



Twiggs County BOE approves field trips, fundraisers



Assistant Superintendent James F. Austin III discusses teacher attrition. From left to right, Board Member Rhonda King (District 3), Board Member Teresa Blackshear (District 2), Superintendent Dr. Mack Bullard, Chairperson Thomas Carstarphen, and Vice Chairperson Isiah Rouse Jr./SPECIAL PHOTO

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

At a November 11 board meeting for Twiggs public schools, Assistant Superintendent James F. Austin III took to the podium to discuss the monthly financial report. The total proposed expenditures and encumbrances, noted Austin, amounted to \$10,716,535.

After his presentation, board member Teresa Blackshear asked Austin if any cuts were needed with the current budget plan.

Austin responded that cuts

weren't currently needed, but that they planned to "use attrition first" in reducing upcoming expenditures. Responsibilities would be re-delegated to other, existing personnel. Austin said they "already have some roles they're going to do that with" in the following year.

Superintendent Dr. Mack Bullard jumped into the conversation, highlighting how he also wished to pursue attrition. He hopes that, through attrition, the district can limit cutting active positions. He mentioned a number of staff would be retiring soon, and that mul-

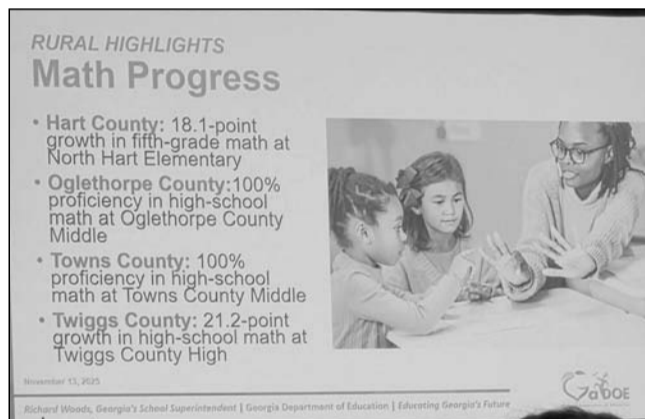
multiple of these positions would not need to be refilled.

"We definitely don't want anybody to lose their jobs. We just got to do what's best for our children," said Blackshear.

Austin also requested the board renew an upcoming contract with Centegix, an emergency alert system for school staff across the county. Austin requested the board approve the renewal for Jeffersonville Elementary, noting renewals for other Twiggs schools will be

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Twiggs County Public Schools receives Georgia Economic Development Award for 2025



Twiggs County High School saw a 21 percent growth in mathematics and was awarded the 2025 Georgia Economic Development Award/SPECIAL PHOTO

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

While attending the State's Rural Education and Innovation Conference on Nov. 13, Twiggs County Public Schools was awarded the 2025 Georgia Economic Development Award and recognized for a significant leap in math scores.

Held in Helen, Ga. last week, the conference, presented by the Georgia Department of Education, saw a number of state-wide school highlights. The DOE Chief of Staff Christy Todd delivered a special rural highlights presentation on behalf of the State School Superintendent Richard Woods, during which Twiggs was awarded with the two distinctions.

Twiggs County schools were awarded the Economic Development Partnership Designee, which, according to the presentation, "recognizes a district as a strategic partner in their local and regional workforce development ecosystem" and "promotes increased work-based learning and Youth Apprenticeship opportunities, access to in-demand career exploration, and more."

According to District Superintendent Dr. Mack Bullard, the Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Economic Development Association work together to evaluate schools by their matching of education with current work force needs.

Out of 115 rural school districts, according to Bullard, only 21 have ever earned this distinction.

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Speakers at the event included US like Cochran Mayor Billy Yeomans/SPECIAL PHOTO

City of Cochran holds Veterans Day program in the city auditorium

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 11, the City of Cochran held a special Veterans Day program in the city auditorium, consisting of special presentations, music, speeches and more.

The Dodge County JROTC started the program with a presentation of colors. Following the presentation, attendees heard several musical performances by Terra Proffitt Lucent, Cheryl Harris and the Bleckley County High School Band. Some of the songs performed last Tuesday were the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

Dave Witte, Colonel Michael Junod, Dr. Reed Crumbliss and Cochran Mayor Billy Yeomans gave speeches throughout the program. Yeomans, an army veteran, gave the closing remarks.

Refreshments were provided by the Cochran Woman's Club.

The City of Cochran shared photos from the event on their Facebook page.

"Seeing our community come together in unity and gratitude was inspiring. Thank you to every veteran, family member, student, performer, and citizen who helped make this day one to remember. Cochran proudly honors our heroes — today and every

day," said officials in the post.

"The City of Cochran would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in and attended today's Veteran's Day Program. It was a beautiful and meaningful tribute to those who have served our country with courage and sacrifice."

The post made a special acknowledgment to Mr. Robert Ashcroft, who "took no credit but deserves so much of it."

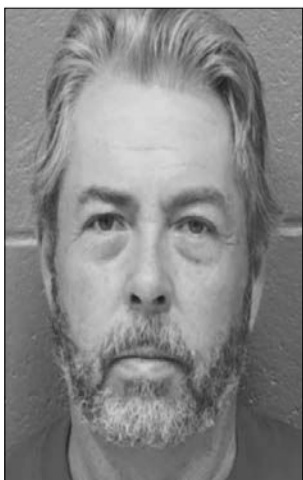
In the weeks leading up to the presentation, the city's Public Works team lined Dykes Street with dozens of American flags. Underneath each was the name of a US Veteran.

Man arrested shoplifting at new Gordon B&T Market

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

Charles Daniel Wallace was picked up on a JAG probation warrant and arrested on Nov. 15.

Then, just two days later, he was arrested again, this time inside the B&T Food Fresh Markets in Gordon. An officer from the Gordon Police Department responded after receiving a 911 call from a store employee. According to the employee, the grocery store manager "was watching (the cameras) from home and saw (Noma Lisa Cooper) stealing items in her purse." The employee added that Waller was accompanied by a man, later identified as Wallace.



Wallace

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Warriors falls short after tough fight in playoffs

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

An undermanned Wilkinson County squad fought awfully hard last Friday night but ultimately came up short, losing to Jenkins County 38-27 in round one of the GHSA Class A Division II playoffs.

The Warriors dressed out two dozen players, which was roughly half as many as the Eagles, who also had a noticeable size advantage on the line of scrimmage.

The loss marked the third straight first-round playoff exit for Wilco, with all three losses coming at home.

Some Wilco players fought back tears as the final seconds ticked off and the handshake line formed.

The situation appeared especially bleak late in the third quarter, with Jenkins already up 28-14 and driving deep in Wilco territory. The Warriors' defense



Losing in the playoffs always hurts. Sophomore lineman Jason Hurst reacts to Wilkinson County's 38-27 loss to Jenkins County last Friday night /CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY

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coming up in the next couple of years.

Jeffersonville Elementary originally signed a contract with Centegix back in 2022, and now that the term has ended, a new one is needed to continue the service. An emergency alert system is a legal requirement for all public schools in the state, Austin added.

The quote Austin presented to the board would cost the school about \$41,000 over the span of five years, or about \$8,200 the school would pay annually.

When asked how the school would fund the renewal, Austin explained that a local security grant totaling \$64,905 would cover the total costs of the program, and that the contract would not require any additional funding. His request to the board, he reiterated, was that Jeffersonville Elementary be allowed to use these funds to renew the contract with Centegix.

After an aside with Bullard, Blackshear moved for the board to recognize the Centegix item as an information item rather than an action item, since this was the board's first time hearing of a contract renewal. King seconded the motion,

and so it was tabled for the next board meeting.

Austin alerted the board that Centegix will give the district until December to renew.

Executive Director Miriam Rearden also presented an information item regarding Twigg's accreditation status. As she told the board, Twigg's received Full Accreditation in 2023 and are currently on a multi-year timeline in keeping with that status. As is the standard for year 4, Twigg's was required to receive an evaluation from Cognia Progress Monitoring. An evaluator with Cognia visited Twigg's schools, and according to Rearden, Cog-

nia's office is currently reviewing that evaluation for approval.

Also present at the meeting was kindergartener John Helbig. Helbig opened the meeting by leading the board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. He had his photo taken with Bullard and was presented with a certificate.

During the meeting, Bullard presented requests for over a dozen field trips for Twigg's schools including Twigg's County High School, Jeffersonville Elementary, and the Business & Technology Class. Field trips included various community

service projects, luncheons, and college tours. The board approved the field trips unanimously.

The superintendent also requested the board approve a fundraiser for a Twigg's County basketball team. The Lady Cobras requested the board allow them to raffle tickets for breast cancer awareness and "Cobra Spirit." Funds raised from the ticket sales would go towards purchasing new travel gear for the Lady Cobras as well as fund other basketball related expenditures.

Blackshear started a motion to approve the fundraiser request, however

after a long silence, no one seconded. Chair Carstarphen announced the motion had failed.

Later in the night, after a 45-minute executive session, the request was approved. The Chairman noted "a correction" had been made, leading the motion to pass unanimously.

Board Member Chesney Butler was absent from the meeting.

The board meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the Board of Education Building. Meetings are also streamable live or by playback on their YouTube channel.

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"I'm very proud of it. We're not just educating students, but we're also building them and making sure that they're ready to go into the work force—making sure they have the skills and experience to be successful."

According to Superintendent Dr. Bullard, this accomplishment is due to the incredible strides made by the Twigg's's CTAE program. He recognized the program's Director Andrea Denson for her contributions.

CTAE, short for Career Technical and Agricultural Education, is a set of programs designed to allow students to enroll in advanced courses while still in highschool to ensure they are "career ready" by the time they graduate. Some of these CTAE programs include JROTC, Business Education, Cyber Security, Welding, Agricultural Science, Cosmetology and a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant Program).

