



### NEWS



#### Improving the museum grounds

A group recently gathered to unload two concrete tables and three circled arcs or benches under the Magnolia trees on the grounds of the Randolph County Historical Museum.

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#### Student killed in Heard County crash

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#### Mobile home fire under investigation

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#### Workshop on roads and water quality

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### OBITUARIES

Janis Faye Butler, Wadley  
Clarence Camp, Greenwood, Miss.  
Josephine Cosby, Lineville  
Pauline W. Dean, The Villages, Fla.  
Thomas Hester, San Antonio, Texas  
George D. Knight, Wewahitchka, Fla.  
Imogene Murphy, Opelika  
Billy Scarborough III, Franklin, Ga.  
Modenia H. Smith, LaGrange, Ga.

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### SPORTS



#### Jamborees this week start season

This Thursday and Friday mark the beginning of the 2011 high school football season, with all four county teams playing in preseason jamborees.

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#### Realignment issues come up again

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Keishia Norred

#### Together again

Friends Lauren Green (left), starting kindergarten, and Emelia Norred, going into first grade, were excited to see each other the first day of school at Rock Mills Junior High.

## Personnel changes in county schools

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WEDOWEE--Woodland High School welcomed a new assistant principal when classes started last week.

Keith Smith of Carrollton, Ga., joins principal Donald Birchfield and assistant principal Jeffery Thompson.

A native of Resaca, Ga., Smith comes to WHS from Oconee County High School in Watkinsville, Ga., (outside Athens), where he worked for four years.

In addition to his duties as as-

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## From compassionate to overwhelmed

### Roanoke man overrun with pets after taking in all the homeless

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Roanoke Police have visited the menagerie of dog pens off LaFayette Highway several times but accompanying them last week was Aris Murphy, chief investigator with the Fifth District Attorney's office, and Chuck Smith, president of the Randolph County Animal Shelter. Roanoke nuisance officer Bill Ford has been there several times as well as Randy Moore and Shannon Laney, who are assigned to the narcotics unit and wanted to assist Murphy with the project.

What was expected to be a horror story turned out to be a situation where a man's wife turned from an animal rescuer into a hoarder and left behind her husband, Craig Carse, to care for the animals when she died from pancreatic cancer last September.

After feeding, watering and car-

ing for the animals for almost a year he seemed to welcome people coming in to relieve him of their care. He admitted he is overwhelmed and tired.

Smith admitted it was a far different situation than what he had expected en route to the trailer. The animals were well cared for in separated pens, most under shade trees.

It is believed about 53 dogs are in the pens and possibly 15 to 20 cats, maybe more, in trailers. Ford said basically she was running an animal shelter before her death.

Friday, RCAS kennel manager Ricky Poole moved among the dogs checking them. Smith said some will be good adoptable dogs. After quarantine they will advertise the dogs they have already taken the way they normally do through the newspaper, Petfinder, the RCAS web site and Facebook.

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#### New friend

Randolph County Animal Shelter president Chuck Smith makes a new friend of one of the dogs living at the Roanoke mobile home park.

## Plans progress for wastewater facility



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#### Pointing out workings of HCR

Jerry Revis, general manager of the Roanoke Water Sewer Gas & Filter Plant Board, points out how sewage moves from nearby McMurray Lagoon

into the HCR or hydrograph controlled release lagoon, like a giant bowl, to be stored before eventually being discharged into High Pine Creek.

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Drive west past Quail Run Subdivision and turn off Alabama Highway 22 beside Clark Brothers Quality Meats, then turn onto a dusty road to the left. A pretty little church, Shady Grove, is to the right.

The trip continues along the road to a locked gate, then through the gate into the area of a concrete pond-looking facility. This is the HCR or hydrograph controlled release lagoon, according to Jerry Revis, general manager of the Roanoke Water Sewer Gas & Filter Plant Board.

It is like a holding facility for mostly liquids in this sewerage system. Solids are pumped into Roanoke's three lagoons: McMurray, which lies next to this facility, Einch-

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## Right-of-way concerns commissioners

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County engineer Burrell Jones is trying to find out from ALDOT what herbicide to use on Johnson grass that has totally grown up over signs in some areas.

The herbicide needs to be on there a couple of weeks before the vegetation is cut down. Jones said that an employee may have to be certified to use it, and the highway department may need to send someone to an herbicide class in

the winter months. Rotary cutting only redistributes the seeds.

Commissioner Terry Lovvorn asked the public to bear with them on the rights of way. The county has had all four rotary cutters in the shop getting repairs because they are getting old. Some intersections are dangerous and small cars can't see over grass, he said.

The commissioners voted to promote employees Adam Yarbrough and Jim Jackson as equipment operators by a vote of 4-0-1. Commission Chairman Doug

Sheppard abstained from the vote, with his concerns prompting an executive session. Administrator Cindy Arrington noted that the vote prior to the executive session is still in effect.

Allen said a foreman is needed in the southern part of the county because the foreman is on medical leave. He asked Jones to name an "acting foreman."

A rash of road sign stealing prompted commissioners to state they will prosecute road sign thieves to the fullest extent of the

law.

#### Other business

The architect working on the two buildings the county purchased from the town of Wedowee visited recently. He is writing the specs to bid the remodeling out. Plans were changed to keep the upstairs for storage, and it will be bid in two phases. The chairman has the plans if anyone wants to see them.

The commission acknowledged

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