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## New district attorney plans hands-on role in bringing change to Dublin Circuit

**Payton Town III**  
For The Courier Herald

Harold McLendon plans to hit the ground running next week when he becomes the new district attorney for the Dublin Judicial Circuit.

McLendon, who won the Republican primary over incumbent Craig Fraser and faced no opposition in November, will be sworn in at 11 a.m. Monday in the Laurens County Courthouse.

"It should be a real nice celebration," McLendon said. "After I'm sworn in, I will immediately swear in the assistant DAs that will be there. We are hoping to have all of the sheriffs from all four counties there, representatives from each one of the police departments and county commissioners from the whole circuit (Laurens, Johnson, Treutlen and Twiggs counties). We are hoping all of them are very supportive and committed, and we'd like for them to be a part of the celebration."

He plans to meet with those who will be working in the DA's office. McLendon wants to get ideas from everybody and plans to have policies and procedures for everyone.

"We will have time-tested methods we are going to use to right the ship," McLendon said.

The new DA plans to have teams in his office go out to the crime scene. McLendon said it is impossible to prepare for a trial if they do not go to the scene and talk with witnesses there.

"You aren't going to get a relationship with a witness if you have to have them come to your office," he said. "It's essential that we have vehicles to



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be able to do that. It's inappropriate to have a deputy sheriff use their own car to go on patrol. We need six cars, and three total teams with three attorneys, a paralegal and an investigator and they will be required to work those cases, locate witnesses and subpoena witnesses. It will be a total effort by each team."

McLendon's son will leave the DA's office and take over his father's practice. McLendon has recruited new employees from different places. He has known them for years.

"They have to have public service at the heart of what they do," he said. "Each one of these, I guarantee you, are doing this for the right reasons. When I was 5 years old, my father predicted this day. He drilled into me that public service is something that you want to do."

McLendon wants his assistant DAs to be ready when it comes to trying cases. He said it costs the taxpayers about \$1,200 in man-hours when cases are continued.

"We can't afford to keep doing that," he said.

A few months after the election, a reception was held to celebrate McLendon. Former Dublin Mayor Phil Best was excited about McLendon becoming the new DA.

"Harold will bring people together," Best said. "I've known Harold since the early 1990s. Later, he became the city court municipal judge. We worked very closely, and he did a tremendous job. He was a fair and just, merciful judge at the city. I think we could not

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The Carter Center

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter greet people in Jakarta during the Carter Center's observation of elections in Indonesia, June 7, 1999.

## How Phil Walden and the Allman Brothers Band helped elect Jimmy Carter

**Caleb Slinkard & Casey Choung**  
The Macon Melody

When Jimmy Carter announced his presidential campaign in 1974, the Georgia governor was fairly unknown outside the Peach State. He was in desperate need of two things: public awareness and money.

Carter received both from Phil Walden, co-founder of Macon's Capricorn Records, and the Allman Brothers Band.

Journalist and author Alan Paul has written two books about ABB — "One Way Out: The Inside History of the Allman Brothers Band" and "Brothers and Sisters: The Allman Brothers Band and the Album That Defined the 70s." Paul told The Melody that Phil Walden played an instrumental role in what was a unique idea at the time: leveraging the cultural power of musi-

cians to build political support.

"Carter took the music industry in Georgia seriously," Paul said. "He came down to Macon and had a meeting with Phil in 1974. They got along really well. When Carter decided to run for president, it was sort of an obvious place for him to turn for support, and Phil was all in."

Carter won Gregg Allman over as well in 1974. Invited to an event for Bob Dylan and The Band at the governor's mansion, Allman showed up late but was invited inside, where Carter quoted some of Allman's lyrics and listened to an Elmore James record with him. Carter also visited Capricorn Studios when ABB guitarist Dickey Betts was recording his album "Highway Call."

"Gregg just liked Carter," Paul

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## What did Middle Georgia search on Google in 2024?

**Mary Helene Hall**  
Times Journal Post

Whenever you have a burning question, what is your first instinct? For many of us, we pick up our phones and ask our search engine of choice for the answer.

In the United States, over 90% of search engine users opt to use Google, according to Statcounter.

Google releases its annual Year in Search report at the end of each year through Google Trends, which allows anyone to see what people around the world are searching at any given moment. In 2024, the company revealed some of the world's top searches, which included topics ranging from the Olympics to the United States election.

What Google Trends also allows us to see, however, is how certain metropolitan areas used their search engine based on Nielsen Designated Market Areas. Macon's DMA includes the following counties: Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Crawford, Dodge, Dooly, Hancock, Houston, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Macon, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Taylor, Tel-

fair, Treutlen, Twiggs, Washington, Wheeler, Wilcox and Wilkinson.

Looking back at 2024, here are some of Middle Georgia's most interesting search queries and topics.

Some similar terms were combined to show more information for each list. Lists with quotation marks denote a prompt where a specific word was used in conjunction with the top search terms.

These terms were not the most searched throughout the year; rather, they represent searches that had the highest increase in frequency compared to previous years.

### Locales

"Macon" searches:

1. Amphitheater
2. Dick's Sporting Goods
3. Taco Mac
4. Pointe Grand
5. Pruitthealth

"Warner Robins" searches:

1. Jim 'n' Nicks
2. Pratt Industries
3. Surcheros
4. Slim Chickens
5. Early voting

"Perry" searches:

1. Amici
2. Perry Fair 2024
3. Trattoria Di Napoli
4. Longhorns
5. Wholesale Tire



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"Dublin" searches:

1. TV35
2. Oconee River level
3. Golden Ticket Cinemas
4. Domino's
5. Deals

"Near me" searches:

1. Joann Fabrics
2. Chili's
3. Crunch Fitness
4. Freddy's
5. Books-a-million

### Questions

"What is" searches:

1. What is Project 2025?
2. What is galaxy gas?
3. What is a key party?
4. What is fracking?
5. What is a sonic boom?

"How to" searches:

1. How to vote / register to vote
2. How to tie a bow with ribbon
3. How to transfer data from one iPhone to another

4. How to get Juice WRLD in Fortnite

5. How to get Lights Final Toll in Deepwoken

"Who" searches:

1. Who is winning the election?
2. Who won the election?
3. Who shot Trump?
4. Who is Kamala Harris?
5. Who won the Mike Tyson fight?

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**Carter, from 1:**

said. “They had lived their lives feeling like they were outcasts from mainstream society. For a guy like the governor to come and hang out in Macon, that meant a lot to them.”

The Allman Brothers played a benefit concert for Carter on Nov. 25, 1975 at the civic center in Providence, Rhode Island. No one knows exactly how much money they raised, due in part to post-Watergate campaign finance regulations that limited the amount of money politicians could receive from individual donors. But the money, while needed, wasn't the most important aspect of ABB's support for Carter, Paul said.

“The money was insignificant compared to the attention it brought,” he said. “Jimmy Carter has this reputation of being this kind of nerdy guy who wore cardigans; a nuclear engineer and born-again Christian. His association with the coolest rock stars in the world didn't hurt. The Allman Brothers' support, along with Hunter S. Thompson, who got Rolling Stone magazine to get behind Carter, gave him credence among younger, hipper people. It raised his overall profile.”

What drew Walden and ABB to Carter? His rise to power in Georgia in the early 1970s as a progressive Democrat juxtaposed him against his predecessors like Gov. Lester Maddox.

“Maddox was a racist who refused to integrate his own restaurant's lunch counter, beating protestors with an axe handle,” Paul said. “Phil and ABB had, certainly for their time, progressive views regarding race. It really offended them, the way Maddox talked about Black people. Phil found it embarrassing when he traveled out of the South and people associated his accent with people like Maddox.”

“They took great pride in Carter. For that type of modern Southern white man to have a national platform meant a lot to them. He was someone who made them proud of where they lived.”

Big House Museum historian John Lynskey noted that Carter's friendship with Walden and the Allman Brothers Band was always “genuine.”

