Persecution of Christians 

**Ed note:** The 29th Broyles Mission Conference at Big Canoe Chapel will run from Feb. 21-24. Joshuc Youssef, one of the speakers, will discuss Help the Persecuted, an organization that aids Christians in the Middle East and North Africa. The persecution of Christians seems incomprehensible to many of us — safe in our country, free to worship and share our religious traditions. But that’s not the case in more than 70 countries where the right to worship as Christians is threatened — and the number of incidents is rising. This article is offered to provide background on the growing problem — a grave concern to all who believe in religious freedom. Ed. note: 29th Broyles Mission Conference goes to page 22 of this issue’s 24-page section.

**By Mary O'Brien**

Every year there are news reports of Christians who face threats, unjust imprisonment, harassment, and even loss of family because of their faith in Jesus. Trends show that Christians in Asia, the Middle East and Africa are increasingly persecuted against Christians, and perhaps the most vulnerable are Christian women, who often face double persecution for faith and gender.

Every month 255 Christians are killed, 104 are abducted, 180 Christian women are raped. The Big Canoe Photography Club is honored to be featured at an exhibition at the Blue Ridge Mountains Art Center in Blue Ridge. The exhibition runs through February 25, and showcases more than 90 images from two dozen club photographers. The photos are for sale, as they raise charitable contributions for and于一体. Visit www.bigcanoephotographyclub.org for information on meetings and outings. Join us!}

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**Pickens County to operate Wildcat Community fire station**

**By Denise Ray**

The Dawson County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Jan. 14 to enter into a revised intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Pickens County regarding the protection to the Wildcat Community Inc.—eight residential communities in unincorporated areas of Pickens and Dawson counties.

Under the new agreement, which amends the original agreement dated Oct. 20, 2018, Pickens County shall assume operation of the fire station — now known as Dawson County Fire Station 8—and shall operate the fire station as a substation of Pickens County Fire Station 10.

Clayton Pruden, president of the Wildcat Community and Station 18 volunteer was pleased with the new agreement. “This is a major breakthrough in providing emergency services to our community.” He said in a statement released to members of the Wildcat Community.

“Under the revised agreement, Pickens County Fire Chief Chris Newton was able to forge a new IGA that strengthens emergency services for the lands within one community.” Pruden said.

“We are also thankful for former Dawson County Fire Chief Chris Newton who, along with Bill Jones, recognized the importance of creating a fire station to serve this community over a decade ago.”

Prior to the revised agreement Dawson County’s Fire Station 8 served properties within a five-mile radius of the Monument Road station in both Pickens and Dawson counties.

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southernly or forced into marriage; in others, they are attacked. In Ethiopia, Christians are detained without trial and imprisoned. In 2018, more than 245 million Christians in 73 countries faced extreme persecution. In 2018, more than 245 million Muslims in 73 countries faced extreme persecution around the world—up 30 million from 2017. The previous year, Islamophobia was one of the most widely recognized sources of persecution for Muslims in the world today—and it continues to spread.

Ministers, like Atlanta-based Help the Persecuted, exist to strengthen, support and advocate for the persecuted church. They’ve already provided direct prac-
tical and spiritual assistance to more than 25,000 persecuted Christians in the most hostile regions of the world and have plans to double their impact in the coming year. Help the Persecuted has embedded on-the-ground teams in more than 25 countries around the world in order to provide direct aid and resources for those suffering in their time of need.

The ministry helps people to "finish their race" and "finish their course" (1 Tim. 4:7; 6:12) by providing essential needs of food, shelter, medical care, and education. They also provide training and support to church leaders and mission workers, and partner with local churches and mission agencies to provide ongoing support and resources. Help the Persecuted has a strong focus on providing long-term support and resources for persecuted Christians, as well as providing emergency relief during times of crisis. They work closely with local partners and other organizations to ensure that aid is delivered effectively and efficiently.

Bridal Fair

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Bridal Fair

The POA Board conducted its voting meeting on Jan. 24 at the Clubhouse at Lake Sconti. Gerard Monte, the President of the Board, presided over the meeting. The board approved the 2019 budget, which is now available on the Smoke Signals website (www.bigsig.com). The 2019 budget includes a few significant changes from the 2018 budget, including an increase in costs for the management of the golf course, the tennis courts, and the swimming pool. The board also approved the 2019 dues structure, which includes an increase in the membership dues for all classes. The board also discussed the future of the POA and the need for continued support and involvement from the membership. The next meeting of the POA Board will be held on March 12 at the Clubhouse at Lake Scontri.
Jas does it again—builds new wine room as his gift to the community

BY LAURA LINK
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Jas does it again—builds new wine room as his gift to the community

"Building this wine room was a gift to the community—my family and friends—I love."

