

## Crash leaves one dead, one in custody following high speed chase that spanned several counties

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY  
Staff Reporter

One is dead and one is in custody following a crash in Treutlen County Friday morning.

Officials say a vehicle fleeing a Twiggs County deputy avoided various attempts to stop and shot at deputies' vehicles before overturning in Treutlen County, killing a female passenger and severely injuring the driver.

According to a release by the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, on March 6 at approximately 2 a.m., a patrol deputy with the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office noticed a car parked at a closed gas station off of Sgoda Road. As the deputy pulled into the parking lot, the vehicle began to drive away.

After running the car's plates, the deputy discovered that the vehicle did not have valid insurance. The deputy

attempted a traffic stop on the car, but after stopping briefly on the offramp, the vehicle took off fleeing eastbound on I16 at high speeds.

Additional patrol deputies and members of the Criminal Suppression Unit joined in on the pursuit moments later, where speeds were said to have reached up to 130 mph.

As the driver entered into Laurens County, members of the Laurens County Sheriff's

Office joined in on the chase.

At one point, law enforcement made an attempt to use spike strips to stop the vehicle, but the driver avoided them.

Deputies made the decision to perform a PIT maneuver to end the pursuit; however, during the attempt, officials say the driver rolled his window down and began firing

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Investigators discovered stolen items were sold to a pawn shop in Macon/SPECIAL, Photo courtesy of Twiggs Co. Sheriff's Office

## Man arrested after string of burglaries in Twiggs County

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY  
Staff Reporter

A man was arrested in Macon last month following several reports of burglaries in Twiggs County.

48-year-old Alan E. Dozier was arrested on Feb. 25 after investigators with the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office discovered Dozier selling stolen items to a pawn shop in Macon. Further investigation showed that Dozier's shoe impressions matched those recovered at one of the crime scenes.

Officials say he confessed when asked about the burglaries.

Dozier was charged with seven counts of Burglary, three counts of Theft by Taking, seven counts of Criminal Trespass, six counts of Possession of Tools for the Commission of a Crime, and two counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

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## Cochran, Bleckley County sign dual proclamation for MGA Homecoming Week

In a dual proclamation, Cochran Mayor Carla Coley and Bleckley County Sole Commissioner Mike Davis met at Middle Georgia State University on Friday, March 6, to declare March 9 through March 13 as Homecoming Week at Middle Georgia State University/SPECIAL PHOTO, Cochran-Bleckley Chamber of Commerce

### CLARIFICATION

- The headline in last week's edition regarding the Christmas fire should have read - Cochran fire: A miracle on Sixth Street.

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## Bleckley Memorial Hospital will soon receive renovations

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY  
Staff Reporter

When COVID-19 first struck in 2020, it was hard to believe any good might come of it. People were falling ill with a brand new, uncharted disease - isolated and scared of what might come next. No one felt that fear more than our healthcare providers.

Staff were stressed. Hospitals were overflowing. Supplies were not.

Relief wouldn't come until later in the year in the form of the Provider Relief Fund, a fund established by the CARES Act set aside for hospitals during the pandemic.

Bleckley Memorial Hospital decided to take this money and reinvest it directly into patient care.

Renovations started in 2021 with a complete renovation of the hospital's ER. The ER was relocat-

ed to the hospital's former sleep study wing, allowing capacity to jump from three rooms to five and included a large trauma room, a cardiac room and a negative pressure room.

"There was so much space back there un-utilized," said hospital CEO John Roland. "We utilized that space since the time I was here for storage, so what we did was completely add that space to it and did an under-the-roof renovation. Now we have five separate ER rooms."

Once renovations in the ER were complete, next came the nurses' stations and then the hospital corridors with new paint, new walls, new ceilings, even new floors. In December, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the

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Bleckley Memorial Hospital will receive renovations/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY



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multiple rounds at deputies' vehicles, continuing eastbound on I16.

After entering into Treutlen County, the driver lost control of the vehicle, overturning and colliding with multiple trees, according to a preliminary report by the Georgia State Patrol.

According to the report, the driver was ejected from the vehicle during the crash and sustained life-threatening injuries. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to a local medical facility for treatment.

The female passenger was pronounced dead at the scene.

During the shooting,

one Laurens County police vehicle sustained damage from bullets, but according to the GSP report, no officers were hurt.

The driver of the vehicle is in custody and is expected to be charged with murder for the death of his passenger.

As of March 10, it's still unclear why the driver fled law enforcement. Georgia State Patrol have not released the names of the individuals involved.

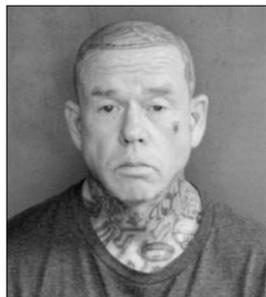
Officials with the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office say this remains an ongoing investigation with multiple agencies involved including the sheriff's offices in Twiggs, Laurens and Treutlen Counties and the Georgia State Patrol.

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Several burglaries were previously reported in the Danville area, leading the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office to open an investigation into the serial burglar.

Days into their investigation, the sheriff's office received an alert that a leaf blower that had been reported stolen during one of the burglaries had been sold to a pawn shop in Macon. They quickly determined Dozier as the person who sold it.



**Dozier**

Investigators learned Dozier was living out of a motel room in Macon. Together with deputies from the Bibb County Sheriff's Office, Twiggs investigators arrived at the motel and initiated contact with Dozier.

Officials say when law enforcement made contact with him, Dozier confessed to the burglaries in Twiggs County, and a prompt search of his motel room uncovered several items that were reported stolen including two handguns.

Besides the motel, Dozier also rented a storage building across the street, where investigators found more items including several firearms reported stolen in Twiggs.

One of the items uncovered was a crowbar that matched the description of the tool law enforcement believe was used to break into the homes.

Nearly a week before on Feb. 20, the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office received the first report of a burglary on Highway 80 near Danville. When deputies and investigators arrived, they discovered "pry marks" on the back door of the residence with evidence the door was forced open. They also found drawers that had been pulled out inside the home with the contents dumped out on the floor.

The sheriff's office later received another report of a burglary at an abandoned home near the first location on Highway 358. Again, in-

vestigators found pry marks and opened drawers similar to those found at the scene of the first burglary.

In the following days, Twiggs County investigators discovered 4 more abandoned homes with similar evidence of burglary, one on Fowler Road in Danville and another on Prospect Church Road in Jeffersonville.

