Preparing the welcome home Vietnam vets ‘never received’

Don Levans, left, and Thomas James roll out the banner that will be displayed during the Veterans Day program Saturday at the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park in Carrollton. The program will honor all veterans with a special tribute to Vietnam War era veterans by providing them with the ‘welcome home they never received’ The Carroll County Wind Ensemble will perform beginning at 11 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. Levans is president of the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park Association.

State steps into issue with Villa Rica railroad DOT wants to close crossing downtown

The Villa Rica City Council on Tuesday addressed a continuing dispute with the Norfolk Southern Railway and its proposal that the Cheevers Street railroad crossing downtown be closed in order to preserve the landscaping in the area. City Manager David Milliron described an escalation in the dispute, saying the state — for reasons yet unexplained — has initiated steps on its own that could result in the closing of the Cheevers Street crossing.

The railroad has been clearing its right of way for vegetation along its route from Atlanta westward primarily so motorists can have an unobstructed view of oncoming trains at grade crossings. According to that plan, no vegetation higher than one foot will be allowed within 500 feet of a crossing, extending out to as far as 100 feet on both sides of the track. If carried out, the plan would wipe out virtually all of the vegetation along the railroad tracks downtown, including the Railroad Park, in which the city has invested thousands of dollars, and which is the centerpiece of a plan for the long-term development of downtown into a magnet for tourists, visitors and city residents.

Sharing the (cake) love

Chef, author, entrepreneur will speak at West Georgia

Warren Brown opened his first bakery, CakeLove, in 2002. On Nov. 9, he’ll be sharing the ups and downs of his entrepreneurial journey.

NO ONE has lowered their water usage. Our usage is still as high as it always has been.

Matt Brass said he is not focused on Jane Horns, the write-in candidate now challenging him for the Georgia State Senate District 28 seat.

His focus, he said, is to preserve his state, familiarizing himself with the rules and paying attention to various pieces of legislation, especially health care.

Brass has also been busy in his private life as he and his wife, Maegan, welcomed their third child, a daughter, two weeks ago. The couple has two toddler sons. He has been back and forth to Washington, D.C., where he
focus on the needs and wants of customers really well and really were able to get to know our local community, because we were a local bakery and we were operating in the community as part of a changing economic environment.

"It was a product that I could offer people that they may not be able to offer themselves. And the reason I chose cake over experiment with recipes. It was just the right product for what that cake is time consuming, and people may not always have time to bake a cake. But you need cake for special occasions: birthdays, baby showers, weddings. It could just be the right product as well, because we can build a business around cake."

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