



Superior Court judge exonerates animal cruelty case from 2023

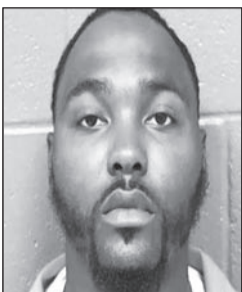
By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

Hakeem Lewis originally was arrested in 2023 and charged with animal cruelty.

Now, more than two years later, Lewis has been exonerated in court, with a Superior Court judge recently issuing a certificate of "nolle prosequi with record restriction," which in layman's terms means "expunged."

The incident began after a Georgia Power field worker spotted a "dog (that) appeared to have been deceased for a long period of time still attached to a chained leash" on Jefferson Street in Toombsboro.

However, Lewis' attorney ultimately "provided the Sheriff documents from the vets office showing where...the dog in question...was not in good condition" prior to its death.



Lewis

Jeffersonville church to open food pantry on Saturday, Feb. 21

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

A Methodist church in Twiggs County will open a food pantry later this month, intending to feed residents in need.

The Williams Chapel CME Church, located at 181 North Railroad Street in Jeffersonville, will begin distributing food to people in need starting Feb. 21 at 9 a.m.

The pantry will be open every third Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Organizers say anyone unable to attend during those hours can call (478) 972-0385 on any day of the week to arrange for a pickup at the church.

"We want to serve [the] population," said Evealene Taylor, one of the pantry organizers at Williams Chapel.

Organizers are asking anyone in need of food or anyone who knows someone who is in need of food, to contact Frances Steele at (478) 972-0385.



SNAPSHOTS: BLECKLEY COUNTY PRIDE

State House Rep. Danny Mathis, Fire Chief Matt Kelley and State Fire Marshals Office Investigator Jacob "J.J." Speer, who was also named the Georgia Fire Inspector Association "Inspector of the Year," attended the 54th Firefighter Recognition Day at the Georgia State Capitol/SPECIAL PHOTO

Pilot Club of Cochran holds fashion show as organization's annual fundraising event



The Pilot Club of Cochran held their annual fundraiser in the form of a fashion show/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 7, the Pilot Club of Cochran held a fashion show and fundraiser at the Jaycee Barn.

As part of the annual fundraiser, raffles were displayed along the back wall opposite the stage, tables filled with goodies. Some of the prizes included a curated snack basket, a tote bag filled with accessories, a painting and a certificate for free pickleball lessons.

Before and after the show, attendees had the opportunity to shop from two local vendors near the entrance, a clothing boutique called the Rak and a

jewelers named Fire N Desired Gems.

The fashion show opened with remarks from Pilot Club President Melinda Bryant, who gave a brief overview of the history of the Pilot Club. Starting in the 1920s in Macon, Ga., as she explained, the Pilot Club is a volunteer organization founded on the principles of "friendship and service." In the century following its inception, the Pilot Club grew, eventually expanding into hundreds of chapters across the globe.

"Our mission is to influence positive change in our communities and throughout the world, and to do this,

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Gordon mayor's ability to clear people from city council meetings clarified

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

During her four-plus years as Gordon mayor, Aprill Adside-Smith has kicked numerous people out of city council meetings.

Shortly after becoming the new executive director of the Development Authority of Wilkinson County, John Wilson attended a council

meeting and introduced himself to the mayor and council. Minutes later, Adside-Smith kicked him out of the meeting for talking to the person next to him. A Times-Journal-Post reporter also has been asked to leave for talking to the person next to him. Kyle Swicord, now a council member, once was asked to leave by Adside-Smith for making a comment.

During the regular meeting earlier this month, Adside-Smith requested the removal of Terry Eady, her opponent in last November's mayoral election. Eady, sitting in the crowd, made a comment during council discussions. The mayor then asked Chief Mike Hall to escort Eady out of the meeting.

Eady refused, saying "I'm not gonna leave. You'll have to

arrest me or whatever it takes. I only made one remark."

The police chief then asked City Attorney Jack Nichols to clarify the policy.

"I would not recommend removing him simply because he spoke out once," Nichols said.

The chief then asked Eady to "hold your peace," adding that "the next time will be a removal."

Twiggs Academy secretary honored at ceremony

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

Last month, Twiggs Academy celebrated a longtime employee, Patsy Scarbrough for 45 years of service with the school.

In a special ceremony at homecoming on Jan. 23, Scarbrough was recognized for dedicating nearly half of a century to the K-through-12 school. There in the school gymnasium, students, staff, family and friends of several generations gathered to show their appreciation for the school staple, literally giving her her flowers.

As a part of the ceremony, and with her husband by her side, "Mrs. Patsy" was present-

ed with a bouquet of flowers and a commemorative plaque.

Scarbrough's journey with TA began in 1980 when she first started working as a substitute teacher. After three years with the school, she transitioned to a full-time position, eventually settling into the role she fills now as the school secretary.

When asked about her favorite part about working at the school, Scarbrough didn't hesitate to answer. "It's just one big family," she said. "We're just one big family."

Even after 45 years, Scarbrough says she still isn't ready to step away, saying she plans to remain with TA, "as long as [her] health will allow."



Patsy Scarbrough was honored for serving 45 years at Twiggs Academy /TIFFANY JOHNSTON STEVENS

SNAPSHOTS: SUPER DADS

Wilkinson Co. Primary School kicked off Super Bowl weekend in style, hosting its "Superbowl Day with Dad" event in the gym. There were plenty of activities, food and smiles/SPECIAL PHOTOS



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Walker: Week Four

Our legislative work to improve affordability and strengthen opportunities for hardworking Georgians has ramped up under the Gold Dome. As we move further into the 2026 Legislative Session, Senate Republicans are advancing priority legislation, focused on supporting Georgia's children and families, holding government accountable and lifting financial burdens off our people's shoulders.

Earlier this week, Senate Republicans delivered on our promise to lower the cost of living by passing Senate Bill 382, a priority measure aimed at reining in runaway property taxes and protecting homeowners from being priced out of their own homes. Across Georgia, families are watching property values rise while their income struggles to keep pace. It's not acceptable that Georgians who work hard and play by the rules still risk losing their homes because their government continues to collect more and more each year. I'm proud of all the work my colleagues and I have put into this bill, and I look forward to continuing to work with our partners in the House as it moves toward the Governor's desk.

Local governments should not receive an unchecked windfall simply because home appraisals rise. When you purchase and pay off your home, you should not be subjected to an ever-increasing "rent" payment in the form of rising property taxes. We are working to restore fiscal responsibility and protect homeowners, while continuing the conservative budgeting practices that have earned Georgia's AAA credit rating and recognition as the number one state for business.

We are also championing legislation that protects Georgia's most vulnerable children. Senate Bill 402, another caucus priority, establishes a pilot program to provide autism screenings, clinical evaluations and support services for children in foster care. Early diagnosis and access to resources can make a lifelong difference,

UNDER THE GOLD DOME



By STATE SEN. LARRY WALKER

and this legislation helps ensure children in state care are not left behind due to gaps in the system.

We also passed Senate Bill 431, which strengthens protections for foster care students by requiring schools to enroll them within two school days of a request. Children in foster care already face enough disruption and uncertainty through no fault of their own. This bill removes unnecessary red tape and helps ensure students can stay focused on learning rather than navigating bureaucracy.

While we remain focused on supporting children and families, we are committed to strengthening education and literacy rates across our entire state. That is why I am excited to announce that we introduced Senate Bill 459, the Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026, the most meaningful piece of education legislation to be passed in our state since the creation of the HOPE scholarship.

SB 459 is the result of extensive research and collaboration across both chambers and has earned bipartisan support to meaningfully improve educational outcomes. This bill would adjust QBE funding to provide literacy coaches in grades K-3 in every public school. It would also expand preparatory literacy programs and essential classroom resources to help teachers do their best work. With the House and the Senate working together, we are delivering generational change for

Georgia's students, and it is an honor to serve you all during such a pivotal moment in our state's history.

With all the excitement coming out of the General Assembly, I highly encourage students ages 12 to 18 to apply for the Senate Page Program. This opportunity allows middle and high school students to serve for a day during the Legislative Session and learn firsthand how state government works. More information is available on the Georgia Senate website here.

While there may be disagreements under the Gold Dome, Senate Republicans remain focused on delivering real results. Your input is important to me, and I encourage you to reach out with any questions, concerns or ideas as we continue our work this session.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sen. Larry Walker III serves as President Pro Tempore of the Senate. He represents the 20th Senate District, which includes Bleckley, Dodge, Dooly, Laurens, Pulaski, Treutlen 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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FASHION SHOW

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we come together in friendship and service," said Bryant.

During the fashion portion of the event, Lindsey Dyer served as emcee, introducing the models by name and reading off tailored descriptions of attire as they crossed the stage, each showcasing a design from one of four participating Central Georgia clothing stores. Participating stores included GG Formals of Dublin, Jodi's of Hawkinsville, the Rak of Cochran and Lasting Impressions of Dublin.

