santamaria, Tellus' executive director. "To finish in the Top 5 of what the USA Today readers consider the best in science museums is very flattering."

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Tellus Science Museum placed fourth in the Best Science Museum category in the USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards competition.

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Most of the surrounding cities and counties use metal awnings, she noted.

"I was concerned about heat, but everybody says it's all good," Pruitt said. "And it'll be less maintenance — so if we lose one, we're not replacing the whole thing like we're doing now."

The city council is set to vote on the proposed purchase at another public meeting on March 7.

At the Feb. 21 work session meeting council members also heard about a land and water conservation grant resolution.

"This grant is specifically for outdoor recreation projects and we wanted to put it towards the Osborne Park project," Pruitt said. "It is a 50% match and we are requesting \$500,000 — the matching will come from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds."

The resolution, Pruitt noted, is just the first step of a pre-application process.

"The grant is not awarded until fall 2024 and this is a two-year grant cycle," she added.

Euharlee City Manager James Stephens said it's a lot of money, but he does expect ARPA dollars to cover all of the City's costs associated with the grant.

"On Monday, March 6, we will have a 'Euharlee Priorities Day' where will be setting priorities for the remainder of 2023 and leading into 2024," Stephens said. "Georgia Power actually has a data tool that will tell us how many people attended last year's fall festival ... we're also going to have that data available for Food Truck Friday."

From there, Stephens brought up the City's school speed camera enforcement contract.

"We got two free tag readers as part of the deal," he said. "I'm using that technology to gather data, internally, related to our traffic flow and I'm coordinating that



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Euharlee Mayor Craig Guyton at a Feb. 21 work session gathering.

information with Tom Sills with the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization ... I look forward to bringing to you a request to fund a traffic study sometime in the summer of this year."

Stephens also noted that there's

now an official name for a planned use development (PUD) project approved by the council a few months ago — Cherry Glen.

"They have submitted plans to our third party engineer that would review the plans for consistency with our code ordinances, with environmental protection regulations and with land disturbance permit regulations," Stephens said. "They are in the process of responding to the comments that our engineer made — they will be on the March 7 agenda for a preliminary plat application."

Meanwhile, Stephens said work at Frankie Harris Park has slowed down a bit.

"We've got a couple of trees, some large trees, that are in conflict with the sewer route," Stephens said. "We've been working with Georgia Power, they are in the fall line of a transformer so they wouldn't let us engage a third party to take them down."

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Still, Stephens said he expects the site work at the park to wrap up by May — pending cooperative weather.

“So far, they have billed \$98,000 of the \$1.2 million contract,” he continued. “There’s been no change orders requested at this time ... if Georgia Power wasn’t able to get the trees out of their way, we would be looking at some alternatives for a different route, but it looks like that’s resolved itself.”

The council also heard a first reading of, but took no official voting actions, on a proposed amendment to the City’s land subdivision

regulation ordinance.

Euharlee Community Development Director Katie Gobbi said the changes would apply to minimums for street right of way and pavement width.

“In the near future we will address other sections of the ordinance that we also think need updating,” Gobbi told the council. “But at this point, it was pertinent for the timeline of some current developments to review this specific part of the ordinance — during our most recent site plan review, we realized that our ordinance for the local street pavement width is in excess of Bartow County’s requirements.”

Gobbi also discussed potential changes to the dates and venues for some of Euharlee’s community events.



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Euharlee City Manager James Stephens at a Feb. 21 work session meeting.

“With the farmers’ market, the proposed dates are June 6 to August 29, that’s the meetings on Tuesdays, there would be no market on July 4,” she said. “The location is changing this year due to some of the work happening at Osborne Park, so we’re proposing having it outside of the Euharlee Welcome Center and History Museum.”

The City is also considering shifting its timeframe for the Food Truck Friday events.

“May through October rather than April through September,” Gobbi said. “The first week of April, as we learned last year, it can sleet and it can be very cold.”

Gobbi suggested that Frankie Harris Park be the site of this year’s Food Truck Friday festivities amidst ongoing Osborne Park repairs.

“My recommendation would be

that once Osborne Park redevelopment is completed that we would permanently move Food Truck Friday to Osborne Park,” she added. “It will be a bigger accommodation for that, with a potential amphitheater and food truck spot ... it’s just another enhancement of the downtown, you have campers that can come to Food Truck Friday, also.”

The public meeting began with Euharlee Police Department (EPD) Officer Andy Page being recognized as the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) officer of the month for January 2023.

MADD representative April Martinez presented Page with a certificate of achievement.

“You are a leader in impaired driving enforcement and education, we at MADD appreciate your passion to eliminate impaired driving,” Martinez said.



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Euharlee City Councilman Tim Abbott at a Feb. 21 work session meeting.

Roundabout

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“What they will see, hopefully, is a lot less backups occurring at the bridge,” he said. “Right now, with the two traffic signals coupled with the one there on Busch Drive, there have been a number of problems with just tying up traffic, getting across the bridge or getting onto I-75.”

Once the interchange upgrades are finished, Sills said there will be a four-lane extending from the bridge to Great Valley Parkway near the Highland 75 industrial park.

“There will also be, at some point in time, a connection — probably at the intersection of Old Grassdale Road — with the proposed Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor,” Sills continued. “Which

will have its own interchange on I-75 ... with that construction, people will be able to leave that area and have a straight and direct route to U.S. 411 leading to Rome and points west.”

Sills discussed the mitigation plans while all of the construction is ongoing.

“From my understanding, the construction’s taking place with traffic being allowed across through the area,” he said. “The only time I think traffic will be impacted is when the bridge itself is closed.”

About 20% of the current traffic at the location, Sills said, are freight trucks.

“As the Cass-White Road projects come online, you can expect that the percentage of freight trucks to increase through the corridor,” he continued. “The projects that are being put in place are recognizing the impact of the freight movement and

looking at the safety, and implementing a number of measures to allow for the increased traffic while also reducing the risk of any accidents — and certainly the risk of any severe accidents.”

Per GDOT documents, the total price tag for the Cass-White Road roundabouts along I-75 comes in at \$9,743,139.14 — not counting additional engineering and right of way costs.

“The roundabouts that are being built at the interchange will be the first time that the county has seen a multi-lane roundabout constructed,” Sills said. “Meaning that there’s going to be a lane for those who will want to go north and there will be a lane for those who want to go through and south.”

Sills noted that every existing roundabout in Bartow County was designed to be converted into multi-lane roundabouts.

Sills said the MPO website — https://www.bartowcountygga.gov/departments/community_development/mpo — will keep locals posted on any future closures within the Cass-White Road corridor.

“Any road closures, any announcements on road projects and plans for transportation are all posted on that website,” Sills noted.

At this point, Sills said it looks like the supply chain issues that have impacted transportation projects over the last few years appear to be on the wane.

“In terms of what we were experiencing during COVID, I think most of that — particularly, as China starts to open up — I think will be resolved,” he said. “I think another factor is that a number of industries have actually moved back into the continental United States, so that will also ease the problems we were having.”