Twigg's students with high enough grades are also eligible to take the SATs early and begin college courses while still in high school.

Also during Todd's rural highlights presentation, Twigg's County High School was recognized for an increase in Algebra 1 scores by 21.2%.

Twigg's was one of four districts to be recognized in the keynote address for this improvement.

In a Facebook post, the Twigg's County Public Schools page said, "It was an incredible moment of pride for our entire community. Twigg's County, this is our season! Boots on the Ground, Scores in the Air!"

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rose up and pieced together a goal-line stand, however, and the Eagles ultimately fumbled and turned the ball over. Wilco then marched 99 yards, led by quarterback Quenterrion Stanford and senior running back Terrelle Blount, who played like a man possessed and someone who definitely didn't want his high school career to end.

Stanford found talented freshman receiver Tyler Hogan in the corner of the end zone on 4th and 8, and suddenly Wilco was right back in the game, trailing 28-21.

Extra points traditionally have been an adventure for Wilco's football program, but freshman kicker Diego Reynoso-Gonzalez made all four of his PATs on Friday night.

The Eagles kicker – Alex Morales – then responded with a field goal of his own on the next possession for Jenkins, upping the lead to 31-21.

Blount wasn't done, however, carrying the Wilco offense down the field on the next possession and requiring three or four players to tackle him. Blount cashed in from 22 yards out, cutting the score to 31-28.

However, the Eagles sealed the deal with a touchdown later in the fourth quarter.

The challenge moving forward for Head Coach Jamoski Ward will be recruiting his own hallways and convincing more students to come out for the football team, while also convincing the players already on the team to make more of a commitment to football. Achieving this, however, will always be difficult at a "basketball school" and in a "basketball county."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

By Minister Milton Sampson, Resident and VP, Twigg's County Chamber of Commerce, and Billy Humphries, Resident, Founder, and former president, Forest Resource Consultants, Inc.

Twigg's County is at a crossroads. For generations, our land, forests, and mines sustained us, but the world is changing. Two pulp and paper mills have closed, kaolin mining is declining, and forestry jobs are fading. Lastly, schools stretch every dollar, businesses struggle, and our tax base erodes while costs for roads, safety, and education rise. Therefore, standing still is not an option.

When a new industry offers to double our tax base, create hundreds of construction and technical jobs, and attract business, we owe it to our community to weigh the opportunity for the greater good. Progress can't be stalled when our future is at stake. Rural counties that reject investment rarely get another chance.

Projects that support schools, roads, and emergency services are hard-won. Counties compete because they understand what's at risk—their citizens' livelihoods and sustainability.

It's about our children and our future. Responsible development, guided by local voices can create jobs, strengthen schools, and renew hope. We must move forward together—or watch opportunity pass Twigg's County by again. Twigg's County deserves progress, not paralysis. Let's rise together for our future and the greater good!

Minister Milton Sampson, Dry Branch, Ga.

Sen. Larry Walker III shares state of Georgia's success at NCOIL meeting

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

ATLANTA (November 18, 2025) — Today, Sen. Larry Walker, III (R-Perry) announced the successful conclusion of the National Council of Insurance Legislators' (NCOIL) Fall Meeting, held in Atlanta. Sen. Walker, who chaired a meeting of NCOIL's Property & Casualty (P&C) Committee, led key discussions and guided major consumer protection measures through the committee during the Saturday session.

"This was a banner week for Georgia," said Sen. Walker. "Not only did we have the privilege of hosting NCOIL's most highly attended meet-

ing ever, but we also advanced policy solutions that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of insurance consumers across the country. These reforms build on the work we've already done in Georgia to strengthen transparency, protect homeowners and make sure bad actors cannot take advantage of families after storms or during claims. I'm proud that the work we've done here in Georgia is becoming a national model for success."

During the meeting, Sen. Walker presided over the passage of a national resolution urging states to extend non-renewal notice requirements from 30 days to 60 days, a policy change Georgia adopt-

ed last legislative session through a bill authored by Sen. Walker. The resolution encourages other states to follow Georgia's leadership in giving homeowners and policyholders additional time to respond to non-renewal notices, seek alternative coverage and avoid unnecessary coverage gaps.

The P&C Committee also re-adopted an amended model bill designed to protect consumers from contractor fraud. Previously focused on roofing contractors alone, the model was expanded, through amendments offered by Sen. Walker, to cover all contractors, mirroring the "storm chaser" legislation he sponsored and passed in Georgia last

year. The change ensures the model bill offers comprehensive safeguards for property owners vulnerable to post-disaster fraud and predatory contractors.

Sen. Larry Walker serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor. He represents the 20th Senate District, which includes Bleckley, Dodge, Dooly, Laurens, Treutlen, Pulaski and Wilcox counties, as well as a portion of Houston County. He may be reached by phone at (404) 656-0095 or by email at Larry.Walker@senate.ga.gov.

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The officer walked around the store and located Cooper and Wallace "pushing a buggy," accord-

ing to the incident report. Added the report: "As I was approaching them, Norma looked like she was about to cry with tears in her eyes." Waller turned over her purse, which was stuffed

with roughly \$50 worth of store items.

Waller was charged with one count of shoplifting, while Wallace was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit a crime.



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RELIGION DIGEST

- Mt Olive Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Ga. Annual Men and Women's Day program will be Sunday, Nov. 23, at 11 a.m. Pastor Leroy Allen and Higgsville Baptist Church will be charge of the service. Public invited.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- An indoor Christmas Market will be held on Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Cochran. Christmas After Hours will be held on Dec. 13 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be caroling, cocoa, cider stations, Santa and the grinch.

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No, it's still not time to decorate for Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – and I don't like it.

I drive by several houses each day with decorated yards. Some still have giant skeletons and spiders, lingering far too long from Halloween, while others already hold twinkling lights, and houses adorned with wreaths and garland. It seems we're stuck in holiday purgatory, and nobody knows what to do. Just put a Santa Claus hat on the skeleton and let's call it a year; buy a green top hat and let it ride until March.

I was sweeping off my front porch recently and I looked down to see that I had left the Christmas rug out all year. Does that count as decorating early? This

is the most wonderful time of the year to be a scrooge. Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas, but I'll wait until after Thanksgiving to get into the spirit.

Thanksgiving doesn't get the appreciation that it deserves. It has been reduced to just a day off work and the starting line for the Christmas shopping season. Modern Thanksgiving has its roots in the Great Depression. Thanksgiving had traditionally been recognized as the last Thursday in November. In 1939, there were five Thursdays on the November calendar and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, eager to appease the interests of a worried and worn-out retail sector, bumped Thanksgiving up a

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

week. That year there was an extra week of Christmas shopping.

Republicans of the time decreed to move as an affront to the memory of

Abraham Lincoln, who had established the precedent of Thanksgiving. For a while Thanksgiving was known as Franksgiving. It took three years for Congress to pass

the joint resolution establishing Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday in November.

See? Government dysfunction is nothing new.

I've heard tell of a time when people didn't even put up a tree until the day before Christmas, and by New Year's it was long gone. What happened to that tradition? I seem to be one of the few left in the world who refrain from all things Christmas until December.

There is much research that suggests decorating for the holidays early is good for mental health. Trimming the tree and hanging stockings evokes nostalgia for a lot of people, which releases serotonin and other beneficial chemicals in the brain.

The decorations also encourage general feelings of happiness, helping fight off the depression that comes during the coldest time of the year. Decorating also encourages physical activity, because you can't do it sitting down, and social activity. Someone to hold the ladder while stringing lights on the eaves is encouraged, every fall needs a witness.

I could use a positive mental boost. Maybe I should abandon my humbug ways and embrace the spirit of the season earlier. Perhaps it is time to have the halls decked before the turkey goes into the oven.

But then again, I'm happy enough, and I think I'll wait a couple more weeks.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Is Wonder Woman considered to be the first female superhero?

By JACK BAGLEY
For Georgia Trust For Local News

Next Thursday is that wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving. The day after, of course, is the official start of the Christmas shopping season.

While I love the holidays and what they mean, I also realize that this time of the year has been set up especially to help separate people from their money. So go into the holidays fully aware of what's at stake!

Meanwhile, since it's our last visit before turkey day, please accept my best wishes for a happy, fun-filled and joyous holiday with your family and friends. May the day be all you want it to be, and then some.

How about a trivia appetizer?

Did you know ...

... what the collective word is for a group of gnus is? It's an implausibility. (So are gnus. What's a gnu? Nothing much, what's a new with you?)

... the creator of Star Trek helped inspire a popular toy? In 1963, before his classic science fiction series was even a dream, Gene Roddenberry (1921-1991) created and produced a series called The Lieutenant, about a young officer in the Marine Corps. The show, which starred Gary Lockwood (born 1937) in the title role, helped convince the Hasbro toy company to release an action figure called G.I. Joe™ to the mar-

ket. The toy, aimed at boys, is still popular today. (The show, on the other hand, only lasted one season.)

... the first female superhero was Wonder Woman? Created in 1941 by Charles Moulton (pen name of William Moulton Marston, 1893-1947), Wonder Woman was first introduced in All Star Comics #8, published by DC. Marston said of his creation, "Frankly, Wonder Woman is psychological propaganda for the new type of woman who, I believe, should rule the world." As a superhero, she was largely confined to comic books, but came "alive" on television in 1974 with the movie Wonder Woman, starring Cathy Lee Crosby (born 1944). While that movie did not sell a series, another attempt in 1975 did, starring Lynda Carter (born 1951). Also a staple of Saturday morning cartoons in the 1970s and 1980s, the character was revamped and updated for the 2016 film Batman v. Superman, and was played by Gal Gadot (born 1985). Gadot would go on to play the character in two films in 2017, Wonder Woman and Justice League. (To quote the TV theme, "You're a wonder, Wonder Woman!")