Models included women and girls of varying ages. Some models were members of the Cochran Pilot Club, some were members of Bleckley County High School's newly-formed fashion club.

The kind of clothes dazzling the runway ranged from day wear to formal attire. Some took to the catwalk in stylish patterns via pants-&-shirt combos, while many sparkled in glittering or bejeweled floor-length prom dresses.

Legislation to insulate consumers from data center electricity costs passes committee

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — With affordability a top concern of voters, Georgia lawmakers are moving to insulate electricity ratepayers from costs driven by demand from power-guzzling data centers.

Late last year, the state Public Service Commission authorized a Georgia Power request to expand its power production by nearly 10 gigawatts, mostly to serve current and projected demand from data centers.

That expansion will require the construction of new methane-burning facilities, and House Bill 1063 seeks to ensure that those costs are borne only by data centers.

Data center electricity costs are a top concern, said Rep. Brad Thomas, R-Holly Springs, chief co-sponsor of the bill.

Lawmakers have heard from people across the state that ratepayers are concerned their electrical bills will rise because of data centers, he said. The main concern, he said, is that Georgia Power's demand projections will prove inaccurate, leading the company to build excess capacity and then pass on the costs.

"We have heard that concern and we are going to address it," Thomas said Friday after a House committee unanimously passed HB 1063.

A similar measure — Senate Bill 34 — awaits a hearing in the Senate.

During the hearing Friday on Thomas' bill, advocates for the public, for the environment and for data centers said they supported the measure but had concerns about some of the details.

Thomas took that to mean he had struck the right compromise between their competing interests.

A Georgia Power executive who testified said the company was neither for nor against the bill. Many of the protections the legislation would codify are already required by Public Service Commission regulations, an agency representative said, but regulations can change and passage of HB 1063 would write the requirements into law.

Georgia tax cut plan makes first \$100K of a family's income tax-free

By MARK NIESSE
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgians would get an income tax cut — or avoid paying the tax entirely — under a proposal unveiled by Republican Senate leaders Monday.

The cost would be paid in large part by eliminating or reducing a variety of tax breaks, including for data centers, low-income housing and yachts.

The plan calls for a dramatic increase in the amount of income exempt from taxation, to \$50,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for married couples. The state's current standard deduction is \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for couples.

Meanwhile, Georgia's state income tax rate would drop from 5.19% to 4.99%.

"Families in the middle class right now are having a hard time paying for gas, groceries, childcare,"

said Senate Appropriations Chairman Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia. "What the Senate's plan does instead is completely eliminates their income tax liability for families making less than \$100,000."

Families earning more than \$100,000 would save an estimated \$5,000 in income taxes, Tillery said. The proposal cleared its first hurdle Monday by passing the Senate Finance Committee.

The income tax legislation, Senate Bill 476, is lawmakers' latest attempt to prioritize affordability and cost of living. Other bills are seeking to eliminate local property taxes and cap increases in assessed property values by preventing them from rising more quickly than the inflation rate.

Legislators are targeting a series of tax breaks to raise over \$1 billion to help fund the income tax reduction.

Those tax breaks currently benefit data centers, businesses headquartered in Georgia affordable housing projects, small businesses in rural areas, life insurance companies, personal protective equipment manufacturers, medical equipment manufacturers, low-emission vehicles, cigarette exporters, boat owners and more.

Senate Minority Leader Harold Jones II, D-Augusta, said he supports eliminating state income taxes for families making less than \$100,000, but said many Georgians would pay the price if other taxes have to be raised to make up for loss of government funding.

He said some of the tax breaks that would be reduced, such as the affordable housing credit, would harm residents more than lower income taxes would help.

"The problem with the

bill is very simple: It's going to create tax hikes. It's going to create job loss," Jones said. "This bill decimates the middle class. It really has severe consequences."

A government accounting of the legislation's costs hasn't yet been completed.

In addition to SB 476, Tillery also introduced an alternate proposal that focuses on reducing the income tax rate without eliminating tax breaks.

That measure, Senate Bill 477, would lower the income tax rate to 4.99% starting this tax year, followed by reductions to 3.99% by 2028. The bill would also increase the standard deduction to \$16,000 for individuals and \$32,000 for married couples.

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DID YOU KNOW Which cartoon character was the first real breakout star in early tv animation?

By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

Did you know ...
... actors cannot fire the director of a movie and take it over themselves due to a 1976 film? That year, actor Clint Eastwood (born 1930) was making *The Outlaw Josey Wales* when he began to clash with the movie's director, Phil Kaufman (born 1935). Eastwood went to the producers and had Kaufman dismissed from the project, and he took over as director. In response to Eastwood's move, the Director's Guild of America instituted a new rule which prohibits an actor or producer from firing the director and then taking over the role. It's called the Eastwood Rule. (Don't mess with Clint.)

... after the extinction of the dinosaurs, a species of turtle existed that could eat crocodiles? In 2005, fossilized remains of a gigantic turtle were found in Colombia, a turtle so large that its shell was as big as a modern human. The turtle, called *Carbonemys cofrinii*, existed about 60 million years ago, some five million years after the dinosaurs went extinct. The remains indicated a turtle with incredibly powerful jaws, which could – and apparently did – crunch down on anything including local crocodiles. (Now that's what I call a snapping turtle.)

... zippers were named for the sound they make? When the zipper as we know it today was first invented in 1917, it was called a "hookless fastener." But in 1923, when the B.F. Goodrich Company installed them on boots, people began calling them "zippers" because of the sound they made when they were used. Additional trivia note: zippers were developed from a patent by Whitcomb L. Judson (1843-1909) who called his invention the "clasp locker" and intended it for use on shoes and high boots. (A zippy idea nonetheless.)

... the first breakout character in animated television was Yogi Bear? In 1958, Yogi was a supporting character on *The Huckleberry Hound Show*, produced by Hanna-Barbera Productions. Yogi got his own show in 1961, quickly becoming the most popular Hanna-Barbera character ever. Created by William Hanna (1910-2001) and Joseph Barbera (1911-2006), Yogi was loosely based on Art Carney's character in the television series *The Honeymooners*. Carney (1918-2003) played Ed Norton, and many of that character's mannerisms and voice actions were included in the cartoon bear. Additional trivia note: Yogi Bear was named after the popular baseball star Lawrence "Yogi" Berra (1925-2015). The Yankee catcher wasn't amused at the idea of having a cartoon character named after him, however. Berra filed a lawsuit against Hanna-Barbera for defamation of character due to the similarity of the name, but withdrew the suit before it was heard. (He was smarter than the average bear - uh, catcher.)

... all that caffeine that is taken out of decaf coffee goes somewhere else? Caffeine extracted from decaffeinated coffee beans is sold to soda makers and pharmaceutical companies. (Well, it has to go somewhere, doesn't it?)

Now... you know!

Weather lore: Giant rats and other ways to predict the forecast

A bunch of guys in Pennsylvania, dressed in 1800s cosplay, pulled a giant rat out of the ground the other day and said we had six more weeks of winter headed our way. The same thing happened in Georgia, except the giant rat is extracted from a Civil War era-style plantation house.

It was not the news I wanted to hear after seeing snow falling from the sky more times in one month than I have in a decade and temperatures cold enough to make a snowman put on more than just a scarf, though I've never understood why people put scarves on snowmen. It's easier than a pair of britches, I guess.

I'm beginning to understand why depression rates are higher in the winter, especially in places more prone to arctic storms. I've been inside too much, developed a touch of cabin fever, and long for some warm weather.

Everyone complains about the weather, but no one does anything about it. Everyone thinks Mark Twain said that, but it was actually penned by Charles Dudley

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Warner, a contemporary of Twain, though not as fondly remembered.

Now, you can't say I never taught you anything.

A groundhog predicting the weather is an odd thing. One of my children asked me about this strange custom and, to be honest, I had to admit I did not know. My kids know how to use the internet, so my days of making things up are long gone.

It turns out that Groundhog Day comes from an old German ritual. If a hibernating animal, traditionally a bear, comes out of its hole on a sunny day, winter isn't over. When bears became scarce in Germany, they looked to foxes. When foxes got hard to come by, folks looked for badgers.

To carry on this practice the Pennsylvania Dutch settled on the groundhog. They

are safer to ask about the weather than a hungry bear or angry badger.

Looking up the history of Groundhog Day led me down a rabbit hole, or groundhog hole, of weather lore. Harsh winters can also be predicted by produce. If apples and onions have a thick skin, you know it's going to be cold. If squirrel tails are extra bushy, the cold season will be bitter. You need to be very observant of your local squirrel population for that one. If the ones around my house haven't put on some extra fur yet, they have most likely frozen to death.

Storms can be predicted by the movement of cows. If your herd comes back to shelter in the middle of the day, chances are it will rain that night. The same goes for bees. Somehow animals always seem to know what is going on, better than any meteorologist.