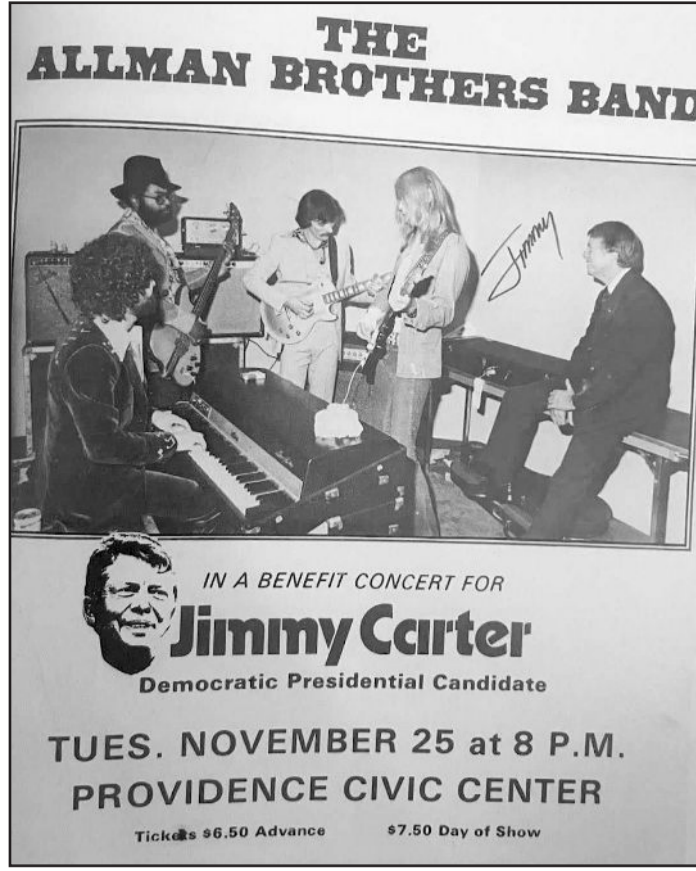
“The great thing about Jimmy Carter is he would wear an ABB concert T-shirt on the campaign trail,” Lynskey said. “He referred to the Allman

Brothers as his friends. He was proud of their relationship. They loved the fact that he was a fan of music, that he knew what he was talking about. He wasn't just a politician.”

Carter recognized the instrumental nature of the Allman Brothers in his election and addressed graduates at Mercer University in 2016, where he also bestowed an honorary doctorate to Gregg Allman. Carter said that the band's endorsement reassured voters that he “must be qualified to be President of the United States.”

Carter also served on Mercer's board of trustees starting in 2012, and before that, passed funding for the university's medical school during his term as Georgia's governor.

“President Carter, as with every endeavor he pursued, was an active, engaged trustee,” Mercer President William Underwood said. “Until his health began to decline in 2019, he never missed a board meeting. He asked tough questions, offered keen insights, and took every opportunity to advance Mercer and its mission. He offered wise counsel to me and was a good friend.”



Courtesy The Big House Museum  
A flyer promoting the Allman Brothers Band's benefit concert for Jimmy Carter in Nov. 25, 1975.



**Bleckley Sheriff sworn in**

Chief Superior Court Judge Sarah F. Wall swore in Sheriff Daniel Cape on Dec. 30 for his first regular term as Bleckley County Sheriff. Wall also previously conducted both ceremonies in which Cape was sworn in as Interim Sheriff and as Sheriff after winning a special election.

Photo via Bleckley County Office of the Sheriff

**Woman arrested for animal cruelty**

Christian McKearney  
Times Journal Post

A Wilkinson County woman was locked up four days before Christmas and charged with four counts of animal cruelty.

The suspect was listed as Joanie Leigh Ratcliff, 41. The incident occurred at a property in the 2600 block of Dennard Hardy Road and behind the Gordon Animal Clinic. Three dogs, who were "on chain leashes in the front yard of the dwelling with ribs showing with no food or water," according to the police report, were discovered by the landlord, while another dog was located in a crate. The landlord relayed to deputies that "Deon Hill and Joanie Ratcliff were renting the apartment, but she "wasn't sure if both parties were regularly staying at the residence anymore."

All four dogs were later treated at the nearby Gordon Animal Clinic.

**2024 closes with another serious accident at same intersection**

Christian McKearney  
Times Journal Post

For the second time in seven months, the intersection of US 441 and Ga. 112 was the scene of a fatal wreck.

The first 911 call went out around 5:30 a.m. on Monday, and first responders converged en masse. A white Nissan Rogue was crossing US 441, coming from the direction of Allentown, when it was T-boned by a log truck, according to Coroner Billy Matthews, whose last day as coroner was Monday.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of McIntyre, Georgia will hold a Public Hearing on Monday January 06, 2025 to hear comments on the 2025 Proposed Budget.

The Public Hearing will be held at 4:30pm at the McIntyre City Hall located at 102 Railroad St. The City Council meeting will be held immediately after the Public Hearing. A copy of the budget is available for viewing at McIntyre City Hall or online at [www.mcintyregga.com](http://www.mcintyregga.com). To request a copy, you can call 478.946.2037 or email [mcintyreclerk@outlook.com](mailto:mcintyreclerk@outlook.com)

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**Google, from 1:**

- “Where” searches:
1. Where is Hurricane Helene?
  2. Where can I vote?
  3. Where to register to vote
  4. Twin where have you been (Lyric from “Made for Me” by Muni Long)
  5. Where to watch Alabama vs. Georgia football

- “Why” searches:
1. Why is my husband yelling at me?
  2. Why is my wife yelling at me?
  3. Why are Family Dollar stores closing?
  4. Why is gas going up?
  5. Why is Earth considered a magnet?

- “How long” searches
1. How long until 7 a.m.?
  2. How long is Inside Out 2?
  3. How long is Deadpool and Wolverine?
  4. How long will the cicadas be here?
  5. How long is Moana 2?

Term/word definition searches:

1. Fracking
2. Carrying capacity
3. Sally
4. Pervert
5. Kent

**Pop culture and sports**

TV show searches:

1. Fallout
2. Shōgun
3. Tracker
4. Cross
5. The Penguin

Book searches:

1. Iron Flame by Rebecca Yarros
2. Hillbilly Elegy by JD Vance
3. And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
4. Abby Jimenez (author of romance novels)
5. Zane (author of erotic fiction novels)

“Lyrics” searches:

1. Not Like Us — Kendrick Lamar
2. Bossman Dlow (American rapper)
3. MILLION DOLLAR BABY — Tommy Richman

4. Yeah Glo! — GloRilla
5. HISS — Megan Thee Stallion

“Tickets” searches:

1. Chris Brown tickets
2. Super Bowl 2024 tickets
3. Usher concert tickets
4. Megan Moroney tickets
5. Trump rally tickets

“Score” searches:

1. Super Bowl 2024
2. UGA Baseball
3. Georgia vs. Georgia Tech
4. UGA vs. Texas
5. FSU Baseball

College sports searches:

1. FVSU football schedule
2. UConn vs. Purdue
3. FVSU homecoming 2024
4. FBS Division I
5. Clemson vs. SMU

**Lifestyle**

“Recipe” searches:

1. Twice baked potato recipe
2. Moscow mule recipe
3. Sausage balls recipe with bisquick
4. Lemon drop recipe
5. Eggnog recipe

“Where to buy” searches:

1. Quark cheese
2. Solar eclipse glasses
3. Ninja SLUSHi machine
4. Sexy Red lip gloss
5. Belk

“Best” searches:

1. Best National Parks to visit in the U.S.
2. Best Netflix movies 2024
3. Best credit cards 2024
4. Best laptops 2024
5. Best Buy Black Friday 2024

“Symptoms” searches:

1. Covid-19
2. Flu
3. Impetigo
4. Deviated septum
5. Pericarditis

Job searches:

1. AFCS
2. Fort Valley State University
3. Work at home jobs in Georgia
4. Amazon Force
5. Serving jobs near me

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Dublin, from 1:

have done any better than to get Harold to become our DA.”

The Rev. Elgin Dixon called this “an exciting time in the Dublin Judicial Circuit.”

“We are so elated for all the support that has been shown throughout the counties to help elect Harold McLendon as DA, and we can never say thank you enough for your support and undying efforts you showed during the election process,” Dixon said.

McLendon plans to have an investigator at law enforcement agencies. He said the Dublin Police Department has prepared a place for an investigator, while the Laurens County Sheriff's Office will provide a place for an investigator to work in the old 911 center once they move out. Each of the counties have places in their courthouses for them.

“This will help because the assistant district attorney is going to them to interview them and bring witnesses there,” McLendon said. “That will create a better relationship and continuity with law enforcement. We need to establish a family where there is not a family. We've got to get that back to where it needs to be.”

An early intervention program will be a key part of managing the cases, McLendon said. Approximately 12 percent of the cases in the Dublin Judicial Circuit will go through this program.

“My staff member handling this will go out to the Laurens County Jail, and each jail in the circuit, at least on a weekly basis, see who is in there and what they are arrested for,” McLendon said. “They'll decide if an individual has a case that qualifies to go through the intervention program. If it does, it'll never go to the court system. We'll take it, deal with it and dismiss the case.”

