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Early voting is officially underway in Wilkinson County

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

The very first in-person ballots for this year's general election were cast on Tuesday morning, as early voting officially is underway in Wilkinson County and Georgia's 158 other counties.

Early voting will continue throughout the week during the second half of the month – Oct. 14-17, Oct. 20-24, as well as Oct. 27-31. Early voting hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the courthouse. Also, there will be two mandatory Saturday early voting days – Oct. 18 and Oct. 25

Tuesday also was the first day to mail in absentee ballots or submit them at the courthouse. Absentee ballot collections will continue through election day.

It's important to remember that all voting on election day will take place at the designated precincts and the courthouse is for early voting and early voting only.

Here's a list of the municipal candidates who've qualified:

Gordon – Aprill Adside-Smith (mayor), Terry Eady (mayor), Chancey Allen (mayor), Mary Whipple-Lue (mayor), Barbara Towles (city council), Rodney Evans (city council), Yyacheeko Veal (city council), Victoria Whipple (city council), Debra Horton Dupree (city council), Pat Brooks Dupree (city council), Kyle Swicord (city council), George Wynn (city council).

Toomsboro – Vincent Smith (mayor), Joyce Denson (mayor), Bennie Roundtree (city council), Latasha Fordham (city council), Grady Landrum (city council), Phyllis Woodard (city council)

Irwinton – Roger Bacon (city council), Harvey Curry (city council), Deborah Osbourne (city council)

Ivey – Roland Youmans (mayor), Thomas Hatfield (city council), Clinton Hardie (city council)

McIntyre – Jamesha Anderson (city council), Jerry Shinholster (city council)

Georgia Board of Community Health, the body that oversees the state's Medicaid and other medical assistance programs like the state employee health benefit plan, held its October meeting in the McGrath Keen Center/**KYLE DOMINY**

Georgia Board of Community Health holds meeting in Dublin

By KYLE DOMINY
Managing Editor

The Georgia Board of Community Health approved a waiver program renewal and rate increases for the Babies Can't Wait program at its October meeting, held last week in the McGrath Keen Center.

The meeting marks the first time the board, which oversees Georgia's Medicaid and other medical assistance programs, as well as the state employee health benefit plan, has convened in Dublin. The body, a group of nine governor appointees and chaired by local entrepreneur Roger Folsom, has typically met via conference call in the past.

"I want to thank the group for coming. I think it's real important that we do this occasionally," Folsom said at the start of the meeting. "I have enjoyed the time with each of you and I think integration with our communities is important."

The sentiment was echoed by Department of Community Health Commissioner Dean Burke.

"From an agency standpoint I agree in-person meetings do provide the benefit of getting to know

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Gordon trucking company burglarized by former employee

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

Smith

Randy Smith apparently was in no real hurry when he recently broke into the headquarters of Choice Transportation, a trucking company in Gordon.

Security video, according to Gordon Police Department Chief Mike Hall, shows Smith entering the building on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 4. Smith then spends the next hour-and-half placing random items into crates. "It looked just like he was shopping," said Hall.

Eventually, Smith loaded each of the crates onto a company forklift, cranked it up and drove out of the building and back to his pickup truck, which was parked at the edge of the property.

Company personnel began reviewing security footage the next morning and quickly recognized Smith, who previously worked there.

"Everybody who saw the video basically said 'look, there goes Randy," the chief said.

Smith, listed with a Macon address, was arrested four days later. He ultimately was connected to a theft at the same location from two years ago, not long after he was let go from the company. Smith was charged with two counts of felony burglary.

United Way announces two assistance meetings during CoreCivic Luncheon

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
For the Tri-County Connector

United Way Executive Director Patricia Dixon announced two upcoming meetings, both designed to assist citizens in receiving relief funds for damage caused by Hurricane Helene, during a CoreCivic luncheon on Oct. 9 at the Wheeler County UGA Extension Office.

"This has just happened in the last couple of weeks, but we have been working on this for a long time," said Dixon.

During the two meetings, citizens who could not afford to fix damages caused by Hurricane Helene can apply for monetary assistance to complete those repairs. The damage must be related to Hurricane Helene, and United Way will verify whether an applicant's damage was caused by the hurricane or not.

Funds for the relief come from United Way via collaborators and donations. United Way claims 99 percent of all donated funds stay within the organization's coverage area of Montgomery County, Wheeler County and Toombs County.

"Nobody outside of our three counties can tell us where we can or cannot use our money," said Dixon.

Local United Way Executive Director Patricia Dixon speaks to the CoreCivic luncheon attendees on Oct. 9 in the Wheeler Co. UGA Extension Office/**LOGAN REYNOLDS**

According to Dixon, the two meetings will be held on Oct. 28 at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 2 in the Wheeler County UGA Extension Office at 6 p.m. Toombs County will also receive a similar meeting and assistance, though no date has been set.

Dixon also spoke regarding United Way's previous charity work in Wheeler County, including funding local food banks and senior meal services, donating $1,000 to the local schools to purchase coats for children, providing ramps for handicapped citizens and protections for abuse victims, and contributions to other charities such as the Salvation Army.

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PLENTY OF RUNNING ROOM: Jeremiah Taylor (8) gets around the end on a big Trojan rushing gain/**RALPH JACKSON**

Wilkinson County Warriors defeated by JoCo Trojans

By RALPH JACKSON
For the Johnson Jourunal

WRIGHTSVILLE – Friday night's win over the Wilkinson County Warriors kept Johnson County undefeated, and in control of its region.

The Trojans, in fact, extended their win streak in league play to 21 with the 40-7 home victory.

Head coach Don Norton said he was pleased to be 3-0 in the region. He thinks Wilkinson County was well-coached and is glad that his team got off to a good start in the game.

"We had the right attitude coming out," Norton said. "You could feel it with the guys that it was just different."

On the game's opening drive, the Warriors drove 61 yards in 16 plays. They got as close as the 11-yard line, before giving up the ball on the Trojans 24.

On the next play, Tayshawn Norris ran 76 yards for a touchdown with 5:14. Will Peeples had the PAT and the Trojans led 7-0.

After holding the Warriors to four plays, JoCo had 7-play, 40-yard drive that took 4:02 off the clock. With 11:51 left in the half Jeremiah Scott scored a 10-yard touchdown. Peeples kicked the point-after, and the Trojans led 14-0.

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each other and hear the stories about the people who are serving us, and I think that helps us do a better job with what we're trying to do, which is better take care of Georgians' health," he said.

In action items the board approved a renewal of the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program operated by the state Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The program serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who need continuous, intensive support to live independently.

The waiver, authorized under the Social Security Act, requires renewal every five years, goes into effect April 1, 2026. The program will cost an estimated $6.2 million, with the state's share over the life of the renewal being less than half, at about $2 million.

The board also approved rate increases for service coordinators of the Babies Can't Wait program, as directed by House Bill 68 adopted by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2025 session. The program serves special needs infants and toddlers, from birth to 3 years old, enrolled in Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids. The rate for per month case management for the first six months increased to $152.25 from $145 and per month case management after six months to $141.75 from $135. The rate for developmental screening and testing also increased from $11.77 to $12.36.

Also during the meeting, Burke marked the 25th anniversary of the state Office of Rural Health, with opened in October 2000 in Cordele. The office serves 68 rural hospitals and oversees the numerous state and federal healthcare grant programs.

Burke also noted that the state is working on its application for the federal Rural Health Transformation Program. The $50 billion program, part of the so-called Big Beautiful Bill adopted by Congress, aims to improve healthcare infrastructure and access in rural areas. Each state has until Nov. 5 to submit applications for a share of the funding.

"According to them, the money will start flowing next calendar year," Burke said.

The state employee health plan has been at the center of the Dublin City School System's financial woes. The cash-strapped district owes the plan about $6 million.

Negotiations to settle the debt are still ongoing and no teacher, state officials said, has lost or been denied coverage during the process.

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United Way is a nonprofit founded in 1887 to fundraise for other nonprofits and charitable ventures. Dixon's United Way is one of over 1,100 branches of the larger United Way Worldwide network.

"My life has been blessed by the United Way, not because it's helped me financially or through one of my agencies, but because I have seen so many people's lives change," Dixon said.

Following Dixon's presentation, luncheon organizers presented her and her assistant Julia Toole with gift bags as thanks.

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The Warriors had an 11-play, 41-yard drive that got them to the Johnson County 9-yard line. But the Trojan defense held strong again for a turnover on downs.

A 7-play, 91-yard drive yielded another touchdown. A Nathan Turberville to Daezon Devero pass made up 61 of those yards. Scott scored the 11-yard touchdown. Peeples' kick made it 21-0 with 3:28.

In the second half, Cory King caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Nathan Turberville at 4:20 in the third. Peeples kicked to put the Trojans up 28-0.

Jacaden Webb scored on an 8-yard run just inside the fourth quarter. The kick failed but the Trojans led 34-0. Kelsey Waters had a 13-yard touchdown with 5:55 to play.

The Warriors had an 11-play, 62-yard drive late in the game. Quenterrion Sanford scored on a 1-yard run with 11 seconds to play. After a kick by Diego Reynoso-Gonzalez, the final was 40-7.

Norris led the Johnson County rushing attack with six carries for 133 yards. Kelsey Waters had 10 for 78.

Peeples praised the junior varsity for their play late in the game, and thought the defense played really well.

"They were lights-out all night," he said.

Dewayne Ambrams led JoCo's tackling with five and one assist. Taylin Norris, Ziion Wesley and Kelsey Waters all had four.

King, a senior, has been part of two teams that went undefeated in the regular season. He hopes for two more wins to do that for a third time.

"It's pretty nice going into your senior year," he said. "It's a lot like my ninth-grade year."

Wesley, also a senior, believes the defense played so well because they listened to their defensive coordinator Devin Cannon. He believes championships are won by doing things right.

"You just keep up the good work and keep up the good team effort, and we'll get there sooner or later," Wesley said.

Wilco (2-6, 2-1 region) returns to action at home this Friday against GMC.

Georgia seats new state senator

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Jason Dickerson, the Cherokee County businessman who won a special election last month to fill a vacate state Senate seat, swore his oath of office Tuesday.

The lifelong Cherokee County resident took over Senate District 21 during a ceremony at the county courthouse.

Dickerson, a Republican who co-founded a trucking company and leads a private investment firm, succeeds Brandon Beach.