On Feb. 24, the sheriff's office received a report of a seventh burglary on Highway 129 between Bullard Road and Sgoda Road. Law enforcement arrived on scene and confirmed several firearms were stolen from the home along with other property including a Stihl leaf blower.

Dozier was previously arrested on burglary charges in Effingham County in 2019.

In a release, Twiggs County Sheriff Darren Mitchum thanked his deputies and investigators for their hard work on the burglary cases and the Bibb County Sheriff's Office for assisting in the arrest.

Dozier is currently being held at the Twiggs County Detention Center in Jeffersonville.

The Twiggs County Sheriff's Office is asking that anyone affected by the burglaries who have not yet received their stolen property to reach out to them at their office number (478) 945-3357 and ask for investigation.



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completion of the new front lobby.

"The front lobby's beautiful," Roland said. The new lobby is spacious, complete with new seating, and the walls are lined with landscape photos captured in Bleckley County.

Other renovations include a new physical and occupational therapy room for the hospital's swing bed patients. The room includes a railing system along the ceiling to harness debilitated patients in to keep them from falling.

The hospital exudes Bleckley pride, repping the Royals with purple accents on several walls and ceilings. One of these rooms is the salon, where patients can get their hair and nails done. According to Roland, purple was also chosen as it's the hospital's Activity Director's favorite color.

The hospital's exterior is freshly painted, and fit with a new sign out front atop the carport, reading "Bleckley Memorial Hospital."

Roland shared that his favorite renovation is actually one of the "smallest" ones they've done - the hospital's first ever chapel.

According to Roland, pastors have visited with patients at Bleckley Memorial for years now, but they never had a dedicated space to go.

"We needed a chapel where patients and families can go, especially if they have a bad experience," he said. "You never know when you're going to need that quiet space just to go in to pray or have some quiet time."

Previously an unused waiting room, the chapel features a large cross and a stained-glass window. Roland says they are still waiting on seating to come in.

While the Provider Relief Fund might have jumpstarted the renovations, Roland said the ongoing remodeling is made possible in large part by the Georgia Heart Hospital Program. As he explained, the state tax credit program allows individuals and businesses to redirect their Georgia income taxes to rural hospitals, "keeping tax dollars local" as a poster in the hospital lobby describes.

"[The Georgia Heart Program is] a big reason why we're still able to renovate," Roland said. "We've been blessed with donations from the Georgia Heart tax program. We

couldn't do it without them."

While most of the renovations are now complete, there are still a few projects left to finish including a brand new pulmonary rehabilitation room and some back offices. Roland says plans are in place to work on outdoor seating and landscaping.

He also spoke about some of the hardships they face as a rural Georgia facility, including how constant cuts to hospital budgets and worsening insurance coverage are making times harder on patients and employees alike.

Despite the challenges, Roland shared he believes Bleckley Memorial is in a better position than before. In spite of the many problems it faced during the pandemic - or perhaps because of them - Bleckley Memorial Hospital came out on the other side with new and improved facilities and a strong sense of community.

"The community's support for this hospital is greater than it's ever been," Roland shared. "[The renovations] have really made a positive impact on the community, and they're seeing the changes we made, our dedication and culture. It's really come together."



Representatives of WoodmenLife's Chapter 542 met with the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office on March 3 to deliver a check for two new police radios /CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

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Life for their contribution.

"We are extremely grateful for this generous support and for community partners like WoodmenLife who continue to stand behind local law enforcement...Reliable communication equipment is a life-saving tool for our deputies in the field. These radios will help ensure our deputies can communicate quickly and effectively while serving and protecting the citizens of Twiggs County."

Turknett, a local to Twiggs County, told the sheriff's office that this will not be the last time they see her, sharing WoodmenLife plans to work with them more in the future.

WoodmenLife is a nonprofit insurance company and national fraternal organization. Primarily dealing with life insurance, WoodmenLife uses its profits to give back to its members and community. Chapter 542, which covers central Georgia regions including Twiggs and Wilkinson Counties, frequently collaborates with local agencies and organizations.

Last week, Turknett met with Twiggs County Fire to deliver a check totaling \$2,614.20 to pay for a new radio system, department recliners and storage cabinetry.

**Public Notice for Variance Request**

The Twiggs County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom at the Twiggs County Courthouse, 425 N Railroad Street, Jeffersonville, Ga 31444.

At that time, the Board shall consider the application for Byron & Alisha Glass, located at 94 Windy Hill Ct, Macon, Ga 31217 (T055-225), for a request of a New Residential Construction setback to property line. The property owners are requesting a 2ft setback from the side property line.

Any person interested in being heard by the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners on this matter is invited to attend.

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# Just say no: A rant on recent snowy weather and drugs

I have already complained about the weather enough but humor me as do so for a little bit longer.

Like most people who live in the South, by accident of birth or purposeful decision, I don't like snow. Yet I have been plagued by white powder this year, and not the white powder glorified by music and film. Speaking of illicit drugs, I was under the impression that as an adult I would be under constant strain to partake in narcotics.

You see, when I was a child, the local elementary school prescribed to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., program. Periodically, a sheriff's deputy would stop by to warn the students about the dangers of drug abuse.

There were videos and special presentations instructing us impressionable kiddos to be on the lookout for suspicious characters, who most certainly were always strung out, who would provide a sundry option of uppers, downers, screamers and laughs and anything else to numb the brain and hide from the problems of the real world.

After nearly 41 years of life on this big blue marble, I have only used my D.A.R.E. training one time. Yes, only once has another human being offered me drugs, and when I turned it down, they were very polite about it. On the other hand, my friends are quite selfish, because I know some of them are holding. Why don't they want to share?

## THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

Back to the weather. I've seen snow more this year than I ever have, certainly more times that I have been offered narcotics. Even

while traveling I have not been able to escape winter weather. With the dead of winter comes dance competition season, and so far

blizzards and ice storms have coincided with every event I have attended. It's like the universe is telling me dance is not the sport for my family. My pocketbook would welcome the notion, my daughter, not so much.

Our most recent dance-related trip was to our Nation's Capital, or close there about. The weather was quite miserable. A chilly rain transformed into a massive front that dropped inches of snow from Virginia to New England. Traveling through that deluge of snow and sometimes near-whiteout conditions was a car holding my family. Thankfully my father was driving. No matter how old you get and no matter your life circum-

stances, there is no problem your dad can't handle. After getting us out of the snow, he turned the wheel over to me.

Twelve hours in a cramped automobile will make you second guess every decision you have ever made, but we made it.

Safe back at home and with a forecast calling for spring-like weather, I couldn't be happier. I don't mean to wish my life away, but a sweltering summer doesn't sound too bad after a long, cold winter.