Getting started, Ilazovic and his team cleared out a former office on the main level of The Clubhouse at Lake Sconti while the facility was closed for minor renovations and cleaning the beginning of January. With the help of Big Canoe Maintenance’s carpenter Joey Roper and bartender Jose Taboada, Ilazovic built Big Canoe a state of the art $12,000 temperature controlled wine room in The Clubhouse at Lake Sconti. Custom designed and built wine rooms of this type generally cost an estimated $50,000-$60,000. As he worked on the floor featuring a subtle focal design in the middle of the room, "This is my gift to the people of Big Canoe I love," he said proudly showing off the finished room. Back lighting is used to feature the bottles of wine all labeled and ready to serve.

Smoke Signals wine columnist and POA board member Wayne Crawford was advisor to the project and helped select the wines best fitted to guests of the clubhouse who drink wine by the glass more often than liquor and beer. A new wine list not only lists the wines but includes information about their pairings, helpful to the novice wine enthusiast. The finished wine room, shown here at night with the lights on, is not only a functional, cost-saving addition to maintain the clubhouse’s wine investment at peak quality but it’s a work of art for clubhouse guests to view and enjoy.

The Mountains of Big Canoe
typically don't survive. For a piebald fawn to that causes blotchy white patches on the fur white inside ears that look like a brown sten-

Jane Galvin, Sarah Galvin said she spotted a and sometimes rare wildlife. In 2018 Big Canoe is known for its abundant

group exercise classes. The group exercise physical therapy, personal training and

sauna. Services include massage therapy, physical therapy, personal training and group exercise classes. The group exercise

in order to make these programs and services available at various levels of difficulty are offered at the Wellness Center. Reboot

An exciting proposed change for the program that opened in March. "Out of 2,700 plus homes in Big Canoe, we've

bald deer twice in Big Canoe, just outside the on November 29. "I've seen this pie-

Charles Kahl sent a photo (published in the Jan. 9 Smoke Signals Weekly) to

Now we know."

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Rare piebald deer spotted in Big Canoe

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North Georgia Veterans hear stories of valor

BY DAVID HOWE

I magine this scenario: You have a story and you don’t want to tell it to just anyone. Someone new, someone you may not feel comfortable relating your past to at this time. You told it to me.

A few months ago, I was invited to sit in on a luncheon of the North Georgia Veterans. It is a group that meets the third Wednesday of every month to give all those veterans for lunch and fellowship on a regular basis.

North Georgia Veterans at Big Canoe, will speak at the February 13 NGV Luncheon on the history and evolution of the organization, one of the largest and most active local veterans groups in the area. Saling graduated from Distinguished Military Graduate from Ohio University 1974 to the Ohio University Department of Business Administration.

He was commissioned in the U.S. Army in the United States Army as a second liaison to the infantry. Assigned to the First Battalion 23rd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Wash. He deployed to Vietnam in August 1966. He served from August 1966 to July 1974 as a platoon leader and battalion adjutant as the commanding officer of the First Battalion 23rd Infantry and as the Assistant Commander and Examining Station from July 1966 to July 1967 as a platoon leader and battalion adjutant and as the commanding officer of the First Battalion 23rd Infantry.

Saling graduated from the University of Missouri-Belton in 1969 as an infantry officer. He was a graduate of the Infantry School, Ft. Sherman, Panama Canal Zone. After a distinguished business career in corporate buying, operations, sales performance and executive recruiting, Saling now resides in Big Canoe, Ga. where he currently serves as a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America.

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Knowledge Series to host Booth Museum’s Seth Hopkins

“Hopkins will speak about the Booth Western Art Museum’s permanent collection, upcoming events and exhibits, including the Andy Warhol & The West exhibition.”

Future programs of the Knowledge Series this season will include:

• March 8: Susan Anderson, "Success with Creative Arts Therapies with refugees of war, conflict, natural disasters, and other displacements in Bosnia, the Middle East, Haiti, Clinton, GA and Hurricane Katrina.”

• April 7: Amy Feltner, local school, Global Village Project. Dinner with special appearance by Ike White, the music instructor at the school.

• May 5: Catherine Lewis, Kennesaw State University, "Eisenhower, Golf, and Cold War Politics.”