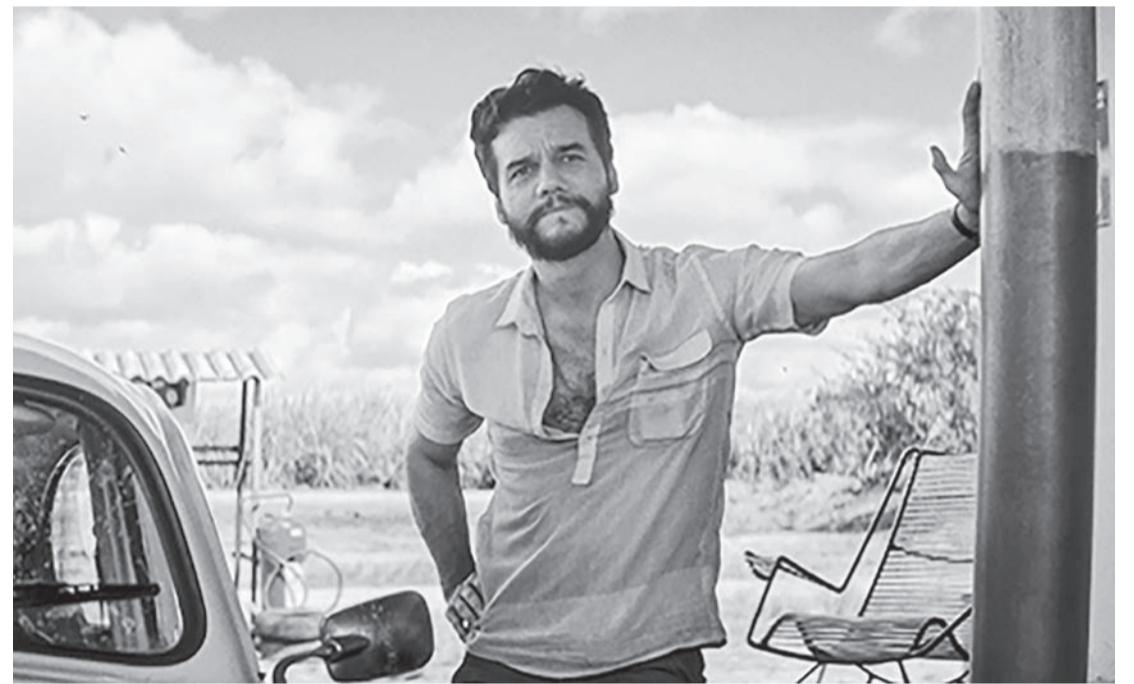
What I did not discover, however, is if there is a sign for a pleasant, warm spring. At this point I'll believe anything that tells me it's going to warm up soon.

COUCH THEATER

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

The Secret Agent (R)

You might know Wagner Moura from his portrayal as Pablo Escobar in *"Narcos"* or his role in *"Civil War,"* but his role in this political thriller is what got him a Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Motion Picture (Drama) a month ago. Taking place in 1977 during the Brazilian dictatorship, the film picks up as professor and single father Armando (Moura) returns to his hometown of Recife, Brazil, hoping to reconnect with his son, Fernando, and find some semblance of peace. However, Armando shortly finds out that because of a previous political scuffle with a business executive, a contract killing for him has been ordered, leaving him with very few options and a murky, unknown future. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)



Wagner Moura stars in "The Secret Agent"/Photo courtesy of MovieStillsDB



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LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICTS 4 AND 5

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Notice is hereby given that the Nonpartisan General Election shall be held in Bleckley County for the offices of School Board Districts 4 and 5 on May 19, 2026.

Qualifying for the Nonpartisan General Election for the offices of School Board Districts 4 and 5 will be held at the Office of the Bleckley County Board of Elections and Registration office located at 106 E. Cherry Street, (Courthouse Annex) Cochran, GA. 31014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 2, 2026 and ending Friday, March 6, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). The qualifying fee shall be \$36.00.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote for the May General/Primary/Nonpartisan Election by the close of business on April 20, 2026. Absentee by Mail will start on April 20, 2026 and will end on May 8, 2026. Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting will be held April 27, 2026 – May 15, 2026. (Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Mandatory Saturday Voting dates May 2 and May 9, 2026. (Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

All Advanced (Absentee In-Person) voting will be conducted at the Bleckley County Board of Elections and Registration Office.

Election Day will be May 19, 2026. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Election Day location Jaycee Barn (290 Ash Street). Should a runoff be required, such runoff will held June 16, 2026.

Cheryl Ates, Elections Supervisor on behalf of the Bleckley Co. Board of Elections and Registration as Election Superintendent

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF COCHRAN

VARIANCE REQUEST- SIGN ORDINANCE

182 East Dykes Street, Suite A Cochran, Georgia 31014

The City of Cochran will conduct a Public Hearing to consider an application for a variance request from Bobby Patel of Cochran Beverage Outlet, LLC, 182 East Dykes Street, Suite A (Parcel #A15 086). Bobby Patel proposes to erect a secondary monument sign with a variable LED display. The current Sign Ordinance for the City of Cochran limits each parcel to one monument sign and prohibits a variable display within 5000 ft. of another variable display. The Cochran City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to consider the above mentioned variance application at their regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium located at 102 N. Second Street Cochran, GA.

The public is invited to attend. Masks and social distancing are encouraged where appropriate.

LEGAL NOTICE

CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA

To be published in a newspaper of appropriate circulation – O.C.G.A. 21-2-2(3)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-540 a special election shall be held in Bleckley County for the office of School Board Districts 1 and 2. The Special Election will be held in conjunction with the General Primary Election, Nonpartisan General Election to be held on May 19, 2026.

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The Highwaymen: Nelson, Jennings, Cash and Kristofferson

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I'll always be thankful for public television and the people and places that its cameras and producers explore and showcase to make our day.

Although I am not an organized devotee – most often when I am surfing about, something catches my eye and I am glorious rewarded with a documentary or a rerun that graphically stimulates my emotions.

On a recent weekend I connected with a show about "The Highwaymen," which elevated my spirits to such a level, I had trouble going to sleep.

I replayed the songs of Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson in my head, but I was so fulfilled that I slept late the next morning

which I hardly ever do.

Each of these Super Stars of country music are favorites of this farm boy who grew up loving the music of Eddy Arnold, Roy Acuff and Hank Williams. I have never strayed from the sound of those titans and countless other talented performers including my old UGA classmate Whisperin' Bill Anderson.

Country music has changed and so have the stars. The flashback on WABE with the "Highwaymen" was a reminder that this foursome struggled to make it in the business. They experienced the hardest of times but persevered and survived.

Years later, I get the biggest lift out of spending time at the Grand Ole Opry when in Nashville. Usually that has been when Georgia has played Vanderbilt in

football.

Whisperin' Bill has often gotten me backstage where one can enjoy a close up, arm's length proximity with the performers. Whisperin' Bill is very popular with his fellow artists since he usually entertains them with his latest dash of humor.

For years we have been sharing joke and punch lines over the phone. Many times after delivering a good one, he would say, "I've got to call my buddy Jimmy Dean with that one." While I have eaten Jimmy Dean's sausage, I never met him but always felt that I knew him because of sharing stories with him via Bill Anderson.

The recent airing of the performance of the "Highwaymen" left me so full of emotional contentment that I said a prayer of thanks for my good fortune. All of them lived rambunctious



LORAN SMITH

lives. Only Willie is left. Waylon Jennings died at 64, Johnny Cash at 71 and Kris Kristofferson recently at 88. Willie, who has been with us 91 years, seems to be imbued with Methuselah-like genes for which all country and western aficionados are grateful.

In the mid-eighties one of my free-lance gigs was

providing a public relations assist for Doug Sanders with his senior golf tournament pro-am which was played at the Woodlands County Club in Houston.

It was one of the early senior tour events to gain annual traction in a city that was keen on golf. Doug was well connected with the Hollywood social scene. Major celebrities showed up for his lively event including Clint Eastwood.

On the eve of the golf outing, Willie Nelson, favored Doug with an appearance for the sponsors, tournament committee members, and friends of the Cedar-town native.

It was a blast. I sat on an equipment trunk and enjoyed conversation with Willie when there were breaks. In addition to Doug Sanders, we had another mutual friend, the former

head coach of the Texas Longhorns, Darrell Royal. Further, Willie's neighbor when he lived in Evergreen,

Colorado, was a close friend who was a teammate on my high school football team.

I learned something that evening in Houston. It was a private party with an audience of about 300, but Willie treated it like it was an evening at Madison Square Garden. Nobody enjoys pickin' and singin' like Willie – whether it is two or 200,000.

The thing that came through on the PBS rerun was that the Highwaymen couldn't get enough of performing for passionate fans of country music. They seemed to be overwhelmed with disappointment when they exited the stage.

Are you still mad about this year's Super Bowl halftime show?