Beach, also a Republican, vacated the position in May after President Donald Trump appointed him U.S. Treasurer.

"I will work to eliminate unnecessary tax burdens, secure our border and elections, and fight for veterans and seniors across the state," Dickerson said in a statement

Dickerson, who is from Canton, soundly defeated Democrat Debra Shigley in the low turnout special election runoff on Sept. 23. Democrats had hoped Shigley would turn the north metro Atlanta area blue after a strong showing in the Aug. 26 special election that winnowed several GOP candidates. But Dickerson's final victory secured Republicans' 33-23 majority in the state Senate.

One of Dickerson's first official acts was to issue a press release through the Senate press office about the recent death of Mandi Ballinger. She was a fellow Republican from Canton who represented the area in the state House.

"This weekend, I was saddened to learn that Rep. Mandi Ballinger had passed away after a long fight with cancer," Dickerson said, calling her a devoted public servant, loving wife and caring mother.

Ballinger chaired the House Committee on Judiciary Juvenile. Dickerson said she used that platform to champion a better path for Georgia youths.

No election has been scheduled yet to fill Ballinger's vacant House seat.

Another Republican joins race to succeed Raffensperger as state elections chief

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The Republican primary to select Georgia's next Secretary of State just gained another challenger as former Democrat-turned-Republican Vernon Jones entered the race.

Jones, who has served in local and state elective office, announced Monday that he is running to succeed Brad Raffensperger as head of the agency that oversees elections and business licensing.

"Georgia deserves a Secretary of State who will protect every legal vote and restore trust in our elections," Jones said in a statement circulated on X.

Jones served as a Democrat in the Georgia state House twice, the first time in the 1990s and then in the 2010s.

In between, he won election twice as the leader of DeKalb County government, serving CEO for eight years in the 2000s.

After leaving that role, Jones ran an unsuccessful campaign for DeKalb sheriff. He then won a seat in the state House, still as a Democrat. He switched to the Republican party as his final term expired in 2021, after endorsing Donald Trump's unsuccessful presidential bid against Joe Biden.

Jones then ran against Gov. Brian Kemp during the primary before Kemp's second term as governor, dropping out of that race to run for the 10th Congressional seat, losing to current U.S. Rep. Mike Collins despite an endorsement from Trump.

Jones will be contesting the GOP primary against Raffensperger's former top lieutenant, Gabriel Sterling, who announced his candidacy in the GOP primary last month just before Raffensperger announced he was running for governor.

Also in the race is state Rep. Tim Fleming, R-Covington, whom House Speaker Jon Burns, a Republican, tapped to lead an ongoing election procedures study committee. Fleming is a longtime ally and advisor to Gov. Brian Kemp, having served as his chief of staff in both the governor's office and when Kemp was Secretary of State before Raffensperger.

And Kelvin King is running as a Republican in the Secretary of State primary, too. King lost to Herschel Walker in the 2022 GOP primary for U.S. Senate, the seat ultimately won by Democrat Raphael Warnock. King is married to Janelle King, an appointed member of the State Election Board.

Prospective students can apply to OFTC for free throughout month of November

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) is waiving its admission application fee for the entire month of November, making it the perfect time to get started.

This initiative is part of Georgia Apply to College Month (GAC), proclaimed by Governor Brian Kemp and supported statewide to help more students access higher education.

With 130+ programs of study in high-demand fields, OFTC offers hands-on training that can be completed in as little as one to six semesters. Serving 11 counties across Middle Georgia with campuses in Sandersville, Dublin and Louisville, the college provides students with affordable tuition, small class sizes, and a supportive learning environment close to home.

Important Dates
Nov. 1 – Nov. 30 (Apply Free)
Spring Registration:
Nov. 11
Spring Classes: Jan. 12

"Whether you're starting fresh or continuing your education, now is the time to take that step toward a rewarding career," said OFTC President Erica Harden. "We'd love for you to choose to become a part of the OFTC family."

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Was a beloved Christmas film considered a flop at release?

By JACK BAGLEY
For Georgia Trust For Local News

Did you know ...

... anti-German sentiment was high in the United States during World War I? Let me give you an example: several foods with German-sounding names were renamed during the war. Sauerkraut, for instance, became "liberty cabbage." Hamburgers became "salisbury steaks" or "liberty steaks." Even the disease German measles was renamed as "liberty measles." (Considering the sentiment, I probably wouldn't have renamed the disease.)

... Chicken McNuggets come in four shapes? According to McDonald's, the popular food item has the shapes of a boot, a ball, a bow tie, and a bell. (From the list of things you were dying to know about.)

... one of the most-loved Christmas-season movies was a flop when it was first released? The classic film It's a Wonderful Life was released in 1946, but at first it wasn't such a wonderful film. In fact, it did so poorly at the box office that director Frank Capra (1897-1991) found himself more than half a million dollars in the hole. That left him to scramble to find the financing for his next film, State of the Union. It's a Wonderful Life did not earn enough money to break even until several years after its release, even though it did receive five Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture. Additional trivia note: The copyright on the film expired in 1974 and It's a Wonderful Life is now in the public domain, which is primarily why it has become a Christmas classic – it can be broadcast without licensing or royalty fees. (And every time it's shown, an angel gets its wings.)

... a child's challenge caused a town to revise its laws? The town of Severance, Colorado, about 60 miles north of Denver, had an ordinance on the books that made snowball fights illegal. The law was a part of a larger ordinance that make it illegal to "throw or shoot any stone or any other missile upon or at any person, animal, building, tree or other public or private property." But Dane Best (born 2009), at the time a nine-year-old kid who liked throwing snowballs, said the law was silly and took it upon himself to challenge it. He and his classmates visited the town hall on a field trip in 2018 and challenged the mayor on it ... and won. (Way to go, Dane!)

... the world's first known earthquake detector was in China? Invented by astronomer Zhang Heng (78 AD-139 AD), the device – which looked like four dragons holding marbles in their mouths – was able to detect earthquakes up to 370 miles away. If a dragon dropped a marble, it meant an earthquake had happened; the direction in which the dragon was facing told which way the earthquake had taken place. (While the gizmos have improved, the original is a real piece of art.)

... there are no female characters in Treasure Island? Written in 1881 by Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), the classic book about pirates and treasure was initially written for his stepson, Lloyd Osbourne (1868-1947). Osbourne said he wanted a story from his stepfather about "a map, a treasure, a mutiny and a derelict ship," and specifically instructed that there be no women in the story. Additional trivia note: The original title of the book was The Sea Cook: A Story for Boys. (Shiver me timbers!)

... the toothbrush as we know it was invented in 1498? It was created in China and was made from animal bone and bamboo, and had pig hair for bristles. The bristles were very stiff and it was probably not comfortable to use. The "modern" toothbrush was invented in 1780 by William Addis (1734-1808), who crafted a brush that could be mass-produced. (And didn't require giving pigs a haircut.)

... Dr. Seuss enjoyed challenges from his publishers? We all know how Theodor Geisel (1904-1991), known to us all as "Dr. Seuss," wrote Green Eggs and Ham on a dare from publisher Bennett Cerf (1898-1971) to use 50 different words or less. Another challenge led to Dr. Seuss' best-known work, The Cat in the Hat. His publisher challenged him to write a book using only words on a first-grade vocabulary list. The list provided had 348 words on it; Dr. Seuss wrote his classic using only 236 of them.

... horses like music? Not very surprising, I know, but this part is: they are very selective in their musical taste. Rock music tends to make them agitated, while calm or cheerful instrumental music is far more preferred. (Funny, that's how it works for me, too.)

... two popular Disney movies were re-titled before their release? The 2010 film Tangled was originally titled Rapunzel, and 2013's Frozen was first called Snow Queen. The movies were renamed because Disney executives said films with feminine titles under-performed at the box office. (The revised titles did make more sense, though.)

... bottlenose dolphins have an incredible memory? Researchers say that a bottlenose dolphin can recognize the whistle of one of its friends even after the two had been separated for more than 20 years. (Well, what else does a dolphin have to remember?)

Now... you know!

October: Another tale from the land

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD

By KYLE DOMINY

The recent weather could be described as dreary at best. Thick clouds have shrouded the sky, only allowing dim peeks of sunshine to come through periodically before giving way to a thick mist of rain. Calling it rain is also generous; it was more like water droplets suspended in the dense humid air, only broken by a breeze that contained just enough chill to let your bones know the seasons have changed. To put it short – perfect fall weather.

In October I transition from grass cutting to brush mowing. There are few pleasures in life more simple and pure than reclaiming land that has been left to go wild over the spring and summer. Now I know how people of old felt clearing a patch of untamed earth to launch a homestead, though I'm glad to have tractors and self-propelled mowers to make my life easier.

There is a local red-tailed hawk that relishes my land clearing just as much as I do. When the mowers are fired up, the raptor appears as if by magic. Wherever I happen to be, the bird of prey will be perched in a tree limb above. The hawk, of course, is looking for an easy meal as the noise of the machines and mulched up debris left in its wake is always bound to stir up a critter of some kind.

Over the years I've seen this hawk snatch up rats, rabbits and snakes. Sometimes I catch the whole show, seeing the bird swoop from its perch in time to watch it grab its prey with sharp talons. It once dove in close enough to hit the brim of my hat and knock the covering from my head. Most of the time, though, I only see it in my peripheral vision, dive-bombing the grass and brush seeking a morsel of nourishment.

I like to think I've developed a bond with this wild animal, that it has come to rely on me for part of its existence. I certainly thank it for eliminating snakes and rats for me. Some years ago I talked with an experienced falconer who explained the delicate balance that is the relationship between bird and man. This raptor enthusiast had several birds he used for hunting, but his primary companion was a red-tailed hawk. It boils down to weight control. Feed a bird enough to keep it healthy, but keep it hungry enough to make it believe it needs you.

So basically, since birds used in falconry are taken from the wild, give it Stockholm syndrome.

A predatory animal cannot be tamed and is always looking for its next meal, so a fat bird with a full stomach will fly away at first chance. The practice of responsible falconers, I was told, is to release the birds after a year or two, preferably in better condition than when they were caught.

I have no intentions of taking up falconry, but I have a lot more brush to cut, so maybe my hawk will stick around.