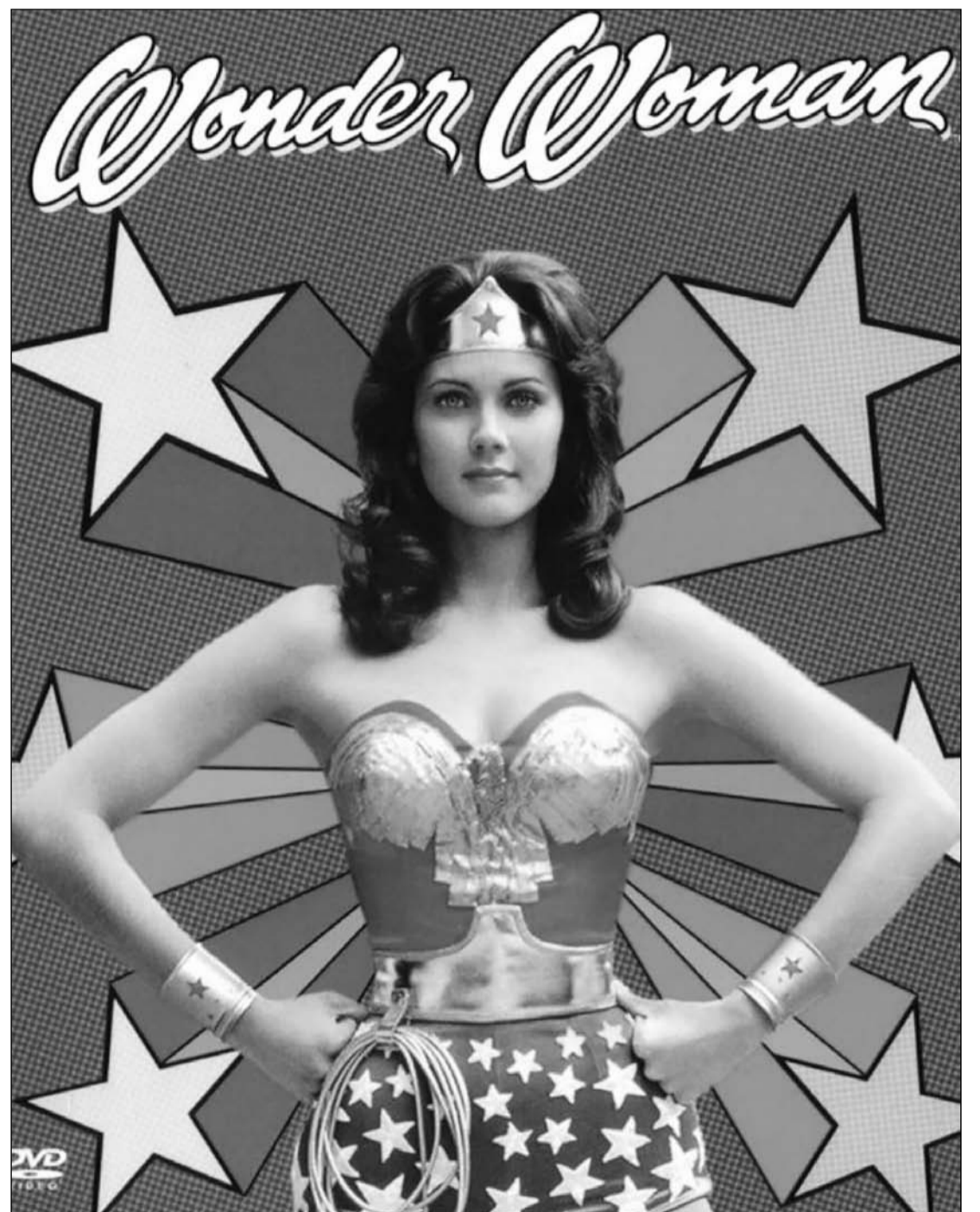
... a modern European nation was without a government for almost two years? On June 13, 2010, the nation of Belgium held a general election. The resulting fragmented polit-

ical landscape left eleven political parties with seats in the Chamber of Representatives, none of which had more than 20% of the seats. Since that Chamber selects the country's prime minister, there was – as you might conclude – no consensus on who it should be. The outgoing prime minister, Yves Laterne (born 1960), submitted his resignation to King Albert II (born 1934). Without a successor, however, Laterne was forced to remain in the position as a "caretaker" while negotiations on forming the new government continued. And continued. And continued. Finally, on November 21, 2011 – 589 days after the election that shattered the Chamber of Representatives and caused the government to fail – agreements were reached for the formation of a new government and Elio Di Rupo (born 1951) was sworn in as prime minister. (Funny thing was ... nobody noticed.)

... the world's oldest tennis court is in England? It is the one built in 1530 at Hampton Court, for King Henry VIII (1491-1547). It was not the first tennis court, though; that honor goes to one in Paris in 1496. (It's said that His Majesty had a wicked backhand.)

... you won't find penguins just in Antarctica? Sure, that's where most of them are, but you'll also find significant populations of the flightless swimmers in New Zealand, Chile, Australia, South Africa, and Argentina. (One thing's certain - they didn't fly to all those places!)

... a well-known author once refused a presidential invitation to dinner? William Faulkner (1897-1962) was invited to dine at the White House by President John F. Kennedy (1917-1963) when Kennedy held a dinner to honor Americans who had won the Nobel Prize. Faulkner declined, saying, "Why, that's a hundred miles away! That's a



Was Wonder Woman the first female superhero?/SPECIAL PHOTO

long way to go just to eat." Additional trivia note: It was at this dinner where Kennedy made his famous comment, "This is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered together at the White House – with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone." Jefferson (1743-1826) was the nation's third president.

... on average, Thanksgiving trips are shorter than Christmas trips? Trips taken by families at Thanksgiving average 214 miles, while at Christmas the

journeys average 275 miles. (That's a long way to go just to eat. Now where have I heard that before?)

... Duncan Hines was a real person? Now best known as the brand name for cake mixes and frostings, Hines (1880-1959) was a pioneer of restaurant ratings for travelers. He used his background as a traveling salesman, eating many meals on the road and staying in hundreds of hotels, as the jumping-off

point for a series of books which rated restaurants and hotels. Hines' first foray into selling food items was with bread in 1952, but the next year he sold the rights to use his name to Park Foods, which began making and selling the popular Duncan Hines cake mixes. (Mr. Hines' mixes are part of the reason I'm overweight today. I'm just sayin'.)

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The meeting will be conducted in the Twiggs County Commissioners Chamber located in the Courthouse, 425 Railroad Street North, Jeffersonville, Georgia. The public is invited to attend. Should you desire any information concerning this rezoning request, please contact the Twiggs County Planning and Zoning Office at (478) 945-3629 Ext 197.

Monte Bloodworth, Administrator
Twiggs County Planning and Zoning

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The Bleckley County School System is in the process of reviewing old and inactive special education files for the purpose of destroying those that are no longer needed to provide services. These will be destroyed in January 2026. Records of students with disabilities 22 years old or older will be destroyed. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the records prior to destruction, you may call 478-934-2821 ext. 1201 and arrange a time to pick up your child's special education records. Please bring a valid ID during your designated pick-up time.

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Fall scenes

With a fortnight remaining in November and the thermometer readings in decline, there is that sense of appreciation building as the transition to inside living takes place, but only when daylight segues into darkness.

November is a time to underscore rich traditions and the changing of the seasons and experience the many festive celebrations that take place in our eleventh month, leading us into Thanksgiving and getting us in the mood for the holiday season.

November is for many fun experiences such as quail hunting in South Georgia and pheasant hunting in South Dakota. We can hunt quail in our state from November to March, and I will never tire of that

opportunity. It is best to spend time in South Dakota before the harsh weather sets in. Go there in October if you can.

Those days out in the woods and fields with the wind bending the broom sage on an otherwise quiet day bring about conspicuous fulfillment as you watch a bird dog search for the scent of a quail bird—as a Bob White himself whistles to let you know you are a fortunate soul.

The rush you get when a covey of quail explodes up and away which can make your day or flummox you with resignation that you emptied your shotgun and have nothing to show for it.

Quail hunting is such good exercise—it brings about an emotional lift that reminds you when you embrace nature and its environment, you think good thoughts and flashes of humility will wash over you.



LORAN SMITH

Ty Cobb, the baseball immortal, who was born in the Narrows community in Banks County, spent his off-season quail hunting to keep his legs in shape for the next year. That was before weightlifting became standard in sports.

Years ago, everything you read about baseball players called attention to finding ways to stay in shape in the off season. Athletes

were reminded of the long standing saw that the “legs are first to go.” That would be true in all sports, not just baseball.

Spending a day following a bird dog makes you sleep well at night as you get ready for that early morning routine. You wake up early, often to the barking of bird dogs, who realize that preparations for the hunt are underway. Bird dogs appreciate quail hunting as much as the hunters do.

Early risers are into coffee, often in a room where a roaring fire adds to the atmosphere and contributes to the affection of the experience. You offer thanks that you are entitled to an encore.

To have the opportunity to hunt in Thomasville, which has the best reputation for the best quail hunting experience in the world, makes you appreciate how great it is to connect with

this gratifying activity.

Fly fishing for trout in North Georgia is another fall and winter outdoor happening to enrich the good life for those in our state. Believe it or not, wading in a creek or river when the cold temperatures are dominant is not uncomfortable—although falling into the water and filling up your waders with icy water certainly is.

Seasoned fly fishers say that winter is one of the best times to fly fish, and Jimmy Harris, my favorite fly fisherman, agrees—although given a choice, October is the best month to fly-cast. If you think about it, October is the best month to do many things outdoors.

It has been my good fortune to catch a three-pound rainbow on the Chattahoochee one week and then hook a rainbow the next week in “the marshes of Glynn.”