I prefer when starting one of these pieces to remind myself it's usually better to be subtle. I'd like the reader to think about why the piece was written, who might be the primary audience, and also leave a little something for those outside that circle. This isn't one of those pieces.

Today I'm talking directly to those who occupy the space to the right of the political center. We need to have a talk. And for some of you, "talk" means intervention.

Harsh? Sure. Necessary? I think so. Don't worry, I come in peace.

I get it, mostly. You're frustrated. You lived through four years of open borders, and up to two years of closed schools. You had government working directly with big tech platforms to censor or deplatform you when you said things that turned out to be completely true.

You had media companies working directly with

the last administration to bury stories that would be harmful to Democrats, all while advancing a narrative created in whole cloth by associates of Hillary Clinton about Russian collusion. Your activities during Covid were labeled in real time by these same organizations as "superspreader events" while the supposed government authority on contagions said protesting for BLM was more important than a virus for which we shut down the world economy.

You've seen how every institution can work against you. You're frustrated that even after winning a presidential election by both the constitutional requirement of the electoral college and the additional high bar of the popular vote – plus both chambers of Congress – that large parts of your agenda are stalled.

You're watching the same media and entertainment outlets who have worked against you for de-

ces now pretend the last election didn't happen. They still treat you and anyone who agrees with you like you're a "deplorable".

They're the party of the college educated - the elites and the experts. They don't just know more than you, they act like they are better than you.

They have an advantage that you need to understand and internalize if you want to do more than just complain, but to win again. Whether via news, entertainment, or algorithm, they have the ability to instantly set a narrative.

This means they have the ability to bait a trap. You need to quit eating their cheese.

You must first remember that no election is permanent. The next one matters too. They're not obsessing over 2020 anymore. When they do, it's just to feed you even more cheese.

What I'm saying here, bluntly, is you need to quit attending every fight to



CHARLIE HARPER
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which you are invited. Sure, you have plenty from your side insisting you attend. What the right lacks in strategy and focus it makes up for with grifters and paid influencers to ensure you stay "motivated."

This keeps "the base" engaged via outrage. It turns off the still right of center voters who just want to live their lives, have the government intrude on them as little as possible, and pay as little in taxes as they can

while still having basic services delivered competently.

You may call those people "RINOs" or "squishes" but you need their votes. It's the base of a party that gives it a soul. It's the votes of the moderates who give you power. Forget this, and you can go back to whatever problems you lived through from 2021 until 2025 – but probably worse.

You may believe that the best way to fight is to not cede an inch on anything. Many do. And that's why we have too many singing along with the grifter chorus about a half time show.

Meanwhile, you have a large voting block who voted against the crazy people who shut down their schools and opened our border now wondering if they've aligned with the wrong crazy people. And Republicans are doing nothing to indicate you were and are the serious option.

Midterm elections will be held in roughly nine

months. What happens then will determine if gains will be made on immigration enforcement, cutting regulations, reducing taxes, and getting widespread and rampant fraud under control. Every minute talking about halftime entertainment or a performative speech at an awards show is a missed opportunity to remind voters why they rejected a march toward socialism in the last election.

Between now and then, you'll have the finest character boards of obfuscation offered to you. You can refuse to accept the free cheese.

If you want to fight every fight "so that the other side doesn't win," you're agreeing to play their game, by their rules. Decide now if you want to use the time between now and the next election to complain or to make a difference.

If you just insist on staying mad, prepare also to be disappointed come November.

Here's to good health and a lot of good food

Okay, it looks like I may live to fight another day. I just got a clean bill of health from my latest checkup at the request of my insurance company. All systems are go. Physically, all the numbers were good. Mentally, I was required to draw a clock with the hands at 10 o'clock and given three words to remember and recite back later. Not exactly Mensa stuff but I aced it. Thank goodness it wasn't trigonometry, or we might not be having this conversation.

I am grateful to have made it this far and assuming I don't step in front of a bus or forget to pull the ripcord should I go skydiving, I intend to keep on living to the hilt.

I have walked this earth a long time. My older brother even longer. We agree that we inherited parents with good genes. Both lived into their 80s. There may be other reasons, as well. I would cite clean living as one, but then God might zap me with a bolt of lightning for telling such a whooper and that would shoot my chances of a long life. Of course, my brother could make such a claim and get away with it. God always did like my brother better.

The fact that my ticker is ticking away and my arteries aren't clogged up with fat is somewhat of a wonder,



DICK YARBROUGH

given my fondness for all foods Southern. It's the way I grew up. My momma was the quintessential Southern cook, meaning that in our house, lard was one of the basic food groups. She fried everything – steak, pork, chicken, okra, green tomatoes – to a crisp. If it got in the skillet, it was going to get itself fried. Even the cornbread got a dose of lard. Oh, and no need for saltshakers. Momma salted the food as it was frying.

I read somewhere that lard, a polite name for pig fat, is making a culinary comeback and is not considered as unhealthy as it once was thought to be, if used in moderation. Using lard in moderation was not an option in Momma's kitchen. And somehow, we seem to have survived the experience.

It may be because we always had sweet tea with our supper. (A note to émigrés from above the Mason-You-Know-What Line: In the South, we don't eat dinner in the evening. We eat supper.) Sweet tea, another specialty of my mother's creation. With spoonfuls of tea in a pitcher, filled with boiling water and a tablespoon inside the pitcher to keep it from shattering, Momma would pour in a heaping cup of sugar. What better way to wash down copious amounts of fried chicken, fried okra, fried green tomatoes and cornbread than with sweet tea loaded with lots of refined sugar. No wonder my brother and I enjoy good health. Southern cooking is the secret.

When I began to court the young lady destined

to become The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name, on occasion I would be invited to her house for Sunday dinner. (A note to émigrés from above the Mason-You-Know-What Line: In the South, we eat dinner at lunch.)

Her mother was from Scotland and grew up in New Jersey and as much as I would come to love my future mother-in-law and to thank God for allowing me to marry well above my paygrade, it wasn't because of the Sunday dinners. To call the meals bland would be kind. Everything was boiled, broiled or baked. I don't think I ever saw a tub of lard there. I learned that you were expected to season to your own taste and sweet tea wasn't even an option. A novel concept for this

Southern boy.

Truth in advertising requires me to confess that over the years of our marriage I adapted and learned to season my food to my taste and even managed to consume unsweet tea, although I missed Momma's sweet tea. I still do.

Shakespeare observed that the past is prologue. That phrase has a lot of interpretations. I take it to mean that things can be

even better going forward. At least, that's my intention. It starts with a good health report, garnished with good memories and an appreciation that every day is a gift not to be wasted.

In the meantime, it's back to work. There are columns to be written and reactions to be received. I can't do it without you. Here's to your good health. Salud!



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Book ban versus parent control: Lawmakers debate bill that could send librarians to jail

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Legislation to strip librarians of their criminal immunity from a law that makes it illegal to give "harmful" books and other content to minors is moving quickly through the Georgia General Assembly, after passing a House committee in a partisan vote Friday.

Conservatives and religious advocates have been pushing for years to revoke the librarian exemption from a 1980s obscenity law that makes it a crime to knowingly give a minor a visual, written or recorded work depicting sex or sexuality in a way that offends the "prevailing standards" of a community.

The Senate legislation that passed one of the state House's judiciary committees Friday would subject librarians in public libraries, schools and colleges to prosecution for violating that law.

Previously, Senate Bill 74 sought to remove the librarian shield entirely. But amendments added Friday would only take it from librarians who fail to comply with their library or school board decisions concerning complaints about books and other materials.

"If the librarian follows what the governing board says, then that's it, the end," said Rep. Soo Hong, R-Lawrenceville, who based her amendment off wording suggested by a West Georgia library director at a previous hearing.

The bill passed 6-5 along party lines, with Democrats opposed.

Critics have long contended that the move to strip librarians of their legal protection is part of a strategy to scrub libraries of books about sexuality and gender orientation. SB 74 relies on a section of state law that includes sexual conduct as content considered to be

harmful to minors. The law's definition of sexual conduct includes "acts of masturbation, homosexuality, sexual intercourse ..."

Rep. Shea Roberts, D-Atlanta, argued that SB 74, in conjunction with that existing definition, would lead to the banning of books "where two boys are holding hands."

Rep. Rob Leverett, R-Elberton, disagreed with her interpretation. "It's talking about sexual contact, contact involving, you know, our privates," he said.

Leverett also disagreed with Rep. Esther Panitch, D-Sandy Springs, who predicted that the bill, should it become law, would effectively become a book "ban" by encouraging extreme caution among library boards.

They would become "censorship boards," she said.

"When the choice is between keeping a challenged book on the shelf or exposing your libraries

to prosecution, the book will lose every time," Panitch said, adding that one arrest and mugshot of a librarian who defended a controversial book would cause every library in the state to remove it.

Giving harmful material to a minor is a misdemeanor of "a high and aggravated nature," punishable by up to 12 months in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Leverett said the legislation was not a ban because it would only require moving certain books to age-restricted parts of libraries.