COUCH THEATER

Vicious (R) - Dakota Fanning is following up her last role in "The Watchers" with yet another horror film, which gives us another example of how well the genre fits the 31-yearold actress. She plays a young woman named Polly, who receives a visitor in the dead of the night. Polly foolishly lets in her visitor, an old woman, who presents her with a mysterious box. The old woman's instructions are simple: Place inside the box something you need, something you hate, and something you love. Failing to do so in time will result in dying that night (Paramount+)/**Photo Courtesy of MovieStillsDB**

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Tessie W. Norris/ Cochran-Bleckley Library Board of Trustees will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the library in the Edith J. NeSmith Multi-Purpose Room.

Do I Qualify to be a Foster Parent?

Do I have to be married, rich or have any particular religion to qualify as a foster parent? These are some of the common questions asked by those individuals interested in fostering. The answer is "No". You do not have to be married, you must be able to support your own family, but you certainly do not have to be rich, nor have a particular religious belief to foster. If you are one of the individuals wanting answers to your question, please call Anna Stone at 478-275-6747. Open your heart to a child in need of a home and a little happiness.

"Be A Foster Parent"

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Bleckley County Board of Education has tentatively adopted a millage rate that will result in a 2.09% increase in property taxes.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase, to be held at the Board Office, located at 259 E. Peter Street, Cochran, GA 31014, on October 27, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at the Board Office on October 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm, and on November 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 14.040 mills, an increase of 0.288 mills above the rollback rate. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 13.752 mills. The proposed annual tax increase for a home with a fair market value of $175,000 is approximately $20.16, and the proposed annual tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of $250,000 is approximately $28.80.

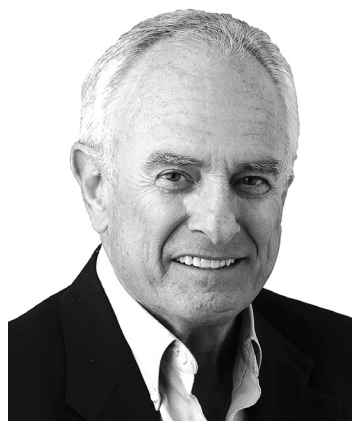
NOTICE

The Bleckley County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the BOE Office at 259 E. Peter Street on November 3, 2025, at 5:45 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.

CURRENT 2025 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

BOARD OF EDUCATION		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
VALUE	Real & Personal	304,564,476	315,969,528	364,364,476	396,485,142	398,869,564	454,608,901
	Motor Vehicles	6,872,160	5,967,460	5,563,360	5,588,490	5,446,580	5,033,790
	Mobile Homes	4,299,106	4,743,797	5,089,972	5,691,705	5,409,799	5,264,533
	Timber - 100%	2,065,976	1,815,181	2,718,919	3,937,171	2,975,914	2,213,728
	Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Gross Digest	317,801,718	328,495,966	377,736,727	411,702,508	412,701,857	467,120,952
	Less Exemptions	53,512,697	51,978,162	52,426,874	57,162,639	57,946,100	91,364,430
	NET DIGEST VALUE	264,289,021	276,517,804	325,309,853	354,539,869	354,755,757	375,756,522
AT	**MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)**	14.2860	14.2860	14.1000	14.1000	14.0400	14.0400
TAX	**TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED**	$3,775,633	$3,950,333	$4,586,869	$4,999,012	$4,980,771	$5,275,622
	Net Tax $ Increase		$174,700	$636,536	$412,143	($18,241)	$294,851
	Net Tax % Increase		4.63%	16.11%	8.99%	-0.36%	5.92%

A little on pumpkins



LORAN SMITH

October is harvesting time for pumpkins, which decorate the landscape and accent the holiday festivities that take place across the United States. Everywhere you go, the classic harvest displays bring about an air of positivity and thanksgiving.

According to internet research, pumpkins are grown in all 50 states, with Illinois being the largest producer by far – accounting for 40% of US production. While you see pumpkins wherever you go in our state, Georgia does not rank among the top pumpkin producers in our country.

While Central America originated pumpkins, China, India, and Russia are the top three producers worldwide. The United States ranks fifth.

Fall has never been a month for international travel for this aficionado of pumpkin soup, so when traveling overseas, harvest scenes are not in my mind's eye, as is the case with US travel.

I don't know anything about pumpkins and the bountiful scenes they may create in Great Britain and France, for example, but since farming is very important to those nations, I am sure that there are some interesting pumpkin facts to enjoy while you are sipping on a glass of Bordeaux.

Maybe even pumpkin pie for dessert. You would expect French chefs to create something unique and special with pumpkins, as they seem to do with everything else.

I am sure that there are pumpkin patches where other cultures do as we do. Find a pumpkin patch and pick your own pumpkin to decorate and enjoy cooking. I remember having lunch with a farmer in Southern France one summer and the hostess served pumpkin pie. It made me feel at home.

In addition to pumpkin pie, there are several dishes made from this delightful fruit. (Yes, pumpkins are a fruit; any plant that has its beginning as a flower is designated as a fruit, cursory research confirms).

- There is pumpkin bread, which is made from pumpkin puree and other ingredients.

- Also, pumpkin lasagna which involves the use of pumpkin puree, noodles, and cheese.

- Pumpkin chili whose main ingredients are pumpkin puree with spices and meat.

- Pumpkin soup. I discovered pumpkin soup on a trip to Jamaica in the seventies and could not get enough; I ordered it at lunch every day of the trip. I even asked for it at breakfast one morning, but the smiling waiter who had become a friend, smiled and said, "Oh no, mon – you only get it at lunch and dinner."

Have never seen pumpkin soup on a menu anywhere but in the Caribbean. I think I will ask my local catering friend, Lee Epting, to make a pot of pumpkin soup for me. Bet he could make it just like they do "down the way where the nights are gay and the sun shines daily on the mountain top."

It likely was made many years before the Europeans came to the Americas. When pumpkins were taken home to Europe in the 17th century, European chefs were excited to make pumpkin soup a staple of their menus.

However, in all my years traveling in France, I never had the occasion to order pumpkin soup anywhere. I can only imagine what it would be like to order a bowl of pumpkin soup in some village with a dash of cognac, surely making it a memorable occasion.

Pumpkins are very healthy and low in calories. The seeds are highly nutritious. Rich in vitamin A and C, pumpkins are high in fiber and protein. Roasted pumpkin seeds are very popular.

Now to segue into a favorite story about a well-known football coach.

One of the most colorful characters in college football for years was the late Dee Andros. He was the head coach of the Oregon State Beavers located in Corvallis, Oregon.

Oregon States' colors are orange and black. Andros was 5' 10" and weighed almost 300 pounds, and when he dressed in all orange, he got the nickname, "The Great Pumpkin."

He was truly colorful and a delightful raconteur. When I asked him about his nickname, he said, "Well them Oregon people call me 'the great squash,' but I don't care what you call me – as long as you call me to eat."

History continuously closing one chapter and opening up another

CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

"Historic" has become an overused word, cheapening its meaning. It is too often invoked by journalists to apply to an unaccomplished political candidate, anointing them with the hopes and dreams of their promises. It's a way to project future success upon their present, often vacuous, ambitions.

Oct. 13, 2025 will be regarded as an actual historic day. It's the inverse of the modern version of the term. It will mark the triumph of action over the negative predictions of "experts" and the paired chiding from media who selected them to tell us what we must accept from their world view.

Even as recently as last week, we had major news outlets citing Hamas' aggression as a war that Israel started. CNN stated "It's been two years since Israel launched its war in Gaza and life in the enclave has never been harder." Even The Wall Street Journal chose passive voice to hide blame, stating that hostage Yarden Bibas' wife Shiri and their two young children "died in captivity." Reminding the world they were brutally murdered in cold blood was just a bridge too far.

Two years and six days after Iran's proxies paraglided into a music festival and set off the most savagely brutal attack on a western nation this century, the remaining 20 living hostages held by Hamas have been freed. The day itself is only bittersweet.

The costs to get here – from the horrors of that initial attack to the unfortunate yet necessary human costs of war – are staggering. The price of peace will also be great.

Rebuilding is expensive. Buildings and humanitarian aid cost a lot. Trust often costs even more.

The currency of the peace deal forged by President Trump and his unlikely team of Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner and guided by the multi-titled Secretary of State Marco Rubio is trust, in a group that has yet to demonstrate they deserve, much less have earned it. That trust is girded in part by hope, and part by necessity. Wars after all are expensive, well beyond the monetary costs.

Thus, as we celebrate for the families who are now re-united – both those families with hostages as well as those with soldiers who can now return from the battlefield, we must approach the next steps to come with our eyes wide open. We must never forget that the paragliders from Oct. 7 were not just attacking Israel, but that their brutality was a strike upon the West in total.

Let us not forget those who directly suffered that day. But let us also be stone cold soberly aware of what happened within hours across the U.S. and Europe.

"Spontaneous" protests to "Free Palestine" occurred in major U.S. and European cities.

Well-funded encampments sprang up on college campuses, with the "students" somehow arriving with matching tents and organized talking points.

They were coming for all western democracies. They had a lot of help.

Our major media outlets began quoting Hamas' mouthpiece Health Ministry as if they were delivering objective facts. Our President's official spokesperson responded to questions about attacks on Jewish students and citizens with concerns about Islamophobia.

We've learned a lot about our institutions and ourselves over the past two years and six days. We've redefined "Nazi" as someone from the opposite party who says things we don't like.

We've learned that in far too many circles antisemitism is not only acceptable but celebrated as long as you pretend the hatred is about "Israel" even when the slight or attack is based solely on a person being Jewish. And we've learned too many of our institutions – government, academic, and media – pretend not to notice these things while overtly contributing to the problem.

So this week is historic both as an end to a war but the beginning of an unwritten chapter. We must work together to author the passages with hope and optimism, but with our eyes wide open to the wolves in sheep's clothing who live among us. We cannot ignore those who demanded "ceasefire now" are not the ones celebrating.

We've had two years and six days to fully understand what they wanted. It wasn't

Oct. 13 was the continued march from October 7 th to the destruction of Israel, and then on to the rest of the West.

As children, we learned to end our jubilant stories with "and they lived happily ever after." As adults, we understand the difference between a momentary achievement and the continuity of life. No pain is ever permanent; no victory is ever final.

Oct. 13 was a historic day. What becomes of it is up to us, as we are the ones to author this history.

Last week was national newspaper week: Salute to local journalism

DICK YARBROUGH

I am a week late getting to this because I wanted to share my experiences of being in Iraq 20 years ago with the brave men and women of Georgia's 48th Brigade Combat Team and meeting an IED (a bad guy's homemade bomb) up close and personal.