Abby

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assets to her so I won’t worry about her future financial needs, but I don’t know how to leave her without getting into an ugly war, which will make me feel guilty. Please advise. -- WALKING ON EGG SHELLS

DEAR WALKING: Because this domestic partnership is no longer working, I do have a couple of suggestions. The first is

to talk with a licensed mental health professional about the guilt you are feeling. Do this BEFORE you decide to “give away the store.” My other suggestion is to consult an attorney about what kind of settlement would be fair to both of you before signing over ANY assets.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for five years, with two children. I have been putting my hands on her in such a bad way that she’s say-

ing we are no longer a family and she wants a divorce. I need my wife and children back. It hurts me to stay away.

I’m currently going to church and Sunday school and Bible study. I have been praying many hours these past few weeks, and it is helping me. I will do anything and everything I can to get my family back because I don’t want to lose them. What can I do to get them back? -- LEARNING A LESSON IN NEVADA

DEAR LEARNING: A good first step would be for you to gain some insight about what triggers you to act out violently. Was physical abuse an example that was set by your parents? Does it happen because you have a substance abuse problem? A course in anger management could help you break this destructive pattern. Search online for a program near you. After that, if your wife sees you are making a sincere effort, she

may trust you enough to risk reuniting. A warning, however: Do not pressure her. This will have to be HER decision.

DEAR ABBY: I’m friends with three people who got into a series of arguments. One of them no longer talks to the other two. I have remained friends with all three and I told them I want to remain neutral. I wasn’t around when the arguments took place, and I don’t want to be involved. One friend says that because I’m still friends with the other two, I’m taking their side and condoning how they treated her.

I didn’t see the fights and I’m not condoning anyone’s behavior. The one friend has now stopped being friends with me. I would like to be friends with everyone. Is this person right about me condoning the other two’s actions by remaining silent and continuing my friendship with them? -- STAYING OUT OF IT IN MONTANA

DEAR STAYING OUT: No, they are not. What they are doing is trying to manipulate you. Repeat what you told them, and tell them that if they can’t accept that you want to remain neutral, they will have lost another friend.

DEAR ABBY: I have a new job in a small office. I have never been comfortable meeting new people or learning a new job, so in order to appear friendly, I’d chime in to the office conversations. A couple of times, I have revealed too much of my life. Later, I found out the owner audio records the office. Everyone else knew it, but I was NEVER informed. Now I’m more embarrassed than ever, knowing that my information is now on record. I have since learned to self-censor. Abby, is it a common and legal practice for employers to bug offices? -- BIG MOUTH IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BIG MOUTH: This is a question you should ask an attorney who specializes in employment law. In several states, it is illegal for an employer to record conversations without first informing all the parties involved. You should have been informed at the time you were hired that this was company policy.

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“Dr. Tom Dooley was recommended as a speaker for this program because he and his wife lost their son to addiction. His program is titled ‘Preventing Loss – Redeeming Loss’ and he will discuss what families go through when they lose a family member and what they go through during the recovery process.”

Dooley’s lecture will be free for all to attend. While not required, registration is preferred at booth-museum.org/calendar.

“A local mother-daughter duo will follow Dr. Dooley and share how they coped with the devastation of addiction on the family,” Hoffman said. “This exhibit not only presents the hope and reality of recovery for loved ones with a substance use disorder, but also their families. The impact of this disease on the entire family can be traumatizing, stigmatizing and isolating.”

Opened in early January, “Portraits of Hope” will close March 5 at the Booth, 501 Museum Drive in Cartersville. The exhibit features 42 pieces of art showcasing journeys of recovery from people with ties to The Lovelady Center.

“This exhibit, and especially our lecture, will highlight the hope, tools, skills and resources available to friends and family who desire to help their loved ones get well,” Hoffman said. “The opposite of addiction is not sobriety, it is connection. The greatest connection is to see



RANDY PARKER/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS
Daniel Gerhartz’s “Joy in Your Presence” is on display in the “Portraits of Hope” exhibit at the Booth Western Art Museum through March 5.

family relationships once broken, healed and restored.

“That is what we would ultimately like to see as a result of this event and exhibit. Whole and healthy families are the foundation of a healthy and vibrant community.”

The “Portraits of Hope” exhibit’s works were created by nearly 40 artists, including three from Georgia: Marc Chatov, Melissa Crawford and Carol Baxter Kirby.

“I encourage the public to visit this exhibit because it is uplifting,” Wheeler said. “I think the last few years have been difficult for everyone, beginning with the pandemic and people losing so many loved ones. People were more isolated than ever before during that time



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Pastor Lestley Wayne Drake’s portrait by Larry Bruce Bishop is featured in the “Portraits of Hope” exhibit at the Booth Western Art Museum through March 5. and that seems to have resulted in a huge increase in drug abuse.

“Viewing the portraits and reading the stories about the women’s struggles with addiction compared to what their lives are like today is very inspirational. The exhibition offers hope.”

Wheeler shared the “Portraits of Hope” special exhibit and its related programming continue to be

“well-received” by the public.

“During the opening events, our goal was to share facts about the rampant drug use and addiction in our area, offer a variety of resources for families and individuals who are suffering from addiction and share firsthand the stories of women who have recovered with

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Tellus has ranked in the Top 5 of the 10Best’s Best Science Museum category in the last four 10Best contests. The Cartersville museum also placed second in 2020, third in 2021 and fourth in 2022.

“Voters from all around the nation cast their vote for Tellus to be named the Best Science Museum,” Santamaria said. “It’s gratifying to know that we’ve made enough of an impression on a guest who may not even live in our community to make a choice to select Tellus as their favorite among a list of amazing nominees.

“And then, we see our community rallying behind us and letting us know that they have voted daily. It’s just very heartwarming.”

On Feb. 24, Ohio’s Center of Science and Industry won the title of Best Science Museum. Also placing in the Top 5 were The Wild Center in New York, second; Michigan Science Center in Michigan, third; and Saint Louis Science Center in Missouri, fifth.

A program of Georgia Museums Inc., Tellus is an expansion of the former Weinman Mineral Museum. The venue — situated at 100 Tellus Drive — became a Smithsonian affiliate during its opening year in 2009.

Along with an observatory, the 120,000-square-foot museum is comprised of four main galleries — Collins Family My Big Backyard, Millar Science in Motion, Weinman Mineral Gallery and the Fossil Gallery — a 120-seat digital planetarium and solar house.

“One of the reasons, I feel, that we stay top of mind with many of our guests is that we try to keep our exhibits and events fresh,” Santamaria said. “For example, we recently acquired a meteorite that fell in Junction City, Georgia, about five months ago. We already have it on exhibit, along with video of it flying across the sky before making landfall.

“Additionally, we will be unveiling our Czahor Solar System Trail early this spring. The outdoor exhibit will include a distance-scale model of the solar system from the sun to Pluto.”

In the 10Best’s Best Art Museum category, Detroit Institute of Arts in Michigan captured first. Other top-fininishers included American Visionary Art Museum in Maryland, second; IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts in New Mexico, third; Andy Warhol Museum in Pennsylvania, fourth; and National Museum of Wildlife Art in Wyoming, fifth.

