

THE STEWARD

WEST GEORGIA

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FAMILY & NEARBY PLACES

Your next family outing may start at the library

A park pass. A borrowed pair of binoculars. An afternoon with room to enjoy it.



A northern cardinal at a feeder. Begin by noticing the birds around you.

Before buying another thing for a day outdoors, ask what your library can lend you. Georgia's public-library program includes a ParkPass for parking and a separate Historic Site Family Pass for two general admissions. Special events, tours, and program fees are not included in that admission pass.

There is also a Discovery Backpack with binoculars and nature guides. Ask your branch about availability before planning around one; borrowing limits apply. West Georgia Regional Library System lists the local pass choices and checkout conditions.

[Georgia library passes & Discovery Backpacks](#)
[West Georgia passes, availability & limits](#)

Program facts checked September 8. Planning suggestions are from The Steward. Confirm current availability with your library.

FROM AROUND HERE

The useful things neighbors know

A repaired tool. An old photograph with a place and a date. A garden lesson that saved a wasted season. The small things are part of this place's story.

This edition's question: What local information takes you too long to find?

Send your town, question, or idea to moss.sonsproperty@gmail.com. We check facts and ask permission before publishing contributions.

AROUND HERE

A few dates for the calendar

Mon, Sept. 14 · 2-3 p.m.

It's Cornhole Day!

An indoor miniature cornhole activity for families.

Buchanan-Haralson Public Library
145 Van Wert Street, Buchanan

Fee and registration details are not stated; ask the library.

[Check the organizer's listing](#)

Mon, Sept. 21 · 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate Mo Willems

A library program celebrating the author's characters and stories.

Buchanan-Haralson Public Library
145 Van Wert Street, Buchanan

Ask about ages, registration, and access before going.

[Check the organizer's listing](#)

Times are local. WGRLS listings checked September 8. Confirm changes with the library: 770-646-3369.

BEFORE YOU GO

[Weather & alerts](#)
[River planning & conditions](#)

Check the update time. This printed edition is not a live weather or river report.

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE

A local business. A place in the paper.

We can help write and arrange your ad. See the advertising desk on page 4.



Read online.
Post an item.
Send a local notice.

AT THE COUNTY DESK

Ambulance service, a tower request, and school taxes

These were listed for votes on the September 1 county commission agenda. The agenda establishes what was scheduled; the final decisions have not been verified for this edition.

Ambulance service

An Ambucare contract was on the agenda. The accompanying packet includes an emergency medical services agreement. A useful follow-up is what coverage and contract terms the board ultimately approved.

Rockmart and Coppermine roads

A request sought conditional use of agricultural land for a telecommunications tower. Nearby residents can read the location and proposal in the county packet, then ask for the recorded decision and any conditions.

School tax levy

A Haralson County Board of Education tax-levy resolution was listed for a vote. We have not verified the adopted rate or its effect on a household bill, so this edition reports neither a tax increase nor a decrease.

[September 1 agenda](#)

[County meeting papers and later minutes](#)

Document-based reporting, not an account of attendance. Outcome verification is still needed. County office: 770-646-2002.

COMING UP

Tues, Sept. 15 • 6 p.m.

County commission work session

155 Van Wert Street, Buchanan. The county lists this meeting; check the agenda and any schedule changes before attending. Ask the county about access needs or speaking procedures.

[Check current details](#)

Sat, Sept. 19 • Advertised start: 9 a.m.

Fried Pie Festival

Downtown Buchanan, near the historic courthouse. The organizer advertises September 19. Confirm this year's hours, admission and parking before going; the map on the historical society's page is labeled 2025.

[Check current details](#)

[Organizer's announcement](#)

Mon, Oct. 5 • Registration deadline

Check your voter registration

Georgia's calendar lists October 5 as the registration deadline for the November 3 general election. Advance voting begins October 13. Confirm your registration and local voting information through the official voter page.

[Check current details](#)

[Official election calendar](#)

Sources: county calendar, festival organizer, and Georgia Secretary of State. Checked Sept. 8; times are local.

THE STEWARD ALMANAC

A little preparation for the season ahead

GARDEN

Make room for a modest fall crop

UGA's nearby Paulding County guidance suggests planning around sunlight and access, clearing finished summer plants, and testing soil when needed. Cabbage and broccoli may be started as transplants; greens and radishes are among seed options. Ask Haralson Extension what fits your site and timing.

[Read the practical guidance](#)

Garden guidance: UGA Extension, August 2023, reviewed September 8, 2026. The property walk and field-note activity are The Steward's practical suggestions; they are not forecasts.

HOME & LAND

Walk the water's path

On a dry day, look from the ground for blocked drainage openings, displaced gravel, and places where water has left a mark. Note what you see before buying materials. Leave steep banks, flowing water, and heavy covers alone; use the existing guide to decide what needs help.

[Read the practical guidance](#)

BRING THE CHILDREN INTO IT

Keep one page of field notes

Choose a familiar bench, yard, or short path. Have a child record the date, a bird, a leaf, or one change since the last visit. Sketching counts. Use a notebook you already own and leave wildlife undisturbed.

[Read the practical guidance](#)

PEOPLE WORTH KNOWING

Meshea Ingram's work to stand beside families

Love Can Build a Briggs connects water-safety education with care for parents living with loss.

Meshea Ingram's published account begins with her son Briggs, who died at two years old following a drowning accident in 2022. She describes Christian faith as central to the work she began in his memory: Love Can Build a Briggs.

The foundation describes two connected purposes: helping families prepare around water and supporting people after the loss of a child. Its website offers swim-scholarship applications and describes educational outreach, remembrance activities, and support for grieving families.

The Greater Haralson Chamber lists Love Can Build a Briggs as its 2026 Unsung Heroes Non-Profit of the Year. That recognition brings a local family's work to the attention of neighbors who may need help, or may have something useful to offer.