Attitudes and opinions can change just as quickly as the weather. After I've cut grass for a few weeks, I'm sure we'll pick this topic up again.

## DID YOU KNOW ...

# What were the results of the final pistol duel ever fought in Canada?

By **JACK BAGLEY**  
Georgia Trust For Local News

I find it amazing that, over the past few weeks, there is one very important thing I have neglected to mention in the opening lines of the column... baseball. The greatest of all sports is now deep into spring training, and the 2026 season will begin in just a couple of weeks. I hope your favorite team does well, but not at the expense of my favorite team, the Chicago Cubs. Baseball is underway, as is trivia! That makes spring worth waiting for!

*Did you know...*  
... the hair of Elvis Presley (1935-1977) was not as dark as you think it was? Presley's natural hair color was a mid to light blond. As a youth, he dyed his hair dark, and that became the color fans associated with him. (Thankyouverymuch.)  
... four of the five main characters in the long-running animated series The Simpsons are named after family members of the show's creator? Homer, Marge, Lisa and Maggie are the names of the real-life parents and sisters of creator Matt Groening (born 1954). But what of Bart? Well, Groening says Bart



The last duel fought in Canada was in 1873 between two friends/SPECIAL PHOTO

is based on himself. (Cowabunga.)

... a scene in the classic 1972 film, The Godfather, features some reality-based acting? The scene in which movie mogul Jack Wolz, played by actor John Marley (1907-1984), awakens to find the severed head of a race horse in his bed features Marley screaming in terror – and the scream was real. Producers did not tell him that an actual horse's head, acquired from a dog food company, was going to be used; Marley expected a papier-maché prop. (They weren't horsing around, were they?)

... the last duel ever

fought in Canada was one in which no one was hurt? In 1873, two men who had once been friends found that they'd fallen in love with the same woman, and that led to a bitter quarrel between them. One man challenged the other to a duel, and the two then proceeded to settle their differences in the "honorable" way. But as the two men stood back to back with upraised pistols, their better nature kicked in and they started wondering what the heck they were doing. As the two paced off away from each other, terror started to set in, and at the proper ten yards, the two turned and

fired. One man fell, but he had not been shot – he'd fainted in his fear. Besides, unknown to the participants, both guns were loaded with blanks. Despite that fact being a serious breach of dueling etiquette, the two men agreed that their "honour" had been satisfied.

... King Charles III of the United Kingdom (born 1947) does not have a passport? He is not required to have one, as he is the monarch and can come and go as he pleases. (It's good to be the king.)

... a British man set a world record for spending time locked in a room with poisonous snakes? In 2010,

Sussex carpenter David Jones (born 1965) spent a total of 121 days locked in a room with forty venomous snakes, including cobras, puff adders, and even the most deadly of them all, the black mamba. The attempt broke the old record, but it was all for naught – Jones was stunned to learn, upon his release, that the Guinness Book of World Records no longer accepted entries for records involving snakes and humans forced together for a long period of time. (That had to hurt.)

... an 8,650-year-old mushroom can be found in Oregon? Qualifying as both

the largest and the oldest organism on Earth, a honey mushroom (*Armillaria ostoyae*) in Malheur National Forest, Oregon, is said by scientists to be 8,650 years old, covers 3.4 square miles of land, and is still growing. It has countless little "mushroom caps" coming up through the forest floor, and random samples taken from various areas all show it is one huge living organism. If the estimates of its age are correct, the first spore that would become this huge ... thing ... began to grow in 6630 BC.

Now... you know!

### NOTICE OF ROAD FACILITY DEDICATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia a resolution sponsored by Representative Danny Mathis, 401-E Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334, (404) 656-0152, to dedicate the interchange of I-16 and State Route 96 in Twiggs County as the Representative Bubber Epps Interchange in honor of his achievements, accomplishments, and contributions to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes. The estimated cost of such dedication is \$1,000.00.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to amend an Act creating the Cochran/Bleckley Airport Authority, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4067); and for other purposes.

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## Darien and the coast

DARIEN – I have a habit of coming here occasionally, staying at a favorite hotel, “Oaks on the River.” The Darien River is a ten-mile tributary of the Altamaha River, which is pronounced “Altama-haul,” by locals all the way up to Lumber City where it begins.

Darien had its beginnings when Gen. Oglethorpe, asked the Crown to send a few Scottish Highlanders to the Georgia coast to become a buffer for Savannah which was concerned about the Spanish encroaching from St. Augustine.

Initially, Darien was a timber stronghold which appealed to one Tommie Hunter who was the son-in-law of the famous Scottish

golfer, Old Tom Morris.

When Hunter came with the Highlanders in 1736, he was married to Old Tom Morris' daughter who gave birth to the famous golfer's grandson, “Tommie Morris Hunter,” who died in infancy. His remains, however, were sent to St. Andrews where they were interred in the family plot at the Cathedral Graveyard.

Many visitors go there annually to pay tribute to the man who has been called the father of the British Open. I have never been to St. Andrews when I did not go by and visit Old Tom's grave and also that of his son, Young Tom Morris. Each of them won the Open championship four times.

After learning about Tommie Morris Hunter, I have always paid tribute to him and his connection with Georgia.

The shrimp business here is not what it once was, but it remains viable. It is fun to walk down to the docks and see the shrimp boats at sunrise. We are a little more than a month away from an annual event for which Darien is highly regarded—the blessing of the fleet.

Dating back to 1970, the blessing of the fleet began and thousands of visitors have found their way to this coastal town where priests pray for a “bountiful” harvest and to protect shrimpers from the dangers of the sea.

As you watch the sun come up over the Atlantic and the marshes, you



LORAN SMITH

are reminded that Betty Foy Sanders, wife of former Governor Carl Sanders painted a fleet of shrimp boats at these docks that became an award-winning piece of art.

When you look out to the sea, in any direction, you are given an opportunity to survey the marsh

and its glorious contents. Fish moving about, seagulls overhead with cacophonous squawking—how can such a beautiful bird sound so disharmonious?

I am a collector of sunrises and sunsets. They remain in my mind's eye for me to dial up wherever I need a quiet time interlude. If you are good at daydreaming the coast and the seashore are the best venues for this exercise.

I have been traveling to the Georgia coast since high school and cannot think of a more attractive place on the Atlantic seaboard. You can't beat the quaint villages and the lobster menus of Maine; the Outer Banks make you swoon and the Florida Key's are stunning and impeccable.