This year, the Booth museum did not heavily campaign for the title. The Cartersville venue was named the Best Art Museum by the 10Best competition in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

“Having won this award the last three years consecutively, the Booth chose not to actively pursue receiving this award again in 2023,” said Seth Hopkins, executive director for the Booth museum. “In our opinion, there was nothing left to prove, and it was time to let some other deserving peer institutions have the spotlight.”

Opened in 2003, the Booth became an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2006. The 120,000-square-foot venue at 501 Museum Drive offers a variety of exhibit spaces, some of which include the Civil War gallery; Sculpture Court; a presidential gallery; the “Picturing America” photography gallery; and the interactive children’s gallery, Sagebrush Ranch.


“The publicity from having won the past three years has been won-



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The Booth Western Art Museum placed seventh in the Best Art Museum category in the USA Today 10Best Readers’ Choice Awards contest.


derful and allowed us to raise our profile nationally,” Hopkins said. “As I’ve said many times over the past three years, I’m under no delusion the Booth is the ‘best art museum’ in the country, however we do have the most enthusiastic and loyal fans across the country who allowed us to win the award three years in a row. But now, it’s somebody else’s turn and we wish them congratulations on winning this prestigious award.”




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Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you (Rom 16:16).

Paul had established many churches of Christ by this time. But there was only one body of Christians (Eph 4:4). There were no denominations like we have today. Jesus Christ was the head of the body of Christians (Eph 1:22-23). And He is the head of the body, the church (Col 1:18). Before His death, Jesus had promised to build His church (Matt 16:18). He said there were some living who would not taste death until they saw the kingdom come with power (Mark 9:1). The apostles received this power when the Holy Spirit came upon them on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4). And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:47). Jesus said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EDROO
KOPRE
PSACET
SGNIRT



SHE STILL HAD A LOT OF CLOTHES LEFT TO IRON BUT WOULD ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: _____

Previous Puzzle Solved

Jumbles: WEAVE PUNCH DRAGON SUPERB
Answer: After getting a royal flush, the Hold 'Em player felt like he had the — UPPER HAND

Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K J 10 8
♥ A K Q J 8 4
♦ Q 10 5
WEST
♠ 9 7 6 3 2
♥ —
♦ K 6
♠ A K J 6 5 4
EAST
♠ A 5 4
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A J 9 3 2
♠ 8 2
SOUTH
♦ Q
♥ 10 9 7 3
♦ 8 7 4
♠ Q 10 9 7 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♣ 1 ♣ 1 ♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.
There is more than one way to skin a cat, so the saying goes. However, some ways can be considerably more effective than others.

Consider this deal from the 1988 national men's team championship. At both tables South wound up as declarer in four hearts doubled, and West led the king of clubs. Both declarers ruffed high in dummy, but that is where the similarity ended.

At the first table, South decided that his best chance lay in trying to steal a spade trick. So at trick two, he led the eight of spades.

Unfortunately for him, East hap-

pened to be Lew Stansby, one of the world's top players. Stansby eyed the eight suspiciously, then put up the ace, felling South's queen. A low diamond to West's king, followed by a diamond return through the Q-10, allowed Stansby to score the A-J, and the contract was down one.

At the other table, Stansby's teammate, Norman Kay, also one of the world's best, adopted an entirely different approach with the South hand. He thought it unlikely that a spade play from dummy could succeed regardless of who had the ace, so he opted for a swindle of another sort.

At trick two, Kay crossed to the ten of hearts and put the nine of clubs on the table. When West followed low, Kay discarded a diamond from dummy, and when East could not beat the nine, the hand was over. All the defenders could take were two diamonds and a spade, so Kay made his doubled game for a score of 790 points.

If West had covered the nine of clubs with the jack, and later the ten of clubs with the ace, declarer would have fallen a trick short for lack of another entry to his hand. But how many Wests would have sniffed out what Kay was up to when he led the club nine at trick three? That was what Kay counted on, and the outcome proved him absolutely right.

Tomorrow: Stay awake!
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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- Clutter
 - Nut variety
 - Spot
 - Apiece
 - "___ Lucy" of old TV
 - Flatfish
 - Cafeteria item
 - Rote learning method
 - White ___; termite
 - Look toward
 - Thick sweet drinks
 - Stretch of land
 - Tenement bldg. unit
 - Peace pact
 - Kings and queens
 - Mysterious
 - Unreliable
 - Have unpaid bills
 - Enthusiastic
 - Tackle box items
 - Dog bane
 - Trot
 - Blacksmith's furnace
 - Beverly __, CA
 - Haughtiness
 - In a light & breezy way
 - Banned crop spray
 - Primp
 - Sun blocker
 - Speaker's platform
 - Wildebeest
 - Sad feeling of isolation
 - "Planet of the ___"; 1968 film
 - Hostels
 - Take one bite of
 - Telegram
 - Bothersome one
 - Undercover agents
 - Tight ___; some NFL players

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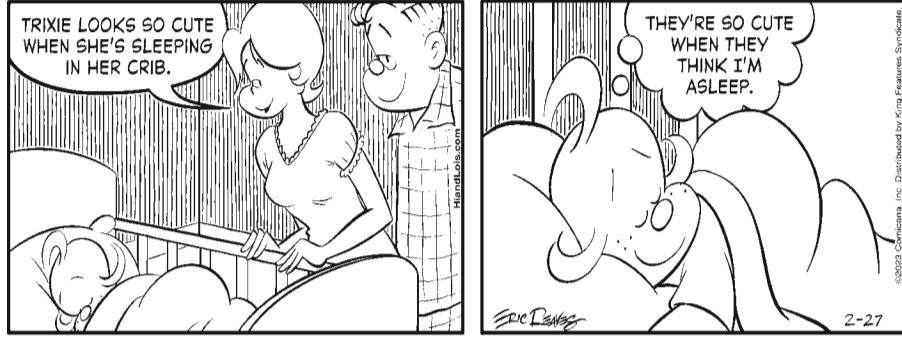
- DOWN**
- "As I was going to St. Ives, I ___"
 - Make money
 - Strewing
 - Bashful
 - Robbery at sea
 - Elite group
 - Deal with tough times
 - "___ Maria"
 - Word attached to work or flix
 - Real ___; Century 21's business platform
 - Patio pot filler
 - Scheme
 - Hankering
 - Insinuate
 - Destiny
 - Bug killer
 - Diving seabirds
 - Sorrowful drop
 - Musical variety show
 - Womanizer
 - Pie crust flattener
 - Bloat
 - Paper to be filled out
 - Journal
 - Simple
 - Party giver
 - Blaze
 - Castro, for one
 - Hastens
 - Most peculiar
 - Ascends
 - Craft class need
 - ___ up; make an error
 - Sharpen
 - Raggedy ___; classic dolls
 - Mr. Amaz
 - Bookish fellow
 - ___ one's head; thinks wisely
 - "___ Complicated"; 2009 film
 - Short rest
 - Profound reverence