[Meshea's published account](#)
[Foundation programs and scholarship application](#)
[Chamber's 2026 award list](#)
[CDC: swimming lessons and supervision](#)

Prepared from the founder's published account, foundation information, the Chamber's award list, and CDC guidance; no interview conducted. This is editorial coverage, not an advertisement or an independent evaluation of a swim program.

For parents interested in a scholarship, begin with the foundation's application and ask about eligibility, current availability, instructors, and costs. A lesson is one part of preparation. CDC advises that children still need close, continuous supervision around water even after swimming lessons.

There is room to notice this work without asking a grieving family to turn its loss into an uplifting ending. Read Meshea's own account if you would like to understand more. The practical invitation is to learn what help exists and ask what is actually needed.

ACROSS AMERICA

A small shorebird has a record year

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported 99 nesting pairs of Great Lakes piping plovers in 2026, up from 88 in 2025. A total of 184 chicks reached flight, including 24 raised through the captive-rearing program.

The agency credits work by partners and volunteers on nesting protection, habitat, and public education. The population remains endangered. This is progress worth noticing, with more recovery work ahead.

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service · Sept. 3, 2026](#)
A Great Lakes recovery story, not a report of birds counted in Haralson County.

IN THE WIDER WORLD

Years of patient work, fewer people suffering

In January, the Atlanta-based Carter Center reported a provisional worldwide total of 10 human Guinea worm cases for 2025. The campaign began in 1986, when annual human cases were estimated at 3.5 million.

National health programs, field workers, community volunteers, and international partners have sustained the effort. Animal infections and continued transmission remain challenges; the disease has not been eradicated. These are 2025 figures reported in 2026, not a count of this year's cases.

[Carter Center · Jan. 30, 2026 report](#)
[How the international partnership works](#)

A progress report worth revisiting; not breaking news or personal medical advice.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WORK

Good that keeps going

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10 · KJV

Paul's appeal comes amid instructions about restoring gently, carrying burdens, and persevering in doing good. In the same chapter, he points his boasting to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our standing before GOD rests in Christ; useful work is a response to grace.

Our application this week is simple: learn the facts before repeating a claim, take one burden off a neighbor, and do the useful thing you can finish. A quiet act of care may never become a headline. It still matters.

[Read Galatians 6 in context](#)

BEFORE YOU BUY

Before another bag of fertilizer, test the soil

A struggling lawn or garden is a question to investigate. A soil test can help identify nutrient needs and guide lime and fertilizer choices; it does not diagnose every plant problem.

Start with one clearly identified area and tell Extension what you want to grow. Ask for sampling directions before collecting. Keep areas with different uses or conditions separate, and use clean tools and containers.

Haralson County UGA Extension handles questions about soil and water testing at 770-646-2026. Ask about the current fee, drop-off procedure, and turnaround. You probably do not need a new gadget to collect the sample.

[Haralson County UGA Extension UGA soil-sampling guidance](#)

UGA guidance; local contact checked September 8.

HOME & LAND

Measure the gate before ordering the load

The price of the material is only part of a delivery. Before ordering gravel, firewood, or a bulky used item, agree on how it will reach the place where you need it.

Measure the narrowest entrance. Note tight turns, overhead obstacles, slopes, and the unloading spot. Send the supplier clear pictures, then ask what vehicle will come and what access it requires. Your measurements help start that conversation; they do not certify access.

If lifting or walking is difficult, say where you need the load left and ask whether placement or stacking is included. Paying for useful handling can make sense. Buying more than you can store or manage does not.

[Free delivery-access planner](#)

Practical planning guidance from Moss & Sons; the delivering operator must confirm access.

FAMILY OUTDOORS

Leave room to turn around

For a first family ride, plan a short outing with an easy way back. Agree on the turnaround point before you leave and let the least comfortable rider help set the pace.

The free family ride planner helps you outline distance, time, and a return point. Read the route preview together. It cannot certify a road as safe, predict quiet traffic, or inspect today's surface.

Before going, use the riding guide to check helmets, bike fit, passenger arrangements, and the rules for your chosen place. A short ride everyone wants to repeat is a worthwhile day.

[Plan a short family ride](#)

[West Georgia family riding guide](#)

Planning suggestions. Check current route conditions and land-manager rules.

BUY · SELL · FIND · PUT IT BACK TO WORK

THE TRADING POST

For sale · Wanted · Free · Sale or trade

POST AN ITEM FOR REVIEW

Give the item, condition, known faults, and what is included.

State the actual price or write Free. For a wanted item, give a budget.

Include your town and pickup or delivery arrangements. Keep your home address out of the public description.

We follow up for photos and agree on the public contact details before publication.

[mossandsonsga.com/trading-post](#)

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Bicycles, e-bikes, and trikes. Model review, assembly, and arranged pickup or local delivery.

[mossandsonsga.com/bike-assembly](#)

Arrange service before shipping.

WORK & COMMUNITY NOTICES

Need a hand? Have work to offer?

Send the town, work, hours, pay or terms, and a way to respond. Local events and yard-sale dates are welcome for review.

THE LOCAL ADVERTISING DESK

Let neighbors know what you do

Classified · Business box · Section sponsor

Send your offer and contact details. We prepare a proof; you approve wording, price, placement, and run dates. Advertising is labeled and does not buy a recommendation.

Pilot prices are quoted individually. No payment with an inquiry. No guaranteed readership or results. Print and email runs must be confirmed before being sold.

ON THE BACK PORCH

A little word work

Change one letter at a time, keeping the letters in place. Make a real word at every step.

WOOD > ____ > ____ > SOLD

One answer: WOOD > GOOD > GOLD > SOLD.