Last week was National Newspaper Week, which is also up close and personal to me but for different reasons. I have the best job in the world. Each week, I get to share my thoughts with you, courtesy of the editors, and then wait to see how you feel about those thoughts.

I've been at this for almost three decades and over that time, I have made good friends with readers I hear from regularly and will likely never meet face-to-face. You have been with me through good times and bad. You have chided me when I needed it, and if I ever wonder if the column is being read, an error of fact or an incorrect number will get me enough mail to know, yes, you do.

The most rewarding part of this job and the most humbling is when you tell me that something you read here was impactful and that you took the time to share the column with others. It is a reminder to me that words can make a difference and to choose them carefully.

My opinions and the space I am allotted to state them is only a small part of the role the paper plays in the community. There is no better source for local news than right here. This is where you find out what your government is up to, even if they are inclined not to tell you.

This is where you can check on the school board's activities and road closings and read stories about community events and high school sports and the good works of your neighbors. According to the 2024 Trust in Media Study conducted by America's Newspapers and Coda Ventures, local newspapers are the most trusted news source in the country.

The big city newspapers can't say that and it has cost them dearly. Frankly, the big boys have lost credibility with a lot of Americans because they have lost touch with them.

According to Oxford University's Reuters Institute survey, more than half of people are getting their news from social media networks like Facebook, X and YouTube. The survey says that politicians are "increasingly able to bypass traditional journalism in favor of friendly partisan media, 'personalities' and 'influencers' who often get special access but rarely ask difficult questions, with many implicated in spreading false narratives or worse." My definition of real fake news.

Ironically, online influencers and personalities were named as a major source of false or misleading information by almost half of people worldwide, putting them level with the politicians who seek them out. That is a sad state of affairs. Journalism is all about trust and the further away journalists are from their readers, the less the trust.

You aren't likely to run into the editor of the New York Times at the gas pump or see the publisher of the Wall Street Journal in your Sunday School class or attend the local civic club with the managing editor of the Washington Post. Here, you have that opportunity. You don't like something you read, you can give those responsible instant feedback.

I had one editor tell me it sometimes took an hour to get out of the grocery store if the paper had published an article that aroused strong feelings among the readers. But that means people were reading and engaged. And that is what local journalism is all about.

I get a bit of that myself. I had a reader come up to me at church and tell me I was one of the best writers she had ever read. Before I could get all puffed up and adopt my false modesty pose, she added, "I have never agreed with one thing you have ever written, but you write it well." I'm still processing that one.

National Newspaper Week has passed but not the emphasis on the role local journalism plays in our communities. It is an important one and I am glad the editors have let me have a small part in it and to share the opportunity with you. With their permission, if you will keep on reading, I'll keep on writing. We are a team. And thanks to you, a good one.

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Solar power, data centers a focus for PSC candidate

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A solar power advocate who is running for a seat on Georgia's energy regulation agency made his case without opposition Wednesday when his opponent declined to participate in a broadcasted debate.

"Why didn't you have the courage to show up today and defend your six rate hikes in two years," Peter Hubbard, the Democrat running to unseat Republican Fitz Johnson from the Public Service Commission, said at the Atlanta Press Club debate Wednesday. "And what will you do to lower power bills?"

The five-member PSC regulates the companies that provide consumers with electricity, natural gas and telecommunications. All five run statewide for six-year terms, but a series of events produced a race where Hubbard is competing with Johnson for an abbreviated term representing District 3 in metro Atlanta.

The odd-year election stems from an ultimately unsuccessful lawsuit that argued statewide elections for seats that technically represent a portion of the state dilute the impact of Black voters.

Hubbard, Democrat running for Public Service Commission District 3, speaks with reporters after an Atlanta Press Club debate at the WABE studios in Atlanta, where he was the only PSC candidate to attend/TY TAGAMI

The lawsuit postponed PSC elections last year and in 2022.

Johnson was appointed in 2021, so this is the first year he has had to stand for election to the post.

Two other candidates are vying for the District 2 seat, which represents eastern Georgia.

Republican Tim Echols was first elected in 2010 and reelected in 2016 and would have been up for reelection in 2022 if not for the lawsuit.

Democrat Alicia Johnson wants to unseat him. She and Echols also did not participate in Wednesday's debate, which took place in the studios of Atlanta broadcaster WABE.

Hubbard said current PSC policy will further drive up consumer electricity bills as more data centers get built. The facilities, a necessity for the development and operation of artificial intelligence, consume massive amounts of power. And Hubbard said they pay less per unit of energy than other customers.

Both of the Republican incumbent candidates have refuted such claims, saying a resolution that the all-Republican PSC approved in January forbids Georgia Power from passing on the costs to ratepayers of serving new large-load customers — including data centers.

Fitz Johnson said at a Georgia Chamber of Commerce event this summer that the new policy "absolutely strengthens the grid, puts downward pressure on the rates ... so we don't have to be worried about large loads coming here and driving up your rates."

Echols has said the state "is poised to become the artificial intelligence capital of America" and that data centers produce local tax revenue.

The incumbents were in office when the expansion of nuclear Plant Vogtle was completed last year, seven years behind schedule and with massive cost overruns.

Vogtle's Units 3 and 4 were the first new nuclear reactors built in America in decades.

Hubbard said the cost makes nuclear power unaffordable. He said solar power and other innovations can meet future needs at a reasonable cost.

"There are things like unlocking the value of solar, and embracing newer technologies like virtual power plants, that can allow us to accommodate the load growth that we're seeing from data centers while also putting downward pressure on rates," Hubbard said at his solo debate, which is being broadcasted on radio and television. "The lowest cost resource is also the most sustainable and the most reliable. Solar and battery storage will increase the reliability and lower costs for consumers in the state. So, we can have our cake and eat it too."

The election is Nov. 4. Turnout was low in the PSC primaries this year. No other statewide candidates are on the ballot, but local offices on November ballots may draw more to the polls for a race that could affect every resident's pocketbook.

Doctors warn cost-cutting strategy may prevent independent practice

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — An initiative by insurance companies to reduce high-cost doctor visits could cause physicians to abandon private practice and work for big hospital chains, independent practitioners are warning.

They say the trend could drive up patient costs.

Cigna implemented a policy last week to flag bills that appear to be too high. The insurance company may reduce payouts by one billing level "when the encounter criteria on the claim does not support the higher-level" payment code, the new policy says.

Dr. David Eagle, vice president of the American Independent Medical Practice Association (AIMPA), expects the new cost containment approach to erode income for private doctors, with long-term consequences for their patients.

Providers will be able to appeal downgraded billing claims by sending detailed medical records, but it is a labor-intensive process, said Eagle, a blood and cancer specialist in New York. He suspects such "downcoding" decisions will be made using algorithms that rapidly assess claim forms containing few details. Small doctors' offices won't be able to keep pace, he said. "Basically, they're going to be underpaying the doctors based on information on the claim form."

Cigna said only about 1% of providers in its network will be affected by the new policy, which "aims to reduce overbilling." A one-level claim downcode will result in an average $50 reduction in payment, the company said in a written statement.

But $50 per visit adds up for a practice that runs on thin margins, said Dr. Bradley Sumrall, a blood and cancer specialist in Macon.

"I see 25, 30 patients a day. If you take out fifty bucks a patient, that's $1,500 a day. That's several employees," he said. "We run on thin margins. We need money coming back to us in a timely manner, and anything that erodes that or slows it down puts more pressure on us to stay afloat."

Aetna has had a similar downcoding policy for at least a couple of years. A spokesperson responded in writing that the company is obliged to monitor payment claims for its clients and members and to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of Medicare and Medicaid.

Independent providers worry that such cost-saving policies will erode their income and drive more of them to work under the umbrella of big businesses with robust billing departments. Independent doctors' billing offices typically lack the firepower to push back as effectively as a hospital's or a health system's, Eagle said.

The proportion of physicians who left independent practice for employment under hospitals and health systems doubled over the past dozen years, rising to 55% in 2024, according to a study by the Physicians Advocacy Institute.

Independent doctors say downcoding policies could accelerate that trend, with long-term consequences for patient costs.

Dr. Elizabeth Burns, an Atlanta dermatologist, said she understands the motivation of the insurance companies, adding that it conflicts with a provider's mission.

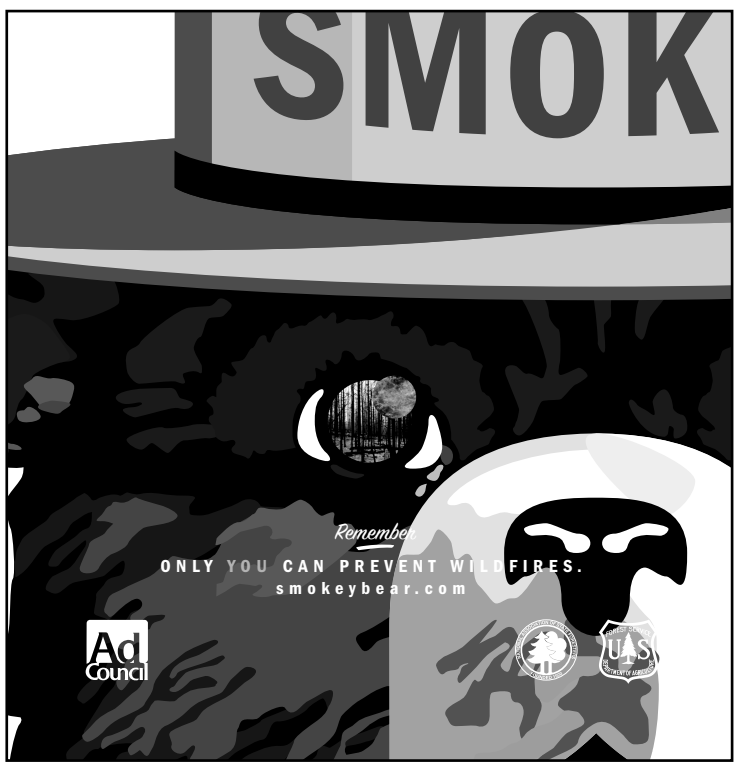
"They're trying to save money. That's their main objective," she said. "The majority of doctors, their main objective is for the patient to get the best care."

Some "outlier" physicians might overbill and should be audited, Burns said. "But it shouldn't affect all the other people who are correctly coding and whose medical visit notes justify the codes that they're submitting."