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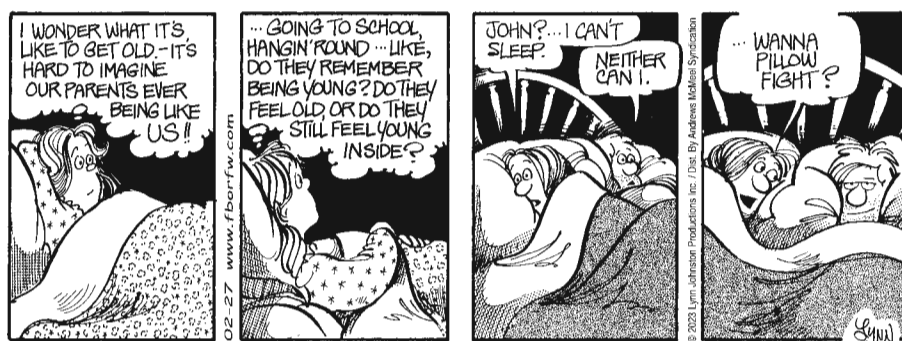
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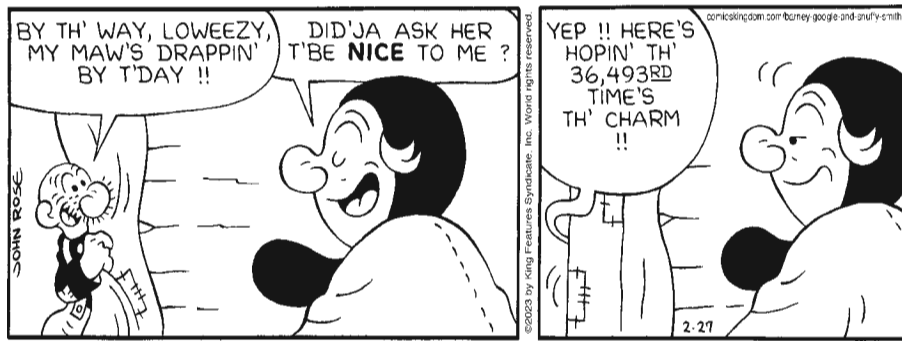
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Level: Beginner

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN by Dana Simpson



Today's Horoscopes

TUESDAY, February 28, 2023

For Wednesday, March 1, 2023
There's a strong wired-but-tired vibe in the air today. While we may feel inspired to accomplish big things, we may need to be mindful of the amount of energy we have and what we can realistically achieve. It's the kind of day where being overcommitted will leave us feeling noticeably cranky and miserable, so it's best to avoid it altogether. Instead, we should aim to seek out the people, places and things that nourish us.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Take today as an opportunity to replenish your cup. Think about something that fills your heart up with love and take it from there.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Stay connected with your friends today. It will help you beat any blues that come to the surface.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Don't let your social life distract you from taking care of your responsibilities today, especially the stuff that you need to do solely for yourself.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

You might be feeling very generous, optimistic or self-assured today. Enjoy the good vibes. Take care not to overcommit yourself or set unrealistic goals.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
If you're feeling rundown or exhausted, listen to your body. Now's not the time to push yourself past your limits.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You may be feeling the urge to help out a friend or do something positive on behalf of your community. Give where you can, but don't go broke.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Take time to acknowledge your accomplishments. Avoid comparing yourself to others, though. Also, don't be too proud to accept help.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
It's OK to be a little selfish sometimes. Do what makes you happy, whether it's something big or small.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
If you're not feeling too social, don't force it. It's probably better to stay home and keep the vibe low-key. With spending, moderation is best.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Do you have a meeting, interview or

presentation planned for today? Expect success with it. Meanwhile, be mindful of offering unsolicited help or advice.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You might be super focused on your goals. Try not to jump straight into a new project before completing the ones you've already got in the works.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
You might be getting attention because of how talented, bold or creative you are. If you're offered money or an opportunity, avoid saying "yes" unless it's a really good deal.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LYSET

TOPAI

ALFTUN

GHRIEH



THE OWNER OF THE SUCCESSFUL FITNESS CENTER WAS MAKING A ---
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Previous Puzzle Solved
Jumbles: RODEO POKER ASPECT STRING
Answer: She still had a lot of clothes left to iron but would — PRESS ON

Stay awake!

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ 10 6
♦ K 9 8 4
♣ A 5 3

WEST
♠ K 2
♥ A Q 5 4
♦ 6 3
♣ K Q 10 8 2

EAST
♠ J 10 3
♥ 9 8 7 3 2
♦ 7 2
♣ 19 6

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8 6
♥ K J
♦ A Q J 10 5
♣ 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ 2♣ 2♦ 2♣ Pass
2♣ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.
Defense is considered by many to be the most challenging part of the game, and one of the reasons for this is that good defense requires a continuously high state of alertness. One can't afford to be lazy on defense, which means you can't play mechanically and expect to get good results.
Take this case where West led the king of clubs against South's four-spade contract. Declarer played low from dummy as East signaled with the nine to show that he had the jack. South's purpose in ducking the king of clubs was to prevent East from later gaining the lead with a club for a heart return

through the K-J.
West continued with another club to dummy's ace. Declarer then led a trump to the ace, on which West dropped the king! As a result of this startling play, South had to go down one. He could lead a trump to dummy's queen and start running diamonds, but East would ruff the third diamond and return a heart to sink the contract.

Now let's suppose that West had not played the king on South's ace. In that case, West would have won the next spade with the king, and declarer would eventually have made the contract by discarding a heart from dummy on his fifth diamond. South's only losers would have been a spade, a heart and a club.

West's unusual king-of-spades play was well-reasoned. He knew from the bidding that South had to have the king of hearts, and he knew from the play that South could not have the A-J of spades, since he had not attempted a trump finesse.
West therefore credited East with the spade jack, and because South's bidding had indicated only four spades, West knew that playing the king would not cost his side a trump trick. What could be gained, however, was the near certainty that East would sooner or later get on lead to return a heart through declarer's king, and West shaped his defense accordingly.

Tomorrow: A common-sense solution.
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"YOUR HOUSE IS SO PRETTY AND NEAT!"
"YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE AN HOUR AGO!"

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS
- 1 "—a-dub-dub," three men in..."
 - 4 Woman's title
 - 9 Like water — duck's back
 - 13 List of dishes
 - 14 Dried mud brick
 - 15 Bronco or Mustang
 - 16 NFL team
 - 17 Made holy
 - 19 Hotel amenity
 - 20 Some stadium roofs
 - 21 Irritates
 - 22 Parts of speech
 - 24 Big ___; Whopper rival
 - 25 Burns the edges of
 - 27 Dislike intensely
 - 30 Turn away, as the eyes
 - 31 Weight revealer
 - 33 Word attached to cent or fume
 - 35 Deep mud
 - 36 "Jack and the Beanstalk" ogre
 - 37 First, second or third
 - 38 Dangerous swimmer
 - 39 Mea ___
 - 40 Formal U.S. art museum agreements
 - 41 Energetic person
 - 43 Most inconsiderate
 - 44 "___ Too Late"; Carole King song
 - 45 Eton students
 - 46 Elbow room
 - 49 Go bad
 - 51 1950s high school dance
 - 54 Freedom
 - 56 Have supper
 - 57 Misfortunes
 - 58 Slow to learn
 - 59 "___ sesame"; Ali Baba's line
 - 60 Proper; fitting
 - 61 Miles per hour
 - 62 Donkey