Reservations are required to ensure a 57 seat at the presentation by registering online on the www.bigcanoepoa.org website listing of upcoming events, or by emailing sawyer@bigcanoepoa.org. Attendance is limited to the first 570 reservations. Registration at the door at the time of the program is \$5. Cancellation is required by 5:00 p.m. on Friday Feb. 8. Without a cancellation, the appropriate FSA account will be charged, in keeping with standard clubhouse policy.

Submitted by the Knowledge Series

Dawson County Commission chairman to speak at Squires & Stags breakfast

Billy Thurmond, chairman of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners, will speak at the March Squires & Stags Breakfast. Thurmond began his term as chairman of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners in January 2017. Prior to that, he worked for Dawson County for 57 years, the last 14 as director of emergency services.

Thurmond will speak on the subject of growth corridor; keeping up with service delivery demands; and revenue sources.

Thurmond says his vision for Dawson County is “to make sure that anything we do as a board improves the quality of life of our citizens.”

He is married to Lisa Thurmond, Dawson County’s chief magistrate judge. They have two sons and two daughters: Chris and Sarah; and Matt and Lindsey. They are the grandparents to four grandchildren and one great-grandchild -- the “jew of their lives,” says Thurmond. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and he and his wife are “joys of their lives,” says Thurmond. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and he and his wife are “joys of their lives,” says Thurmond. He is a member of Kilough Church by the Lake.

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Big Canoe Resident for 30 Years...
Homeschooling a growing choice for parents

BY CYNTHIA SMITH

They’re out in a chuck in the drive way. It was early spring, too cold yet to get out on the lake, but the mother and her two children decided running time should be held indoors on this sunny afternoon. So they sat, enjoying the mild weather, the beautiful mountains and a new chapter of their current book. Later they would meet friends at the tennis court and tomorrow they’d head into Roswell to work on a drama production. But on this day they sat and read in the kitchen.

Local parents shared many such stories about the joy of homeschooling during a recent visit. One mother told of skiing with her children in the Big Canoe area where they drank hot chocolate, one cool morning and read about the Civil War. Another reminisced about a season of trips to Jekyll Island where her children participated in 4-H projects as part of their education. Some of these parents wanted an education more tailored to their children’s needs while others have computers who struggled in public school. There are medical issues that keep some from attending traditional school and travel opportunities too wonderful to miss. The one common thread in all their stories was that they made the decision to educate their children at home.

Homeschooling: a popular choice

Homeschooling is on the rise in America. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, from 1983 to 2017, the number of homeschooled children in this country more than doubled, from 810,000 to 2.5 million. This number represents 3.4% of the total U.S. population. One in every five children between the ages of 4 and 17 is homeschooled. Why homeschool?

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Homeschooling websites offer advice and ideas for parents who are new to the concept. For those who are already homeschooling, they help parents avoid mistakes and keep them on track. These sites provide curriculum ideas and mathematical assistance is often needed with more challenging coursework. In addition to a multitude of online options, traditional programs, books, and services are also available to families. Many parents see customized learning as the primary benefit of homeschooling, allowing students to select topics of interest and allow them to work at their own pace and in their own way. It is quite possible that a child can progress more quickly or more slowly with a personalized approach.

Challenges of homeschooling

Homeschooling has its challenges. From choosing curriculum and finding resources to remaining patient, motivating and encouraging your child to choose to succeed at home is anything but easy. There are websites offering advice and ideas that can help both you and your child.

In the meantime, local homeschooling parents and organizations are working to offer their children the education they deserve. One group that helps to facilitate this is the local homeschooling group called Veritas Classical School in Roswell, St. John Bosco Academy in Cumming, Mountain Laurel Academy in Jasper, and Kumon Math and Reading Centers.

Homeschooled children visit Booth Western Art Museum

Some homeschool educators are fortunate enough to find extracurricular activities locally. Tennis and swimming are available in Big Canoe and both scouting programs and 4-H thrive in the surrounding area. For activities like dance and soccer, however, families must travel to more popular areas. Churches can help with social interaction but children in the area of Big Canoe are not a cohesive group. In addition to the physical barriers of mountainous terrain, Big Canoe is located in unincorporated areas of two counties so students attend two different public schools, various private schools and, of course, homeschool. Connecting with others

Homeschooling is a growing choice for parents as the number of students choosing this option has doubled in the past decade. In the meantime, local homeschooling parents and organizations are working to offer their children the education they deserve. One group that helps to facilitate this is the local homeschooling group called Veritas Classical School in Roswell, St. John Bosco Academy in Cumming, Mountain Laurel Academy in Jasper, and Kumon Math and Reading Centers.