Eagle predicted that this money-saving maneuver will drive up costs for patients.

He said he was previously in an oncology group in North Carolina that joined a hospital system to cope with expanding administrative burdens and decreasing reimbursements. His patients then encountered new facility fees and increased co-pays, he said.

"So, I've lived it. This does have an impact when physicians move from the private setting to the independent setting," Eagle said. "Everything else was the same. I was the same doctor, it was the same patient, they came to the same building, they got the same service. And many of them, because of the facility fees, paid a lot more for their co-pays. And some of my patients just said, 'Look, I can't keep seeing you anymore.' So, it can have an impact, no doubt about it. All of a sudden, that doctor that you're used to seeing is now in a health system."



NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF WILKINSON COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of November 2025, an election will be held in all of the precincts of Wilkinson County, Georgia (the "County") at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County, for their determination the question of whether a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the "SPLOST") shall be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district created in the County, for a period of time of twenty-four consecutive quarters, commencing April 1, 2026, following the expiration of the SPLOST presently in effect, to raise an estimated amount of $8,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the hereinafter described capital outlay projects pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement, dated August 19, 2025, between the County, the City of Allentown, the City of Danville, the City of Gordon, the City of Irwinton, the City of Ivey, the City of McIntyre, and the City of Toomsboro:

(a) Projects to be owned or operated by both the County (the "County Public Safety Projects") at an estimated total cost of $1,700,000.00
(1) Public Safety Facilities and related equipment and economic development, which may include the purchase of land - $1,700,000.

(b) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the County (the "County Projects") at an estimated total cost of $3,384,360:
(1) Roads, Streets, and Bridges (including Economic Development) - $1,400,000
(2) Public Buildings/Capital Equipment - $1,500,000
(3) Solid Waste - $75,000
(4) Fire Safety - $304,360
(5) Recreation - $105,000

(c) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Allentown (the "Allentown Projects") at an estimated total cost of $97,920:
(1) Public Safety -
(2) Roads and Streets -
(3) Water and Sewer -

(d) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Danville (the "Danville Projects") at an estimated total cost of $17,000:
(1) Public Safety (Fire & EMS)-
(2) Public Works –

(e) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Gordon (the "Gordon Projects") at an estimated total cost of $1,366,120:
(1) Recreation – $50,000
(2) Public Safety – $75,000
(3) Transportation – $35,000
(4) Industrial & Economic Development – $340,920
(5) Public Buildings – $100,000
(6) Solid Waste – $25,000
(7) Roads, Streets, and Bridges – $240,200
(8) Water & Sewage – $450,000
(9) Storm Water – $50,000

(f) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Irwinton (the "Irwinton Projects") at an estimated total cost of $406,640:
(1) Water and Sewage – $150,000
(2) Public Safety - $100,000
(3) Roads, Streets, and Bridges - $113,000
(4) Industrial and Economic Development - $35,000
(5) Library and Recreation - $8,640

(g) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Ivey (the "Ivey Projects") at an estimated total cost of $794,240:
(1) Water and Sewage Projects - $300,000
(2) Roads and Streets - $201,000
(3) Public Safety - $70,000
(4) Equipment - $105,000
(5) Recreation - $85,000
(6) Industrial and Economic Development - $33,240

(h) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of McIntyre (the "McIntyre Projects") at an estimated total cost of $440,640:
(1) Water and Sewage - $120,000
(2) Roads, Streets, and Bridges - $100,640
(3) Public Safety - $100,000
(4) Recreation – $45,000
(5) Public Buildings - $75,000

(i) Projects to be owned or operated or both by the City of Toomsboro (the "Toomsboro Projects") at an estimated total cost of $293,080:
(1) Recreation – $38,180
(2) Public Safety – $59,360
(3) Roads, Streets, and Bridges – $65,000
(4) Public Buildings – $49,260
(5) Water and Sewage – $67,000
(6) Equipment – $14,280

The County Public Safety Projects, the County Projects, the Allentown Projects, the Danville Projects, the Gordon Projects, the Irwinton Projects, the Ivey Projects, the McIntyre Projects, and the Toomsboro Projects are collectively referred to herein as the "Projects".

If the imposition of such tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County secured by a portion of the SPLOST in the maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed $8,500,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds, if issued, shall be used to pay all or any portion of the costs of the Projects described above, capitalized interest on the Bonds and the costs of issuing the Bonds.

Such Bonds, if authorized, shall be dated their date of delivery or from such other date as may be designated by the County, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed five percent (5%) per annum, and shall provide for interest to be payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 of each year, and for the principal to mature on May 1 of each year in the following amounts:

Date	Amount
2027	$1,310,000
2028	$1,380,000
2029	$1,405,000
2030	$1,435,000
2031	$1,470,000
2032	$1,500,000

The Bonds may be issued in one or more series with each series having a different issuance date as determined by the County; provided that the aggregate principal amount of such Bonds shall not exceed $8,500,000.

Voters desiring to vote *for* the imposition of said SPLOST for the purposes set forth above and issuance of the Bonds shall do so by voting *"Yes"* and voters desiring to vote *against* the imposition of said SPLOST for such purposes and the issuance of said bonds shall do so by voting *"No"* as to the question propounded, to wit:

YES ( ) NO ( )

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Wilkinson County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years), commencing April 1, 2026, and for the raising of an estimated amount of $8,500,000 for the following purposes, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated August 5, 2025, between Wilkinson County, Georgia, the City of Allentown, the City of Danville, the City of Gordon, the City of Irwinton, the City of Ivey, the City of McIntyre, and the City of Toomsboro, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (A) funding the following capital outlay projects for Wilkinson County: (1) Public Safety Facilities and related equipment and economic development, which may include the purchase of land; (2) Roads, Streets, and Bridges/including Economic Development; (3) Public Buildings; (4) Solid Waste; (5) Fire Safety; and (6) Recreation; (B) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Allentown: (1) Public Safety; (2) Road and Streets; and (3) Water and Sewage; (C) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Danville: (1) Public Safety (Fire and EMS); and (2) Public Works; (D) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Gordon: (1) Recreation; (2) Public Safety; (3) Transportation; (4) Industrial and Economic Development; (5) Public Buildings; (6) Solid Waste; (7) Roads, Streets, and Bridges; (8) Water and Sewage; and (9) Storm Water; (E) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Irwinton: (1) Water and Sewage Projects; (2) Public Safety; (3) Road, Streets, and Bridges; (4) Industrial and Economic Development; and (5) Library and Recreation projects; (F) funding then following capital outlay projects of the City of Ivey: (1) Water and Sewage Projects; (2) Roads and Streets; (3) Public Safety; (4) Equipment; (5) Recreation; (6) Industrial and Economic Development; (G) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of McIntyre: (1) Water and Sewage Projects; (2) Roads, Streets, and Bridges; (3) Public Safety; (4) Recreation; and (5) Public Buildings; and (H) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Toomsboro: (1) Recreation; (2) Public Safety; (3) Roads, Streets, and Bridges; (4) Public Buildings; (5) Water and Sewage Projects; and (6) Equipment (collectively, the "Projects")?

If the imposition of the tax is approved by the voter, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds of Wilkinson County in the principal amount not to exceed $8,500,000 for all or any portion of the Projects specified above.

The several places for holding the election shall be in the regular and established precincts of the County, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the election. Those qualified to vote in the election shall be determined in all respects in accordance and in conformity with the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America and the State of Georgia.

The last day to register to vote in this special election is October 6, 2025 through 5:00 p.m.

Any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the County or by any other person, firm, corporation, or association with the knowledge and consent of the County, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the County concerning the use of the proceeds of the Bonds; and such statement of intention shall be binding on the County in the expenditure of any such proceeds or interest received from such funds which have been invested.

Those residents of the County qualified to vote in said election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

Legals

Bleckley Co. Legals

C25-108
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES ROBERT WATSON, DECE,ASED
All creditors of the Estate of Charles Robert Watson, 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 payrnent to Administrator.
This 7th day October, 202
Kelly C. Holland, Administrator
938 Jones Road
Cochran, GA 31014
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2025

C25-100
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF JOHN SYLVIN LITTLE, JR, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of John Sylvin Little, Jr, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to llaw, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Administrator.
This 18 day of September, 2025
LuAnn Little Brewer
Administrator
643 Pearidge Road
Danville, GA 31017
September 25, & October 2, 9, 16th, 2025

C25-099
Bleckley County Probate Court Estate No._Estate of Amy English McCranie
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of Amy English McCranie, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
John Bradley McCranie
174 Whiggum Road
Cochran, GA 31014
Rita J. Llop
Attorney at Law
Rita J. Llop, P. C.
5007 9th Avenue, N.E.
Eastman, Georgia 31023
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025

C25-107
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
Civil Action File No. 2025V-0156JFW
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, Bleckley County
Notice is hereby given that Melissa Howard, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia on the 14th day of August, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Melissa Nicole Tydings Howard to Nicole Tydings Howard.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of filing of said petition.
This 14th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Myria Edmond
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

C25-104
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY R. SMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.2025P67
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Billy R. Smith, Jr. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of BILLY R. SMITH, 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 . Section 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, and must be filed with the Court on or before November 10, 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.
Jonathan R. Fordham
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Clerk of the Probate Court
Bleckley County Probate Court
112 North Second Street
Cochran, GA 31014
478-934-3200 Ext. 4
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

C25-101
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of WILMA J. BARKLEY, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.
DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
CHERYL FULTON
c/o PO BOX 4939
Eastman, GA 31023
DANIELS LAW LLC
Attorney for said Executor/Estate
P. O. Box 4939
Eastman, GA 31023
Phone: 478-227-7331
September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 2025

C25-102
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF JEAN N. LOVATO, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Jean N. Lovato, 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
This 11 day of September, 2025
Harold L.Nobles, Administrator
627 Hatrick Road
Columbia, SC 29209
October 2,9,16, 23. 2025

C25-103
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF EDITH LAVERNE YOUNG, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Edith Laverne Young, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Executor.
This 25th day of September, 2025.
Denise E. Myers, Executor
117 Bowman Drive
Cochran, GA 31014
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

C25-098
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
IN RE: ESTATE OF JACQUELINE FAYE ROZIER ROLAND, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of JACQUELINE FAYE ROZIER ROLAND, 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 18TH day of AUGUST, 2025.
KACIE MARIE LUCAS
Executor of the Estate of
JACQUELINE FAYE ROZIER ROLAND
143 CHEROKEE TRAIL RD
COCHRAN, GA 31014
September 25, October 2, 9, & 16th, 2025