"That's a great difference," he said. "I would agree with you if we were talking about burning them or taking them out of the library altogether."

At a prior hearing this week, a member of the public commented against the measure by observing that a book for children had been attacked because it named male and female genitalia.

A Republican lawmaker shot

back: "is it the librarian's responsibility to teach my children what a vagina and a penis is?" The lawmaker, Rep. Charlice Byrd, R-Woodstock, said a parent should decide when to expose their child to such information.

The next stop for SB 74 will be the House Rules committee, which gets to decide whether to put the measure to a vote by the full House. The bill has already passed the Senate, in a party-line vote last year, the first year of this biennial session.

Should the House pass it with the new amendments, the Senate would need to agree to the changes before it would move to the governor's desk.

The main sponsor of the legislation, Sen. Max Burn, R-Sylvania, told the House committee members Friday that he supported their changes.

Lawmakers say they are ready to improve literacy teaching

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Another Georgia legislative initiative this year seeks to build on prior efforts to increase the reading and writing performance of young students.

"We must teach our children to read," Rep. Chris Erwin, R-Homer, chairman of the House Education committee, said Monday about the new initiative. "We must have the belief that all of our children can read on grade level."

Erwin is the chief co-sponsor of House Bill 1193, which is backed by leaders in both the House and Senate. The Senate even has its own version of essentially the same bill.

The Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026 would require sweeping changes, from mandatory curriculum and teacher training to routine testing and state-funded tutoring for children. The legislation also would encourage but not require kindergarten attendance. Students who skipped kindergarten and then failed a literacy test would have to

start in kindergarten even if they were old enough for first grade.

One of the most far-reaching proposals would amend the state education funding formula. The legislation would send state money to every school district to hire a classroom literacy coach in each school that has kindergarten through third grade classrooms. (K-3 schools with fewer than 200 students would only get a part-time coach though.)

The holistic approach is necessary because teaching and learning to read is difficult work, said Erwin, a retired school superintendent. "So it's got to be planned; it's got to be precise."

The Legislature has not yet published a cost associated with the initiative.

But House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, said at the start of this year's legislative session that literacy was among his top agenda items this year, a position he reiterated last week. He said the state was prepared to pay for classroom reinforcements.

"How many Georgians would be leading happy, healthy, fulfilling lives if they had only been able to read?" he asked at a news conference.

A House subcommittee

voted unanimously Monday to send HB 1193 to the House Education committee. Before the vote, several parents commented favorably, including Jeremy Hendrix from Gwinnett

County, who said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the legislation.

"It is amazing what you are doing and especially in this political climate where we can see everybody get

behind one cart and push in the same direction," he said. "I really appreciate that and it makes my heart happy as a citizen."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE

The Twiggs County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on February 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider Conditional Use for a Propane Storage Tank. The property is currently owned by MCKINNEY'S PROPANE GAS, LLC (Donald McKinney) and located at HAMMOCK RD, MACON, GA 31217 (T076-029D).

The meeting will be conducted in the Twiggs County Courtroom located inside the Courthouse, 425 Railroad Street North, Jeffersonville, Georgia. The public is invited to attend. Should you desire any information concerning this conditional use, please contact the Twiggs County Planning and Zoning Office by letter or you may call us at (478) 945-3629 Option 1.

Monte Bloodworth, Director
Twiggs County Planning and Zoning

PUBLIC NOTICE: CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

Qualifying for the May 2026 Primary Election will begin **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** and will end **Friday, March 6, 2026, at 12:00 noon.** Qualifying will be conducted by the **Democratic and Republican parties**, with locations to be announced by each party. **Independent candidates** will qualify during the same period through the elections office.

Offices open for qualifying include **County Commissioner Chairman, County Commissioner, and School Board Districts 1 and 2.**

Pursuant to **O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(1)(A)**, qualifying fees are as follows: County Commissioner Chairman, **\$234.00** County Commissioner, **\$180.00** School Board Districts 1 and 2, **\$144.00.**

The **Primary Election** will be held **May 17, 2026.** The deadline to register to vote is **April 20, 2026.** The **General Election** will be held **November 3, 2026.** Absentee ballots will be available at least **45 days prior to each election.**

For more information, contact the **Wilkinson County Elections Office** at **478-946-2188.**

NOTICE OF CALL FOR A REFERENDUM

To all qualified voters of Bleckley County, Georgia.

Pursuant to the authority granted under O.C.G.A. § 3-4-91, O.C.G.A. § 3-4-92, and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, notice is hereby given that a referendum election will be held at the regular polling place in Bleckley County, Georgia, on May 19, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the county the following question:

"Shall the governing authority of Bleckley County be authorized to issue licenses to sell distilled spirits by the drink to restaurants for consumption at the restaurant?"

[] YES

[] NO

All persons desiring to vote in favor shall vote "Yes," and those persons opposed shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of issuing licenses to sell distilled spirits for beverage purposes by the drink, such sale to be for consumption only on the premises, then the governing authority shall in accordance with this Code section issue such licenses; otherwise, no license shall be issued.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote for the May General/Primary/Nonpartisan Election by the close of business on April 20, 2026.

Absentee voting by May will start on April 20, 2026 and will end on May 8, 2026. Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting will be held April 27, 2026 – May 15, 2026. The mandatory Saturday Voting dates May 2 and May 9, 2026. All Advanced (Absentee In-Person) voting will be conducted at the Bleckley County Board of Elections and Registration Office. Polls will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for Advance (Absentee In-Person) Voting and Saturday voting hours 9:00 am. Until 5:00 p.m.

Election Day will be May 19, 2026. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Election Day location Jaycee Barn (290 Ash Street). Should a runoff be required, such runoff will be held June 16, 2026.

This notice is given pursuant to a resolution by the governing authority authorizing the appropriate officials of Bleckley County, and with the consent of the Bleckley County Board of Elections and Registration as Elections Superintendent, to call for a referendum on the sale of distilled spirits.

Cheryl Ates,
Elections Supervisor on behalf
of the Bleckley Co. Board of Elections and
Registration as Election Superintendent

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Bleckley County Joint Comprehensive Plan "Growing a Better Bleckley"

Want an improved place to live, work, recreate, and do business in Bleckley County?

The local governments of Bleckley County and the city of Cochran are in the initial stages of a process to develop a new joint comprehensive plan in accordance with state law.

The joint comprehensive plan is a guide to making Bleckley County and the city of Cochran improved places to live, work, recreate, and do business for all concerned. It outlines a community vision, identifies needs and opportunities, defines long term policies, and includes a community work program to provide a guide and blueprint for future growth and development within the community jurisdictions. It is desired that this plan not only meets state requirements, but also truly expresses the community's wishes for future growth and development.

An initial public hearing is scheduled to provide an opportunity for citizens to express their thoughts regarding vision for the Community's future, to receive input on the issues and opportunities facing the Community, and to identify solutions, strategies, and actionable efforts that could be employed to make Bleckley County and the city of Cochran better places to live and work.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND TIME:
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING:
The Chamber Commons, 126 N Second Street, Cochran, GA
Please plan to attend, voice your opinions, and be involved. Help your community thrive, grow, and prepare a better future. If you would like more information, please contact the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, 912-367-3648 or aweaver@hogarc.org. All persons with a disability or otherwise needing assistance should contact the Bleckley County Commissioner's Office, 112 N Second Street, Cochran, GA 31014, or call 478-934-3200.

You May Also Take the Online Survey to Share

Your Input: <https://bit.ly/4tiaxsg>

All comments submitted through the online survey will be anonymous, confidential, and will factor into the shaping of priorities.