An example is a person who damages someone else's property and owes \$500. Another is if two people get into an argument and it is a simple battery case, they can be put in an anger management class.

“A lot of these type cases can go away,” McLendon said.

He was hoping to get a look at the current cases.

“We need them as soon as possible,” McLendon said. “We have a lot of murder cases out there, and we need our hands on them. My people are standing by to get those cases and get started on them.”

McLendon is concerned about violent crime cases. He said there are a certain percentage of people responsible for these types of crimes.

“And we need to address this head-on and not be bashful about it,” he said. “We have a big backlog and we have to reduce that and keep up with the ones coming in. It's a process and we have a plan to get those done simultaneously.”

Violent crimes are not going to be tolerated.

“The police do their job and the DA's office presents the cases,” McLendon said. “I will tell the juries that they will set the standards to what is acceptable in our community. If we do our part and the jury does their part, the judge sends a message that this is not acceptable. The sentence is very, very important, and everybody has a job to do and a role to play and we're going to have our part done.”

McLendon plans to have a role in the cases.

“It is important when you come to court that you see me, the elected district attorney. I'm the face of the DA's office, and I need to be there.”

# 2024: Trump turns the tables on Georgia Democrats

Dave Williams  
Capitol Beat

ATLANTA – Politics dominated 2024 in Georgia, a presidential election year that saw former President Donald Trump turn the tables on Democrats in the Peach State.

But Republican Trump's victory four years after President Joe Biden became the first Democrat to capture Georgia's 16 electoral votes since 1992 was far from the only political news to reverberate under the Gold Dome.

Two high-profile crimes that occurred this year in Georgia – the murder of nursing student Laken Riley at the University of Georgia and a mass shooting that killed four at a Barrow County high school – drove state lawmakers' agendas.

Here's a look at the top Georgia stories of 2024:

**Feb. 23:** Nursing student Laken Riley is murdered while jogging on the University of Georgia campus in Athens. Jose Ibarra, an illegal immigrant from Venezuela, is convicted in the killing. In the wake of the murder, majority Republicans in the General Assembly pass legislation cracking down on illegal immigration, largely along party lines.

**March 20:** The legislature's Repub-

lican majorities pass a private-school vouchers bill after years of failed efforts. The measure provides up to \$6,500 in annual funding to students who reside in a public school attendance zone that is in the lowest-performing 25% of all public schools in the state and wish to transfer to a private school.

**April 29:** After years of delays and cost overruns, the nuclear expansion at Georgia Power's Plant Vogtle goes into full commercial operation with the completion of the second of two new nuclear reactors.

**June 27:** President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump take part in a nationally televised debate in Atlanta. Biden's halting performance leads Democrats to replace him on the ticket with Vice President Kamala Harris.

**July 12:** Former Georgia Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine is sentenced to three and a half years in prison for conspiracy to commit health-care fraud in connection with unnecessary lab testing. In a guilty plea, Oxendine admits that his insurance consulting business ordered the tests from a lab company in Texas in return for hundreds of thousands of dollars in kickbacks.

**Sept. 4:** A teenage gunman is arrested and charged with shooting two teachers and two students to death



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President-elect of the United States Donald Trump speaking with attendees at the 2024 AmericaFest at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

at Apalachee High School in Barrow County. Colt Gray's father Colin is charged with giving his son access to the murder weapon, prompting Georgia lawmakers to call for legislation incentivizing gun owners to safely store their firearms.

**Sept. 27:** Hurricane Helene tears a path through South Georgia north through the Augusta area, killing 34 Georgians and causing heavy rainfall and widespread flooding as well as extensive power outages.

**Oct. 19:** A gangway on Sapelo Is-

land collapses under the weight of passengers waiting to take a state-operated ferry to the mainland following the annual Sapelo Cultural Day celebration, killing seven people.

**Nov. 5:** Republican Donald Trump carries Georgia by more than 115,000 votes over Democrat Kamala Harris on his way to winning the 2024 presidential election.

**Nov. 24:** Georgia Commissioner of Labor Bruce Thompson dies at age 59, eight months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

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The Twiggs County Board of Education intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for Twiggs County School District. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at the **Board Room, 952 Main Street, Jeffersonville, GA 31044, on January 10, 2025, at 6 PM.**

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at the **Board Room, 952 Main Street, Jeffersonville, GA 31044, on January 24, 2025, at 6 PM and January 31, 2025, at 9 AM.**

These hearings will provide information about HB 581, explain the opt-out process, and gather community feedback.

NOTICE								
The City of Gordon does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Gordon City Hall located at 115 College St. on January 6, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.								
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	Mobile Homes	306,272	305,945	408,163	444,742	444,742	456,908	
	Timber - 100%							
	Heavy Duty Equipment		484,485	62,360			383,948	
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	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	5.6210	4.2570	4.1230	5.0710	5.0000	3.3340	
	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	7.5000	7.5000	8.1000	7.9210	7.9330	7.9330	
T A X	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$378,415	\$445,304	\$512,574	\$522,225	\$519,283	\$641,785	
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## JUST JERRI

## The future looks good

Years ago, I was intrigued when a real estate client told me that he and a group of his buddies met together every other Sunday to play marbles at the Blue Grass Campground right here in Cochran!

Marbles? Wow! I thought the days of playing marbles were a thing of the past. How wrong I was. In searching the Internet I discovered that marble playing, once relegated to little kids on dusty playgrounds, was big stuff to a lot of folks.

The American Marble Tournament (formerly Mountaineer Marble Tournament) was organized in 1990. Players, mostly from Charlie's home state of West Virginia, were the initial participants.

In recent years, the tournament has grown to include participants all over the world. The group that met in Cochran were called the Grit Marble Club. Chuck Walker, one of the members, said they had named it after the old-time country newspaper, "Grit".

Those of us who remember the days when Jazzbo's store was an icon in Cochran, purchased our weekly Grit newspaper there. My,

wasn't life uncomplicated back then?

I think the members of the Grit Marble Club, like Charlie and I, long for those simple days when we didn't have to worry about terrorists blowing up buildings and having to warn our children about child molesters and kidnappers.

Actually, Grit is currently being published in a different format, but still with the simple, rural lifestyle in mind. When the first headline for Grit was set in 1882, it's doubtful anyone envisioned the publication continuing into the 21st century. Dietrick Lamade was a 23-year-old assistant press foreman for the Williamsport, Pennsylvania, newspaper, The Daily Sun and Banner. In December 1882, the newspaper began a Saturday edition titled Grit, which included local news items, editorials, and humorous tidbits. Lamade set the first headline for the new edition.

In 1885 Lamade bought the paper and in 1891 hit upon an idea of having newsboys sell Grit directly to the public. The newspaper began to expand into small towns across the country. By the time Grit celebrated its 50th

year in 1932, circulation was up to 400,000.

Grit, now a bi-monthly magazine, is one of the longest-running publications in the country and has been a part of the American tapestry, particularly in the Heartland and rural areas throughout the nation, for many, many years.

What has made Grit such a success is the "good news" it contains. The news you read in Grit will bring a smile to your face. A steady diet of the NY Times, CNN and Fox can actually put you into depression.

The Lord's plan for us, according to Jeremiah 29:11, is to give us a future and a hope. His plans are always for good. Jesus said that He came to bring us life and life more abundantly. (John 10:10)

If you've been feeling the world is going to hell in a handbasket, maybe you've been reading the wrong publication. Actually, the future is bright and optimistic for those who



Jerri Tuck

are looking at the Lord. Each day is a new adventure and an opportunity to get to know Him better.

True happiness can be found in the pages of the Bible. One computer analysis of the Bible has determined that Psalm 103:1-2 are the center verses of the Bible. They read as follows: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Don't sit around and long for the old days. This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

*Jerri Tuck is a regular columnist for the TJP. In each column, Jerri seeks to bring Biblical truths to light with the prayer that each article will bring "inspiration, information and illumination." Her books are available on Amazon in print and on Kindle.*

## NEW SOUTHERN DAD

## Something wicked this way comes: A bit of toy history destroyed

There are estimated to be as many 14 million people with hoarding disorder in the United States. Or so says the internet.

That number seems a bit conflated to me, especially during this time of year when trash removal and cleaning companies are trying to take advantage of people's New Year's resolutions to de-clutter their houses. Everyone at least feels like a hoarder after Christmas, trying to find places to put away presents and get those decorations back into storage. Trash piles up easily due to discarded wrapping paper, boxes and the food waste from all the parties and family gatherings.