C25-106
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF GERALDINE L. FENNELL, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Geraldine L. Fennell, 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 Executor.
This 6th day of October, 2025.
Jeffrey E. Fennell, Executor
3440 Chancellors Drive
Powder Springs, GA 30127
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2025

C25-109
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF ELEONORE M. HORTON, DECEASED
A11 creditors of the Estate of Eleonore M. Horton, 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 Executor.
This 9 day of October, 2025.
Monica R. Cogdill, Executor
7019 Jim Pruett Road
Eastman, GA 31023
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2025

C25-105
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF BRENDA LEE JORDAN, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Brenda Lee Jordan, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Administrator.
This 6th day of October, 2025.
James Arthur Jordan, Administrator
806 Highway 87 South
Cochran, GA 31014
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2025

Twiggs Co. Legals

T25-061
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF STEVE BROOKS DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-054
NOTICE
IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form And For Waiver of Bond/and or Grant of Certain Powers in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form and for waiver of Bond/and or Grant of Certain Powers, in this Court on or before November 3, 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
425 Railroad Street N P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

T25-062
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: JAMES CONNELL DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-053
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The petition of Barbara Connell, for a Year's Support from the estate of James G. Connell, Sr., deceased, for decedent's Surviving Spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before November 3, 2025, 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 on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. 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
425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

T25-060
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: PEARLINE WASHINGTON, DECEASED
All debtors/creditors of the Estate of Pearline Washington, deceased, 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 the undersigned.
This 3rd day of October 2025.
Larunda Jones
86 Cary Lane
Jeffersonville, GA 31044
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

T25-058
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF TWIGGS
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Alberta J. Dennard to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR
BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., dated February 26, 2002 and recorded on March 7, 2002 in Deed Book 6L, Page 461, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Twiggs County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Seventy-Two Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($72,000.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded in Deed Book 11H, Page 163, aforesaid records, 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 has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS ATTACHED THERETO LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 157, 25TH LAND DISTRICT, TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, CONTAINING 1.01 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF THE B. J. DENNARD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY JOHN W. DYE, GRLS NO. 940, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 191, TWIGGS 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.
THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED UNDER POWER RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 6D, PAGE 450, SAID RECORDS.
Said property may more commonly be known as **350 C Dennard Road aka 565 Dennard Rd, Dry Branch, GA 31020.**

The debt secured by said Security Deed 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 (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1- 800-365-7107.
Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Alberta J. Dennard aka Alberta J. Denard and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 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.
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for Alberta J. Dennard
Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
25-003306
Ad Run Dates: 10/09/2025, 10/16/2025, 10/23/2025, 10/30/2025.
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

T25-063
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH BROOKS DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-055
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Cathy Sewell has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Ann Brooks 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 November 10, 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.
Honorable Gary Nobles, Jr. Judge of Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
Twiggs County Probate Court
425 Railroad St. N P. O Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2025

T25-059
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: DAVID LEE MIDDLETON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-048
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The petition of Elaine Middleton, for a Year's Support from the estate of David Lee Middleton, deceased, for decedent's Surviving Spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before November 3, 2025, 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 on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate

Invitations for Bid and Request for Proposals by Twiggs County Georgia

Twiggs County is accepting proposals from qualified Contractors for Resurfacing and related road work (the "Work") for Pineland Road in Twiggs County, Georgia. Pineland Road is approximately .6 miles of roadway, and this Work shall include the cul de sac. The Work's specifications are provided below.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Proposals/Bids must be sealed and signed. Late Proposals/Bids will not be considered. Bids/Proposals for the Project will be opened on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. during the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners' Regularly Scheduled Meeting at the Twiggs County Court House.

The terms and conditions for the Proposals/Bids and specifications for the Project are: (1) a minimum application rate of 2.0" asphalt for resurfacing; (2) a 2-foot apron is required at all driveways and intersections to ensure a smooth transition; (3) work must be completed within 45 calendar days from the date of the road contract; (4) clipping in preparation for new pavement is mandatory; (5) contractor agrees it shall remove all debris from the project site upon completion of the Work; (6) mobilization, bonding, and insurance is required; and (7) payment by the County shall be within 30 days of the completion and acceptance of the Contractor's work.

A bid proposal or guaranty in the amount of $5,000.00 is required pursuant to O.C.G.A. §32-4-67.

A performance and payment bond in the amount of the contract is required by O.C.G.A. §32-4-68 for all road contracts for $5,000 0r more. Each bidder must provide a performance and payment bond to the County as part of the road contract, and each bidder must include the cost of such bonds in its bid for this project.

As allowed by Georgia law, this Request for Proposal expressly provides that:

Offerors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion, negotiation, and revision of proposals. Discussions, negotiations, and revisions may be permitted after submission of proposals and prior to award of contract for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.

In accordance with the request for proposals, all responsible offerors found by Twiggs County to have submitted proposals reasonably susceptible to being selected for award shall be given an opportunity to participate in such discussions, negotiations, and revisions. During the process of discussion, negotiation, and revision, Twiggs County shall not dis close the contents of proposals to competing offerors.

Twiggs County specifically reserves all of its rights under Georgia law as to the proposals that it receives pursuant to this Request, specifically including but not limited to, the right to waive any requirements and/or specifications included, to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities or informalities, and to accept any proposal that in its judgment best serves the interests of the County and/or is deemed to be best suited for its needs.

Twiggs County reserves its rights to reject any or all bids.

If there are any questions, please submit such questions in writing to the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Office at 425 N Railroad Street, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044.

SECTION II

CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

PEACOCK STREET STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

INVITATION TO BID

DATE: OCTOBER 2025

Sealed unit price bids will be received by the City of Cochran, Georgia from prospective contractors for the City of Cochran, Georgia: Ash Street Park project. The work consists of furnishing and installing all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and related services required for a complete project. The project is located on the Peacock Street in Cochran, Georgia. This project includes, but is not limited to, traffic control, erosion and sediment control, clearing, grading, stormwater and sewer utility installation and landscaping within the project limits in accordance with the Contract Documents for the **City of Cochran: Peacock Street Stormwater Improvements.**

The City of Cochran, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d—42 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, part 21, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents are to be submitted in writing to the *Owner's Representative*, Attention: **James Jones** via email at **jjones@fdc-llc.com**. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Owner in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda and recorded by Owner as having received the Bidding Documents. Questions received after **5:00 PM** local time on **Monday, November 10, 2025** may not be answered. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Cochran at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, GA 31014 until **2:00 PM** local time, **Thursday, November 20, 2025**, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Only bids presented with a certification from the bidder that the bid submitted is based upon the current and complete Contract Documents will be accepted and opened.

SECTION II

No bid may be modified, withdrawn, or canceled for a period of sixty (60) days after the time designated for the receipt of Bids or until the Bidder is notified by the City whichever is sooner. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities, technicalities, and formalities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. The Bid Bond may be in the form of a bond issued by a surety acceptable to the City or a cashier's check made payable to the City of Cochran, Georgia. The entire Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City of Cochran, Georgia as liquidated damages if the bidder fails to execute the Contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within fifteen (15) days after being notified that he has been awarded the Contract.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a contract Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount bid and provide insurance coverage as required in the Contract Documents.

Note: For more information please refer to the Instruction to Bidders and the Contract Documents, which govern and supersede this Invitation to Bid.

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
425 Railroad St N, PO Box 186
Jeffersonville, GA 31044
478-945-3390

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

T25-056
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
WALTER WILLIAM ASHBY DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-056
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of Helga Ashby, for a Year's Support from the estate of Walter William Ashby deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before October 27, 2025, 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 on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. 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
425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390

October 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2025

T25-064
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY GRACE ROBERSON AKA: (Mary H. Roberson) , DECEASED
ESTATE NO P-22-046
NOTICE
[For Discharge from all Office and Liability]

IN RE: Petition of W. Ryan Frier for Dischage of Personal Representative
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative, in this Court on or before **October 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
PO Box 186 Jeffersonville, GA 31044
478-945-3390

October 16, 2025

Wilkinson Co. Legals

W25-084
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Lemuel Baylis Carnes, III, late of Wilkinson County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 30th day of September, 2025
Name: Evercore Trust Company, N.A.
Title: Executor
Address: c/o 647 Mimosa Blvd., Roswell, Georgia 30075

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

W25-080
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, WILKINSON COUNTY
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Latonia M. Rountree and Bennie Rountree, Jr. to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation dated 10/21/2005 and recorded in Deed Book 301 Page 676 Wilkinson County, Georgia re04) 994-7400. 1017-7606A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-7606A
cords; as last transferred to or acquired by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RP3, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $70,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Wilkinson County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on November 4, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 262, 3rd Land District, GMD 330, in the Town of Toomsboro, Wilkinson County, Georgia, being shown at that 2.00 acre tract, more or less, on the Survey of Property for Herman Ray Orr and Agnes Orr Lord, recorded in Plat Book 19 Page 393A, Clerk's Office, Wilkinson County Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for the purpose of a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds and dimensions of said property. This is the same property as described in a conveyance to Herman Ray Orr and Agness Orr Lord, dated October 6, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 292 Page 392 Wilkinson County Superior Court.
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 (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **239 Irwinton Rd., Toomsboro, GA 31090-2005** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Latonia M. Rountree and Bennie Rountree, Jr. or tenant or tenants. PHH Mortgage Corporation is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
PHH Mortgage Corporation
1661 Worthington Rd
Suite 100
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
(800) 750-2518
Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
The sale will be conducted subject to (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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RP3 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Latonia M. Rountree and Bennie Rountree, Jr.
Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404)
04) 994-7400.
1017-7606A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-7606A