The Georgia coast with its barrier islands is as pris-

tine as there is, however, and I have often fantasized about taking a boat down the intercostal from Maine to Key West. That would be something artists, novelists, and adventurers would give the highest priority.

Enjoying the Georgia coast offers varied opportunities. I have been fortunate to fish the “Marshes of Glynn,” and many other areas from Savannah to Blackbeard's Island and beyond over the years.

The Great Outdoors are for everyone. You don't have to be expert at fishing to enjoy the natural scenery and the picturesque scenes. However, if you have ever hooked a 30-pound spot tail bass, and he is in a bad mood, then you will never have a finer experience in life.

## Exports, driving the state of Georgia's growth, driven by tax policy

Georgia has been claiming it is the “number one state to do business” for long enough that it often seems it's more of a branding exercise than an objective measurement. With November's elections will come a new Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and enough changes in the legislature that significant changes in direction and policy are not only possible but likely, regardless which party wins the top positions.

A press release from Governor Kemp last week helps us benchmark where we currently are – objectively – while we debate current legislation and future elections. Georgia has now moved into the top ten exporting states, landing at the 9th position in total value for exports. The picture is even better when total trade is considered, as Georgia ranks 7th when imports are also considered.

Why should anyone get excited about being 9th? That kind of ranking in the SEC gets you to the Music

City Bowl and not too many remember the achievement.

It's about trend and direction.

Georgia's exports increased by 12.7% last year. The average state did a healthy 5.6% in export growth, but Georgia's growth rate was more than double that.

Statistics are nice, but they're only representative of the underlying story. This isn't about numbers and percentages. It's about our state's and our country's growth, health, and competitiveness.

At the core, more exports means more jobs. It means more Georgians are creating value for themselves and the companies who hire them. And it means Georgia and America are competitive on the world stage. Trade only occurs when both sides see value on their side of the transaction.

Our biggest export in dollar terms may surprise

some, especially those in the northern half of the state. Aircraft and aircraft parts are our most valuable ex-

ports, at \$16.4 billion annually. Gulfstream, the maker of the world's most prestigious private jets, employs 10,000. Lockheed Martin, the defense contractor, has a Georgia headcount of about 6,000. Engine maker Pratt & Whitney has about 1,000 employees here. Upstart air taxi maker Archer Aviation also has about 1,000 employees.

Other categories we make here and sell to other countries include Computer Hardware, Motor Vehicles, Networking Communications Equipment, and Medical Devices. Those categories combine for an additional \$11.4 billion in annual sales abroad.

This growth wasn't by accident. While Georgia's governing leadership is still made up of avowed capitalists, they're not above using the tools of federalism to help the market's invisible hand with a thumb on the scale.

While markets are international, the competition for employers to locate and expand domestically is



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fierce. Every state has natural advantages and disadvantages. States then have a lot of leeway to craft tax and regulatory structures that leverage their advantages and mitigate shortcomings. Georgia's rankings in economic development indicate a mastery of these concepts.

The biggest and most frequently used tool in the Department of Economic Development's arsenal are tax credits. While the headlines associated with trophy level deals often demonstrate

the value of incentives given to an employer to grow with Georgia, the math is often vaguely described as to where the money comes from. Most of the dollars don't come from the state's checkbook. They are instead conceptual, and come from “opportunity cost”.

The standard template – open to virtually any employer of size willing to relocate to Georgia or for an existing employer wanting to expand their presence here – is to credit them with taxes that the state wouldn't collect if the factory was never built and Georgians were never hired. The companies instead enter into an agreement to pay local governments a fixed fee over a period of years that is more than the vacant land currently generates in taxes but far less than they would pay on a new factory.

The difference is the “incentive”. The state isn't writing checks for most of the package, save for some specific infrastructure upgrades and some site preparation. They're just agreeing

not to collect taxes that never existed.

Populists in both political parties grumble about these “giveaways”. These grumbings grow louder in election years. Many are now even louder still as they believe taking away many of these incentives will pay for various versions of tax reform currently under debate.

Many of those making these proposals will stand for re-election on the long internalized brand of that Georgia is the number one state to do business. They simultaneously want to change the underlying tax structure and incentive packages that have led to demonstrable economic growth in all corners of the state.

Current and future employers are watching both legislative proposals and campaign rhetoric closely. They may not yet be taking everything that is said literally, but they are quite certainly evaluating them seriously.

## Toledo Manufacturing gives its side of the Okefenokee mining issue

My columns opposing the mining for titanium dioxide on Trail Ridge near our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge have drawn a heavy reader response. Almost all of it supporting a permanent ban on mining in the area.

I also have received a rebuttal, asserting I have gotten my facts wrong. This from Drew Jones, a Charlton County commissioner. It is in Charlton County wherein Trail Ridge is located. Jones is also the nephew-in-law of Joe Hopkins, president of Toledo Manufacturing, one of the leading opponents of a ban. Hopkins is Toledo's president. Drew Jones runs the company day to day.

Toledo Manufacturing owns 50,000 acres in Charlton County, making them one of the largest landowners in the county. Although he takes issue with the accusation, Joe Hopkins is seen by supporters of a ban on mining as having outsized political influence in the state and being the primary reason legislation to ban such mining on Trail Ridge has gone nowhere under the Gold Dome, despite bipartisan efforts to pass such a measure through several legislative sessions.

Mr. Jones asked to give Toledo Manufacturing's side of the story. I told him I would share his letter with you minus any snarky asides from me. You can make of his comments what you will. Here is the letter:

“Dear Mr. Dick Yarbrough: Your recent column concerning mining near the



DICK YARBROUGH

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge contains several assertions and implications regarding Toledo Manufacturing Company that require correction.

“To be clear at the outset, Toledo Manufacturing never advocated for Twin Pines Minerals to receive a permit, nor did we support mining absent rigorous, independent scientific review. We have consistently advocated for objective, science-based decision-making carried out by qualified regulatory agencies, free from political pressure, whether that pressure seeks to force approval or impose a blanket prohibition without evidence. That distinction matters, and your column does not reflect it.

“Property ownership adjacent to a proposed project does not equate to support for that project. Our position has been that decisions of this magnitude should be based on transparent studies conducted by credentialed experts without ideological or financial bias,

not on reflexive opposition, campaign rhetoric or pressure from interest groups on either side of the issue.

“You suggest that elected officials who advocate for regulatory review rather than legislative bans are acting in bad faith. We respectfully disagree. Complex hydrological and environmental questions should be resolved through empirical analysis and scientific review, not political litmus tests. Decisions made otherwise risk undermining public confidence and setting concerning precedents.