Hoarders often consider themselves to be collectors, viewing their excess belongings as treasure and giving it



Kyle Dominy

great personal value even if it is just a pile of rubbish. I consider myself a collector, but not in the hoarding sense (that's just what a hoarder would say). I have a few boxes of odds and ends – novels, cards, toys and comics – collected and saved over the years. There are no rare gems, just items

with personal value because they were either gifted to me or gave me some joy in my younger days (that's also what a hoarder would say).

Among the bric-a-brac are a couple of unopened toys. These objects worry my children to no end, especially my daughter. In their eyes, and it makes perfect sense, a toy can have no value if it is not opened and used. They have been instructed that they may open the toys upon my death, which I'm hoping comes well after their playing-with-toys days are over.

But this sentiment let a piece of toy history slip through our fingers over Christmas.

The release of a much-anticipated line of dolls, coinciding with the Broadway-smash-turned-box-office-hit Wicked, came with much con-

trovery. The toys' packaging had a misprint of the movie's website that instead of directing people to the feature film's site sent folks to a page with, let's just call it adult entertainment. The doll itself was fine and non-offending. Only people curious about the URL on the bottom of the box became aware of the problem.

The manufacturer issued an apology and recalled the toys, destroying the existing ones and reissuing them in new containers. The cat was out of the bag, though. Several of the dolls made it out into the public, including, thanks to my mother's early shopping, under the Christmas tree at my parents' house.

My little girl was thrilled to have a toy from the movie with the songs she'd been singing for weeks. After

her excitement was quelled by the next present, I scooped up the box, checked the website printed and, sure enough, it was one from the recall.

I told her she had a collector's item on her hands, and that she needed to keep it in the box. She spent time occupied with other gifts, but as the day went on, she wanted the doll. I tried to reason with her, even offering to replace it out of my own pocket, if she would only keep it sealed.

But what good is a toy left in the box? On Christmas day 2024, my daughter proved that she is not a collector.

*You can reach Kyle Dominy at k.l.dominy@gmail.com or write to 115 S. Jefferson Street Dublin, Ga. 31021.*

## TROUBLE IN GOD'S COUNTRY

## Carter's funeral and Trump's inaugural: Bookends to a troubled half-century

After nearly two years in hospice care at his home in Plains, Ga., Jimmy Carter passed away Sunday afternoon at the age of 100. His family had said a few months ago that the nation's 39th president was set on hanging on until he could cast his vote for Kamala Harris over Donald Trump. He achieved that last goal, albeit to no avail.

No doubt like many Americans, I had been wondering since the November 5 General Election how America could have gone from Carter to Trump in a mere half-century and, more important, what that metamorphosis says about us as a nation.

How could we have gone from a president who campaigned on a pledge never to lie to the American people (and who, nearly as I can recall or determine with a bit of research, kept that promise) to one who, according to The Washington Post, made 30,573 "false or misleading" statements during his four-year presidency?

From a presidential candidate whose public acknowledgment that he had "committed adultery in my heart many times" nearly upended his campaign to one who actually did commit adultery and bragged that he could "grab (women) by the p\*\*\*y" and paid no political price for it?

From a president who vowed to do all he could to eliminate nuclear weapons from the face of the planet to one who, by multiple accounts, repeatedly harried the nation's military leaders about using them?

From a president who opened his inaugural address by thanking the man he had defeated "for all he has done to heal our land" to one who built his campaign on a false claim that his predecessor wasn't even born in the United States?

If Carter did indeed cling to life long enough to cast his 2024 presidential ballot for Vice President Harris, it's not a stretch to think he might have deliberately hung on just a little longer to make a final statement on the state of our politics – and to make a dramatic exit.

Few who knew Carter will have difficulty believing that. But whether by design or a twist of fate, Carter's state funeral will serve as a prelude to Trump's impending inauguration as the nation's 47th president. American flags will still be flying at half-staff to honor Carter when Trump takes the oath of office on January 20th.

Carter left office a much-maligned figure. He had presided over an economy plagued by double-digit inflation and an Iranian hostage crisis that dominated national news for the final 444 days of his presidency. He was swept from office in a landslide loss to Ronald Reagan in 1980.

Carter, of course, is almost certainly better known to current generations for his post-presidential work. After losing to Reagan, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter returned to their peanut farm in Sumter County and founded – instead of a traditional presidential library – the Carter Center in Atlanta.

The work of that organization is credited with all but eradicating Guinea worm disease in Africa and helping farmers in African countries double and even triple their grain production. The Carter Center also provided election observation services in 26 countries around the world and focused on mental health issues, a passion of Mrs. Carter's.

The Carters continued their support for Habitat for Humanity, including participating in homebuilding projects into their 90s, and Carter himself went back to teaching Sunday school at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains.



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**C24-157**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN P. PARKS, DECEASED  
All creditors of the Estate of John P. Parks, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Administrator.  
This 5th day of December, 2024.  
Walter J. Parks, Administrator  
177 Jeanne Drive  
Cochran, GA 31014  
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**C24-161**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF KATHY F. LEE, DECEASED  
All creditors of the Estate of Kathy F. Lee, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
This 13th day of December, 2024.  
Doyle Ray Foskey, Executor  
133 Limestone Road E35  
Cochran, GA 31014  
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**C24-143**  
State of Georgia  
County of Bleckley  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from Martin Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc. to Philip W. Pittman, dated December 3, 2013, filed on January 15, 2014, and recorded in Deed Book 389, pages 621-623 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County Georgia, which secured a promissory note from Martin Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc. to Philip W. Pittman in the original principal amount of \$525,000.00, there will be sold at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder before the courthouse doors of said county between the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday of January 2025, January 7th 2025, by Philip W. Pittman, as attorney-in-fact for, Martin Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc. the following described property, to-wit:  
**All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 99 of the 21st Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, containing 37.66 acres, as shown on a plat of survey prepared for James P. Wimberly by John W. Dye, Registered Surveyor, dated December 27, 1999, recorded in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 40-8, Bleckley County Clerk's office, said plat and the record thereof being incorporated by reference herein in aid of this description.**  
**Said tract contains a race track and various outbuilding all as shown on said plat.**  
**Said property is further described as that same property conveyed unto MARTIN INDUSTRIAL & MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC., by PHILIP W. PITTMAN by Warranty Deed dated December 23, 2013, being filed for record in said Clerk's Office simultaneously herewith. Philip Pittman acquired said property by the following deeds: (a) Warranty Deed from James P. Wimberly to Winford Johnson and Philip Pittman dated December 27, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 199, page 175, Bleckley County deed records; and (b) Warranty Deed from Winford Johnson to Philip Pittman dated September 6, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 333, page 539, Bleckley County Deed Records.**  
A copy of this legal advertisement (Notice of Sale Under Power) which was sent to the Cochran Journal, has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to Martin Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc., as required by Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2.  
The indebtedness secured by said Deed to Secure Debt having been declared due and payable because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees, notice of intention to collect attorney's fees having been given as provided by law.  
The property will be sold as the property of Martin Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc., subject to all outstanding taxes, assessments, unpaid bills, charges, and expenses that constitute liens against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable. Philip W. Pittman is the holder of the Note and Deed to Secure Debt to the property.  
In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the person that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is David B. Pittman and he may be reached at the Law Office of David B. Pittman, 204 NE Main St, Suite 1, Vidalia, Georgia, 30474 or by telephone at (912) 537-8772. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require David B. Pittman to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.  
Said debt will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property; All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any, and all bids to continue the sale from day to day, and to withdraw said property from sale and subsequently to reoffer same in the event no reasonable bid is received and accepted. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession is Martin Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc., or parties claiming under the aforementioned.  
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) to confirmation that sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed, including but not limited to a determination that the loan was not reinstated prior to the foreclosure.  
Philip W. Pittman, as Attorney-in-fact for Martin Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc.  
David B. Pittman  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1556  
Vidalia, Georgia 30475  
(912) 537-8772  
This attorney is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**C24-159**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY  
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNIE RAY DIXON  
All creditors of the estate of Donnie Ray Dixon, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
Teresa Dixon Daniels and Diane Carol Boutwell are the Co-Executors of the estate of Donnie Ray Dixon. D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 922-3010  
December 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 9, 2025

**C25-001**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTIN D. LEE  
All creditors of the estate of Martin D. Lee, late of Bleckley County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 20th day of December, 2024 to Virginia Lee Snow c/o Attorney Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.  
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**C24-160**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**JESSIE GILMORE, PLAINTIFF**  
V.  
**LINDREKA GILMORE, DEFENDANT**  
**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2024V-0175SFW**  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: Lindreka Gilmore, Defendant Named Above:  
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE was filed against you in said court on October 18, 2024, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on December 10, 2024 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon JESSIE GILMORE, plaintiff, whose address is 175 JOHNSON STREET, COCHRAN, GA 31014, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Witness the Honorable Sarah F. Wall, Judge of said Court.  
This 10th day of December, 2024.  
/s/ Carol Evans  
Clerk of Superior Court  
Bleckley County  
December 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 9, 2025

