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Charges pending in train vs car accident

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The Warner Robins Police Department's Traffic Division is currently investigating a vehicle versus train accident that happened Monday at around 3 p.m. on Watson Blvd. at Highway 247.

Preliminary investigation shows a Ford Fusion was traveling south on Hwy 247 and turned right to go west on Watson Blvd. The train was traveling north. The vehicle crossed in to the path of the train and was struck.

Officers reported that four passengers occupied the vehicle. The driver had a

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Warner Robins Police remained on scene for a couple of hours redirecting traffic.

WRPD investigates Sunday morning armed robbery

Staff Reports

Warner Robins Police officers were called to the Dollar General store located at 2451 Watson Blvd. Sunday morning in reference to an armed robbery.

According to the clerk, a tall black male weighing over 200 pounds wearing dark pants, green jacket and some kind of facial covering, entered the store armed with a gun and demanded the store money.

Officers said the clerk also reported that the male then fled on foot in an unknown direction with an undisclosed amount of money. No one was injured and there

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Barn fire on Highway 41



Firefighters remained on scene close to midnight Friday checking to make sure all hot spots were properly extinguished.

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The Warner Robins Fire and Peach County Fire departments were dispatched to a location off of Highway 41 Friday night in reference to a structure fire of an abandoned barn house.

Peach County Fire Sergeant Doug

Kelley said the fire happened at around 10:06 p.m. and crews had it extinguished within 10 minutes. No firefighters were injured. Kelley said they spoke with the owner, who then informed them that the fire possibly started by landscape crew's equipment.

The owner told Kelley that one

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Work opportunity for H.A.L.O Group

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Over the weekend the Vintage Market Days was back at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry and once again partnered with the H.A.L.O Group of Middle Georgia.

The H.A.L.O Group of Middle Georgia helps train adults with autism and other developmental disabilities for jobs. Lynn Fleming, promoter of Vintage Market Days, said that she and the group got together at the first show last year.

"I was needing to staff the event

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H.A.L.O. student Josh Bryant (middle) and volunteers helped customers carry purchases to their vehicles, Saturday.

Hilltop Elementary PBIS kickoff proves successful



Friday morning the students from Hilltop Elementary School gathered for a pep rally featuring the Veterans High School Warhawks football team, cheerleaders and marching band to kick off their Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program.

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The Hilltop Hawks learned how to S.O.A.R. at the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (PBIS) Friday morning.

Hilltop Elementary School students got a friendly visit from members of the Veterans High football team, cheerleaders and band. Hilltop Mascot, Harold the Hawk and Warner Robins Mayor Randy Toms also made an appearance.

As students gathered into the gymnasium, they were met with a spirited hello from their war hawk counterparts. VHS football players cheered on students by giving out high fives and posing for pictures. VHS students dressed as Marvel's Captain America and Disney's Princess Belle

were there showing support as well.

Throughout the event, it was clear the school staff wanted to cement one acronym into the minds of the students in attendance: S.O.A.R. S.O.A.R. stands for **Safety first, staying On task, Always being respectful and Responsible.** These are the four principles by which the students will follow throughout the school year and the admin made sure to emphasize them at the event.

The goal of the PBIS kickoff was to encourage students to practice proper behavior in school and highlight students for their capabilities. Hilltop staffers performed songs promoting positive classroom conduct and respect for others as a way of implementing this strategy.

Veterans head football

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