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

W25-081
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF WILKINSON
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Martha Curry to Group Financial Southeast, dated April 25, 1997 and recorded on May 5, 1997 in Deed Book 231, Page 293, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Wilkinson County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Seventy-Nine Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($79,000.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to MCLP Asset Company, Inc., recorded in Deed Book 425, Page 33, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Wilkinson County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF GORDON, AND IN LAND LOT 202 OF THE 27TH LAND DISTRICT, AND IN THE 331ST G. M. DISTRICT OF WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONSISTING OF 1.00 ACRE, AND BEING KNOWN AS LOT 3, BLOCK "E", OF THE J.B. STEVENS, JR. SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY DONALD D. BROOKS, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2418, DATED DECEMBER 21, 1993, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 29, CLERK`S OFFICE, WILKINSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. SAID LOT 3 IS SUBJECT TO SUCH SIZE, SHAPE, METES, BOUNDS AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, WHICH PLAT IS BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.
THIS BEING A PORTION OF THAT IDENTICAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DENNIS R. SMITH AND TINA C. SMITH IN THAT CERTAIN WARRANTY DEED FROM WILLIAM E. HUBBARD, II, DATED AUGUST 12, 1996, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 226, PAGE 386, AFORESAID RECORDS.
THE GRANTOR BORROWER REPRESENTS, COVENANTS, WARRANTS, AND AGREES THE MANUFACTURED HOME LOCATED ON THE LAND 1997 DESTINY, MODEL # 804-12, SERIAL # OW56286 A/B WAS FORMERLY PERSONALTY BUT IS NOW AND FOREVER TO REMAIN ON THE LAND AND HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN SO AS TO BECOME PART OF THE LAND; AND ALL ASSOCIATED ADDITIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WELLS, SEPTIC TANKS, DECKS, DRIVEWAY, WALKWAYS, PATIOS, CARPORTS, AND GARAGES, ARE INTENDED TO BE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS TO SAID REAL ESTATE AND ARE TO BE GOVERNED BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SECURITY DEED, WITH ALL RIGHTS THERETO APPERTAINING.
THE MANUFACTURED HOME ON THE DAY OF EXECUTION OF THE SECURITY DEED HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE REALTY AND IS INTENDED BY THE GRANTOR TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.
THE GRANTOR SHALL APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND HAVE THE PROPERTY TAXED AS REAL PROPERTY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. ANY FAILURE TO MAKE SUCH APPLICATION SHALL CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT HEREUNDER BY GRANTOR BORROWER.
Said property may more commonly be known as 108 DC Hardie Road, Gordon, GA 31031.
The debt secured by said Security Deed 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 (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is MCLP Asset Company, Inc., 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Martha Curry and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 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.

MCLP Asset Company, Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Martha Curry
Contact:

Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
25-009234
Ad Run Dates: 10/09/2025 ,10/16/2025 ,10/23/2025 ,10/30/2025 ;

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

W25-085
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of BONNIE SNOW, late of Wilkinson County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 30th day of September, 2025.
Robert Snow, Executor
571 JM McCullough Road
Gordon, Georgia 31031
By: W. Ryan Frier, Esq.
FRIER & OULSNAM, P.C.

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

W25-090
Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Ty Carruthers Harlem Division Incorporated have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 100 May Ln, Mc Intyre, GA 31054 and its initial registered agent at such address is Natalia Underwood.

October 16, 23, 2025

W25-082
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT
Vehicle Make: Harley-Davidson
Year: 2002
Model: Electra Glide Classic
Vehicle ID: 1HD1DJV192Y609767
Vehicle License:
State:
Present location of vehicle: 125 Mount Carmel Road, McIntyre, GA 31054
You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in the Magistrate Court of Wilkinson County to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.
Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle may file an answer to this petition on or before : 10/31/2025
Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at:
100 Bacon St, Irwinton, GA 31042
Forms may also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

October 9, 16, 2025

W25-083
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT
Vehicle Make: Hyundai
Year: 2012
Model: SONATA HYBRID
Vehicle ID: KMHEC4A42CA039785
Vehicle License:
State:
Present location of vehicle: 125 Mount Carmel Road, McIntyre, GA 31054
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October 9, 16, 2025

W25-086
Notice of Sale Under Power
State of Georgia, County of Baldwin

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Marilyn A. Knowles to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Bank (the Secured Creditor), dated January 15, 2009, and Recorded on February 3, 2009 as Book No. 968 and Page No. 525, Baldwin County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of $168,192.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Baldwin County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Baldwin County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in NOVEMBER, 2025, the following described property:

Parcel One:
All that composite tract of land together with all improvements attached thereto situate, lying and being in Land Lot 176, 5th Land District, 322th GMD, Baldwin County, Georgia containing 2.42 acres, more or less, being composed of Tract "A," Tract "B," and Tract "C" all as shown on a plat of survey for Billy J. and Bettie J. Chambers prepared by Byron L. Farmer, GRLS No. 1679, dated January 22, 1993 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Baldwin County, Georgia in Deed Book 325, page 410. Said plat of survey and record thereof are by this reference made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate description of said property.
Parcel Two:
All that tract or parcel of land together with all improvements attached thereto lying and being partly in Wilkinson County, Georgia and partly in Land Lot 176, 5th Land District, 322th GMD, Baldwin County, Georgia, described as 2.21 acres, more or less, according to that certain plat of survey for Billy J & Bettie J. Chambers, surveyed on June 12, 1993 and plated on June 16, 1993, prepared by Byron L. Farmer, GRLS No. 1679, recorded in Deed Book 335, Page 101, Baldwin 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.
Subject To:
1) Easements in favor of Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation recorded in Deed Book 261, Page 251, Deed Book 263, Page 348, and Deed Book 274, Page 313, said records.
2) Matters as shown on the above referenced plats of survey and other surveys of record, if any, said records.
3) General Utility Easement, Restrictive Covenants, limitations and restrictions of record, if any, said records.

Tax ID: 043 002C

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. Because the debt remains 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 (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806.

INVITATION TO SEALED BID
DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP
119 S FIFTH STREET
CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

The City of Cochran is accepting sealed bids to demolish a dilapidated structure at 119 S Fifth Street here in Cochran. The scope of work will include demolishing the structure, grading the foundation where the structure is being demolished, clearing and cleaning any underbrush, and items on the property, and hauling all debris from the site to a permitted landfill. You may notify Code Enforcement Officer Danny Smith or Willie Farrow of any questions or if you need assistance viewing the property prior to sealed bid submission during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at the City Hall address, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. All bids must be sealed and labeled "sealed bid" on the outside of the envelope. Sealed bids must be mailed or submitted to City Hall at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014. E-mailed or Faxed bids will not be recognized. The City of Cochran reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities.

The City of Ivey is taking applications for the maintenance department. Must have valid drivers license and transportation. Applications can be picked up at city hall. For more information call 478-628-2479.

Invitations for Bid and Request for Proposals by Twiggs County Georgia

Twiggs County is accepting proposals from qualified Contractors for Resurfacing and related road work (the "Work") for two sections (referred to as "Section 1" and "Section 2") of Myricks Mill Road in Twiggs County, Georgia. Section 1 begins .7 miles from the intersection of Highway 80 and Myricks Mill Road at point "A" and ends after approximately .2 miles at point "B". Section 2 begins .1 miles from point "B" at point "C" and ends after approximately .2 miles at point "D". The Work consists of a total of approximately .4 miles of roadway. All bids must include both sections. The Work's specifications are provided below.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Proposals/Bids must be sealed and signed. Late Proposals/Bids will not be considered. Bids/Proposals for the Project will be opened on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. during the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners' Regularly Scheduled Meeting at the Twiggs County Court House.

The terms and conditions for the Proposals/Bids and specifications for the Project are: (1) a minimum application rate of 2.0" asphalt for resurfacing; (2) a 2-foot apron is required at all driveways and intersections to ensure a smooth transition; (3) work must be completed within 45 calendar days from the date of the road contract; (4) clipping in preparation for new pavement is mandatory; (5) contractor agrees it shall remove all debris from the project site upon completion of the Work; (6) mobilization, bonding, and insurance is required; and (7) payment by the County shall be within 30 days of the completion and acceptance of the Contractor's work.

A bid proposal or guaranty in the amount of $5,000.00 is required pursuant to O.C.G.A. §32-4-67.

A performance and payment bond in the amount of the contract is required by O.C.G.A. §32-4-68 for all road contracts for $5,000 or more. Each bidder must provide a performance and payment bond to the County as part of the road contract, and each bidder must include the cost of such bonds in its bid for this project.

As allowed by Georgia law, this Request for Proposal expressly provides that:

Offerors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion, negotiation, and revision of proposals. Discussions, negotiations, and revisions may be permitted after submission of proposals and prior to award of contract for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.

In accordance with the request for proposals, all responsible offerors found by Twiggs County to have submitted proposals reasonably susceptible to being selected for award shall be given an opportunity to participate in such discussions, negotiations, and revisions. During the process of discussion, negotiation, and revision, Twiggs County shall not disclose the contents of proposals to competing offerors.

Twiggs County specifically reserves all of its rights under Georgia law as to the proposals that it receives pursuant to this Request, specifically including but not limited to, the right to waive any requirements and/or specifications included, to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities or informalities, and to accept any proposal that in its judgment best serves the interests of the County and/or is deemed to be best suited for its needs.

Twiggs County reserves its rights to reject any or all bids.

If there are any questions, please submit such questions in writing to the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Office at 425 N Railroad Street, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044.

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STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS FOR THE WEEK 9/28/25

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Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **364 MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH ROAD, GORDON, GA 31031** is/are: Marilyn A. Knowles or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

The sale will be conducted subject to (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.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC".

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Marilyn A. Knowles.

Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 23-55601

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

W25-087
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Rufus Charles Mixon, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 304
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Leonad Brian Mixon
and to whom it may concern:
Leonad Brian Mixon has petitioned for Leonad Brian Mixon to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Rufus Charles Mixon 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 object ions, and must be filed with the Court on or before November 3, 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.
Sarah A Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Bradasia A. Mims
Clerk of the Probate Court
Wilkinson County Probate Court
100 Bacon St
Irwinton, GA 31042
478-946-2222

October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

W25-077
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of:
Christian Paul Young
Civil Action File No. 2025CV0121
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Christian Paul Young, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Wilkinson County, Georgia on the day of August 4th, 2025 to change my name from Christian Paul Young to Gethsemane Kate Young. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections.
Signed this 4th day of August, 2025
Christian Paul Young
Petioner
6621 Stuckey Rd
Irwinton, GA 31042
478 484 4282

September 25, October 2, 9, 16th, 2025

W25-079
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of WILLIAM BENNIE PRICE JR., late of Wilkinson County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 22nd day of September, 2025.
Rodney Gordon Price, Executor
171 Dedrick Road
McIntyre, Georgia 31054
By: W. Ryan Frier, Esq.
FRIER & OULSNAM, P.C.