Legals

Bleckley Co. Legals

C26-004
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
IN RE: ESTATE OF YVONNE C. DAVIS, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of YVONNE C. DAVIS, deceased, late of Bleckley County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 15TH day of JANUARY, 2026.
Daphne Gores
DAPHNE D. JONES Executor of the Estate of YVONNE C. DAVIS
142 WOOD OAK CIRCLE
COCHRAN, GA 31014
January 22, 29, 2026, February 5, 12, 2026

C26-009
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, BLECKLEY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kimberly Burns to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ameris Bank, its successors and assigns dated 5/3/2022 and recorded in Deed Book 462 Page 719 Bleckley County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Planet Home Lending, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$152,192.00, 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 March 3, 2026 (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 tract of land with dwelling house located thereon which has the address now or formerly, of **129 McVay Drive, Cochran, Georgia 31014** (Tax ID A21/077) in the City of Cochran in Land Lot 143 of the 21st Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, designated as Subdivision Lot 8 of Section 2 of McVay Heights Subdivision as shown on a Plat of Survey made by John W. Dye, Surveyor, on May 19, 1969, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 173, in the Office of the Clerk of Bleckley Superior Court at Cochran, Georgia, particularly described as follows: BEGIN at a point marked by metal stake on the Northwest right of way line of McVay Drive (at the east corner of subdivision Lot No. 8 herein conveyed) a distance of 560 feet Southwest from its intersection with the Southwest right of way line of Southeast Ninth Street (formerly known as Tenth Street or School Street) and from said point of beginning run in a Westerly direction along the curved line of McVay Drive a distance of 200 feet to a corner point marked by a metal stake at the West corner of Subdivision Lot No. 8 herein conveyed; thence run North 46 degrees 14 minutes East 120 feet along the Southeast line of Subdivision Lot No. 9 owned now or formerly by Dell D. Daniel to a corner point marked by a metal stake at the North corner of Subdivision Lot No. 8 herein conveyed thence run South 43 degrees 30 minutes East 135 feet along the Southwest line of Subdivision Lot No. 7 owned now or formerly by Betty L. Hatfield to the Point of Beginning. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions, and rights-of-way of record, if any. 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 129 McVay Dr, 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): Kimberly Burns and Teresa Thompson or tenant or tenants. Planet Home Lending, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Planet Home Lending, LLC Loss Mitigation 321 Research Parkway Suite 303 Meriden, Connecticut 06450-8301 855-884-2250 Option #3 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. Planet Home Lending, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Kimberly Burns Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1714-242A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR/ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1714-242A
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

C26-013
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF KEITH RENE FLOYD, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Keith Rene Floyd, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Executor. This 26th day of January, 2026.
Lorena W. Floyd, Executor
418 Floyd NeSmith Road
Cochran, GA 31014
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

C26-007
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Chad E. Smith to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., dated June 23, 2006 and recorded on June 23, 2006 in Deed Book 316, Page 574, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$168,000.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., recorded in Deed Book 495, Page 473, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Bleckley County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

THAT 1.71 ACRE TRACT OF LAND WITH DWELLING HOUSE LOCATED THEREON IN LAND LOT 33 OF THE 21ST LAND DISTRICT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY T. JERRY PEACOCK, SR., SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 3, 2005, RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 88-5 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF BLECKLEY SUPERIOR COURT AT COCHRAN, GEORGIA, SAID PLAT OF SURVEY AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION, THE FOREGOING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND IS THE SAME AS THAT CONVEYED FROM GERALD SMITH AND DIANNE E. SMITH TO CHAD E. SMITH BY WARRANT DEED DATED OCTOBER 12, 2005, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 307, PAGE 73-74, BLECKLEY COUNTY RECORDS. THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN UNPAVED DRIVE ALONG THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT OF SURVEY.
Said property may more commonly be known as **1125 HWY 126, Cochran, GA 31014**.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119-3284, 888-349-8955.
Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any

taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is Chad E. Smith and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Chad E. Smith.
Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

C26-010
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
IN RE: REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME Notice is hereby given that the business operated at 403 GA HWY 26 E, COCHRAN, GA 31014 in the trade name of MIDDLE GA COMMERCIAL A/C & APPLIANCE is owned and carried on by IMPROMECH LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company, whose address is 103 E. CHERRY STREET SUITE 5, COCHRAN, GA, 31014, and the statement relating thereto required by O.C.G.A. § 10-1-490, has been filed with the clerk of the superior court of Bleckley County, Georgia.
This 29th day of January, 2026.
IMPROTECH LLC
By: Julian Robert Fordham, Member
February 5, 12, 2026

W26-009
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
HAISEAL TIMBER, INC.,
Petitioner,
VS.
PARKER JACKSON, JOHNNIE J. SMITH, TEXIE J. JOHNSON, RUTH J. MARSHALL, RALPH P. JACKSON, WILLIAM D. MARSHALL and SARAH A. MARSHALL BAZEMORE, INDIVIDUALLY and as GUARDIAN OF LARRY H. MARSHALL Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2025-CV-0154
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: All unknown persons having an interest in this cause.
You are hereby notified that the above styled action for Declaratory Judgement against Respondents, Parker Jackson, Johnnie J. Smith, Texie J. Johnson, Ruth J. Marshall, Ralph P. Jackson, William D. Marshall and Sara A. Marshall, Individually and as Guardian of Larry H. Marshall, regarding the below described property was filed on the 10th day of November, 2025, in the Superior Court of Wilkinson County, Georgia, Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of Order for Service of Publication entered by said Court on the 21 day of January, 2026, you are hereby commanded, within 30 days of this Order for Service of Publication, to answer said Declaratory Judgement and file Pleadings before the Court. The property is described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 4th Land District of Wilkinson County, Georgia, being all of Land Lot 225 and a portion of Land Lot 222, containing 306.97 acres, and being more fully shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by C.E. Williams, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1565, dated December 29, 1980, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Wilkinson County, Georgia in Plat Book 11, at page 46, specific reference to which is made a part of this description and which plat is incorporated herein by reference.
Witness the Honorable Stephen A. Bradley Judge of this Court.
This 16th day of January, 2026.
Star Grove, Dep Clerk Superior Court, Wilkinson County, Georgia
January 22, 2026, February 5, 12, 19, 2026

C26-011
STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
February 25, 2026
Jason Downey to Host State Board of Education Eighth District Public Hearing

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Eighth Congressional District on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Middle School, 356 Blandy Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061.
The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. People wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.
The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at gprice@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.
February 12, 19, 2026

Twiggs Co. Legals

T26-006
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RITA BURNEY WILSON DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-26-006
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Sheila Blessett has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Rita Burney Wilson, 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 **March 2, 2026**. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Honorable Gary Nobles, Jr.
Judge of Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
Twiggs County Probate Court
425 Railroad St. N. P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

T26-005
CITATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
GEORGIA
DOCKET NO. 2026-V-003
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.
CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS; and Patrick C. Patton; Southern Pine Plantations of Georgia, Inc.; Oconee Electric Membership Corporation; and Twiggs County Tax Commissioner, individually
The said named persons and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to the lands hereinafter described, and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across, over and under said land are hereby notified, under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the State of Georgia, or any of its subdivisions, or by any county of such State, as follows: That the above stated case, being a condemnation in rem against the property hereinafter described, was filed in said Court on the 8th day of January 2026; That, in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Official Code, a Declaration of Taking, duly authorized and properly executed as provided by the Official Code, has been made and filed in said case, declaring the necessity for and exercising the power of taking the said described lands for State-aid public road purposes, thereby vesting the title to same in the Department of Transportation; and, in pursuance of such authority, the Department of Transportation has deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County \$3,600.00 as the just compensation for the said lands described; and all persons Parcel No. 52A
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

T26-009
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: BRUCE E. STILLE, DECEASED
All debtors/creditors of the Estate of Bruce E. Stille, deceased, of Twiggs County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 29th day of January 2026.
Robert L. Harris
Shelby J. Stille, Executor
8403 Ga Highway 57 Macon, GA 31217
Haygood, Lynch, Harris, Melton, & Watson, LLP
87 North Lee Street
PO Box 657
Forsyth, GA 31029
(478) 994-5171
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

T26-010
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: WAYNE GLOVER
ESTATE NO. P-25-005
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The petition of **Judith M. Glover**, for a Year's Support from the estate of **Wayne Glover**, 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 **February 23, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Gary Nobles, Jr.
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

T26-003
Twiggs Times New Era
425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 800
Jeffersonville, GA 31044
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: FANNIE L. FLOYD, DECEASED
All debtors/creditors of the Estate of **Fannie L. Floyd**, deceased, of Twiggs County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and

all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 22nd day of January 2026.
Bonnie L. Deason
124 Second Street
Danville, Georgia 31017
January 29, 2026, February 5, 12, 19, 2026

T26-005
CITATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
GEORGIA
DOCKET NO. 2026-V-003
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.
CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS; and Patrick C. Patton; Southern Pine Plantations of Georgia, Inc.; Oconee Electric Membership Corporation; and Twiggs County Tax Commissioner, individually
The said named persons and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to the lands hereinafter described, and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across, over and under said land are hereby notified, under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the State of Georgia, or any of its subdivisions, or by any county of such State, as follows: That the above stated case, being a condemnation in rem against the property hereinafter described, was filed in said Court on the 8th day of January 2026; That, in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Official Code, a Declaration of Taking, duly authorized and properly executed as provided by the Official Code, has been made and filed in said case, declaring the necessity for and exercising the power of taking the said described lands for State-aid public road purposes, thereby vesting the title to same in the Department of Transportation; and, in pursuance of such authority, the Department of Transportation has deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County \$3,600.00 as the just compensation for the said lands described; and all persons Parcel No. 52A
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

Ocmulgee EMC Announces The Following Job Opening

Cashier

This is a Full Time Position

Deadline to Apply is: Friday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m.

For more information call 478-374-7001 ext. 107.

Job Applications may be obtained from:

Ocmulgee EMC
5722 Eastman Street, Eastman, GA 31023

Ocmulgee EMC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

City of Gordon – Part-Time Job Opening

The City of Gordon is accepting applications for a **Part-Time Administrative Assistant**.