“Your column also references Toledo Manufacturing as having 'solicited' Chemours to mine the area. This characterization is misleading. Any mention of Chemours has been purely hypothetical, in the context of public discussion about potential future land use, and not the pursuit of any project, partnership or mining proposal. Exploring theoretical possibilities is not the same as advocating

for or advancing a mining operation.

“It is also important to recognize the broader context. Across our nation, forestland ownership is becoming increasingly unprofitable. Many owners earn less from timber today than they did 30 years ago, even without adjusting for inflation, while the costs of ownership have risen significantly. Private landowners continue to provide immense environmental benefits such as clean air, wildlife habitat, biodiversity and carbon sequestration while bearing the associated costs. We rarely see articles addressing this pressing issue, yet well-funded conservation groups and the media could make it a top priority. What you have written about for years is a symptom of the problem, not the problem itself. The general public may be ignoring the economic realities of owning forestland. Without economic viability, these lands will eventually

be converted to other uses, not out of greed, but out of necessity.

“Readers deserve accurate reporting based on facts, not narratives constructed without input from those most directly involved. We encourage coverage that reflects evidence, transparency, and the evolving nature of scientific research. If current or future studies demonstrate that mining in or near the Okefenokee poses unacceptable risks, then permits

should not be issued. That conclusion should rest on evidence, not presumption.

“Toledo Manufacturing remains committed to environmental stewardship, property rights, and the rule of law. Those principles are not mutually exclusive and presenting them as such does a disservice to an issue that deserves serious, thoughtful consideration. We hope this clarification reaches readers as broadly as your other columns.”

IN THE SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS, HERE'S A REBUTTAL TO BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS OVER THE STATE OF THE UNION...



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**C26-023**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
In the interest of Jasey Brinson Roberts, a child.  
Civil Action No.: 202619-0001  
**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

Petitioner has requested to serve any and all interested parties in the adoption of the above-named minor child by publication. Having considered the same, Petitioners are ordered to serve any and all interested parties by publication by publishing a copy of the Notice of Filing Adoption in the county organ for Bleckley County. Dated MARCH 4, 2026. Sarah F. Wall Judge, Bleckley County Superior Court March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

**C26-012**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GERRY RAY MADDOX, DECEASED.  
All creditors of the estate of GERRY RAY MADDOX, 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 10TH day of FEBRUARY, 2026. TRACY M. JONES  
Executor of the Estate of GERRY RAY MADDOX  
167 PALM ST  
COCHRAN, GA 31014  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2026

**C26-020**  
Notice to Debtors and Creditors  
All creditors of the estate of Katherine B. Jones late of Bleckley County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 18th day of February, 2026  
Name: Jennie Ann Jones Edmond  
Title: Executor  
Address: 2237 NW 59th St., Miami, FL 33142  
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

**C26-018**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
RE: ESTATE OF JOHN MCCALL WHEAT, DECEASED  
All creditors of the Estate of John McCall Wheat, 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 Executors.  
This 26th day of January, 2026.  
/s/ Jim Iler  
Jim Iler, Co-Executor  
160 Stanbrough Drive  
Dallas, GA 30157  
/s/ Cherie Helmboldt  
Cherie Helmboldt, Co -Executor  
313 East 8th Street SW  
Rome, GA 30161  
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

**C26-024**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES SMITH, DECEASED  
All creditors of the Estate of Charles Smith, 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 Executors.  
This 2 day of March, 2026.  
Ronnie Smith, Co-Executor  
827 Limestone Road  
Cochran, GA 31014  
Vicky Dykes, Co- Executor  
360 Williams Road  
Cochran, GA 31014  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

**C26-014**  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED  
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY.  
By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by AMEER LEGACY ARK LLC to COUNTRY LOTS,

LLC dated June 14, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 464, Pages 25-29, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Ameer Legacy Ark LLC to Country Lots, LLC in the original principal amount of \$100,000.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Bleckley County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in April, 2026, the following described property:

**SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF. THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: CAP SMITH ROAD, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA.**

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is AMEER LEGACY ARK LLC. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Promissory Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees.

Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed.

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the property. Additionally, this 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.  
**THIS LAW FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed is Brittany Mathis, Country Lots, LLC, 1101-L Hillcrest Parkway, PMB 282, Dublin, Ga 31021. Country Lots, LLC Attorney-in-Fact for Ameer Legacy Ark LLC

Edward B. Claxton III  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 16459  
Dublin, Georgia 31040  
478-272-9965  
ebcatty@bellsouth.net  
EXHIBIT "A"

**TRACT 1:** All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, and being identified as Tract #3, containing 6.47 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof

**TRACT 2:** All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, and being identified as Tract #4, containing 4.03 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof

**TRACT 3:** All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, and being identified as Tract #5, containing 3.00 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in

Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

**TRACT 4:** All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, and being identified as Tract #6, containing 3.04 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

For an aggregate of 16.54 acres, more or less. This property is subject to Restrictive Covenants dated April 13, 2022, filed for record April 18, 2022, recorded in Deed Book 462, Page 234, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia.  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

**C26-021**  
Notice to Debtors and Creditors  
All creditors of the estate of Lewis Jones, Jr. late of Bleckley County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 18th day of February, 2026  
Name: Jennie Ann Jones Edmond  
Title: Executor  
Address: 2327 NW 59th St., Miami, FL 33142  
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

Twiggs Co. Legals

**T26-016**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
**BOBBY LEE ANDERSON, DECEASED**  
ESTATE NO. P-26-009  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

**TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**  
**Thaddus L. Anderson** has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **Bobby Lee Anderson**, 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 23, 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 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

**T26-011**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
In RE: Estate of **John Clayton Nobles**, deceased.  
All creditors of the estate of **John Clayton Nobles**, deceased, late of Twiggs County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
This 10th day of February, 2026.  
**Camille Isis Nobles Stearns and Mary Catherine Wheeler**, Executors  
Estate of **John Clayton Nobles**  
John D. Newberry  
Newberry & Newberry

Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 844  
Gray, GA 31032  
(478) 986-5141  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2026

**T26-017**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
TWIGGS COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Nathaniel Shine and Nellie Mae Wood to Citifinancial Services, Inc. and recorded in Deed Book 7J, Page 484, Twiggs County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$18,164.58 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of TWIGGS COUNTY, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in April, 2026**, to wit: April 07, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 63 OF THE 23RD LAND DISTRICT OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, FRONTING 318.28 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERN MARGIN OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY FOR MRS. IDA KING LOWTHER AND EMMETT J. ASHLEY DATED MARCH 26, 1974, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 ON PAGE 41 IN THE REAL ESTATE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF TWIGGS SUPERIOR COURT, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