Connect to Smoke Signals

Call for Summer Kids’ Programs

Believe it or not, summer IS coming and area parents will be looking for activities, camps and enrichment programs to keep their children busy. Smoke Signals will be putting together a list of exciting summer opportunities for youngers and we need YOUR help! Send a brief description of your organization’s offerings along with contact information to csmith@bigcanoenews.com so we can get the word out to families about all the fun summer possibilities out there!
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I had 62 Closings in 2018 (up from 52 in 2017)
Includes 39 of my listings that sold in 2018
Bent Tree’s signature logo
still inspiring golfers after 17 years

BY LEE WILSON

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ever since 1982 the Bent Tree Golf course has been a part of the community and arguably it has been the second most popular draw not only to the spectacular vistas afforded by the mountains. With a close view of Sharp Top Mountain on the horizon and a beautiful reflecting pond between the tee and green, the most spectacular view on the golf course may be the view from the base of the 8th hole. This view has challenged the concentration of every golfer for nearly 20 years.

Since the year 2000 this signature hole has been further enhanced by a spitting water fountain donated by Bob and Barbara Foley—two of the most gracious supporters of the Bent Tree Golf course. The Foleys continued to help with sponsoring the creation of a giant display of the Bent Tree logo on the base of the pond. In 2012 I planned to design and build the logo display, which took many hours over the course of a year. I was tasked with selecting the materials and making the logo display and the team assembled the display using only planks and branches an authentic bark color and texture. We used a polyurethane stain giving the trunk its natural texture and branches an authentic bark color and texture. We covered it with thousands of irregular river bark pieces—glued atop the base then sealed with thousands of large pine bark pieces. The logo display is the most realistic representation of the logo, giving the illusion that the tree is actually in place to provide a backdrop of the Bent Tree course. The logo display is an outstanding example of the perfection needed to create this effect.

Three separate sections. The natural texture of the trunk and branches was created with thousands of large pine bark pieces—brought especially from Miami and a pine country—glued atop the base. Set with a variety of mulch the trunk and branches an authentic bark color and texture. The letters forming the words “Bent Tree” were built on six-eight-spline poles.

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Allen was the second chaplain of the chapels of the Big Canoe Women’s Guild. Born in 1937, Hynson moved to Centerville, Ohio in 1955, before settling in Marietta, Ga. and Big Canoe, where he and his wife of 55 years, Donna, Stillman, have been an important part of the community since the early days of Big Canoe. He was an avid golfer, much loved by his family and friends.

Charles H. Hynson Jr., 81 years, passed on peacefully at The Big Canoe Chapel, January 8, 2009. He was born in Wilmington, Del., September 26, 1927. He was the son of Thomas and Mattie Faucette in Hayesville, N. C. Hynson graduated from Wilmington Friends School in 1945.

In Memoriam

Lucusia Davenport
April 22, 1955 – January 8, 2009

Lucusia Davenport, long-time co-font of the Canoe and member of the Chapel presided over the funeral service for her husband, who she and her husband Bill Davenport served several years ago. She was a member of the 99% Low Gap Planning Committee and served for many years on the Deaconess Committee, where her eye for color and design was put to good use in the selection of furnishings and carpets. She was a member of the Canoe Chapel’s Women’s Guild and opened the Davenport’s own home for the Guild’s Floyd Home of Honor charity event. Because of her expertise in writing her own book she was heavily involved in producing the Guild’s book, “A Culinary Tour of Homes”, published in 1999. In 2007, the Woman’s Guild was an important part of the community since the early days of Big Canoe.

Lucusia was born on September 26, 1955, in Wilmington, Del., to the late Charles W. and Lelia (Graham) Hynson. She attended the University of Delaware and saved thousands of dollars in college.

Lucusia is survived by her husband, Bill, their two sons, Michael Allen and Stephen Allen; her sister, Pat Hadfield of Wilmington, Del.; and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ahimsa House, 310 E. Market St., Blue Ridge, Ga. 30137.