**C24-155**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY  
IN RE: ESTATE OF ESTER JEANETTE EDGE, DECEASED  
All creditors of the estate of ESTER JEANETTE EDGE, deceased, late of Bleckley County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
This 3rd day of December, 2024.  
RICKY DALE EDGE  
Executor of the Estate of ESTER JEANETTE EDGE  
213 COTTONFIELD COURT  
BONAIRE, GA 31005  
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**C25-002**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF ROLAN LARRY SUMNER, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2024P89**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICE**  
**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**  
David Rolan Sumner has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ROLAN LARRY SUMNER, deceased, of Bleckley County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Jonathan R. Fordham  
Judge of the Probate Court  
Bleckley County Probate Court  
112 North Second Street  
Cochran, GA 31014  
478-934-3200 Ext. 4  
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025

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**T24-094**  
MONTANA, RICHLAND COUNTY  
**NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
All creditors of the Estate of Justin Ray Neva, deceased, late of Twiggs County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.  
This 3rd day of December, 2024.  
VALERIE K. ALLISON, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JUSTIN RAY NEVA, DECEASED  
Valerie K. Allison  
35314 County Road 137  
Fairview, Montana 59221  
December 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 9, 2025

**T24-091**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF TWIGGS  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by MABEL HUDSON PATTERSON to AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. in the original principal amount of \$76,143.65 dated March 25, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 8-H, Page 147, Twiggs County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR THE FLIC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 1 in

Deed Book 111, Page 734, Twiggs County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on January 07, 2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN THE PEARSON DISTRICT, G.M.D., OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY KNOWN AS LOT NO. 4 OF BLOCK F, ACCORDING TO A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE WADE BELL ESTATE FRONTING 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MARGIN OF NORTH BELL COURT, WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN SET ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MARGIN OF NORTH BELL COURT AT A POINT COMMON TO LANDS OF FULLER AND FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT RUNNING THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE LINES OF FULLER FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A SECOND IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF LANDS RETAINED BY THE WADE BELL ESTATE FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A THIRD IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE LINE OF OTHER LANDS RETAINED BY WADE BELL ESTATE FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A FOURTH IRON PIN; AND THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERN MARGIN OF NORTH BELL COURT FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Said property being known as: **190 BELL COURT, MACON, GA 31217**  
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are MABEL HUDSON PATTERSON or tenant(s).  
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (in order of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).  
Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.  
Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.  
The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. 3217 S. Decker Lake Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84119 800-635-9698  
Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.  
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR THE FLIC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 1, as Attorney-in-Fact for MABEL HUDSON PATTERSON  
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC  
13010 Morris Rd.  
Suite 450  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Phone: 470.321.7112  
Firm File No. 24-185215 - DoP  
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**T25-001**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF MORRIS JASPER JONES, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. P-24-082**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATOR**  
**TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**  
Stephen Morris Jones, has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Morris Jasper Jones deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before January 27, 2025.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Gary Nobles, Jr.  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Diane H. Robinson  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
Twiggs County Probate Court  
425 Railroad St. N. PO Box 186  
Jeffersonville, GA 31044  
478-945-3390  
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**T24-096**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SHAROL RENEA BLACKSHEAR, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. P-24-080**  
**NOTICE PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATOR**  
**TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**  
Shalysia Meonta Blackshear, has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Sharol Renea Blackshear deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before January 20, 2025.

**T24-095**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JACQUELINE L. PHILLIPS, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. P-24-078**  
**NOTICE PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATOR**  
**TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**  
Leroy Phillips, Jr., has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Jacqueline L. Phillips deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before January 20, 2025.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Gary Nobles, Jr.  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Diane H. Robinson  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
Twiggs County Probate Court  
425 Railroad St. N. PO Box 186  
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**T24-093**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
IN RE: Estate of Charles F. Benton, Jr., deceased, late of Twiggs County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 4th day of December, 2024.  
Nicole Faye Comer, Executor  
Estate of Charles F. Benton, Jr.  
John D. Newberry  
Newberry & Newberry  
Attorneys at Law  
PO Box 844  
Gray, GA 31032  
478-986-5141  
December 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 9, 2025

**T24-097**  
Notice to Debtors and Creditors  
All creditors of the estate of Zeddie W. Dennard late of Twiggs County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
This 18th day of December, 2024.  
Name: Stacey L. Ferris  
Title: Attorney for Administrator, Natasha Cindy Dennard-McDade  
Address: 331 N. Marietta Parkway, NE, Marietta, GA 30060  
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**T24-090**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
GEORGIA, TWIGGS COUNTY  
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Betty Wimberly, Randolph Wimberly to CitiFinancial Services, Inc. dated November 14, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 7Q, Page 186, Twiggs County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee for the CIM Trust 2020-R1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 11A, Page 1034, Twiggs County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 22/100 DOLLARS (\$51,088.22), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Twiggs County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2025, the following described property:  
**SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**  
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (noting pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2020-R1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-R1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.  
The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:  
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Betty Wimberly, Randolph Wimberly, Estate of Betty Wimberly and Estate of Randolph Wimberly a/k/a Betty Wimberly a/k/a Betty Joyce Wimberly or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **184 Ridge Rd, Macon, GA 31217**.  
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2020-R1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-R1 as Attorney in Fact for Betty Wimberly, Randolph Wimberly McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net 24-16137GA EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 27TH LAND DISTRICT AND THE 355 G.M.D. OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 2, RIDGE ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION, PREPARED BY JOHN W DYE SURVEYING SERVICE AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8 AT PAGE 86, OF THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID LOT HAVING THE METES BOUNDS AND DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON AFOREMENTIONED PLAT, WHICH BY REFERENCE IS MADE A PART OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED. CONVEYANCE OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS MADE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS APPLICABLE TO ALL LOTS IN SAID SUBDIVISION, A DECLARATION OF WHICH IS DATED JUNE 2, 1987, AND IS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 3N, AT PAGES 244-246, OF THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA.  
MR / January 7, 2025  
Our file no. 24-16137GA-FT1  
24-16137GA  
December 12, 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 2025

**Wilkinson Co. Legals**

**W24-110**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
IN RE: Estate of Thomas Lloyd Gibbs, deceased.  
All creditors of the estate of Thomas Lloyd Gibbs, deceased, late of Wilkinson County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 3rd day of December, 2024.  
Gail T. Gibbs, Executor  
Estate of Thomas Lloyd Gibbs  
John D. Newberry  
Newberry & Newberry  
Attorneys at Law  
PO Box 844  
Gray, GA 31032  
478-986-5141  
December 12, 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 2025

**W24-112**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF FREDDIE JOE HALL, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 229**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICE**  
**TO: BARBARA ANN BUTLER** and to whom it may concern:  
BARBARA ANN BUTLER has petitioned for BARBARA ANN BUTLER to be appointed administrator of the estate of FREDDIE JOE HALL deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before January 6, 2025.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Lisa V. Dykes  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Bradasia A. Mims  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
Wilkinson County Probate Court  
100 Bacon Street  
Irwin, GA 31061 and having a telephone number of (478) 451-3065.  
Wilkinson County Bank, acting under and by virtue of the powers contained in said Deed to Secure Debt as Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Wayne Davis.  
By: J. Lance Stribling  
Stribling and Crockett Law  
241 E. Hancock Street  
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061  
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practises Act, the purpose of this correspondence is to collect a debt. Any and all information obtained as a result of this communication will be used solely for that purpose.  
December 12, 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 2025

**W24-108**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF WILKINSON**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF VERA J. WOOD  
All creditors of the Estate of Vera J. Wood, deceased, late of Wilkinson County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
This 2nd day of December, 2024.  
Judy Veal, Administrator of the Estate of Vera J. Wood  
105 Choctaw Drive  
Ivey, GA 31031  
December 12, 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 2025

**W24-111**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES RUSSELL SMITH, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 236**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICE**  
**TO: Terry Lynn Ramsey** and to whom it may concern:  
Terry Lynn Ramsey has petitioned for Terry Lynn Ramsey to be appointed administrator of the estate of Charles Russell Smith deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has

also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before January 6, 2025.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Lisa V. Dykes  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Bradasia A. Mims  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
Wilkinson County Probate Court  
100 Bacon Street  
Irwin, GA 31061  
478-946-2222  
December 12, 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 2025