If only we could make the months of October and November last sixteen weeks instead of eight. Such musings are a reminder that the changing of the seasons in Georgia is as uplifting as it gets. It is just too brief.

With fall and winter, you can enjoy the best of the outdoors and count your blessings by a languid fire with a good book, feeling thankful for the good living that is available to most Georgians.

The fall season, firewood, quail hunting, and trout fishing can make your day as often as most of us could want. And on top of that, there is college football on the weekends.

Here's to the fall. Offer up a toast to October and November and count your blessings by an open fireplace. Selah!

Dearth of economic development announcements signal caution

This is the last week before most voters will turn down their attention to politics and focus a bit more on family, friends, and the holidays. At least that's what “normal” people do.

When they re-engage again in January, we'll find ourselves in heated primaries with just months to go. We'll have competitive battles in both parties to form statewide slates — each with very differing views of how to move Georgia forward. Congress will be locked in mid-terms that will ultimately be a referendum on our current direction.

A gift from the Bill Clinton era, courtesy of James Carville, is a simple gage on how voters will ultimately cast their votes. “It's the economy, stupid.” An economic development industry publication has issued a warning that elected officials and would be leaders would be wise to review and sit with for a bit.

Southern Business And Development is a magazine that few retail voters have

likely ever heard of. It's a publication that tracks new business deals that show which states are getting new jobs via new investments, expansions, and relocations. A report from them, now a couple of months old, crossed my desk this week. It's worthy of some inspection.

The headline is attention grabbing. “Project activity in the South so far in 2025 has been so disastrous that totals are on track to mark the worst SB&D 100 in its 31-year history by a significant margin.”

The numbers on the surface look a bit concerning. New deal announcements are down across the region. After years of feasting on new automotive plants and the suppliers that will serve them, that industry has been remarkably quiet. Some announced projects have also been pushed back.

Rivian's new plant East of Atlanta finally held a “groundbreaking” ceremony a couple of months ago, but vertical construction for

the facility isn't on target to begin until next year. There was also the kerfuffle with an ICE raid at the Savannah area Hyundai plant — one that resulted in President Trump himself asking the workers to return from Korea.

Hyundai has not only re-committed to the project, but announced the go ahead for the next expansion phase of that project.

The magazine reports 171 new projects announced by Aug. 1st of this year. Their 31 year average for that same period is 319 deals. On the surface, that looks like a major slowdown. It might be. It might also be noise.

This has been anything but an “average” year. In January, we inaugurated a new president. There was clearly a mandate for change, and the new administration wasted little time and spared few areas of prior policy.

Notably, incentives for electric vehicles and other “clean energy” were eliminated, with additional regu-



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lations repealed that would have essentially mandated. Automakers that were re-deploying capital based on Biden era rules and perks had to decide if there would still be a return on those new investments.

Then came “Liberation Day”, where punitively high tariffs were announced to force every manufacturer to re-evaluate their entire supply chains. While the long term goal has been to on-shore foreign made inputs and finished goods, we can definitely see a pause

in some decision making as corporations assessed the quickly changing landscape.

Added to the sense of unease are a few closures, with International Paper in Georgia's coastal region being the largest among them. This has implications not only for the region's workforce, but for the entire supply chain of Georgia's timber industry.

The flip side of this argument is that the data in this report is only for seven months.

Given the changes in and from the new administration, it's not surprising to see a little bit of a pause.

It's also important to understand the perspective that announcements are not what ultimately makes weekly paychecks. There's still a backlog of projects previously announced creating jobs. The President has also announced deals with major trading partners for other countries to increase U.S. investments, with the South being the most competitive region for

new businesses.

It will be interesting to revisit this number in the new year. Was there just a delay due to the uncertainty and changes in the business climate during the first half of the year? Do the agreements we've made since attract new projects? Are relaxed regulations and permanent extension of President Trump's first term tax cuts a comfort to investors who were on the fence?

Economics lives on real data, but ultimately it's about direction and perception. How voters feel about the economy once we start the new year will go a long way to decide primaries in the first half of next year, and ultimately the elections less than a year from now. What our businesses are telegraphing over the next few months will be a leading indicator of what those polls are going to show us in May and November.

Stacey Abrams: Assault on rural hospitals is an assault on all

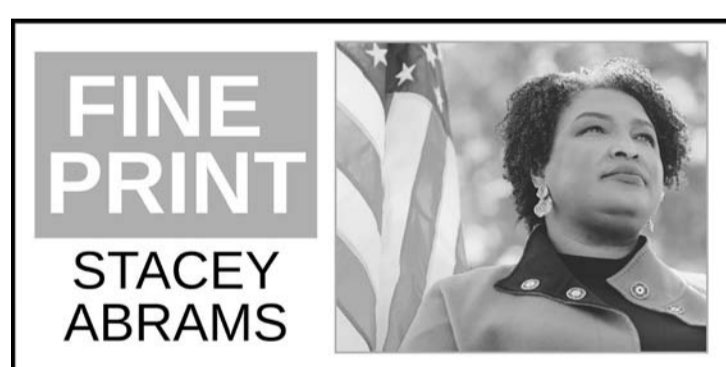
Recently, St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital in Lavonia closed its labor and delivery unit.

For families in Northeast Georgia, this means the nearest maternity care may now be an hour's drive away. For expectant mothers in labor, that can be the difference between life and death. Hospital administrators pointed to many factors behind the decision — shrinking rural populations, difficulty recruiting doctors and the outmigration of patients.

But the tipping point was unmistakable: the sweeping Medicaid cuts pushed through Congress in Trump's terrible, tyrannical, no-good budget, which passed earlier this year. For a state where Medicaid covers nearly 60% of rural births, that's a deadly blow.

One doesn't often connect the dots between hospital closures and the end of democracy, but the signs here are unmistakable. In the 10 steps to authoritarianism, breaking the government so it doesn't work is Step 4 — and blocking health care access is a clarification.

The closure of a maternity ward is both a tragedy and a warning. Authoritarianism in the 21st century doesn't often arrive with tanks in the street. As we're seeing play out in America today, it seeps into daily life when governments deliberately weaken the safety nets



people rely on to survive.

This is part of the authoritarian playbook. First, gut public services. Then normalize inequality. Finally, convince communities that they are on their own. We've seen this in other countries: dismantling health care systems, stripping social supports and allowing infrastructure to crumble until despair becomes the norm. When people stop believing democracy can deliver the basics — like safe childbirth — they start believing autocracy might be worth a try.

But Georgia is on a fast track, aided by decades of failed health care policies and the refusal to expand Medicaid. As a direct result of this neglect, Georgia has already lost more than a dozen labor and delivery units in the past decade, not to mention our record number of hospital closures and looming shutdowns.

Each time, the loss ripples beyond the maternity ward and beyond the redirected ambulance. Hospitals are often the largest employer in rural towns.

es its only lifeline, our trust erodes further. Why vote when elected officials ignore your demand for safety and security?

The resilience of a democracy can be measured in its hospitals and classrooms, as much in its courthouses and statehouses. A flourishing society makes care accessible — because dignity is not a luxury and health care is a right. When leaders choose instead to strip away the very systems that sustain life, giving the wealthy tax breaks that bankrupt health care for thousands, they are turning democracy on its head — making it smaller, crueler and more fragile.

If we want to fight against the authoritarian assault seeping into our lives, we must see the regular signs of assault — not military jun-

tas or tanks but closed signs on hospitals in the wealthiest nation on earth and new mothers turned away because our political leaders cared more about donors than new Americans.

We must refuse to accept the scarcity that is being pushed upon us as normal. We must demand a government that sees rural mothers and babies as worthy of

care and not as collateral damage.

Democracy lives — or dies — in places like Lavonia.

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In Georgia's digital gold rush, data centers are the new frontier

By EVELYN DAVIDSON
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A new "gold rush" is on in the U.S., experts say, and the Peach State is at the top of the mining efforts.

This time, the mines are rural land — areas that are ripe for the development of data centers. These vast warehouses, which store everything from emails, digital photos and Netflix hits, are needed in this digital age and especially as the popularity of artificial intelligence services increase, said Kembly Lingelbach, an information systems security professor at Middle Georgia State University in Macon.

Property developers are on the hunt for "gold" — fresh acreage — across the nation, she said, a prospect that excites officials hungry for economic development wins. On the other hand, some residents — horrified after hearing tales of environmental woes linked to these operations — shiver at the thought of data centers.

Lingelbach said warehouses storing electronic data aren't a new innovation, but they're receiving more attention due to ramped-up building efforts. Companies once housed data in on-premise server rooms, she said, but consolidated data storage — a centralized location for multiple data sources — became the norm as organizations moved to cloud-based storage.

The professor, who worked in

a data center at Robins Air Force Base in Houston County for 30 years, said cloud-based storage isn't somewhere high above our heads; rather, it's located in data centers like the one recently pitched in Twiggs County. In September, officials there approved rezoning nearly 300 acres of land for such a center. Eagle Rock Partners, based in North Carolina, is the project's developer.

The data center, which comes with a multibillion-dollar price tag, will be built in the county's Dry Branch community. Representatives from the developer — and the county — have promised the project will bring 600 jobs to the rural area, but residents are skeptical of the center's promised benefits, higher electricity bills and environmental impacts, a subsequent loss of farmland, and the county government's perceived rush to approve the build.

The environmental concerns can be traced to stories coming from areas like Mansfield, Georgia, located in the northcentral portion of the state. Meta, the social media giant, is building a massive data center there, and construction site neighbors have complained of adverse effects like murky well water.

Mansfield resident Beverly Morris said in a BBC interview that she is afraid of drinking her water since the Meta project started construction. Meta, for its part, commissioned a study to check if

construction had caused groundwater contamination. The study said the construction had caused no adverse effects to the area's water.