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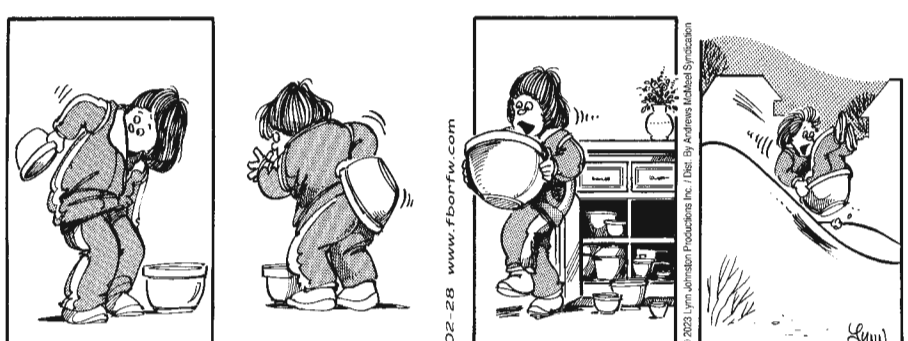
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- 10 Campfire food wrapping
- 11 Complimentary
- 12 ___ to; increases
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- 18 Incensed
- 20 Song for two
- 23 Monster
- 24 Dissolve
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- 26 Like vine-covered walls
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- 36 Periodontist's concern
- 37 Ordered
- 39 ___ to; indulge
- 40 Yank
- 42 Most agreeable
- 43 ___ cats & dogs; poured
- 45 Alaska's state animal
- 46 Skinny
- 47 Carpet's surface
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- 56 ___ double take; look twice

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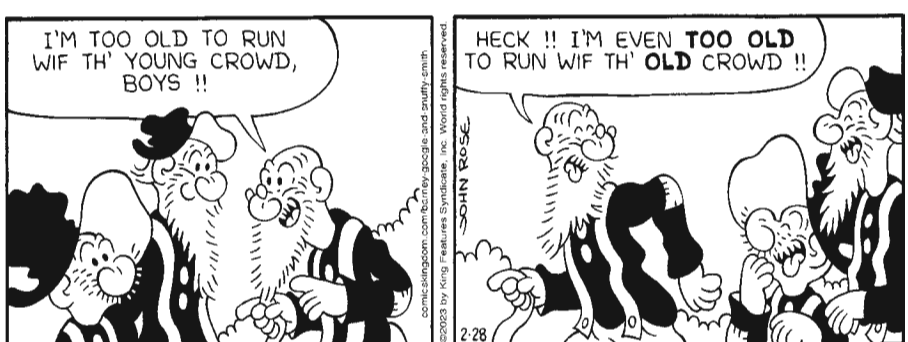
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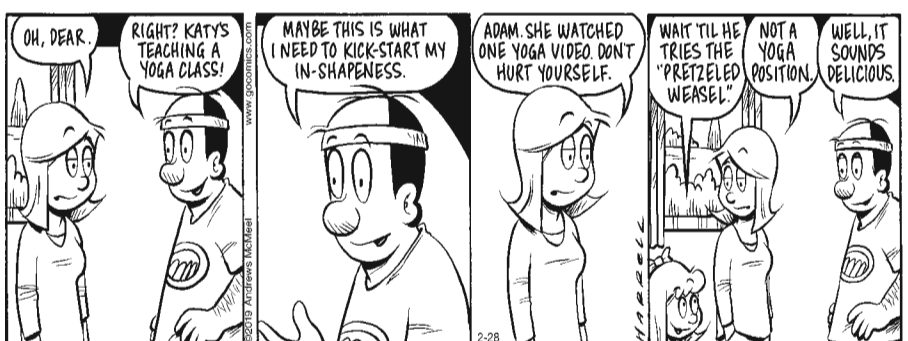
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Level: Beginner

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Today's Horoscopes

WEDNESDAY, March 01, 2023

For Thursday, March 2, 2023
There's lots of feel-good energy around today, which bodes well for relationships, romance and business. It's also a good time to enjoy anything fun, creative or intellectually engaging. On a similar note, generosity and compassion are also encouraged, as the cosmos call on us to spread love and positivity. For those of us who have been facing difficulties, we might receive a stroke of good luck or the gift of a kind gesture.

ARIES(March 21 to April 19)
Be kind in your interactions with others today, as you might not realize just how much of an impact you can make. Meanwhile, a prayer could be answered.
TAURUS(April 20 to May 20)
Doing something good on behalf of your community not only benefits others, but can also benefit you, too.
GEMINI(May 21 to June 20)
With the kind of reputation you've built, it only makes sense that people want to offer you money and opportunities. It's a good day to network as

well as make new friends.
CANCER(June 21 to July 22)
It's time to take a leap of faith in a new direction or bravely put yourself in the spotlight. Think positively.
LEO(July 23 to Aug. 22)
You might be mulling over a potential contract. Sign your name on the dotted line, as the benefits you'll be getting from this will be exponential.
VIRGO(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
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Mandatory minimum sentences back under the Gold Dome

By REBECCA GRAPEVINE
Capitol Beat News Service

Republicans in the General Assembly are making a renewed push for “mandatory minimum” sentences this year in the hopes of reducing crimes in Georgia.

Such laws require judges to impose minimum sentences and often prohibit probation or other commutation of criminal sentences in an effort to deter criminal activity.

But Democratic lawmakers and independent experts question whether the mandatory-minimum approach will solve the crime problem.

The debate centers on whether tougher punishments truly deter criminal activity and, if they do not, what does.

So far this session, the state Senate has passed three bills imposing mandatory minimum sentences.

One proposal, supported by Gov. Brian Kemp and carried by his floor leader Sen. Bo Hatchett, R-Cornelia, requires judges to impose prison sentences of at least five years for those convicted of gang-recruiting activities and 10 years for those convicted of recruiting people under 17 years old.

A second bill, sponsored by Roswell Republican Sen. John Albers, imposes a minimum five-year sentence for possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a domestic violence felony.

A third, sponsored by former law-enforcement officer and Cataula Republican Sen. Randy Robertson, makes pimping and pandering (purchasing sex) a felony and requires a mandatory minimum sentence of at least one year in most cases.

Robertson acknowledged that such “tough on crime” approaches have fallen out of favor while speaking about his bill on the Senate floor this month.

“There are extreme examples of tougher sentences for all offenses throughout the country, and we have gone back and corrected that ... and I would certainly hope our country has learned from that,” Robertson said. But he contended that for pimping and purchasing sex, in particular, tougher sentences will deter crime.

“We have seen a rise in crime like we have not seen in generations, and it’s time to turn the tide,” Albers said in support of Robertson’s measure. “You vote ‘no’ on this bill, you’re saying, ‘I support the criminals.’”

Democrats, however, mostly oppose such measures.

Sen. Harold Jones II, D-Augusta, a former solicitor general in Richmond County, argued the bill aimed at gang recruiting could have the unintended consequence of reducing sentences for those guilty of serious crimes and putting tough penalties on those convicted of relatively minor crimes.