**W24-114**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**WILKINSON COUNTY**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF WANDA ELAINE BRINSON, Deceased  
ESTATE NO. 237  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having demands against Robert Cail Brinson, late of said County, deceased, to present them to us, properly made out within the time prescribed by law, so as to show their character and amount; and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to make immediate payment to us. This 13th day of December, 2024.  
Shannon Cail Brinson and Holly Ann Brinson Gay, Executors  
c/o Allan C. Gails, Attorney  
P.O. Box 9848, Savannah, GA 31412  
December 26, 2024 January 2, 9, 16, 2025

**W24-113**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**WILKINSON COUNTY**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT CAIL BRINSON, Deceased  
ESTATE NO. 238  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having demands against Robert Cail Brinson, late of said County, deceased, to present them to us, properly made out within the time prescribed by law, so as to show their character and amount; and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to make immediate payment to us. This 13th day of December, 2024.  
Shannon Cail Brinson and Holly Ann Brinson Gay, Executors  
c/o Allan C. Gails, Attorney  
P.O. Box 9848, Savannah, GA 31412  
December 26, 2024 January 2, 9, 16, 2025

**W24-104**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
WILKINSON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
By virtue of Power of Sale contained in the Deed to Secure Debt from Kenneth Wayne Davis, dated December 30, 2022, recorded February 2, 2023, in Deed Book 408, Pages 923-932, as may be amended of record, Wilkinson County, Georgia Land Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt being given to secure a Note dated December 30, 2022, totaling the original principal amount of Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five and 18/100 (\$26,175.18) Dollars, with interest from date as stated therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Wilkinson County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, being January 7, 2025, the following described property:  
**All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 1505th GMD, City of Ivey, Wilkinson County, Georgia, described as Lots T-63, T-65 and T-66, Section One, described by that certain plat of survey entitled "Holiday Hills Lake Tchukolako Development", prepared by John Barker, GRLS, dated April 23, 1974, recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 160, Wilkinson County Land Records. Said plat of survey and record thereof are by reference made a part hereof for a more accurate description of said property.**  
The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes, special assessments, unpaid utility bills constituting liens against the property, and all security deeds, liens and encumbrances existing when the above-described security deed was filed for record. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief, the party in possession of the property is Kenneth Wayne Davis or a tenant or tenants. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of your mortgage is Wilkinson County Bank, whose legal representative is located at 241 E. Hancock Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061 and having a telephone number of (478) 451-3065.  
Wilkinson County Bank, acting under and by virtue of the powers contained in said Deed to Secure Debt as Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth Wayne Davis.  
By: J. Lance Stribling  
Stribling and Crockett Law  
241 E. Hancock Street  
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061  
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practises Act, the purpose of this correspondence is to collect a debt. Any and all information obtained as a result of this communication will be used solely for that purpose.  
December 12, 19, 26, 2024 January 2, 2025

**WEEKLY RECIPE**



**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST**

Chips and dip always work when entertaining, and the potential flavor combinations of this classic party offering are endless. When it comes to nachos, the dip and the chip are melded into a single dish for a convenient and tasty offering that works as a snack, appetizer or even a main course. Of course, nachos also are a go-to dish while watching the big game with friends.

Nacho flavors run the gamut from Latin-inspired to chili-covered to everything in between. These "Outrageous Barbecued Nachos," courtesy of "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press) by Neal Corman, pair the smoky flavor of slow-cooked barbecue with the zip of some nacho standards like jalapeño peppers and cheese.

**Barbecue Nachos**  
Serves 4-6

**Ingredients**

- 3 oz pulled pork
- 3 oz pulled chicken
- 3 oz sliced and chopped bbq brisket
- 1 1/2 cups mild bbq sauce
- 10 oz bag tortilla chips
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack
- 1 cup shredded mild cheddar
- 15 pickled jalapeño slices

**Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Combine the meats and barbecue sauce in a small saucepan over medium heat.
3. Spread half of the tortilla chips on a small cookie sheet. Cover the chips with half of the meat and sauce. Top with half of each cheese.
4. Repeat the process on top of this layer, using the other half of the ingredients.
5. Bake until the cheese is completely melted, about 10 minutes. Remove and top with the jalapeños.

*Remember*

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**FOOD SERVICE WORD SEARCH**

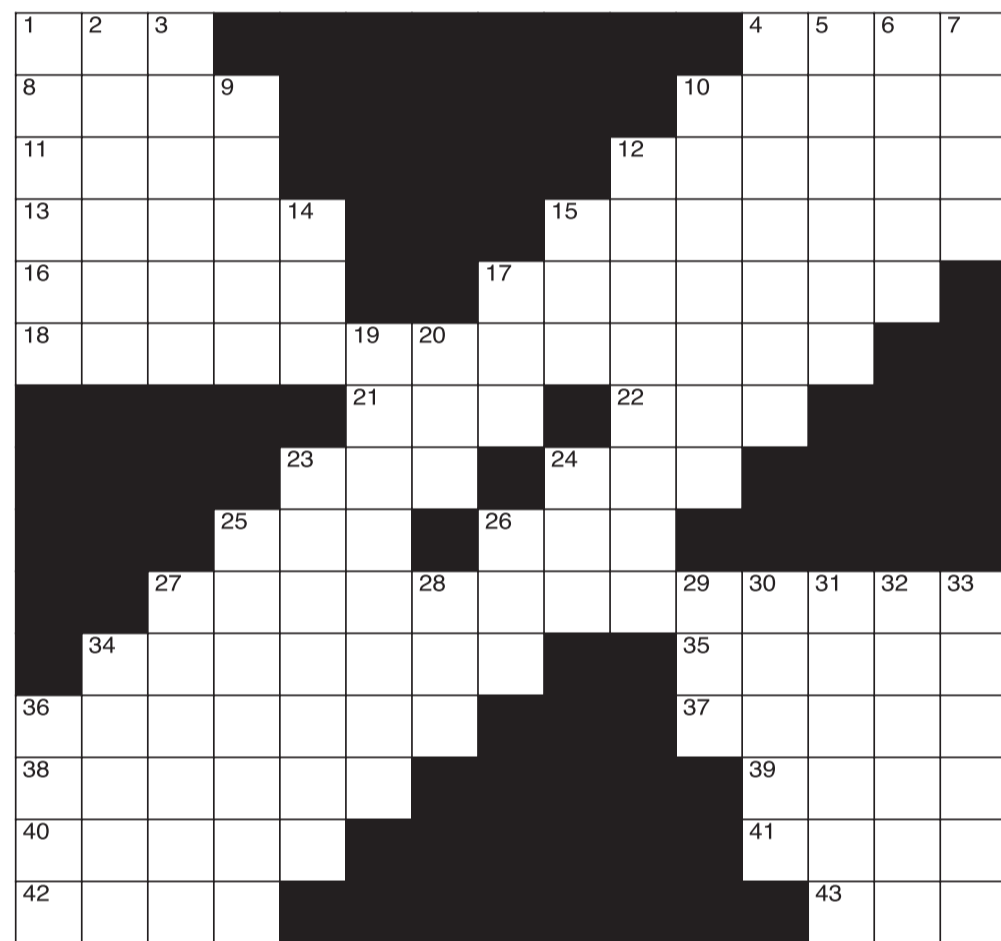


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**WORDS**

- BAR-BACK
- BARTENDER
- BISTRO
- BOUNCER
- COMP
- COVER
- DISH
- DOUBLE
- DROP
- EARLY BIRD
- FILLER
- FLATTOP
- FRONT OF HOUSE
- HAPPY HOUR
- LINE
- ORDER
- PARTY
- POINT OF SALE
- REGULAR
- RESERVATION
- RUN
- RUSH
- SEATING
- TICKET

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Americans' "uncle"
- 4. Chair
- 8. Ancient kingdom
- 10. Egyptian city
- 11. Alaskan glacier
- 12. One from Somalia
- 13. Ancient alphabets
- 15. Relating to vocabulary
- 16. Small mongrels
- 17. Natural settings
- 18. Weekend entertainments
- 21. Line from which light seemingly streams
- 22. Your own private code
- 23. Swiss river
- 24. Satisfaction
- 25. A person's brother or sister
- 26. Folk singer DiFranco
- 27. The Blonde Bombshell
- 34. Kids' school project
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Classifying
- 37. Cube-shaped
- 38. Choo-choos
- 39. Indian religious god of dissolution
- 40. French department
- 41. Leak into gradually
- 42. Foundation
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Counterbalancing debt
- 2. In slow tempo
- 3. Glamorous city
- 4. Japanese lute
- 5. Makes law
- 6. Informative book
- 7. Animal's body part
- 9. American playwright
- 10. Blood poisoning
- 12. Angels
- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 15. Written account
- 17. Unwelcome pest
- 19. Saddle horses
- 20. Type of gibbon
- 23. Delta is one
- 24. NE Massachusetts cape
- 25. Soup cracker
- 26. Yes vote
- 27. Muddy ground
- 28. Physics apparatus (abbr.)
- 29. Type of drug
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Spanish municipality
- 36. Thrust a knife into

**GUESS WHO?**

I am an actress born in England on January 3, 1996. I began my career as a singer, posting song covers to YouTube. My siblings also are talented and are in the business, with my brother starring in the series "Game of Thrones." In 2021, I made my Marvel debut in "Black Widow."