Duties include:
Customer service, answering phones, accepting payments, data entry, filing, and general office support.

Minimum requirements:
High School Diploma or GED, basic computer and math skills, and a valid Georgia driver's license.

Work location:
Gordon City Hall

Application Deadline:
All applications must be submitted to **Gordon City Hall by 4:00 PM on February 26, 2026.**

The City of Gordon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Invitations for Bid and Request for Proposals by Twiggs County, Georgia

Twiggs County is accepting proposals from qualified Contractors for resurfacing and related road work (the "Work") on New Bullard Road. The Work shall begin at the intersection of New Bullard Road and Highway 129 and shall continue for approximately 2.61 miles along New Bullard Road, ending at the intersection of New Bullard Road and River Road.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**. Proposals/Bids must be signed; late Proposals/Bids will not be considered. Bids/Proposals for the Project will be sealed and not opened until **Wednesday, March 4, 2026** at 12 p.m. at the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Office. Bids/Proposals shall be considered on **Thursday, March 5, 2026** at the 9:00 A.M. Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Twiggs County Court House.

The terms and conditions for the Proposals/Bids, specifications for the Project are: (1) a minimum application of 1.5" asphalt for resurfacing; (2) centerline striping and fog line striping are required; (3) a 2-foot apron is required at all driveways and intersections to ensure a smooth transition; (4) work must be completed within 60 calendar days from the notice to proceed; (5) clipping in preparation for new pavement is mandatory as needed; (6) Contractor agrees it shall remove all debris from the project site upon completion of the Work; and (7) mobilization, bonding, and insurance is required.

As allowed by Georgia law, this Request for Proposal expressly provides that:
Offerors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion, negotiation, and revision of proposals. Discussions, negotiations, and revisions may be permitted after submission of proposals and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.

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

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

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners will be accepting Sealed Bids pertaining to road resurfacing, road maintenance, and asphalt replacement for the following locations:

1. Railroad Street - ±0.75 L.M.

Closing date for Sealed Bids responding to Request for Proposals, **Resurfacing of County Roads**, shall be **March 12, 2026 @ 2:00 PM**. Bids will be opened in public and read aloud at this time at the Wilkinson County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners.

Deadline: Proposals received after the time and date set or receipt of bids WILL NOT be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure timely delivery of their bid. Telephone, email, or facsimile bids will not be accepted.

There will be no required pre-bid meetings for this project. The last day for questions guaranteeing an answer will be close of business **March 5, 2026**. All questions must be submitted via email to mhoffmann@tpointeng.com.

The complete RFP package will be available by contacting, Morgan Hoffmann at mhoffmann@tpointeng.com.

Wilkinson County reserves the right to reject all bids, to waive informalities, to re-advertise and/or to award any bid that is in the best interest of Wilkinson County.

Mail or deliver Sealed Bids to:
Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners
ATTN: Tracy D Strange, Resurfacing RFP
100 Bacon Street
PO Box 161
Irwin, Georgia 31042

Granted is the right to construct and maintain any required Sediment Basin within the easement area shown on the attached plat. Beginning at a point 150.00 feet right of and opposite Station 537+00.00 on the construction centerline of State Route 96 on Georgia Highway Project No. 322460; running thence N 1°48'35.8" E a distance of 25.01 feet to a point 124.99 feet right of and opposite station 537+00.01 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence S 88°12'10.1" E a distance of 485.94 feet to a point 125.00 feet right of and opposite station 541+85.95 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence S 60°23'49.4" W a distance of 283.37 feet to a point 272.63 feet right of and opposite station 539+44.07 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence S 86°48'51.3" W a distance of 220.25 feet to a point 291.76 feet right of and opposite station 537+24.66 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence N 8°04'13.5" W a distance of 143.88 feet back to the point of beginning. **Containing 1.256 acres more or less.**

The title, estate or interest in the above described land, required by condemnor and now taken by condemnor for public use is as follows: A permanent easement is condemned for the right to construct and maintain slopes to connect the newly constructed road and right of way to the condemnees remaining land and is shown described within on the attached plats dated March 23, 2011; Last Revised: Sheet Nos. 28, 30, and 32 on November 25, 2025; and attached hereto as Annex 1-A. Upon completion of construction, nothing in this grant shall prevent the placement or replacement of parking spaces on the permanent easement acquired where the parking spaces are otherwise in accord with all applicable law, rules, regulations and DOT guidelines. Parcel No. 52A

PERMANENT EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN REQUIRED SEDIMENT BASIN (TRACT 3) Granted is the right to construct and maintain any required Sediment Basin within the easement area shown on the attached plat. Beginning at a point 261.10 feet right of and opposite Station 568+16.83 on the construction centerline of State Route 96 on Georgia Highway Project No.322460; running thence N 19°38'19.5" W a distance of 135.47 feet to a point 135.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+67.33 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence N 1°49'58.2" E a distance of 10.01 feet to a point 124.99 feet right of and opposite station 567+67.33 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence S 88°12'09.3" E a distance of 326.47 feet to a point 125.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+93.80 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence S 35°59'05.8" W a distance of 155.91 feet to a point 253.97 feet right of and opposite station 570+06.19 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96; thence S 89°38'24.7" W a distance of 189.49 feet back to the point of beginning. **Containing 0.789 acres more or less.**

The title, estate or interest in the above described land, required by condemnor and now taken by condemnor for public use is as follows: A permanent easement is condemned for the right to construct and maintain slopes to connect the newly constructed road and right of way to the condemnees remaining land and is shown described within on the attached plats dated March 23, 2011; Last Revised: Sheet Nos. 28, 30, and 32 on November 25, 2025; and attached hereto as Annex 1-A. A. Upon completion of construction, nothing in this grant shall prevent the placement or replacement of parking spaces on the permanent easement acquired where the parking spaces are otherwise in accord with all applicable law, rules, regulations and DOT guidelines.

TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT Also, granted is the right to an easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat.

Said easement expires upon completion and final acceptance of said project by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Beginning at a point 125.00 feet right of and opposite Station 567+32.33 on the construction centerline of State Route 96 on Georgia Highway Project No. 322460; running thence S 88°12'45.4" E a distance of 35.00 feet to a point 124.99 feet right of and opposite station 567+67.33 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96 Mainline; thence S 1°47'55.9" W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 135.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+67.33 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96 Mainline; thence N 88°12'28.1" W a distance of 35.00 feet to a point 135.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+32.33 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 96 Mainline; thence N 1°47'17.3" E a distance of 10.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.008 acres more or less.

A temporary easement is condemned for the right to construct a driveway to connect the newly constructed road and right of way to the Condemnees remaining land for driveway purposes. Said easement will expire 5-years upon completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation and as shown described within on the attached plats marked Annex 1-A. Upon completion of the project, the driveway will remain in place for use by the Condemnees.

February 5, 12, 2026

T26-008 STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
February 25, 2026
Jason Downey to Host State Board of Education Eighth District Public Hearing
 The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Eighth Congressional District on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Middle School, 356 Blandy Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061.
 The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. People wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.
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 February 12, 19, 2026

WILKINSON Co. Legals

W26-016 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Walter Lee Knight, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 322
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Torrie Veal, Trevino Knight, Terrance Knight, Tamorris Knight, Jaquarie Carswell, Carlton Carswell, Arkinso Carswell and to whom it may concern:
Julia Yvette Driskell has petitioned for **Julia Yvette Driskell** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Walter Lee Knight**, 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 **March 2, 2026**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Sarah A. Holder
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Bradasia A Mims
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 Wilkinson County Probate Court
 100 Bacon St
 Irwinton, GA 31042
 478-946-2222
 February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-010 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF WILKINSON
 All creditors of the estate of **Walter Lee Knight**, deceased, as of late **September 7, 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 22 day of January, 2026
 Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney
 January 31, 2026, February 7, 14, 21, 2026