After Twiggs County officials approved that data center project, some county residents — including Lingelbach — banded together and sued the commission. Their lawsuit alleges that county officials failed to follow their own rezoning procedures while also skipping out on a state survey of the center's multi-county impact.

Lingelbach said technological innovations — recent AI advancements, the growth of cloud storage services and the rise of cryptocurrency, a form of decentralized virtual money — are behind the push to develop "hyperscale" data centers, or warehouses that are massive in size, efficient in scope and have mostly automated operations.

She said she knows these innovations require support — including infrastructure to power them — but added that regulation of those bases are needed.

"You don't want to lock things down so that you can't be innovative, but you do have to regulate them," she said.

Balancing innovation and impact

To develop those regulations, policymakers need to zoom out and look at the long-term impacts of data centers, said Adaline Buer-

ck, an assistant professor of environmental engineering at Mercer University in Macon.

She said she teaches her students about the triple bottom line, a business framework that measures impacts in three areas — people, planet and prosperity. In her opinion, sustainable developments should enhance the social, environmental and economic aspects of a community.

Buerck said local officials should press data center developers on sustainability details. Policymakers need to know where developers plan to build and why they picked that location, if they choose to use abandoned buildings or occupy green spaces, the proximity of the project to other buildings, and what types of energy will power the data center, she said.

If officials fail to ask those questions — or take the answers seriously — Buerck warned new data centers could upset the balance between a community's social, environmental and economic well-being.

Billions invested, benefits close to home

The economic benefits associated with new data centers outweigh possible negative impacts, said Chris Clark, CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

The head of the state's economic development agency said data center companies invested

\$40 billion in the state in 2025, making Georgia the nation's No. 2 destination for data center investment, behind Virginia.

He predicts the Peach State will remain as one of the nation's Top 5 data center host states.

"These data centers wouldn't be here if there wasn't consumer demand," he said.

Clark said that, if Georgians and Americans in general turn away data centers, they will have to rely on overseas operations. He said data centers are "not huge job creators," but they do generate some high-paying jobs in fields like engineering while also boosting property tax revenues.

He said he believes data centers have minimal impacts on roads and bridges — especially when compared to an industrial site or shopping center — and that concerns about rising electricity bills have been addressed.

Clark said officials have made it clear that data centers must shoulder their own energy bills, which is another concern aired by residents throughout the state.

"They have to pay their own way now in Georgia. That's a very, very important point that seems to get lost out there," he said.

He predicts other concerns — including environmental impacts — will lessen as data center developers become better stewards of their resources and more involved community partners.

Intoxicating THC to be banned with implications for business

By TY TAGAMI
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ATLANTA — A year from now, people in the hemp industry expect booming growth in a black market for marijuana and illicit hemp consumables.

That is when beverages, gummies and other products made with THC from the hemp plant will become illegal.

Furloughed government workers will soon get their jobs back and low-income households will get food stamps, but the government shutdown that ended Wednesday with President Donald Trump's signature on a funding bill places a time bomb under the hemp industry.

The new law will ban over 95% of hemp extract products, including most non-intoxicating products made with cannabidiol, or CBD, according to the U.S. Hemp Roundtable, an industry group.

It will have far-reaching effects on hemp businesses and their consumers.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., slipped language into the legislation to restrict hemp products to 0.4 milligrams of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the intoxicating, psychoactive compound found in hemp and in much greater concentrations in marijuana.

The law's passage effectively closed an opening by Congress in 2018 that allowed a flourishing market for intoxicating products.

A year from now, hemp products will only be allowed to contain 0.4 milligrams of THC per container. In Georgia, state regulations enacted after the 2018 federal law allowed 10 milligrams per 12 ounce beverage. Each gummy could also contain 10 milligrams, with a maximum of 300 milligrams per package.

"Our industry just got wiped out," said Joe Salome, owner of The Georgia Hemp Company. "Anything hemp derived that has THC is no bueno anymore," he said.

Salome said the impetus for the pending ban was growing concern about the proliferation of synthetic cannabinoid consumables, including poorly labeled

products from China, made with potentially unsafe processes and grown from crops that might not follow U.S. pesticide standards. Children were getting their hands on them.

Salome and other mainstream operators shared those concerns, but he regrets that businesses like his are getting lumped with the bad actors.

"My dad always said, 'You are who you hang out with,'" he said. "There are good actors and there are bad actors, but there are a lot more bad actors that

brought this down."

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, commonly known as the farm bill, made it legal to sell products containing 0.3% Delta-9 THC by "dry weight." Georgia's rules also speak to that compound.

That is the loophole that allowed synthetic, highly-intoxicating products to flood the market.

"The problem is that the hemp plant contains so much CBD," said Gregg Raduka, a founding member of Georgians for Responsible Marijuana Policy.

"Because the chemical composition of CBD is so close to THC, it doesn't take all that much chemical engineering to change the CBD into THC, but you can still call it hemp-derived THC. And therefore because it's not Delta-9, it's legal."

People in the hemp industry draw parallels between the coming crack-down and what happened when the country banned

alcohol, leading to a boom in organized crime.

"This is a prohibition bill. This is trying to send it all into the underground and it's going to be around no matter what," said Chris Karazin, founder and chief executive of Carolindica, a company in Raleigh, N.C. that manufactures and sells hemp consumables.

"It's not like people aren't still going to go looking

for this product. You just now force it to the black market," said Karazin, who makes products for other companies and for sale at his own stores and online, with nearly a fifth of those sales in Georgia.

The U.S. Hemp Roundtable says the ban threatens a \$28.4 billion industry, jeopardizing more than 300,000 jobs.

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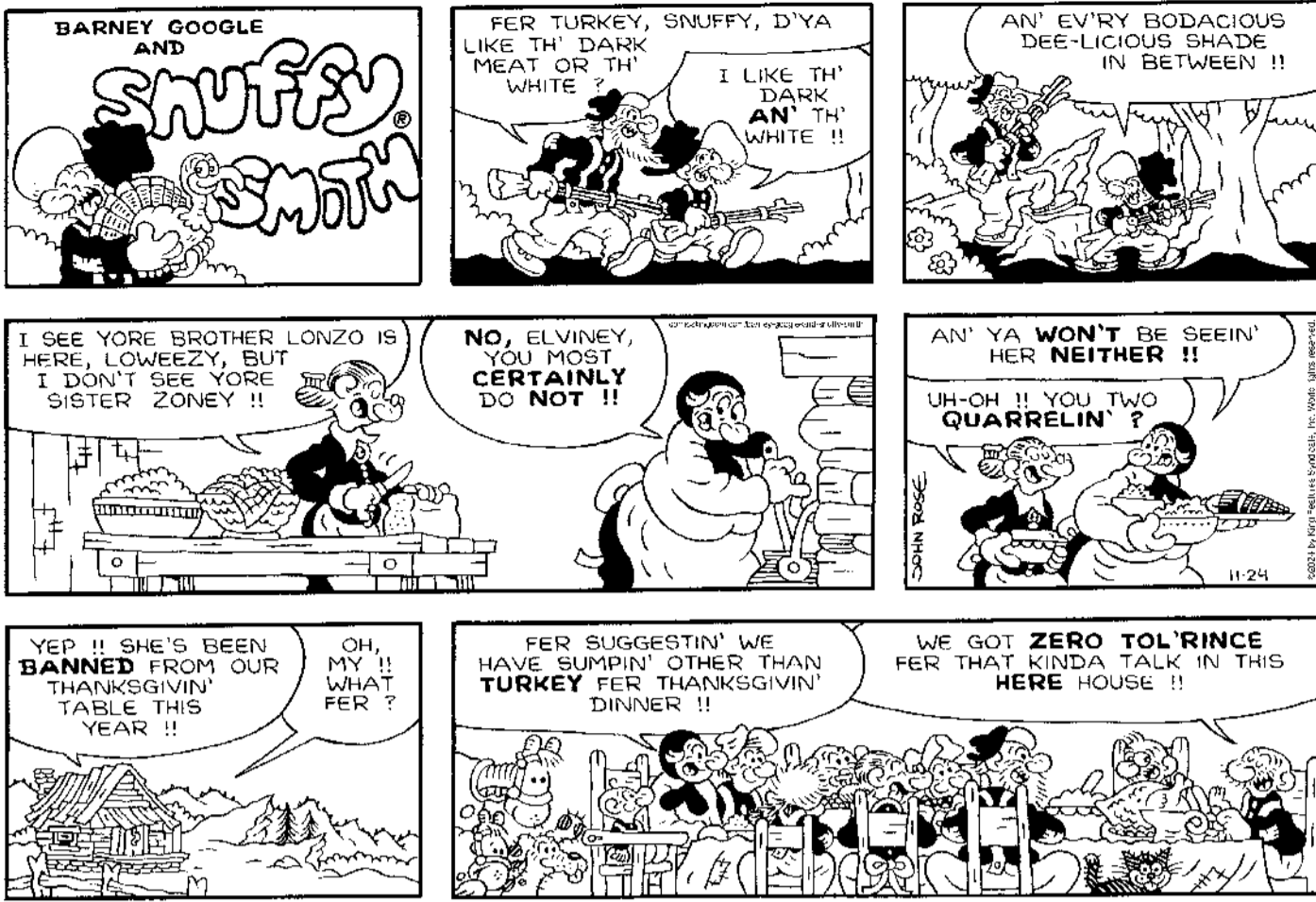
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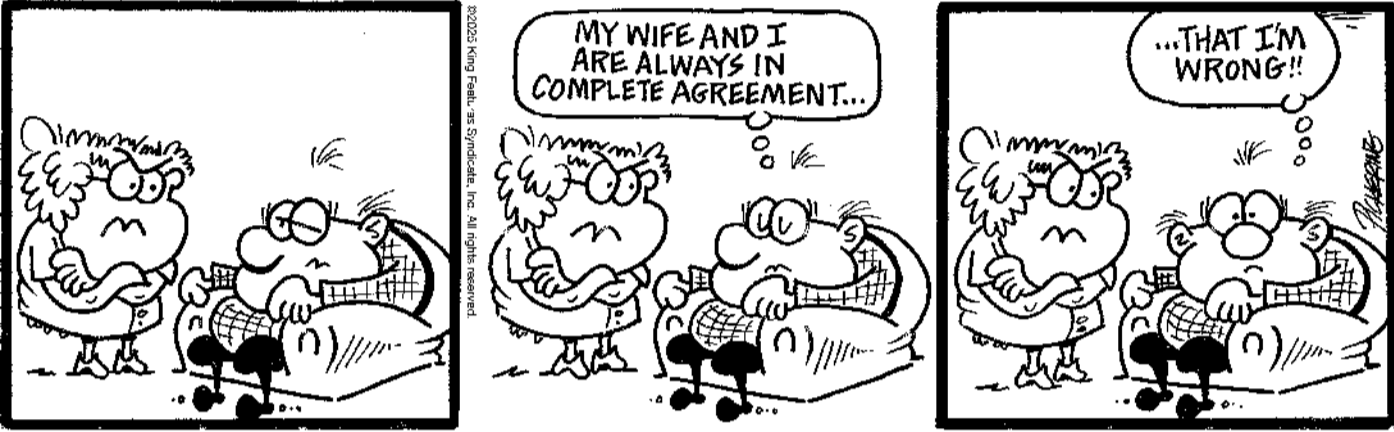
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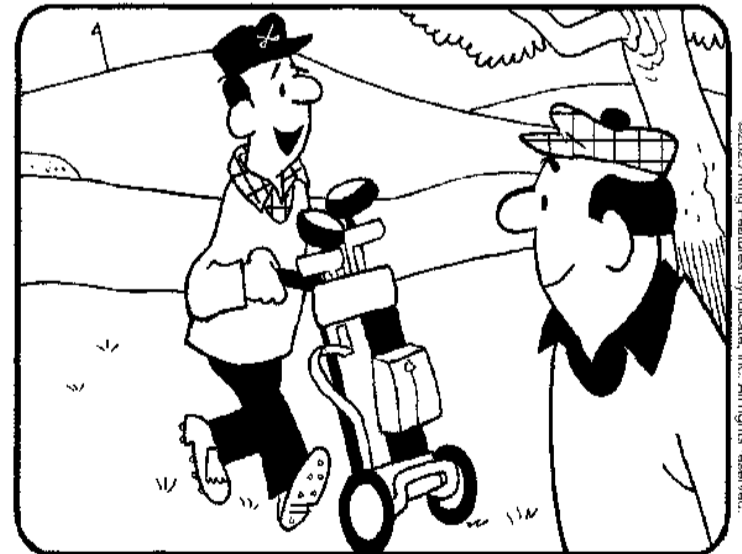
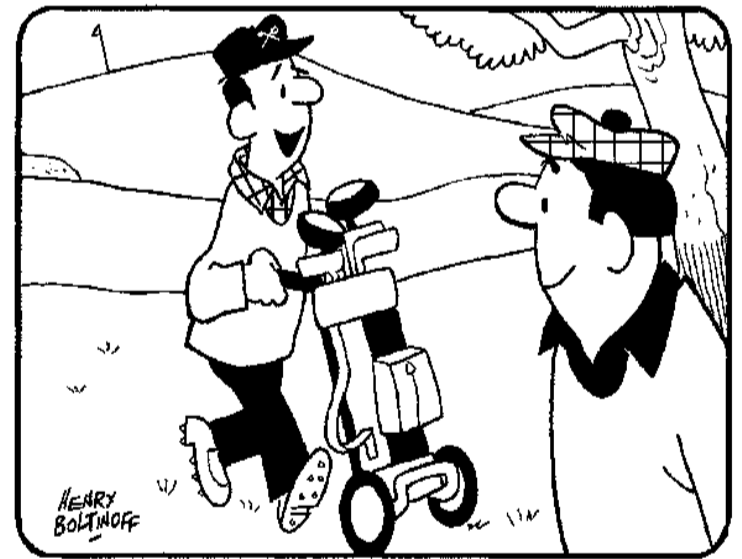
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 State of Georgia.

Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
 Property Location: 0 Tiffany Drive Lot 13 Map Reference No./Parcel No.: B21 003 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on December 15, 2025. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated September 03, 2024 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, in Deed Book 484, Page 186.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
 November 13, 20, 27, December 3, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, BLECKLEY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Stuart Handy a/k/a Stewart Handy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, its successors and assigns dated 9/1/2011 and recorded in Deed Book 371 Page 602 Bleckley County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Trust Bank s/b/m to Branch Banking and Trust Company, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$48,244.00, 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 Bleckley County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on December 2, 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: THAT 0.93 ACRE TRACT OF LAND WITH 1997 DOUBLEWIDE GENERAL MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT OF GMHGA 1449613356A8B LOCATED THEREON WHICH MANUFACTURED HOME WAS PERMANENTLY MERGED INTO SAID TRACT OF LAND BY MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME CERTIFICATE OF PERMANENT LOCATION RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 319, PAGE 274, AND IN DEED BOOK 327, PAGE 117, WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 228 PEBBLE HILL ROAD, COCHRAN, GEORGIA 31014, (TAX ID NO. MAP B50 PARCEL 100) IN LAND LOT 116 OF THE 21st LAND DISTRICT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID 0.93 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING DESIGNATED AS SUBDIVISION LOT 42 OF PEBBLE ACRES SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY T. JERRY PEACOCK, SR., SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 5, 1998, RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 25-1A, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF BLECKLEY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AT COCHRAN, GEORGIA, BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: NORTHWEST 135 FEET BY THE SOUTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PEBBLE HILL ROAD; NORTHEAST 299.80 FEET BY SUBDIVISION LOT 41 OF CARLOS READY; SOUTHEAST 135 FEET BY LANDS OF ALBERTA LAWSON; AND SOUTHWEST 299.78 FEET BY SUBDIVISION LOT 43 OF MARY E. WILLIAMS. THE FOREGOING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS THE SAME AS THAT CONVEYED FROM TIDEWATER PROPERTIES, LLC TO ROBERT F. MCCLEARY AND DONNA L. MCCLEARY BY LIMITED WARRANTY DEED DATED JULY 31, 2008, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 344, PAGES 278-280, BLECKLEY COUNTY RECORDS. 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 228 Pebble Hill Road, Cochran, GA 31014 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): Stuart Handy or tenant or tenants. Trust Bank is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Trust Bank Mortgage Loan Servicing P.O. Box 2467 Greenville, SC 29602-2467 1-800-827-3722 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. Trust Bank s/b/m to Branch Banking and Trust Company as agent and Attorney in Fact for Stuart Handy a/k/a Stewart Handy Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1207-1886A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR/ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1207-1886A
 November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

C25-119
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF HOWARD G. BRIGGS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025P70
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 CONTANCE E. LONG has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of HOWARD G BRIGGS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 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 December 8, 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
 November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

C25-126
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
 To:
 1. All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 0 Bennett Circle Lot 92 ;
 Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
 Next Stage Solutions, LLC;
 Bleckley County, Georgia;
 State of Georgia.
 Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
 Property Location: 0 Bennett Circle Lot 92 Map Reference No./Parcel No.: B22 117 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on December 15, 2025. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated September 03, 2024 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, in Deed Book 484, Page 186.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
 November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

C25-121
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
 All creditors of the estate of ETHEL MAE HOBBS, 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 the undersigned.
 SUSAN CLARK, Administrator of the Estate of ETHEL MAE HOBBS
 103 Clark Drive
 Cochran, GA 31014
 Jordan L. Reab
 WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE LLP
 Perry, GA 31069
 478-987-1415
 November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2025

C25-131
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
 All creditors of the estate of ETHEL MAE HOBBS, 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 the undersigned.
 SUSAN CLARK, Administrator of the Estate of ETHEL MAE HOBBS
 103 Clark Drive
 Cochran, GA 31014
 Jordan L. Reab
 WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE LLP
 Perry, GA 31069
 478-987-1415
 November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2025

C25-132
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 RE: ESTATE OF BILLY R. SMITH, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Billy R. Smith, 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 13th day of November, 2025.
 Billy R. Smith, Jr., Administrator
 6845 Cloy Kildare Road
 Newington, GA 30446
 November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2025

C25-119
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF HOWARD G. BRIGGS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025P70
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 CONTANCE E. LONG has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of HOWARD G BRIGGS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 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 December 8, 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
 November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
 To:
 All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 0 Tiffany Drive Lot 12;
 Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
 Christopher Barrett;
 Bleckley County, Georgia;
 State of Georgia.
 Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
 Property Location: 0 Tiffany Drive Lot 12 Map Reference No./Parcel No.: B21 002 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on December 15, 2025. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated September 03, 2024 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, in Deed Book 484, Page 185.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
 November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

C25-118
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY HORTON MAYNE, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Shirley Horton Mayne, 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 23rd day of October, 2025.
 Johnny J. Mayne, Administrator
 220 Mullis White Road
 Chester, GA 31012
 October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2025

C25-130
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DENNIS MARION ELLIS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025P73
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 CHRISTOPHER DENNIS ELLIS. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DENNIS MARION ELLIS deceased, of said county. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 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 December 15, 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
 November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

C25-125
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
 To:
 All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 0 Tiffany Drive Lot 21;
 Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
 Unknown Heirs of Andy Francois a/k/a Andral Francois;
 Andriha Francois;
 Cancy Francois;
 Esselyn Francois;
 Nodine Francois;
 Sherloune S. Francis;
 Bleckley County, Georgia;
 State of Georgia.
 Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
 Property Location: 0 Tiffany Drive Lot 21 Map Reference No./Parcel No.: B21 011 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on December 15, 2025. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated September 03, 2024 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, in Deed Book 484, Page 182.
 The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the afore