Answer: Florence Pugh

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to food service.

**CCKEH**

Five empty boxes for the word scramble answer.

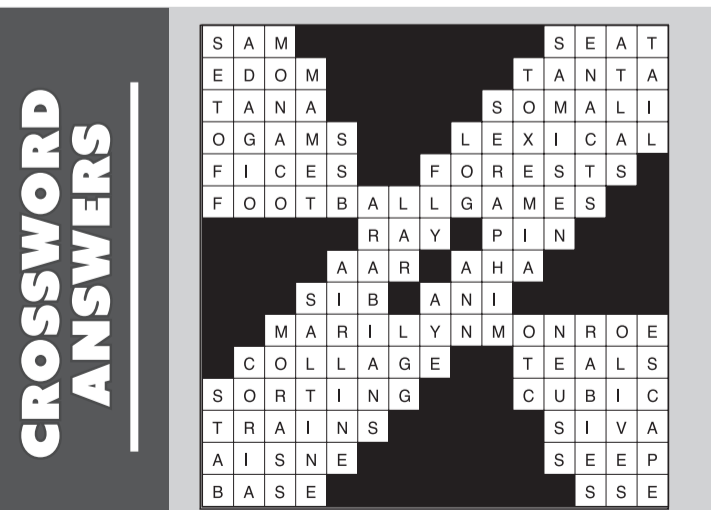
Answer: Check

**CRYPTO FUN**

Solve the code to discover words related to food service. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = E)

- A. 25 20 17 2 20 17**  
Clue: Waiter or waitress
- B. 7 19 25**  
Clue: Clean off table
- C. 24 14 16 15 6 20 18**  
Clue: Room for cooking
- D. 13 17 4 20 17**  
Clue: Choose meal

Answers: A. server B. bus C. kitchen D. order



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**Hayslett, from 4:**

He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 “for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development”.

Trump spent his four-year post-presidency dealing with criminal charges and civil lawsuits – and, of course, complaining that the 2020 election had been stolen from him. He also repeatedly proclaimed himself to be “the best” president in American history, with the possible exception of Abraham Lincoln.

Carter characterized his own

presidency as “mediocre,” but history may be kinder to him. A 2024 survey of 154 presidential historians and experts ranked Carter 22nd out of 45. Trump ranked 45th.

Carter’s funeral and Trump’s inaugural will stand as bookends to one of the most turbulent half-centuries in American history, and I will leave it to historians, philosophers and others smarter than I to sort it out and explain the evolution from Carter to Trump.

I can’t help but think, though, that tens of thousands of people will line the highways from Plains to Atlanta and then the streets in Washington, D.C., to bid Carter farewell, and that a comparable number will show up for

Trump’s inaugural just a few days later and a short distance away. I also can’t help but think that the two crowds will be made up of very different groups of people.

*Charlie is the scholar in residence at the Center for Middle Georgia Studies at Middle Georgia State University. Based in Watkinsville, the former political journalist and public relations professional now studies major economic, political and health issues affecting rural Georgia. He shares his research through statewide speaking engagements, regular columns appearing in publications across the Georgia Trust for Local News and his blog, Trouble in God’s Country.*

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WILKINSON COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing on the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget for Wilkinson County will be held on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025** at 5:00 p.m. in Courtroom A of the Wilkinson County Courthouse, located at 100 Bacon Street, Irwinton, Georgia.

The proposed budget for FY 2024/2025 will be available for public inspection in the Commissioner’s Office at 100 Bacon Street, Irwinton, Georgia during normal business hours beginning Monday January 6, 2025 through Friday January 10, 2025.

**PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED  
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners today announces its intentions to increase the 2024 property taxes it will levy this year by 4.22 percent over the rollback millage rate. While commissioners are not opting to take the full rollback rate of 13.227, they are lowering the current rate from 14.344 to 13.786.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires a rollback millage rate be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year’s digest that last year’s millage rate would have produced had no reassessment occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the Wilkinson County Board of Commissions may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Wilkinson County Courthouse in Courtroom A, 100 Bacon Street, Irwinton, GA 31042 on January 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm, January 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm, and January 14, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

**NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a 2024 millage rate which will require an increase in property tax by 4.22 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on the tax increase to be held at the Wilkinson County Courthouse in Courtroom A located at 100 Bacon Street, Irwinton, GA 31042 on January 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the County Courthouse in Courtroom A located at 100 Bacon Street Irwinton, GA on January 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm and January 14, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 13.786 mills, a decrease of .5585 mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 13.227 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$125,000.00 is approximately \$24.59 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000.00 is approximately \$20.36.

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS  
AIRPORT CONSULTING SERVICES**

The Cochran – Bleckley Airport Authority acting on behalf of the City of Cochran, Georgia is seeking a qualified aviation consulting firm to provide professional planning, engineering, architectural, and construction administration services in connection with the Airport Capital Improvement Plan at the Cochran Municipal Airport in Cochran, Georgia.

It is the intent of the City of Cochran to enter into a multi-year Master Agreement with a consultant for the upcoming five (5) year period. The selected consultant will negotiate and enter into individual sub-agreements for services, based on the scope of work, with the City of Cochran on an assignment-by-assignment basis during the term of the Master Agreement. The selection of the consultant is being done in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14D and applicable Georgia statutes and laws. Responding firms must possess a current pre-qualification by the Georgia Department of Transportation in Area Classes No. 1.08 Airport Master Planning and No. 2.09 Aviation.

The consultant and any subconsultants proposed shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) utilization is strongly encouraged. Proposed DBE firms are to be certified by the Georgia Uniform Certification Program. The consultant shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of all Federally-assisted contracts. Failure by the consultant to carry out these requirements is a material breach of the contract, which may result in the termination of the contract or such other remedy as the City of Cochran deems appropriate.

The City of Cochran reserves the right to reject any and all submittals in response to this Request for any reason. The City of Cochran is not liable for any costs incurred by the Consultant in the preparation or presentation of a response to this request.

**Scope of Services**

- The scope of work to be included in the multi-year contract may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- a. Prepare Project Funding Applications and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Documents.
  - b. Perform Design, Bidding and Negotiation, Construction Administration, and Resident Inspection Services.
  - c. Assist with DBE Program Overall Goal Updates / Program Administration.
  - d. Prepare/Update Exhibit “A” Property Line Map, Airport Layout Plan, and Environmental Assessments as necessary.
  - e. Construct/Rehabilitate Airfield Drainage Systems.
  - f. Construct/Rehabilitate Airfield Pavement, Lighting, and NAVAIDS/ILS Improvements.
  - g. Construct/Rehabilitate Airport Buildings (Terminal / Hangars / Maintenance).
  - h. Construct/Rehabilitate Airport Roadways and Parking Lots.
  - i. Install/Upgrade Airport Fencing and Security Systems.
  - j. Land Acquisition
  - k. Such other airport-related work as the City of Cochran may deem necessary.

**Submission Requirements**

- Required information is to be presented in a manner that clearly illustrates the following:
1. Team Description / Background: A general description of the submitting firm, including firm size, and general information regarding any sub-consultant firms.
  2. Organizational Chart: Include clear illustration as to the Project Manager and key personnel representing the primary firm.
  3. Resumes: Include for key personnel. Indicate each individual’s qualifications and experience.
  4. Relevant Experience: Qualifications and experience of the primary firm in the past five (5) years at general aviation airports of regional significance (i.e., GASP Level 3 or larger) similar in nature to the Cochran Municipal Airport and other airports in Georgia.
  5. Proximity to the Cochran Municipal Airport: Geographical location of the office that will be primarily responsible for assigned projects and where the work will be accomplished, as well as the location of any supporting offices that will likely be involved in this contract.
  6. References: Contact name, agency name, and telephone number of at least four (4) current airport clients of the primary firm located within Georgia.
  7. Regulatory Familiarity: Demonstrate familiarity with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Atlanta District Office and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Aviation Programs.
  8. Workload: Provide a brief summary of the primary firm’s current workload and ability to meet schedules and deadlines.