**Being real property commonly known as 19566 Hwy 80, Danville, GA 31017.**  
The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:  
Statebridge Company, LLC  
6061 S. Willow Drive, Suite 300  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111  
866-466-3660

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust as Trustee for PNPMS Trust IV to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.  
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust as Trustee for PNPMS Trust IV as Attorney in Fact for Nathaniel Shine and Nellie Mae Wood  
Notary Contact:

Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC  
3000 Langford Road, Building 100  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071  
Phone: 404-793-1447  
Fax: 404-738-1558  
25GA451-0003

**THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

**T26-014**  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE YOUNG MITCHUM.  
All creditors of the estate of Joyce Young Mitchum, late of Twiggs County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 17th day of February 2026 to Jessica M. Blizzard, c/o Attorney:  
Tim J. Thompson  
1900B Northside Crossing  
Macon, GA 31210  
478-471-9900.  
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

**T26-015**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
**ELIZABETH A. PERRY, DECEASED**  
ESTATE NO. P-26-012  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE**  
TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.  
**Ethel Wyche** has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **Elizabeth A. Perry**, 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 23, 2026.**

INVITATION TO BID  
2026 LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG)  
CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

The City of Cochran is accepting sealed bids for furnishing all labor, material, equipment and services to patch, level, resurface and restripe approximately 1.04 miles OR 5,474 linear feet of various road segments. This project will be funded primarily by LMIG state funds and matched with local SPLOST funds. If interested in submitting a bid please call (478) 934-6346 and request a copy of specifications, or a prospective bidder can visit City Hall at 112 West Dykes Street during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026, at the City Hall address, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. All bids should be sealed and labeled "sealed bid" along with the Contractor E-Verify Number on the outside of the envelope. Sealed bids should be mailed or submitted to City Hall at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014. E-mailed or Faxed bids will not be recognized. The City of Cochran reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities.

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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 31, 2026**. Proposals/Bids must be signed; late Proposals/Bids will not be considered. **A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount is required.** Proposals/Bids without a Bid Bond shall not be considered. Proposals/Bids for the Project will be sealed and not opened until **Thursday, April 2, 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 2.0" 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.

Please note that Georgia's law as to the bonding requirements for a county road are applicable to this Project and must be followed, including but not limited to, a performance and payment bond, that must be paid for as part of and included in the contract price awarded to the Contractor selected by Twiggs County.

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.

# OFTC nursing students build real-world skills

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

Students in Oconee Fall Line Technical College's (OFTC) Practical Nursing program are gaining hands-on experience as they prepare for careers in healthcare.

During recent lab sessions, students practiced essential nursing skills including taking manual blood pressure, programming IV pumps, assessing lung and bowel sounds, checking pupil response, and monitoring heart rate. These hands-on training opportunities allow students to develop the practical skills and confidence needed to provide quality patient care in real-world healthcare settings.

The Practical Nursing program at OFTC prepares students for careers as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) through a combination of classroom instruction, laboratory training, and clinical experience. By practicing these skills in a controlled environment, students are better prepared to transition into clinical settings and serve patients throughout the region.

For more info about OFTC's Nursing programs, visit [OFTC.edu/Programs](http://OFTC.edu/Programs).



Quiteria Butts of Baldwin County and Tessa Negron of Laurens County check pupil response/SPECIAL PHOTO



Nadia Lewis of Dodge County and Tessa Negron of Laurens County listen to the lungs/SPECIAL PHOTOS



Tameka Nails of Laurens County checks the manual blood pressure on a mannequin/SPECIAL PHOTO



Anna Hartley of Wheeler County and Lauren Hammock of Laurens County listen to bowel sounds/SPECIAL PHOTO



Courtney Warren of Dodge County and Quiteria Butts of Baldwin County checking manual blood pressure/SPECIAL PHOTO



Zoie Remick of Walton County and Lauren Hammock of Laurens County count the heart rate/SPECIAL PHOTO



Pictured above, Raeli Fletcher of Dodge County and Carol Joyner of Laurens County listen to lungs

OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SAME MADE FROM A SURVEY BY WALKER MCKNIGHT, REGISTERED SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY, 1972 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN DEED BOOK 92, AT PAGE 551. Tax Parcel ID: 025 021 Being real property commonly known as 277 FOREST VALLEY DRIVE GORDON, GA 31031 The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the

property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagees to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suite 1300 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Deutsche Bank National Trust Company formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee of Vendee Mortgage Trust 1999-3 to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Attorney in Fact for Michael A. Screws, SR Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS# 26-38714 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**W26-029**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY GEORGIA  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
PRESENTMENTS OF FEBRUARY 2026  
TERM GRAND JURY

We, the February 2026 Term of the Wilkinson County Grand Jury convened on Monday, February 23, 2026. We thank Judge Amanda S. Petty for charging us as to our duties. Cameron Rashaud Nesbitt was elected foreperson and Beverly S. Spearman was elected secretary. We considered a total of twenty-two (22) Bills of Indictments; of these, we True-Billed each and every count on twenty-one (21) Bills of Indictment and No-Billed each and every count on one (1) Bill of Indictment.

We, the Grand Jury, inspected the Jail at the Wilkinson Sheriff's Office, and we found the facility to be clean and well maintained and the inmates to be well taken care of. However, the women's facility size is small compared to the population that's being housed and the Sheriff's office should consider renovating the space in the near future to remedy the situation.

We the Grand Jury appoint James Dean, Walter Holloway and Wendall Bloodworth as member of the Board of Equalization. We appoint Penelope Moye and Graham Thompson as alternate members. We would like to thank District Attorney T. Wright Barksdale, III, Senior Assistant District Attorney D. Brent Cochran and Administrative Assistant Marilyn Chatman for their assistance in helping us to perform our duties. We would like to thank Sheriff Chatman for providing lunch for everyone. We would like to commend all of the law enforcement officers for the professional manner in which their cases were presented to us. We also recommend that these Presentments be published in The Wilkinson County Post.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of February, 2026.  
Cameron Rashaud Nesbitt, Foreperson  
Beverly S. Spearman, Secretary  
March 12, 2026

**W26-030**  
WILKINSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS  
Glenda F. Jackson  
P.O. Box 1133  
Danville, GA 31017  
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA UNDER THE NAME OF:  
A&A Restaurant  
and that the nature of the business to be carried on at such address is Restaurant.  
Glenda F. Jackson  
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 3 day of March, 2026.  
Karen Prescott  
Deputy Clerk  
March 12, 19, 2026