W26-022 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Ann Muriel Jackson, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 324
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: **Tracy Jackson** and to whom it may concern:
Glenda Jackson has petitioned for **Glenda Jackson** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Ann Muriel Jackson** 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 **March 2, 2026**.
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 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
 February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-021 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Derek J. Johnson, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 321
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Anika Johnson and to whom it may concern:
Brandi M. Johnson has petitioned for **Brandi M. Johnson** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Derek J. Johnson** 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 **March 2, 2026**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Sarah A. Holder
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Bradasia A. Mims
 Clerk of the Probate Court
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 February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-017 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF James Earl Hunter, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 318
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Brandon Earl Hunter and to whom it may concern:
Brandon Earl Hunter has petitioned for **Brandon Earl Hunter** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **James Earl Hunter** 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 **March 2, 2026**.
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 Sarah A. Holder
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Bradasia A. Mims
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 Wilkinson County Probate Court
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 February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-016 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF James Earl Hunter, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 318
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Brandon Earl Hunter and to whom it may concern:
Brandon Earl Hunter has petitioned for **Brandon Earl Hunter** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **James Earl Hunter** 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 **March 2, 2026**.
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 Sarah A. Holder
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Bradasia A. Mims
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 February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-017 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF James Earl Hunter, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 318
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Brandon Earl Hunter and to whom it may concern:
Brandon Earl Hunter has petitioned for **Brandon Earl Hunter** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **James Earl Hunter** 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 **March 2, 2026**.
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W26-016 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Walter Lee Knight, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 322
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Brandon Earl Hunter and to whom it may concern:
Brandon Earl Hunter has petitioned for **Brandon Earl Hunter** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **James Earl Hunter** 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 **March 2, 2026**.
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W26-019 Notice of Sale Under Power
 State of Georgia, County of Baldwin Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Marilyn A. Knowles to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Bank (the Secured Creditor), dated January 15, 2009, and Recorded on February 3, 2009 as Book No. 968 and Page No. 525, Baldwin County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$168,192.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Baldwin County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Baldwin County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in MARCH, 2026, the following described property:
 Parcel One:
 All that composite tract of land together with all improvements attached thereto situate, lying and being in Land Lot 176, 5th Land District, 322th GMD, Baldwin County, Georgia containing 2.42 acres, more or less, being composed of Tract "A," Tract "B," and Tract "C" all as shown on a plat of survey for Billy J. and Bettie J. Chambers prepared by Byron L. Farmer, GRLS No. 1679, dated January 22, 1993 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Baldwin County, Georgia in Deed Book 325, page 410. Said plat of survey and record thereof are by this reference made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate description of said property.

Parcel Two:
 All that tract or parcel of land together with all improvements attached thereto situate, lying and being in Land Lot 176, 5th Land District, 322th GMD, Baldwin County, Georgia containing 2.42 acres, more or less, being composed of Tract "A," Tract "B," and Tract "C" all as shown on a plat of survey for Billy J. and Bettie J. Chambers prepared by Byron L. Farmer, GRLS No. 1679, dated January 22, 1993 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Baldwin County, Georgia in Deed Book 325, page 410. Said plat of survey and record thereof are by this reference made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate description of said property.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806.

Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **364 MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH ROAD, GORDON, GA 31031** is/are: Marilyn A. Knowles or tenants/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC". Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Marilyn A. Knowles. Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 23-55601
 February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-008 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF WILKINSON
 By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Dustin G. Wallace to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERISAVE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, dated March 12, 2024 and recorded on March 21, 2024 in Deed Book 414, Page 885, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Wilkinson County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight and 00/100 dollars (\$164,428.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, recorded in Deed Book 420, Page 114, aforesaid records will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Wilkinson County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
 All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 57 of the 5th Land District of Wilkinson County, Georgia, in the Town of Ivey being known and distinguished as a tract labeled "Part of Block D Brooks Subdivision", being more particularly described according to plat of record in Plat Book 4, Page 205, Clerk's Office, Wilkinson Superior Court, which said plat is by this reference thereto incorporated herein for the purpose of a more particular and accurate description of said "Part of Block D Brooks Subdivision" hereby conveyed. ALSO HEREBY CONVEYED, is all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 57 of the 5th Land District of Wilkinson County, Georgia, in the Town of Ivey being known and distinguished as 0.19 acres in a property survey for Frank E. Massengale dated May 14, 1997 and recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 55, Clerk's Office, Wilkinson Superior Court, which said plat is by this Case #: 25-017524-1 reference thereto incorporated herein for the purpose of a more particular and accurate description of said 0.19 acres hereby conveyed.
 THERE IS EXCEPTED HEREFROM AND NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN-ABOVE DESCRIBED AND CONVEYED, that portion thereof conveyed to the Georgia Department of Transportation by Right-of-Way Deed dated October 21, 2004 and recorded in Deed Book 293, Page 101, Clerk's Office, Wilkinson Superior Court. Said property may more commonly be known as **153 GA Highway 243, Ivey, GA 31031**. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Dustin G. Wallace and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is

not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and Case #: 25-017524-1 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for: Dustin G. Wallace
 Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203 Tallahassee, FL 32312 (850) 422-2520
 January 29, 2026, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-018 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELAINE C. WALL, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 320
NOTICE
 IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
 TO: BRITTANY AVENT
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before March 2, 2026.
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.
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W26-015 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Robert Earl Nesbitt, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 323
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Catherine C. Nesbitt and to whom it may concern:
Catherine C. Nesbitt has petitioned for **Catherine C. Nesbitt** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Robert Earl Nesbitt**, 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 **March 2, 2026**.
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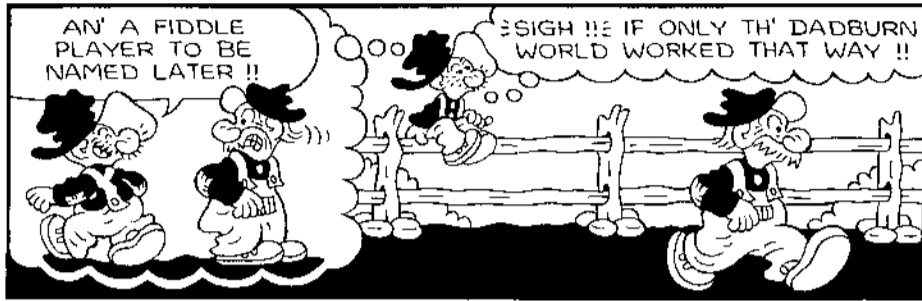
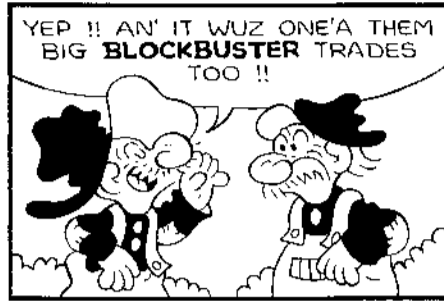
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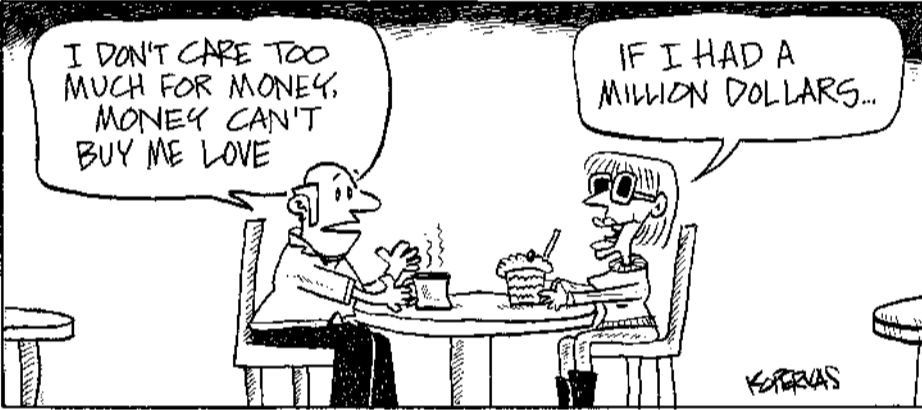
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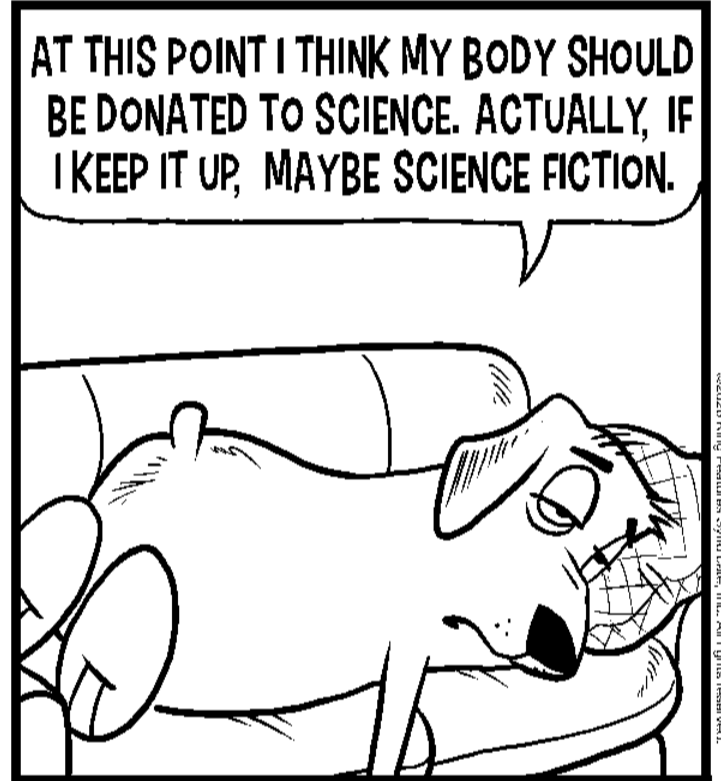
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