**Evaluation Criteria**

- The following criteria summarized from FAA AC 150/5100-14E, Section 2-8, shall be used to select the consultant and therefore should be included in a Statement of Qualification:
1. Capability to perform all or most aspects of the project and recent experience in airports projects comparable to the proposed tasks.
  2. Key personnel’s professional qualifications and experience and availability for the proposed project; their reputation and professional integrity and competence; and their knowledge of FAA regulations, policies, and procedures.
  3. Capability to meet schedules or deadlines.
  4. Quality of projects previously undertaken and capability to complete projects without having major cost escalations or overruns.
  5. Qualifications and experience of sub-consultants regularly engaged by the consultant under consideration.
  6. Capability of a branch office that will do the work to perform independently of the home office, or conversely, its capability to obtain necessary support from the home office.
  7. Ability to furnish qualified inspectors for construction inspection.
  8. Understanding of the projects’ potential challenges and the sponsors concerns.
  9. Degree of interest shown in undertaking the project and familiarity with and proximity to the geographic location of the airport.
  10. Capability to incorporate and blend aesthetic and architectural concepts with the project design while accomplishing the basic requirements that transportation facilities be functional, safe, and efficient.
  11. In meeting the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contract goal, evidence documenting the consultant met the DBE goal, or by documenting that it made adequate good faith efforts to meet the DBE goal.
  12. Capability to conduct a Value Engineering (VE) study for projects that are particularly complex or have unique features.

All interested parties should submit four (4) copies of the Statement of Qualifications, which shall contain no more than thirty (30) pages, excluding tabs and a cover letter not exceeding two (2) pages. Submittals shall be printed single-sided on 8.5” x 11” paper.

Responses are to be addressed to:

MR ADAM HOLLOWAY, CHAIRMAN  
COCHRAN/BLECKLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
829 GA HIGHWAY 126  
COCHRAN, GEORGIA 31014

Deadline for submittal is 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2025. The Statement of Qualifications should be delivered in a sealed envelope or box clearly marked, “Airport Consulting Engineering Services.” The City of Cochran shall assume no responsibility for responses that are received after the prescribed time, or that are not properly addressed or identified.

Please submit any questions regarding this RFQ via e-mail to Jim Washburn, Airport Manager at Cochran.airport@gmail.com. The deadline for questions shall be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Responding firms shall have no contact related to this project with City of Cochran elected or appointed officials, members of the Cochran Municipal Airport Commission, or City employees during this Statement of Qualifications process. Any such contact will subject the firm to immediate disqualification for consideration for this project.

This is a Request for Qualifications only. Price proposals are not required at this time.

**Selection Process**

Qualifications will be reviewed and evaluated by a Selection Committee based on the criteria listed herein. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, consultants may or may not be invited to participate in an interview. It is the intent of the City of Cochran, Georgia to select a consultant as a result of this effort.

# Bleckley girls basketball keeps rolling, Wilco and Bleckley boys show promise

Micah Johnston  
For the TJP

The Bleckley girls team has stolen the show so far this season in area basketball, starting the season with a 7-2 record as of Tuesday and climbing into multiple GHSA Class A-Division I Top 10 rankings as the new year approaches.

The Lady Royals reached the No. 8 spot in the Atlanta-Journal Constitution's A-Division statewide rankings, while Sandy's Spiel ranked Bleckley County at No. 9 headed into Week 8 of the season.

The Lady Royals first appeared in the Sandy's Spiel leaderboard in Week 5 and have not left since.

The only two losses they've sustained came against another top-10 ranked squad — region opponent Washington County back on Dec. 10 — and a significantly higher-classification foe — the 4A Veterans Warhawks, who are 7-3 themselves with losses to powerhouse Warner Robins and Loundes as their only blemishes.

Bleckley County's wins are also impressive, as it defeated 4A Perry in the season opener and also took down region opponents Dublin and Dodge County. The latest win for the Lady Royals came against Vidalia last week, 57-40.

In Bleckley's second win of the season against Vidalia, the Indians actually took the early advantage with a 10-0 run. The Lady Royals stormed back and took a narrow 22-18 lead into halftime and didn't look back, outscoring Vidalia by 13 in the second half to notch the victory.

After a holiday break for virtually every team in the region, Bleckley will face a tough slate coming back into action in January. The Lady Royals take on East Laurens — another ranked team — Friday night, and a key matchup with one of the state's best teams, the Central Chargers, looms January 7 on the road in Macon.

The Wilkinson County girls team has been less fortunate, beginning the season with an 0-9 record before region play.

The Warriors landed a tough draw at the start, facing two top programs in Taylor County and Macon County early on. But losses to Dooly County and Montgomery County, two less dominant schools, give the inauspicious start a bit more of an edge — not to mention the ugly blowouts the Warriors endured against Dublin and Lovejoy in recent contests, each of which they lost by 40 or more points.

Wilkinson will begin region play and hope for a turnaround Friday at home against Hancock Central before hitting the road against Wilcox County Saturday and hosting Johnson County Monday.

The Twiggs County girls started the season in similar fashion, going 1-9 in their first 10 ahead of region play.

The Cobras did fare well against a higher classification team when they defeated Rutland in overtime 41-39 back on Dec. 10, but they've also run into some steamrollers. Powerhouse Thomson dispatched them with ease in an 82-17 rout, then Twiggs became the latest victim

in the ACE Gryphons' seven-game winning streak. The Cobras have now failed to break 30 points in their last six straight games, all losses.

The good news is that region play has not yet begun. Twiggs County will have a chance to reset and bounce back, but they'll need to do it against a tough 5-2 Johnson County team this Friday.

The Bleckley boys team will try to find its footing in the new year, but the Royals seem to be in good position as region play starts to heat up.

While the 5-6 record overall does not reassure at first glance, Bleckley County has gotten wins when they needed them and fought hard against tough opponents.

While they experienced double-digit losses to region powerhouses Dublin and Dodge County in early December, they bounced back with two crucial wins against Washington County and Jefferson County, two more region teams.

The 2-2 region mark has them in the hunt still, though matchups with other key teams like Central and Southwest still linger. After a 1-1 performance at the Banks County Jingle Jam last week, Bleckley County will get two home games against region opponents — against East Laurens on Friday and Dodge for the second time Saturday — before travelling to Macon to face Central next week.

The Wilkinson County boys are in a similar spot, as a 5-5 start puts them deceptively under the radar to begin the year. Three of the Warriors' five losses came consecutively to start the season, and they all came against quality opponents on the road. Macon County, Taylor County and Dublin are all ranked in their respective classifications' Top 10 polls by Sandy's Spiel, one of Georgia's top high school basketball news sources.

Wilkinson proceeded to rattle off four straight wins to get over .500 in impressive fashion before dropping two more games, including another loss to Dublin, this time by an encouragingly narrow 62-59 margin.

A key bounce-back win over Crawford County in local tournament play — and by a 20-point margin, no less — brought Wilkinson to 5-5 headed into the new year. Now the Warriors get their first taste of the region in a game against Hancock Central Friday before travelling Saturday to face Wilcox County.

The Twiggs County boys team has struggled in similar fashion to the girls, going 1-9 through 10 games. The lone win, 54-42 defeat of Trinity Christian out of Dublin, came all the way back on Dec. 5.

The next eight losses came in succession, a few of them close but most of them not. A difficult road trip against Thomson and a pair of losses against ACE and Stratford of Macon stick out of the streak, but the Cobras will look to get right against region opponents.

Twiggs will go up against Johnson County in its first Region 5-A Division II game of the season Friday night before travelling to Bibb County for the second time this season to take on ACE.



Photo via Twiggs County Schools

Twiggs' Shafrasia Young prepares to shoot in the match against the ACE Gryphons on Dec. 19. The girls team is currently 1-9. Their next match is Friday against Johnson County.

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## CITY OF GORDON GEORGIA NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Gordon, Georgia City Council has tentatively adopted a 2024 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 23.59 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at Gordon City Hall, 115 College Street, Gordon, GA on January 9, 2025 at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at Gordon City Hall, 115 College Street, Gordon, GA on January 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.933 mills, an increase of 1.068 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 6.865 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately \$134.00 and the proposed tax increase for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$107.00.