**W26-025**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF WILKINSON  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by LARRY SHAW TO MORTGAGEE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR CASTLE POINT MORTGAGE, INC. in the original principal amount of \$59,500.00 dated May 24, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 308, Page 60, Wilkinson County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to CITIMORTGAGE, INC. in Deed Book 378, Page 948, Wilkinson County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 4/7/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS DESCRIBED AS ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN CITY OF GORDON IN THE COUNTY OF WILKINSON, AND STATE OF GA AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 03/16/1990 AND RECORDED 03/27/1990 IN BOOK 193 PAGE 596 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE, AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS:  
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE, AND BEING IN THE 331ST G.M. DISTRICT, AND BEING IN THE 27TH LAND DISTRICT, AND BEING IN LAND LOT 210, OF WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND ALSO BEING IN THE CITY OF GORDON, AND CONTAINING 0.67 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF THE CHARLES E. FRASUER PROPERTY BEING PREPARED BY CHARLES E. YAUN, AND BEING DATED JANUARY 23, 1969, AND BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 30, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE WILKINSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, WHICH PLAT, BY REFERENCE THERETO, IS MADE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN.

PARCEL NO. G12-128  
Said property being known as: 110 JONES ST, GORDON, GA 31031  
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are LARRY SHAW or tenant(s).  
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).  
Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.  
Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.  
The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:  
Cenlar FSB  
425 Phillips Boulevard  
Ewing, NJ 08618  
Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
as Attorney-in-Fact for  
LARRY SHAW  
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC  
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Phone: 470-321-7112  
Firm File No. 20-070309 - LiG  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

**W26-028**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
Donna Ford Schneider, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 330  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE  
TO: Derek S Grimes and to whom it may concern:  
Derek S Grimes has petitioned for Derek S Grimes to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Donna Ford Schneider 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 April 6, 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 Mims Clerk of the Probate Court  
Wilkinson County Probate Court  
100 Bacon St  
Irwinville, GA 31042  
478-946-2222  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

**W26-032**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Converse Mallory, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO.333  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE  
TO: Converse Mallory Jr and to whom it may concern:  
Converse Mallory Jr has petitioned for Converse Mallory Jr to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Converse Mallory, 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 April 6, 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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March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026 W26-031

**W26-031**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY  
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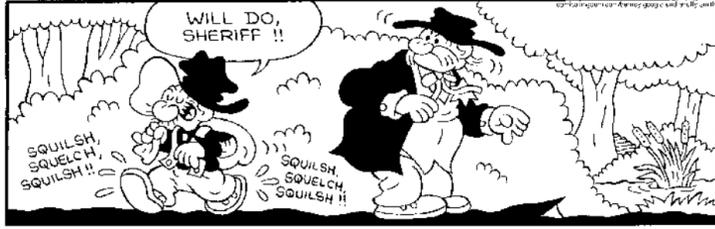
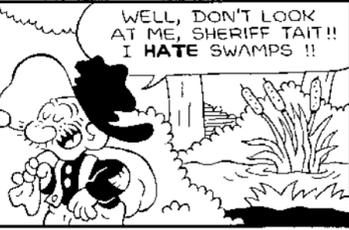
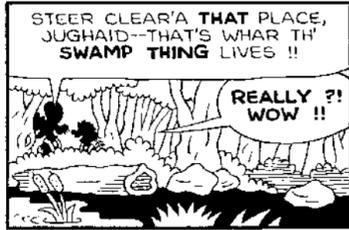
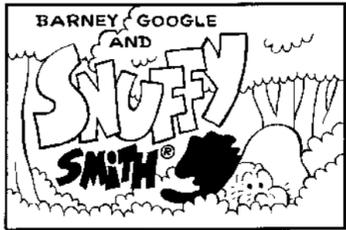
IN RE: ESTATE OF James Ricky Flury, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO.332  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE  
TO: James Ricky Flury II and to whom it may concern:  
Erin Lee Flury has petitioned for Erin Lee Flury to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of James Ricky Flury deceased, of said 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 April 6, 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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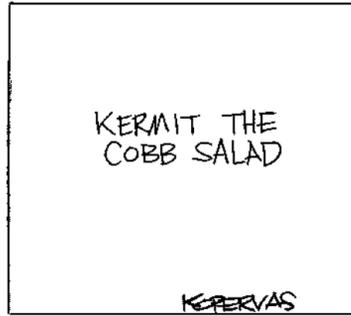
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A SPUD

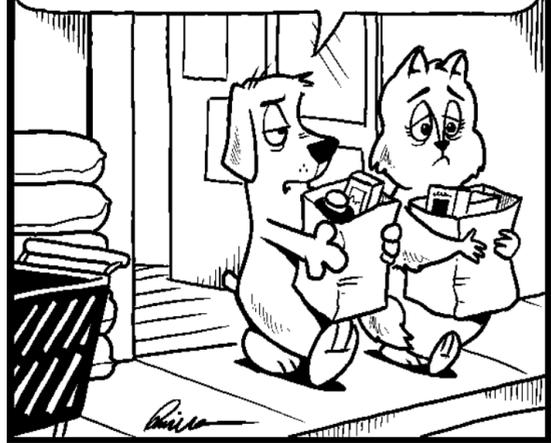
- American Charms Coffee Dance
- Folklore Gaelic Luck Rebellion
- Republic Roots Sea Setter
- Stew Terrier Whiskey

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

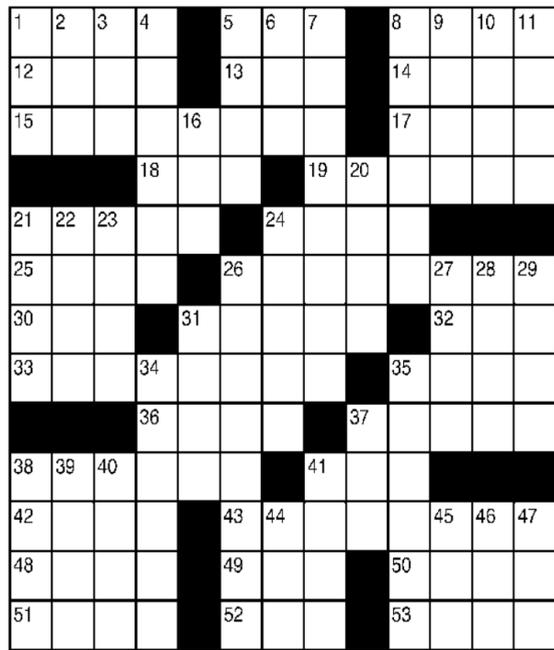
by Dave T. Phipps

ALL I'M SAYING IS THE LADY SAID THEY WERE "FREE SAMPLES," PLURAL. WHY NOT SKIP DINNER AND EAT THERE?