A low-level gang member is unlikely to have useful information that would lead to the identification or conviction of a senior gang member, Jones said during a Senate floor debate.

“The person who doesn’t know anything ... they go to jail five years [because] they can’t tell on anybody. ... They have nothing to offer,” he said.

Criminal defense attorneys, as well, oppose the measures as the wrong solution to the problem.

“People in reality don’t look to see what the criminal code says to find the mandatory penalty and become discouraged by that penalty to pursue whatever behavior they’re going to pursue,” said Mazie Lynn Guertin, executive director of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, during a committee hearing.

Independent experts agree that such measures are unlikely to work.



“It’s one of the things where it sounds good in theory, but there’s very little consistent evidence to suggest that there’s that beneficial effect,” said Daniel Mears, a distinguished research professor in criminology at Florida State University.

“It’s not a good betting option, and it’s certainly not one that you would pursue if you’re pursuing evidence-based policy.”

Mears said mandatory minimum laws could have a host of unwanted consequences. They take away power from judges who are supposed to be the impartial arbiters of criminal cases. The measures can also bolster the power of gangs inside prisons, which can then filter back into life “on the outside.”

“After a certain amount of a penalty ... there’s no deterrent effect,” agreed Charles Katz, director of the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety at Arizona State University.

“If you commit a gun-related crime, you deserve to be punished to the full extent of the law. But adding lengthier sentences after a certain

point – you’re not getting anything more out of it.”

Katz said politicians pursue such tough-on-crime policies because they “tug on people’s emotions” despite the lack of evidence to support the measures.

Katz pointed to an approach called “pulling levers,” or focused deterrence, as having strong evidence behind it.

In that approach, police engage with a target population, usually chronic offenders, explain how the criminal justice system will respond to their crimes and offer resources such as housing or employment to help address the causes of crime.

The pulling levers approach is rated as promising by the federal government’s National Institute of Justice. The approach has worked in many communities, Katz said, and even wealthy Republican activist brothers Charles and David Koch put their money behind the approach.

In Georgia, the three tough-on-crime bills are now set to be considered by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

Bill that could let Buckhead split from Atlanta advances

By JEFF AMY
Associated Press

A Georgia Senate committee has approved

two bills that could allow the Buckhead neighborhood to secede from the city of Atlanta, the first time that an issue freighted with fears about crime and racial and economic division has moved forward in the General Assembly.

The Senate State and Local Government Operations Committee’s Republican majority pushed Senate Bills 113 and 114 through on 4-3 votes Monday, sending them to the full Senate for more debate.

Despite the step forward, prospects remain uncertain for the measures, which are bitterly opposed by Atlanta’s business community and the city’s overwhelmingly Democratic lawmakers.

Some residents of the city’s whitest, most affluent area are trying to pull out of Atlanta and form Buckhead City, saying Atlanta isn’t doing enough to control crime and that affluent Buckhead residents aren’t getting their money’s worth from municipal services.

Resident Kelly Rodts, a Buckhead City supporter, told the committee last week that “Atlanta taxes us to the nines” but that city police have failed to stop both petty and violent crime.

“This violence has reached a tipping point, and that is why we are all here today,” Rodts said. “Buckhead is a target. We’re a target for criminals in the city, and Atlanta has not been able to protect us.”

But opponents say a new city wouldn’t be able to stop criminals from coming to the area. They also say the plan doesn’t deal with major issues and could make crime worse by weakening the

remaining parts of Atlanta.

“What is happening today is my constituents are being forced to eat a half-baked pie,” Sen. Jason Esteves, an Atlanta Democrat on the committee, said Monday before the vote.

He and others argue that although supporters of the new city are organized and noisy, they represent a minority of residents in the area, and that lawmakers should spurn a divisive campaign. They pointedly note that none of the sponsors represent the city of Atlanta.

But Sen. Randy Robertson, a Cataula Republican sponsoring the bills, says he’s championing the rights of citizens unfairly being ignored. He’s pointedly called on Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens to meet with leaders of the Buckhead City Committee.

“Too many times inside this building and especially outside this building in local communities, elected officials forget who they work for. So when movements happen that remind elected officials who the real bosses are, then I have to support that,” Robertson said.

Robertson likens creating Buckhead City to incorporating any other city. Suburban Atlanta has seen a wave of incorporations since 2005. While the legislation was bottled up last year, new Republican Lt. Gov. Burt Jones supported it while serving as a state senator and has allowed the bills to move forward.

“I’ve been down here 10 years and we’ve voted on referendums to create new cities around the state,” Jones said in a statement. “I’m not going to shut down the conversation. We’d be doing ourselves a disservice if we didn’t allow the process to try to play out. That’s what the legislative process is all about.”

Opponents say taking apart an existing city is much more complicated than creating a new one, and that it’s even more complex to dismember Atlanta, which has its own school system and extra layers of local taxes and debt. Buckhead City proponents want a system whereby the new city would collect taxes and send them to Atlanta Public Schools, and the school system would continue to serve Buckhead. However, it’s unclear such a setup would be legal or feasible.

The legislation calls for the new city to be able to buy parks, fire stations and other city-owned buildings including schools for cheap prices, on the theory that Buckhead taxpayers have already paid for the assets. The new city could also buy Atlanta’s water and sewer lines serving the area. Buckhead would get a head start in paying for those items because the legislation would give Buckhead City a share of Atlanta’s cash. The new city would take on some bond obligations.

Opponents warn the divorce will give bond investors heartburn that could affect the municipal debt of every city in Georgia. When the Eagles Landing area was allowed to vote and ultimately rejected seceding from Stockbridge in 2018, bond rating agencies warned that splitting up cities was a risk for investors in all Georgia city bonds.

“Credit ratings and the municipal bond markets would be severely harmed in the state of Georgia,” Ruchi Patel, a lobbyist for the Georgia Municipal Association, said Feb. 16.

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SPORTS

Tigers, Colonels eliminated from State tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Tigers gave it their all, but Adairsville saw its 2022-2023 basketball season come to a close on Feb. 25 following a 68-60 loss to Hart County in the second round of the State Championship tournament.

The Bulldogs established a big lead early, as the visiting team lead the Region 6, 3A regional champs 22-6.

Heading into the third quarter, the Tigers were down 40-17.

“We came out tight and apprehensive to start the game,” said Adairsville High Head Basketball Coach Alex Disbrow. “Hart County had a lot to do with our early struggles and credit them for causing us to be timid, but our youth played a huge role in our slow start as well.”

Adairsville was far more competitive in the second half, as the Tigers’ top scorer Tay Jackson exploded for 30 points in the third and fourth quarters.

At one point, the Tigers managed to chip away the Bulldogs’ lead to just six points — only for Hart County to make enough buckets in the fourth to preserve a hard-fought eight-point margin of victory.

“I hope we are mature and self-aware enough to grow and learn from our mistakes in the game and use it to build a more sustainable success moving forward,” Disbrow

said. “I feel like we, as a young team, developed so much this season, but we still have a long way to go in our journey towards understanding how to play as a team and be part of something greater than ourselves.”

Jackson finished the game with 34 points overall. Zach Postell amassed seven points in the loss while Tre Winters collected six.