C25-122
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TERRY JOE WILLIAMS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO 2025P72
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS and to whom it may concern:
 JESSICA DIANNE LANDER has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of TERRY JOE WILLIAMS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition

mentioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
 November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

C25-120
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TONY WAYNE SMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.2025P71
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 Judy C. Grantham has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of TONY WAYNE 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 December 8, 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
 112 N Second St
 Cochran, GA 31014
 478-934-3200 Opt 4
 November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

C25-129
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MANDY NESMITH SCOTT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025P74
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 JOHN MICHAEL SCOTT, JR. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MANDY NESMITH SCOTT deceased, of said county. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 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 December 15, 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
 November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

C25-122
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TERRY JOE WILLIAMS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO 2025P72
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS and to whom it may concern:
 JESSICA DIANNE LANDER has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of TERRY JOE WILLIAMS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 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 December 8, 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
 112 N Second St
 Cochran, GA 31014
 478-934-3200 Opt 4
 November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

C25-129
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MANDY NESMITH SCOTT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025P74
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 JOHN MICHAEL SCOTT, JR. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MANDY NESMITH SCOTT deceased, of said county. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 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 December 15, 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
 November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

Twiggs Co. Legals

T25-071
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 TWIGGS COUNTY
 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

INVITATION TO SEALED BID DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP

145 MLK JR DRIVE CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

The City of Cochran is accepting sealed bids to demolish a dilapidated mobile home structure at 145 MLK JR Drive here in Cochran. The scope of work will include calling 811 to have all utilities properly located, demolishing the mobile home, grading the foundation where the mobile home is being demolished, and hauling all debris from the site to a permitted landfill. You may notify Willie Farrow with 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 Tuesday, November 25, 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.



Roof, Windows and Doors Invitation to Bid

Date: November 10, 2025

RE: Bid Package for City of Cochran

Contact for Questions: The goal is to have all questions asked and answered at the contractor walk through; however, if questions arise after the pre-bid meeting, contractors should ask the question via email to the following so that we can respond to the question via email to all contractors.

- Willie Farrow, Public Works Director, City of Cochran, 478-230-6840 wfarrow@cityofcochran.com
- Lisa Eisele, Administrative Assistant, City of Cochran, 478-230-6453 leisele@cityofcochran.com

Instructions on How to Access Property: Interested contractors must attend a walk-through of the property. Contractors should meet Mr. Farrow at 139 S Third Street at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 to begin the walk-through tour.

List of properties that will have work to be bid on:

- 139 S Third Street
- 130 S Fifth Street
- 102 Ruby Circle
- 168 Jessup Street
- 108 Rose Street
- 191 Peach Street
- 117 W Railroad Avenue
- 174 SW Railroad Avenue
- 109 Locomotive Drive
- 169 Dinah Street
- 298 N Second Street
- 124 Johnson Street
- 118 Johnson Street
- 128 MLK JR Drive
- 139 Ash Street Lot 32

The Date, Time, and Bid Submittal Instructions are as follows:

Bid Deadline: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Submittal Instructions: Email as a PDF document, mailed or hand-deliver the bid document in a sealed envelope to the following:

City of Cochran - RWD Bid Documents
 Attn: Richard Newbern, City Manager
 112 West Dykes Street
 Cochran, GA 31014
newbern@cityofcochran.com

Multiple bids may be included in one envelope however each property should be bid separately on individual pages. Bids will be opened and recorded at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Please feel free to attend the bid opening in person. A bid sheet will be emailed to responding contractors within 48 hours of the bid opening.

ONLINE AUCTION

100.9± ACRES IN 7 PARCELS
In Laurens County

Recreation & Hunting, Homesites, Regenerative Pine on Lots 1, 2 & 3, Recorded Survey on Each Lot

Flucker Maddox Rd @ Minter Blue Springs Rd
 Lot 1 - 17.68 ac
 Lot 2 - 14.71 Ac
 Lot 3 - 8.42 ac
 Lot 4 - 27.74 ac
 Lot 5 - 28.27 ac

Clayhill Rd
 Lot 6 - 1.99 ac
 Lot 7 - 1.98 ac

Call Sale Manager Greg Williamson in Vidalia @ 912-293-3429

ONLINE BIDDING

OPENS: Wed, December 3rd @ 9:00 A.M.
 BEGINS CLOSING: Thurs, December 4th @ 1:00 P.M.
 See Website for Complete Terms of the Auction



800-841-9400
HudsonMarshall.com

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ONLINE AUCTION

258Acres in Laurens County
Offered Individually or Combinations

Planted Pines, Recreation/Timber Property and Creeks Frontage on Hall Road and St. Mark Road

- Lot 1 - 70 Acres with 58 Acres Planted Loblolly
- Lot 2 - 70 Acres with 52 Acres Planted Loblolly
- Lot 3 - 74 Acres with 54 Acres Planted Loblolly
- Lot 4 - 44 Acres with 30 Acres Planted Loblolly

ONLINE BIDDING

OPENS: Mon., November 24th @ 9:00 A.M.
 BEGINS CLOSING: Tues, Nov 25th @ 1:00 P.M.
 See Website for Complete Terms of the Auction



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GAL 274

Lawmakers consider paring tax credits, exemptions to offset tax cuts

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A state legislative committee is eyeing cutbacks in \$30 billion worth of tax credits and tax exemptions to offset the potential elimination of an income tax that generates \$16 billion for state government.

“It is not a question of if we go to zero, it’s when and how we take our income tax to zero,” said Sen. Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia, leader of the

Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia’s Income Tax. “It’s an issue of competitiveness.”

Senators heard Monday from three invited speakers who advocated for eliminating the 5.19% income tax.

Patrice Onwuka, director of the Independent Women’s Center for Economic Opportunity, said half of the state’s residents live paycheck to paycheck and could use a tax break. Arthur Laffer described

consequences for population, productivity and tax revenue in states that adopted an income tax, and he pointed to gains in states that eliminated their income tax, including his home state of Tennessee.

He said it’s “really cool” not having to file an income tax return and that it is a form of taxation that undermines economies.

“The income tax is the single biggest major tax killer of growth,” said Laf-

fer, a retired professor who advised President Ronald Reagan on economic policy and is associated with “supply-side” economics theory.

Sen. Nan Orrock, D-Atlanta, noted that Georgia already has a thriving economy and that many of the states that eliminated their income tax subsequently raised their sales tax rate.

Economists have long held that a sales tax is more painful for low-income people than an income tax, and Orrock said retirees would

be among those disproportionately affected.

But Tillery, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee and is running for lieutenant governor, had delivered to the other senators more than 200 pages of documents detailing \$30 billion in tax credits and tax exemptions in Georgia law. He said those could be eliminated to make up revenue lost by eliminating the income tax, instead of raising the sales tax rate.

The final speaker, Kyle

Wingfield, president and CEO of the fiscally conservative Georgia Public Policy Foundation, offered two policy approaches to accompany income tax cuts.

First, Georgia could place some of its billions in reserves into an emergency fund to hedge against unexpected budget shortfalls. Second, lawmakers could set “revenue triggers” that would only allow income tax cuts if overall tax revenue grew.

RE: LENA K. FOSKEY ESTATE
All debtors and creditors of the Estate of Lena K. Foskey, deceased, late of Dry Branch, Twiggs County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands and payments to the Personal Representative of the estate, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the Personal Representative.
Personal Representative:
Jeff Foskey
743 GA HWY 22E
Gray, GA 31032
November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

T25-076
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ERNEST GENE JOHNSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-068
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Heather Brantley has petitioned to appointed administrator of the estate of **Ernest Gene Johnson**, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied to waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in OCGA section 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 **December 8, 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 the Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
Twiggs County Probate Court
425 Railroad St. N. PO Box 186
Jeffersonville, GA 31044
478-945-3390
November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

T25-074
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: MARGRET ANN COLEY MIMBS DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-066
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of DENNIS WAYNE MIMBS, for a Year's Support from the estate of MARGRET ANN COLEY MIMBS, 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 DECEMBER 8, 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.
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T25-077
Georgia Department of Transportation To Hold A Public Information Open House For P. I. No. 322460- Houston and Twiggs Counties
Project Number STP00-0155-01(022)
On Tuesday, December 02, 2025 at Unity Baptist Church located at 479 GA Hwy 96, Bonaire, GA 31005, the Georgia Department of Transportation will hold a Public Information Open House concerning the project listed above.

This project proposes to widen SR 96 from two lanes to four lanes from just east of Thompson Mill Road in Houston County to just west of SR 87/US 23/US 129 Alt in Twiggs County, for a total length of approximately 6.97 miles. Improvements to the SR 96/Waterford Drive intersection would require a detour of approximately two miles, lasting approximately two weeks during construction.

The purpose of this Public Information Open House is to provide the public with an opportunity to review the project and ask questions.

The Open House will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be informal, and the public is invited to attend anytime during these hours. There will be no formal presentation. Project team members will be available to answer questions in person, and a court reporter will be present to provide the option to submit verbal questions for response after the meeting.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information:

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by contacting the district planning and programming liaison Harland Smith at 706-646-7566 or hasmith@dot.ga.gov.