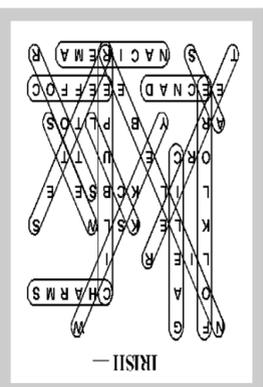


King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Makes a choice
  - Pear-shaped fruit
  - "The Black Prince" author Murdoch
  - High point
  - Hostel
  - Central point
  - "Citadel" actress Chopra
  - Only
  - Brooch
  - Rappers' improvisations
  - Signaled "Hi!"
  - Bator
  - Battery fluid
  - Female royal
  - Roulette bet
  - Carried on, as war
  - Pickles on "Rugrats"
  - Inmate
  - Chorus syllables
  - "I dropped the fruitcake!"
  - How distant stars shine
  - Politico Nancy
  - Parcel of land
  - Latin 101 word
- DOWN**
- Antonym (Abbr.)
  - Capita lead-in
  - chi
  - Used a Zoom alternative
  - Twain hero
  - Squid squirt
  - More knotted, as a tree
  - Harmonious
  - Leeway
  - Between jobs
  - Beholds
  - Help
  - Royal flush, e.g.
  - Get bent out of shape
  - Computer brand
  - Caesar's "I saw"
  - Implores
  - Primitive flutes
  - Wax-coated cheese
  - Ledge
  - Do in
  - Courts
  - Mollify
  - Lengthy list
  - Perignon
  - Leaf
  - Flightless birds
  - Endure
  - Easter bloom
  - Classic car
  - Dead heat
  - Sinusitis doc
  - Six, in Sicily

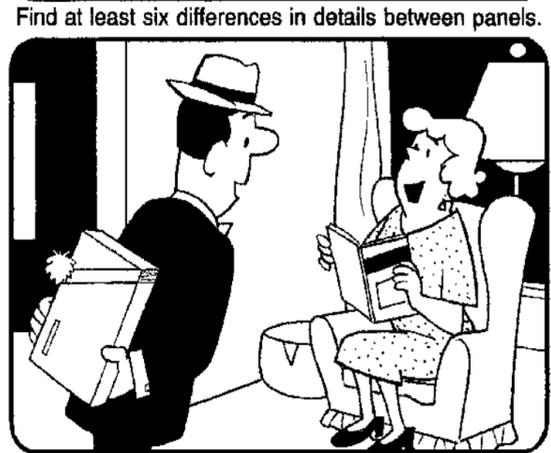


King Crossword  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 23 mins.



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hat is larger. 2. Bottom of lamp is not showing. 3. Ear is different. 4. Book cover is different. 5. Classes are missing. 6. Ribbon is moved.

It pays to advertise in your local paper!

# OFTC nursing program ranked among Georgia's best for 2026

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

OFTC – Oconee Fall Line Technical College's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program has been recognized as one of the top ADN programs in Georgia for 2026 by allnurses.com.

The online nursing community ranked OFTC third in the state, citing the college's strong 91% NCLEX pass rate, small cohort sizes and its role in helping address the nursing shortage in rural communities.

Their ranking methodology also includes data from the U.S. Department of Education and School/Program indicators like program cost, program duration/length, program earnings, program accreditation, school graduation rate, school admissions rate, and school classification.

"We are honored to be recognized among the top nursing programs in Georgia," said Jodi Warren, OFTC's Director of Nursing. "Our mission has always been to prepare highly skilled nurses who are ready to serve their communities, especially in rural areas where the need is so great. Seeing that commitment recognized at the state level is something we are incredibly proud of."

Students wishing to become a Registered Nurse through OFTC can enroll in either the traditional, two-year Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program, or the accelerated ADN-Bridge Program for Licensed Practical Nurses and paramedics with at least one year of in-field experience.

OFTC's Nursing Programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).



# Over 60 colleges, universities waive application fees in March

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

ATLANTA, GA – The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has partnered with the University System of Georgia (USG), the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), and private institutions to provide application fee waivers to Georgia high school seniors in March to more than 60 Georgia colleges and universities.

"We want every Georgia student to know there is a path to a great future here in their home state," said Governor Brian Kemp. "By giving students the opportunity to apply to college without paying application fees, we're making it even easier for students to find their MATCH and launch successful careers in the best state to live, work, and raise a family."

This is the 9th time the Georgia Student Finance Commission has promoted application fee waivers since the initiative started in 2022. There is no limit on the number of schools a student may apply to using the application fee waivers. While application fees may vary by institution, the cost savings to high school seniors applying to multiple colleges are significant.

Students can apply to state institutions through GEORGIA MATCH on the GAfu-

tures.org portal and directly at the participating independent colleges.

"Georgia high school seniors should go to GAfutures.org and take advantage of having their application fees waived," said Georgia Student Finance Commission President Chris Green. "This allows families to save money in the college admissions process. Whether its free college applications or over \$1 billion in HOPE scholarships and other state financial aid programs, the state's investment has made Georgia the Top State for Talent."

Students who claim their spot at a college or university through the GEORGIA MATCH dashboard will automatically have their application fees waived. The full list of participating schools and information on how to access the application fee waivers may be found at GAfutures.org.

The mission of the Georgia Student Finance Commission is to help students pursue higher education with the least out-of-pocket costs possible. Students interested in learning more about application fee waivers, GEORGIA MATCH, scholarships, and grants may connect with their regional GSFC Outreach Representative by visiting GAfutures.org/Outreach.

## SNAPSHOTS: OFTC RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENTS GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Oconee Fall Line Technical College Respiratory Care students are gaining hands-on experience with oxygen delivery devices, an essential skill for caring for patients with low oxygen levels. Students Cierra Carroll of Eastman, Michaela Holmes of Soperton, Ryan Murphy of Savannah, Brandon Xicotencatl of Rentz and Emily Currie of Rentz reviewed oxygen percentages and flow rates for common devices such as nasal cannulas, learning how to safely provide supplemental oxygen to infants, children and adults with respiratory conditions. OFTC's Respiratory Care program combines classroom instruction with practical training to give students the technical skills and confidence they need for a future in healthcare. To learn more about OFTC's Respiratory Care program, visit OFTC.edu.

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6:00PM – 9:00PM  
PERKINS FIELD,  
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