Jamarian Pullum and Xavious Nalls each had four points; Ben Abernathy had three and Zach Weaver recorded two.

With the victory on the road, Hart County improves to 17-12. Adairsville finishes the year with a final record of 20-9.

“With the season over now, it is time to rest and reflect on the achievements of this team,” Disbrow said. “I know once some time has passed away from the sting of defeat, and we will all look back on this season with pride.”

The same evening, the Cass Colonels (15-14) were eliminated from the State Championship tournament on Feb. 25, losing a road contest 85-52 to Chapel Hill (22-8.)

KJ Rogers posted 21 points for Cass in the loss, while Devin Henderson recorded nine.

Jayden Foster finished the game with eight points; Sacovie White posted five and Jakai Baldwin recorded four.

Tyrek Hames had three points while Jelani Hames posted two.



Zach Postell takes the ball downcourt for the Tigers in a Feb. 25 matchup against Hart County.

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Lady Canes, Lady Tigers see seasons end

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Canes and Lady Tigers were both on the court on Feb. 24, with each team seeing their respective basketball seasons come to an end on the road.

Cartersville lost 44-31 to Midtown in a game that saw the Lady Canes jump out to a 14-5 lead to begin the second half; heading into the third quarter, Cartersville was up 20-18 over the Knights.

Midtown, however, surged ahead in the second half, establishing a 27-24 lead heading into the fourth quarter en route to the final 13 point margin of victory.

Kaytlin Arnold was the top scorer for the Lady Canes, collecting nine points in the loss. Senai Camper posted eight points while Ansley Griffin chipped in six points.

Taff Bradley and Campbell Rogers each had four points and Nayel Camper finished the contest with two.

The Lady Canes conclude the 2022-2023 season with a final record of 17-11.

That same evening the Lady Tigers fell 58-37 against Dawson County.

Adairsville was up 13-11 at the end of the first, but Dawson County would soon go on a 17-9 roll before establishing a six-point lead at halftime.

The second half was all Dawson County, as Adairsville quickly fell behind by 19 points heading into the fourth quarter.

Adairsville finishes the season with a final record of 14-15.



Kaytlin Arnold had nine points in the Lady Canes’ 44-31 loss to Midtown on Feb. 24.

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Blackwell selected

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Kayden Blackwell, a 7th grader at Cartersville Middle School participated in the Under Armour Next Football Camp at Carrollton High School on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2023. He competed against fellow Cartersville teammates along with many athletes from all over Georgia and surrounding states, demonstrating their abilities through position, specific football drills and combine training. Blackwell was selected & given 1 of 4 golden ticket invites to play in the highly anticipated 2024 Under Armour All-America game in Orlando, Florida.

Each year, dozens of future standouts who were selected in this camp assemble for a week of high-level training with world class coaches at Disney’s Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. The practices lead up to an exhibition at the much-anticipated Under Armour All-America Game at Camping World Stadium. Blackwell will be representing the great Purple Hurricanes in this game next January 2024.

To be the best, athletes must train and compete with the best. The Under Armour Next Camp Series provides that opportunity to 1,000s of aspiring All-Americans in key regions across the country. Both high school and middle school athletes demonstrate their abilities through position, specific football drills and combine training. The chosen few will earn the right to play in the All-America and Futures Games in Orlando, FL.

Athletes will have the option to participate in an NFL combine style testing which will include: the 40-yard dash, vertical jump, and pro-agility. These results will be analyzed by our All America Selection Committee and individually emailed to each participant following the event as a benchmark to improve upon. Former NFL players/coaches will provide individual instruction and their formula for success. Athletes will compete against the best talent in the country in front of the nation’s top media outlets while participating in NFL style evaluation drills and 1 on 1 setting. Athletes will get to compete in speed and agility drills that will determine who is the top athlete in the region.



Kevin Blackwell

SPECIAL

Details

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“Based on my observations of Mr. Bailey’s manifestations and the discovery of the green leafy substance, I asked if he would complete standard field sobriety testing,” the report reads. “Due to Mr. Bailey showing numerous clues of possible intoxication, he was placed in handcuffs behind his back, checked for proper fit and double-locked for safety.”

A subsequent search of Bailey’s person, the field report indicates, turned up “two suspected Oxycontin pills not in their original container.”

“A further search of the vehicle yielded positive for 7.5 pills of suspected Hydrocodone located in a pill bottle,” the report continues. “Located in the trunk of the vehicle in a black backpack, a homemade explosive device was discovered.”

The report describes the device as “a C02 cartridge wrapped in electrical tape with a green fuse.”

Both the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were called in to investigate the scene.

That resulted in a long stretch of Erwin Street being shut down for several hours.

“Seven USB drives, SIM cards, one cell phone, a multi-tool, 14 debit/credit cards, Mr. Bailey’s identification, two suspected Oxycontin pills and seven and a half suspected hydrocodone pills were secured from the scene and turned over to the Cartersville Police evidence division,” the report continues.

In addition to a felony parole violation, Bailey is also facing misdemeanor counts of drugs to be kept in original container and driving under the influence.

Per BCSO data, Bailey’s bond was initially set at \$25,925. BCSO documents also indicate that Bailey was transferred out of the local jail on Feb. 23.

More action from the Tigers’ playoff game Feb. 25



JAMES SWIFT/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS

Xavious Nalls posted seven points in Adairsville’s 68-60 loss to Hart County on Feb. 25.

BARTOW BLOTTER

The following information — names, photos, addresses, charges and other details — was taken directly from Bartow County Sheriff’s Office jail records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction, and a conviction or acquittal is determined by the court system.

Feb. 23

Dana Michelle Garrett, of Dallas, Georgia, was arrested and charged with possession of a Schedule II controlled substance and giving a false name, address or birthdate to a law enforcement officer.

Kari Noel Hampton, of Acworth, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass-damage to private property.

Steven Gregory Haynes, of Dallas, Georgia, was arrested and charged with possession of a Schedule II controlled substance.

James Eric Payne, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

Jose Daniel Ramirez-Godinez, of Ennis, Texas, was

arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to drive; driving while unlicensed; and failure to maintain lane.

Charles Clinton Weaver, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with robbery by intimidation; criminal trespass-damage to business property; and a probation violation.

Feb. 24

Havanna Rose Ahmadani, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass-interference with property and battery-family violence.

Dustin Lee Blevins, of Rockmart, Georgia, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Scott Odell Bruce, of Cartersville, was listed as back for court.

Hugh Alan Campbell, of Kennesaw, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

Devon Depree Carson, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with aggravated stalking and simple battery-family violence.

Rebecca Shea Cleve-

land, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with giving a false name, address or birthdate to a law enforcement officer.

Derrick Edward Cody, of Miami Gardens, Florida, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

Geoffrey Hall Lane, of Georgia, was arrested and charged with possession of a Schedule I controlled substance.

Dakota Shayne Massey, of Bonifay, Florida, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Joel Samuel Miranda, of Newnan, Georgia, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Monte Chance Mitchell, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with willful obstruction of a law enforcement officer.