No plans have been announced at this time.
Pickens County reviews 2018 accomplishments

BY TUCKER GREEN

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- Pickens County Public Works removed 2.2 million tons of road across the county, in addition to trees and placed 31 miles of roads that were apertured or cut through the year. In addition, a total of roughly 84 miles of roads were treated with salt and laid in the winter months. Further, Pickens Fire and Rescue responded to 19,883 calls marking their busiest year in department history; 8,899 of the total calls were medical responses or fire related.
- The 911 Operations Center received 6,331 new requests and revised two county ordinance requests and revised two county ordinances.
- The Pickens County Recreation Department issued 400 building permits, 127 new business licenses, and renewed 108 business licenses for the year. Also, Planning and Development received 17 building permits.
- The Pickens County Board of Animal Control brought in 1,006 animals and adopted out 1,001 animals during 2018.
- The Pickens Animal Shelter brought in 985 animals and adopted out 1,001 animals.
- Pickens Animal Shelter brought in 777 new animals and placed over 1,000 dogs out of the 1,306 Big Canoe, Pickens County, GA.

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Susie Dean Dunlap, 85, of Big Canoe passed away after a quiet and courageous battle with cancer on Dec. 26, 2018. She was surrounded by her loving family in her home. Susan was born on September 26, 1933 in Milledgeville, Georgia to the late Bertie and Thomas Gordon Dean. She earned her bachelor’s degree in accounting from Clemson University. She enjoyed playing piano, Clemson football games, volunteering with the Big Canoe Animal Rescue and founded the Night Readers Book Club. She was a loving wife, mother and a doting grandparent. After raising her daughters, she became the co-owner of a successful business with her husband, she still works full-time as a wonderful friend and for her tough and resilient spirit. She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends.

Dunlap Dunlap survived her husband of almost 35 years, Greg Dunlap; daughters, Pamela Allen (Jordan) and Beverly Dunlap; grandchildren, Maddie; and Olivia Allen; brother, William Dean Dunlap; sister, Betty (Beth); and nieces and nephews, Scott and Caroline (Betty); brother-in-law, Jeffery Dunlap (Beth); and cousins and nephews, Scott Dunlap (Gayle), Kelly McCane (Tim), Patricia Dunlap (Jeannie Frithkopf), (Tim) and Tracey Delif (John).

A celebration of her life will be held at the Big Canoe Chapel, Saturday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Big Canoe Animal Rescue, 123 Big Canoe, Big Canoe GA 30143 for updates throughout 2019.

- The Pickens County Board of Elections and Ethics underwent four successful elections during 2018. Currently, they are preparing for the 2019 election cycle of city races to be held in November 5.

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Craig named Pickens’ citizen of the year

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The Pickens Report

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Casual Classics present ‘Masterworks for clarinet and piano’

Laura Ardan, principal clarinetist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and William Kranz, associate professor of music at Emory University, will be featured on the February program of the Casual Classics Concert Series. The concert is slated for 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 25 at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, 307 Bent Tree Drive, Jasper. Admission to the concert is free, but contributions are gratefully accepted in order to fund the expenses for the series.

Clarinetist Laura Ardan was the youngest principal clarinetist to join a major symphony orchestra when she became principal clarinet with the Atlanta Symphony in 1982. A student of Roger Hiller and Stanley Drucker, she attended the Juilliard School on scholarships from both the Juilliard and the Naumburg Foundation. She is a founding member of the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta and teaches at Emory University.

Program:

The program will include the “First Clarinet Sonata,” opus. 120/1 by Johannes Brahms, “Suite from the Victorian Kitchen Garden” by Paul Reade, “After You, Mr. Gershwin,” by Bela Kovacs, as well as several piano solo works by Frédéric Chopin.

Holy Family presents mezzo soprano Caroline Rollins

Caroline Rollins will present a free recital at Holy Family beginning at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17. Her program will feature works by Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Mendelssohn, and others.

Rollins serves as the Alto Section Leader at St. James Episcopal Church, Asheville, N.C. A student of Dr. Stuart Lyle, Rollins has performed recitals in North and South Carolina. Her performance at Holy Family marks her Georgia debut. She also sings with the Royal School of Church Music–America National Choir at Westminster Abbey, London. When not singing, Rollins is an attorney, licensed in South Carolina, and practicing in the area of Social Security disability.

As usual, the Holy Family parish choir will sing chorale evening following the recital. A reception follows evening so that you may meet and greet Rollins. The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family is located on Griffin Road, off of Cove Road, across from Dollar General in Jasper. For more information, please see www.holyfamilyepiscopalchurch.net or call 770-893-4525.