W25-088
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Herschal Thomas Brown Jr., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 303
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: Amy Michelle Moore
and to whom it may concern:
Amy Michelle Moore has petitioned for Amy Michelle Moore to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Herschal Thomas Brown Jr. 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 November 3, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections.
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October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

W25-089
Sheriff's Sale
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 25-057CS
Bradley & Sousan Lego
-VS-
Wesley Chase Veal

Pursuant to a writ of Fieri Facias entered by said court on April 29, 2025, in favor of Bradley & Sousan Lego vs. Wesley Chase Veal, the below described property will be sold at public auction and knocked off to the highest bidder, at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

2008 Chevrolet Silverado K-250 Truck
VIN: 1GCHK23608F150840

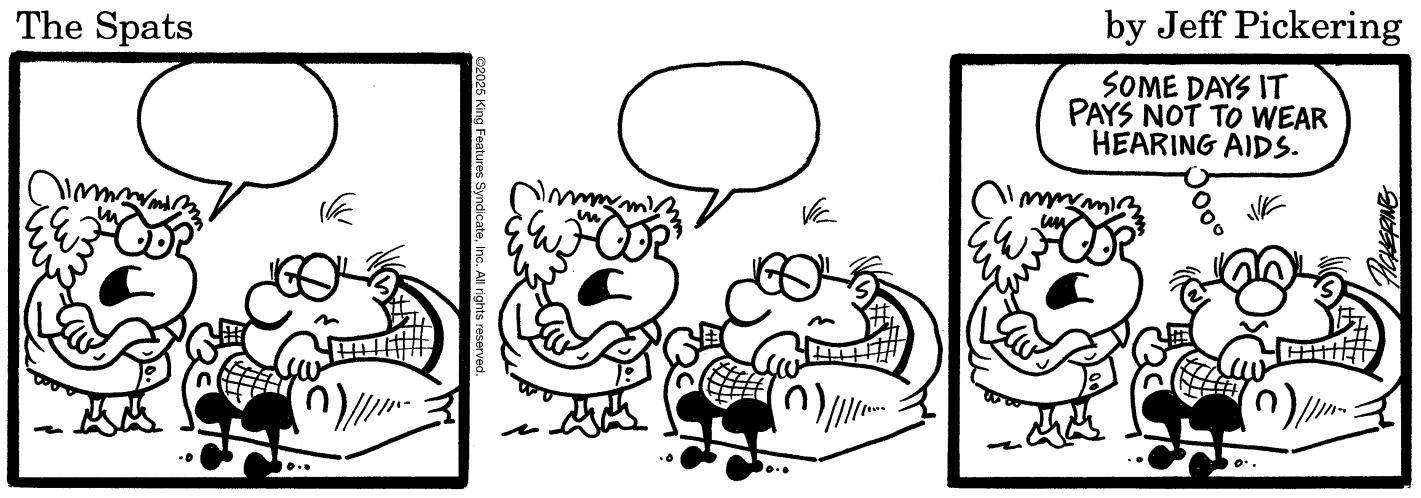
Place of sale will be on the steps of the Wilkinson County Courthouse
100 Bacon Street, Irwinton, Georgia.

Richard Chatman, Sheriff
Wilkinson County, Georgia

October 9, 14, 23, 30, 2025

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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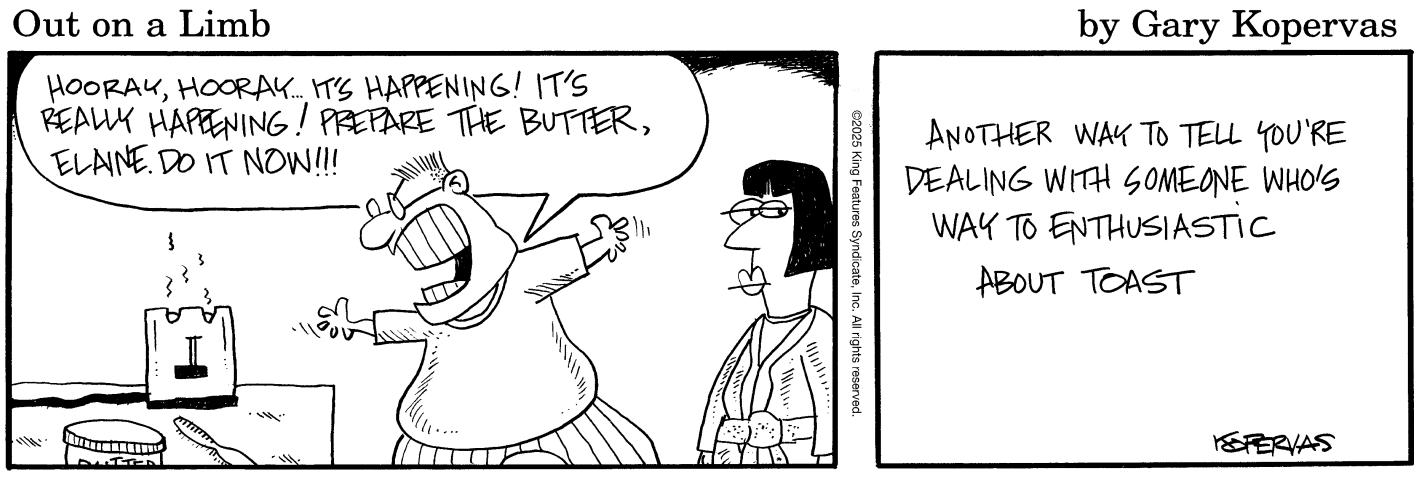
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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"I have a list of things for you to do if you ever get out."

MAGIC MAZE ● — MY —

K Z D Y E D H A I R X V Y S Q
B O T N M K I G E C A Y A T C
W Y S R A E F E C A F U W R A
S Q S P A H U G E T S G O A T
B E W I F E D G O N L J G E C
H F E C D O H L N N A Y X H H
V U S Q T E P M O O D N M E D
R I A H T U C K O H T O J K R
H F I T E E F G A R D T O O I
E N C B Z Y X V U T F R I R F
G Q P O M L L O O C W E L B T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: SOMEONE'S KNOCKING — MY —

Be wife
Bit tongue
Blew cool
Broke heart
By side
Catch drift
Cut hair
Do thing
Drag feet
Dyed hair
Face fears
From heart
Gets goat
Go way
Hold hand

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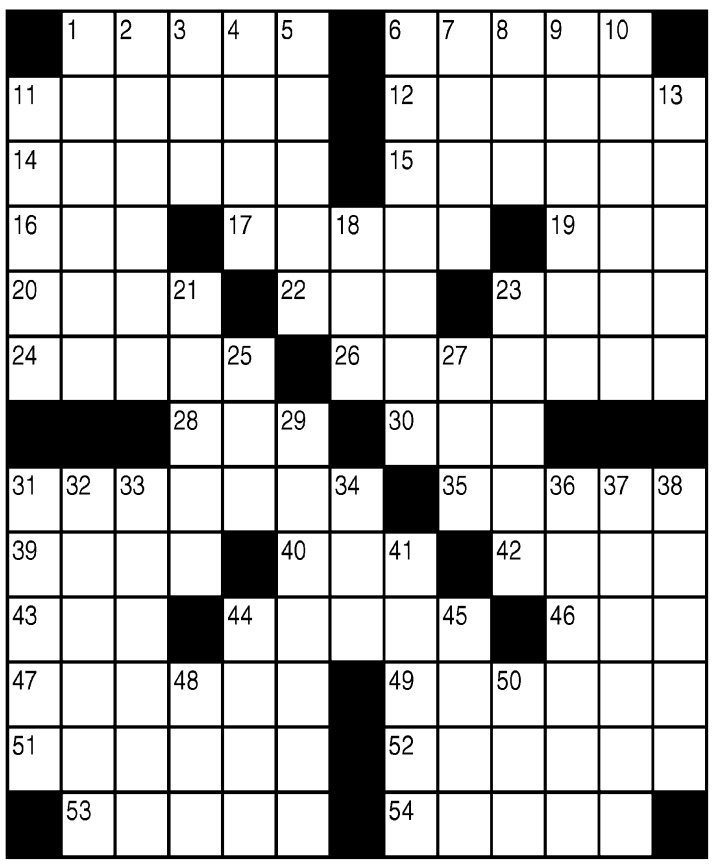

ACROSS
1 Bulgaria's capital
6 Tub toys
11 Bacon pieces
12 Mistakes in print
14 Serengeti howlers
15 Pre-Easter
16 Swiss canton
17 Univ. divisions
19 Toll rd.
20 Lincoln in-law
22 "No seats"
23 Spring
24 Entangle
26 Surpassed
28 Tic-tac-toe win
30 Roofing goo
31 Indy 500 skid
35 Singer Norah
39 Marathoner's stat
40 Recipe abbr.
42 Humorist Sahl
43 Chang's brother
44 Unadorned
46 Kanga's kid
47 Asian peninsula
49 Designer Pierre
51 Van Gogh's "— Night"
52 How chicken may be served
53 Juan's farewell
54 Puccini opera

DOWN
1 "Sophie's Choice" author
2 Frozen fries brand
3 Shark feature
4 Apple tablet
5 Ninnies
6 Sing loudly
7 Unrefined metals
8 Prince Valiant's son
9 Body art
10 Intervene
11 Closes
13 Bracelet site
18 Expert
21 Unmanned plane
23 PC drive insert
25 Bathroom, to a Brit
27 — Mahal
29 Expenditures
31 Rose parts
32 Target at a fiesta
33 "That makes me happy!"
34 Airport screening org.
36 Type of skiing
37 Beethoven's Third
38 Sculptor's material
41 Loop of lace
44 Arsonist
45 iPod model
48 Onassis nickname
50 Train lines (Abbr.)

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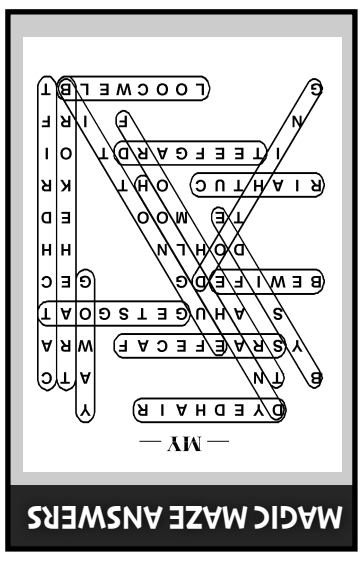
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