Jarrod David Nathaniel Patterson, of Calhoun, Georgia, was arrested and charged with theft by taking.

Branson Lee Simmons, of Adairsville, was arrested on a superior court sentence.

Catlina Andrea Tonsoso-Montes, of Cartersville, was listed as boarded.

Jorge Valmaceda Vazquez, no address listed, was arrested and charged with driving while unlicensed

and failure to obey a stop sign or yield after stopping.

Jesus Deshawn Williams, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; willful obstruction of a law enforcement officer; failure to obey a stop sign or yield after stopping; reckless driving; and failure to maintain lane.

Madison Elise Williams, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to drive and speeding.

Jeffery Alan Worthington, of Kingston, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Feb. 25

Cody Jack Adams, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to drive.

Qartivous Lorenzana Adams, of Fayetteville, Georgia, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Cynthia Joyce Beers, of Cedartown, Georgia, was arrested and charged with fugitive form justice.

Keri Ann Bennett, of Cartersville, was

arrested and charged with driving under the influence of multiple substances and failure to maintain lane.

Christopher Elijah Clanton, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with child molestation and enticing a child for indecent purposes.

Cole Alexander Clark, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to drive and striking unattended vehicle.

Tyler Alton Dockey, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with battery-family violence.

Harold Jerome Elliott, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

Maxime Fleurantus, of Pompano Beach, Florida, was arrested and charged with driving while license is suspended or revoked; speeding; and a seat belt violation (ages 6 to 17.)

Johnette Flanagan Hicks, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Elizabeth Nicole Hollingshead, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Will Henry Holmes, of Rockmart, Georgia, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to drive; driver to exercise due care-proper use of radios and mobile phones allowed; driving with no insurance; and following too closely.

Thomas Edward Kilgore, of Marietta, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Howard Austin McNeil, of Adairsville, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to

drive; failure to maintain lane; and driving too fast for conditions.

Carla Danielle Moore, of Carrollton, was arrested on a superior court sentence.

Tameka Lashundra Sapp, of Cartersville, was arrested on a superior court sentence.

Algenone Kenonta Shaw, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with receipt, possession or transfer of a firearm by a convicted felon or felony first offender.

Timothy John Stiltner, of Conyers, Georgia, was arrested on an agency assist.

Makenzie Dean Tankersley, of Calhoun, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol-concentration 0.08G or more within three hours or more.

Feb. 26

William Lawrence Farley, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was arrested and charged with speeding and driving while license is suspended or revoked.

Indigo Merchaz Gathers, of Kennesaw, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs; driving with no insurance; knowingly driving a motor vehicle on suspended, canceled or revoked registration; a window tint violation; and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

Joseph Martin Gayton, of Acworth, was arrested on an agency assist.

Joseph Andrew Mull, of Dalton, Georgia, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine and giving a false name, address or birthdate to a law enforcement officer.

Robert Zackary Wallace, of Newnan, Georgia, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to drive; failure to maintain lane; and speeding.

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The funded projects include work at Cass-Pine Log Road, Old Alabama Road and Peebles Valley Road. The 8" water main in the Cass-Pine Log Road area was installed in the early 1970s and has a history of main breaks, resulting in complete service disruption. The Cass-Pine Log Road project phases will address inadequate fire flow by replacing 16,000 LF of 8" PVC water main with 12" ductile iron pipe (DIP) water main and replacing 19,000 LF of 8" PVC water main with 12" DIP water main. The 8" PVC water main in the Old Alabama Road area is nearing the end of its 50-year usefulness. The Old Alabama Road project phases will help control pressure spikes due to incorrect pressure class by replacing and relocating 14,850 LF of 8" PVC water main with 16" DIP water main and relocating 1,550 LF of gravity sewer pipe and replacing and relocating 10,770 LF of 8" PVC water main with 16" DIP water main and relocating 12,100 LF of sanitary sewer force main. The ground water storage tank in the Peebles Valley area is aging, rusting, and only stores 1 million gallons. The Peebles

Valley Road project phases will improve water storage and fire flow by replacing the 1-million-gallon steel ground water storage tank with a 2-million-gallon prestressed concrete ground storage tank and 1,250 LF 20" DIP water main and replacing 4,800 LF of 8" water main with 16" DIP water main. The total project cost for all 6 project phases is \$20,765,000.

The purposes of the public meeting are to: inform the public of the need for improvements to the County's water system and comply with the requirements of the Georgia's Rules for Safe Drinking Water and with the public participation requirements of Georgia's State Environmental Review Process.

During the public meeting the County will attempt to identify public preferences for alternative methods of improving the County's water facilities. These alternatives will be evaluated and included in the project's Environmental Information Document. This documentation is available for public inspection through the date of the public meeting at 320 W. Cherokee Avenue, Room 102, Cartersville, GA 30120, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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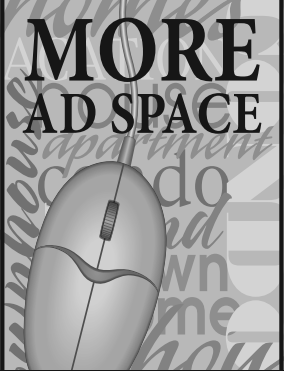
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help from The Lovelady Center in Birmingham, Alabama," she

said. "People who have attended the exhibition to see the portraits and read the individual stories, see that recovery is possible and there is hope for everyone."

"The thing I've enjoyed the most is reading the comments left in

the comment book by visitors. — 'What an amazing display of hope, love and recovery.' 'Thank you for showcasing such beautiful stories. We do recover and we are not alone.' 'Such a wonderful exhibit. Such a wonderful cause and amazing artists.' 'When we recover loudly, we keep others from dying slowly.' 'What an inspiring show.'"

Further details about the "Portraits of Hope" exhibit and programming can be obtained online at www.boothmuseum.org.

"It is our prayer that any individual or family dealing with substance abuse will take advantage of this opportunity to hear Dr. Dooley's message and that of

the local mother and daughter who will share their experience to inspire others," Wheeler said. "When I asked Beverly McNeil, the art gallery owner who started the Portraits of Hope project, what she would like the Booth to accomplish with the exhibition, she said, 'I'm not concerned about attendance. If even one person shows up during any of the programming that is given a resource/lifeline, then it has all been worth it.'"

"From our vantage point at the Booth, we can promise that yes, many more than just one person have been given a resource/lifeline by attending programs and/or viewing the exhibition."

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Kyle Keith's portrait of Bobbie Ray Smith is included in the "Portraits of Hope" exhibit at the Booth Western Art Museum through March 5.



5 Day Forecast

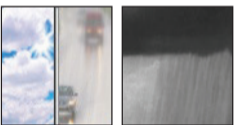
Tuesday 2-28



Sunny, with a high near 75. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. West wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

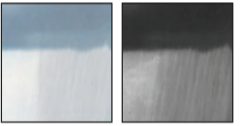
Wednesday 3-1



A 30% chance of showers/t-storms after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. South wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Showers and possibly a t-storm. Low around 63. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Thursday 3-2



Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High near 76. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Thursday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm, then showers after 1am. Low around 63. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Friday 3-3



Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 73. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Saturday 3-4



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Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

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