Written questions concerning this project will be accepted until Friday, December 19, 2025. Written questions may be submitted to:

Ms. Amber Phillips
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW--16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
November 20, 27, 2025

T25-072
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF TWIGGS NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by DANYELLE NEWTON AND BARBARA SIMETON to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. in the original principal amount of \$108,000.00 dated March 9, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 7Z, Page 429, Twiggs County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST in Deed Book 11D, Page 198, Twiggs County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 12/2/2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF JEFFERSONVILLE AND THE 26TH LAND DISTRICT AND THE 325TH G. M. D. OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AND DELINEATED AS LOT 1, D'MARIUS COURT SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED FOR D. JOHNSON ENTERPRISES, INC. BY T. JERRY PEACOCK, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2132, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 670, CLERK'S OFFICE, TWIGGS SUPERIOR COURT; SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE THERETO IS HEREBY MADE FOR A METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY, PARCEL ID: JV08C 146 Said property being known as: 257 RAILROAD EAST ST, JEFFERSONVILLE, GA 31044 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are DANYELLE NEWTON AND BARBARA SIMETON or tenant(s). The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and 25-319354 - AnB inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows: Selene Finance LP 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75019 877-768-3759 Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, as Attorney-in-Fact for DANYELLE NEWTON AND BARBARA SIMETON Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Phone: 470-321-7112 Firm File No. 25-319354 - AnB 25-319354 - AnB
November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

T25-069
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
ABRAM JONES, Plaintiff vs. KOURTNEY CARSWELL, Defendant
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2025-V-133
TO: KOURTNEY CARSWELL
By Order of the Court for service by publication dated the 17th day of October, 2025, you are hereby notified that on the 17th day of October, 2025 Abram Jones filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Witness, the Honorable Sarah Holder, Judge, of Twiggs County Superior Court.
November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

T25-069
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
ABRAM JONES, Plaintiff vs. KOURTNEY CARSWELL, Defendant
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November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

T25-073
Notice to Debtors and Creditors Georgia, Jones County
IN RE: Estate of Jerry Lee Roth
All creditors of the Estate of Jerry Lee Roth deceased, late of Twiggs County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, AND all person indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 30th day of October, 2025.
Melba Roth
Administrator of the Jerry Lee Roth
c/o Bert King
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1707
Gray, GA 31032
478-986-6000
www.BertKing.com
November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

T25-070
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Name Change of the Child Baby Boy Ballard, Minor Child
Case No. 2025-V-130
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, TWIGGS COUNTY
NOTICE is hereby given that Petitioner Natasha Ballard filed this Petition to the Superior Court of Twiggs County, Georgia on this 10th day of October, 2025, praying for a change in the name of minor children from Baby Boy Ballard to Bryson LaChristian Williams.
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 thirty days of the filing of said Petition.
This 10th day of October, 2025.
Tara V. McIntosh
Attorney for Petitioner
GA Bar No. 122593
November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

T25-066
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF TWIGGS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by William E. Williams, Jr. and Caroline B. Williams to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC dated August 11, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 102, Page 105, Twiggs County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$154,660.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, January 6, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

All that certain parcel of land situate in the 23rd Land District in the County of Twiggs, State of Georgia, being known and designated as shown by a plat of survey made by Jack C. Brantley, Surveyor, recorded in Plat Book 2, page 160, Twiggs County Records, bounded now or formerly as follows: northeast 208.71 feet by Fowler Road; southeast 417.42 feet by lands of Ernest Nicholson; southwest 208.71 feet by lands of Gary Nobles; and northwest 417.42 feet by lands of Gary Noble. The property herein conveyed is the same as that described in Warranty Deed from Cecil C. Slaughter and Betty Willis Slaughter to Jubie R. Sanders and Eunice L. Sanders as Joint tenants with Right of Survivorship dated February 22, 1973, recorded in Deed Book W, page 559, Twiggs County Records, the said Eunice L. Sanders having died December 11, 1995.

Said property is conveyed subject to all easements for utility purposes and all covenants and restrictions of record.
Said property is known as **758 Fowler Rd, Danville, GA 31017**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.
The property is or may be in the possession of **William E. Williams, Jr. and Caroline B. Williams, successor in interest or tenant(s).**
Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for William E. Williams, Jr. and Caroline B. Williams
File no. 23-081129

T25-068
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Leroy Casteen, late of Twiggs County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted so said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 14th day of October, 2025.
Jennifer N. Moore, Attorney for Administrator of the Estate of Leroy Casteen
P.O. Box 5085
Macon, GA 31208
October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2025

T25-078
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
TODD S. ANDERSON, Plaintiff vs. SANDRA F. ANDERSON, Defendant
Civil Action File no. 2025-V-075
NOTICE OF SUMMONS--SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Sandra F. Anderson, Defendant Named Above:
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Dissolution/Divorce was filed against you in said Court on June 18, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on October 7, 2025 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Todd S. Anderson, Plaintiff, whose address is 2476 Vineville Ave, Macon, GA 31204 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order of service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 25, January 1, 2025

T25-075
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: BILLY RAY FLOYD DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-067
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of JESSIE S FLOYD, for a Year's Support from the estate of BILLY RAY FLOYD, 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 DECEMBER 8, 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
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T25-079
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWIN R. ROBINSON SR, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-069

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Faith Nicole Lucas and Melissa Clark Robinson have petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of **Edwin R. Robinson, Sr., 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 **December 15, 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
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Address
478-945-3390
Telephone Number
November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2025

T25-068
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Leroy Casteen, late of Twiggs County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted so said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 14th day of October, 2025.
Jennifer N. Moore, Attorney for Administrator of the Estate of Leroy Casteen
P.O. Box 5085
Macon, GA 31208
October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2025

T25-078
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
TODD S. ANDERSON, Plaintiff vs. SANDRA F. ANDERSON, Defendant
Civil Action File no. 2025-V-075
NOTICE OF SUMMONS--SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Sandra F. Anderson, Defendant Named Above:
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Dissolution/Divorce was filed against you in said Court on June 18, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on October 7, 2025 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Todd S. Anderson, Plaintiff, whose address is 2476 Vineville Ave, Macon, GA 31204 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order of service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Witness the Honorable Jon F. Helton, Judge of said Court
This the 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/ Karen F. Burke
Clerk of Superior Court
Twiggs County
November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2025

Wilkinson Co. Legals

W25-097
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Lydia Onita Williams, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 297
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Charlie David Rickerson and to whom it may concern:
Charlie David Rickerson has petitioned for Charlie David Rickerson to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Lydia Onita Williams** 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 **December 8, 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.
Bradasia A. Mims
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Brittany Jones
Clerk of the Probate Court
Wilkinson County Probate Court
100 Bacon St
Irwinton, GA 31042
478-946-2222
November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

W25-095
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

By virtue of Power of Sale contained in the Deed to Secure Debt from Tommy Lee Smith, Jr., dated March 24, 2020, recorded March 25, 2020, in Deed Book 390, Pages 943-946; as amended in Deed Book 396, Pages 838-843; as further amended in Deed Book 403, Pages 520-525; as further amended in Deed Book 409, Pages 655-662; as further amended in Deed Book 416, Pages 477-481; as may be amended of record, Wilkinson County, Georgia Land Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt being given to secure a Note dated March 25, 2020, totaling the original principal amount of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 00/100 (\$5,915.00) Dollars, with interest from date as stated therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Wilkinson County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, being December 2, 2025, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Toombsboro, Wilkinson County, Georgia, containing 0.375 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a made corner on the right of way of Church Street and running along and parallel with said road in a westerly direction a distance of 100 feet to a made corner; thence in a southerly direction a distance of 147 feet to the property line of Frank Smith; thence in an easterly direction along and parallel with the property line of Frank Smith a distance of 100 feet to a made corner; thence in a northerly direction back to the point of beginning. Said lot bounded now or formerly, as follows: north by Church Street; west by property of Walter Kelsey; south by property of Frank Miller; east by lands of Emory H. Montgomery.

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes, special assessments, unpaid utility bills constituting liens against the property, and all security deeds, liens and encumbrances existing when the above-described security deed was filed for record. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief, the party in possession of the property is Tommy Lee Smith, Jr. or a tenant or tenants. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of your mortgage is Wilkinson County Bank, whose legal representative is located at 241 E. Hancock Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061 and having a telephone number of (478) 451-3065.

Wilkinson County Bank, acting under and by virtue of the powers contained in said Deed to Secure Debt as Attorney-in-Fact for Tommy Lee Smith, Jr.
By: J. Lance Stribling
Stribling and Crockett Law
241 E. Hancock Street
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the purpose of this correspondence is to collect a debt. Any and all information obtained as a result of this communication will be used solely for that purpose.
November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

W25-099
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Kenneth Wayne Davis, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 297
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Kensli Burgamy and to whom it may concern:
Kensli Burgamy has petitioned for Kensli Burgamy to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Kenneth Wayne Davis** 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 **December 8, 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.
Bradasia A. Mims
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Brittany Jones
Clerk of the Probate Court
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November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025

W25-100
Georgia Department of Transportation Request for Feedback
For P.I. No. 0017317
Wilkinson County

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is requesting review and feedback on the proposed project. We appreciate your participation in this process.
This project proposes to replace the existing SR 18 bridge (Structure ID 319-0004-0) over the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Westbrook Road with new structure on the existing alignment. The replacement bridge would consist of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes (one in each direction) with 5-foot-wide rural shoulders along both sides. An off-site detour would be utilized for a maximum of 18 months during the 24-month construction period and would require a net increase of 1.8 miles for motorists to travel around the project site.
GDOT has placed information about the proposed project at https://www.dot.ga.gov/GDOT/Pages/PublicOutreach.aspx. The information on the website is provided in place on an in-person meeting allowing the public to review the proposed project, provide feedback, or write in with questions. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) information:
To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities contact the district planning and programming liaison Ellen Wright, at EWright@dot.ga.gov or 478-553-3407.
Comments will be accepted concerning this project until Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Written statements may be submitted to:
Amber Phillips
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW--16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
November 20, December 4, 2025

W25-096
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF WILKINSON
All creditors of the estate of Kenneth Wayne Davis, deceased, as of late September 18, 2025, Wilkinson 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 the undersigned:
Wilkinson County Probate Court Clerk,
100 Bacon Street Irwinton, Georgia 31042
This is the 3 day of November
Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney
November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2025