Future free concerts at Holy Family:

• March 17: Treble Choir from St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, Atlanta
• April 28: Special guest choir
• May 19: Uncommon Practice

For additional information, contact Concert Manager Calvert Johnson at calvertjohnson@gmail.com or 404-373-0748.
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**E** veryone has a story to tell. In writing it is a way people make sense out of their lives. For many, writing is a necessity. For others, it is a hobby or a way to express themselves. Writing is a form of communication that can be as simple as a conversation or as complex as a novel.

In the past, writing was a way to record events and pass knowledge between generations. Today, writing is used to express personal ideas and emotions. Writing is a tool for self-expression, a way to connect with others, and a means of preserving memory.

There are many different forms of writing, including personal writing, creative writing, and professional writing. Personal writing includes journaling, letter writing, and diary keeping. Creative writing includes poetry, short stories, and novels. Professional writing includes technical writing, business writing, and academic writing.

Writing is a valuable skill that can be used in a variety of careers. Whether you are a student, a worker, or a retired person, you can benefit from practicing your writing skills. Writing helps you think clearly and organize your thoughts. Writing also helps you communicate your ideas to others.

There are many resources available to help you improve your writing skills. You can find writing workshops and classes at local libraries and community centers. You can also find writing resources online. Many websites offer writing tips, writing exercises, and writing prompts.

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**SURVEY**

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**FURTHER READING**


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**CONTACT**

For more information about improving writing skills, please contact the Writing Center at your local library or community center. They can provide resources and support to help you improve your writing skills.

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**APPENDIX**

A list of additional resources for improving writing skills is included at the end of this document.
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Dawson Commissioners vote to accept comprehensive plan

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The Dawson County Board of Commissioners, at its January 7 meeting, approved the purchase of a new computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system for E-911. The Dawson County Chamber of Commerce President Christie Moore presented a proposal to upgrade the county’s current CAD dispatch system for E-911.

"The current CAD system is outdated and keeping the system up is becoming more and more difficult," Moore said. "This CAD upgrade has been a long time coming and Dawson County should finally have some relief in sight from the recurring problems associated with our current system." Test messaging will be an option once the new system is up and running, according to Hawk, but there would be a possibility of losing funding.
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Upon her arrival at Whitmire Animal Hospital, Dr. Will Gholston estimated she had been stuck for more than 24 hours. 

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A dog’s age can be estimated with several different factors: body shape, coat condition, coat color, and also by their teeth explained Practice Manager Kristina Gholston. “Elderly animals, they do get a little matted and it was far too difficult to be able to see her joints from the day she was brought into our animal hospital at (706) 265-1088 or by coming in person at 149 Whitmire Drive in Dawsonville. Donations can be made to the angel fund at the clinic, according to Gholston. 

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Regarding immunocontraception, it is in their sanctuary, we can do the same in Wildlife Sanctuary. It seems reasonable is that residents complain that we should The only reason I mentioned the pines, which deer do not eat. seedlings or saplings of trees other than Wildflower Trail. Also, in Nature Valley wildflowers in Nature Valley disappeared. The only traces left are the signs on the ecosystems. During the explosion of the evidence of deer destruction to forest capitol on Jan. 17, Gov. Brian Kemp gave the State of the State address at this year, which starts July 1.

Georgia Racing Hall of Fame. The breakfast is a forum for Tanner to sponsor and work that needs to be done this year, including mental health issues. to his constituents at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, Tab Spence addresses its constituents at a breakfast meeting at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, Lawrenceville, Ga. The session will run with a location alternating between the Wagon Wheel restaurant in Dacula, Ga. and the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame.

The biologic and economic reality is that predispersal is the best approach at this time.

The proposed state funding for the next fiscal year is over $50 Billion and then we could afford the presentation of Table 3, an overview of the relationships between the years 2001/2002 and 2011/2012. The table shows that the number of deer harvested increased significantly from 2001/2002 to 2011/2012. This is consistent with the findings of previous studies, which have reported a positive correlation between the number of harvested deer and the number of deerGap. The increase in the number of harvested deer is likely due to improved management practices, including improved hunting regulations and increased enforcement of hunting laws. In addition, the increase in the number of harvested deer may be due to changes in the deer population, such as changes in the age and sex ratio of the population, which can affect the number of harvestable males. However, further research is needed to confirm these findings and to better understand the factors that contribute to the observed increase in the number of harvested deer. 

In conclusion, the proposed state funding for the next fiscal year is significant and will be used to improve the management of the deer population in Georgia. The increase in the number of harvested deer is a positive outcome of these efforts, and it is important to continue to monitor the population to ensure its sustainability and to ensure that the population remains in balance with the environment.
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