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GTLN announces Cynthia DuBose as executive director

By JOSHUA WILSON
Georgia Trust For Local News

Journalist and media executive Cynthia DuBose has been tapped as the new head of the Georgia Trust for Local News, which, as the Peach State's largest independent newspaper company, operates 20 publications throughout Middle and South Georgia.

DuBose, a former Atlanta Journal-Constitution newsroom lead and McClatchy Media Co. administrator, will lead the group's continued digital transformation, according to officials at the nonprofit

National Trust for Local News, which owns the Georgia Trust. As executive director, DuBose will be responsible for, among other duties, audience and revenue growth and editorial innovation.

She starts her new role on June 1 at a "pivotal moment" for the Georgia Trust, said Tom Wiley, CEO of the National Trust, in a news release. The group, which runs some of the state's oldest newspapers as well as the Knight Foundation-backed startup The Macon Melody, has been investing in the future of its properties, the

release notes. Those endeavors include equipping newsrooms with digital infrastructure and helping them launch newsletters, podcasts and social video to grow and sustain local audiences.

Wiley said in the release that those efforts are "vital" and that DuBose's "talents in building new digital products that drive audience growth, her hands-on leadership and mentorship experience, and her focus on executing bold ideas to strengthen local news pair well with our leadership team's energy, direction and style."

"We're thrilled to have Cynthia... drive our next stage of growth," Wiley said.

DuBose, a native of Long Island, was first attracted to journalism as a student at Spelman College in Atlanta. There, a professor urged her to write for the campus newspaper. She later became its editor.

"I fell in love with the opportunity to be able to tell stories and meet people and learn something different every day," DuBose said in the National Trust's press release.



Cynthia DuBose

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TCSO looking for suspect in armed robbery case at Dollar General in Twiggs



The Twiggs County Sheriff's Office are requesting the public's help in identifying a man in connection with an armed robbery that occurred late Sunday evening at a Dollar General on Highway 129. According to officials, they believe the suspect is a black male roughly 5'5-5'7 in height/Twiggs County Sheriff's Office

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

The Twiggs County Sheriff's Office is searching for an individual in connection with an armed robbery that occurred Sunday night at a Dollar General. Officials posted to social media on Monday requesting the public's help in order to identify the suspect.

According to Chief Deputy Buddy Long, on Sunday evening just before closing, a masked man walked into a Dollar General located on Highway 129, showed a cashier a gun and demanded money. After receiving a few hundred dollars in cash, the man fled, leaving law enforcement without any trace of his identity.

Officials share they currently have little information to go off of in making an arrest as the man seen in the video is covered "head-to-toe," disguising himself with a dark hoodie, gloves, and a bright bandana. Due to the gloves, law enforcement were not able to find fingerprints to help with their identification.

Based on footage obtained from the store's security cameras, the man appears to have a stout frame.

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Left, Wilkinson County High School seniors, Thomas Mobley and Devin Mercer, will graduate with credentials in diesel equipment technology and welding through OFTC's dual enrollment program/SPECIAL PHOTO

WCHS seniors graduate with awards due to dual enrollment

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

OFTC - While hundreds of high school seniors will walk across the stage to receive their high school diploma this spring, nearly 150 local high school grads will garner additional awards because of their participation in Oconee Fall Line Technical College's (OFTC) Dual Enrollment program.

Georgia's Dual Enrollment Program allows qualified high school students to maximize their education and career training by taking courses that earn college and high school credit at the same time.

Under Dual Enrollment, students may take academic core courses that can transfer to Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) colleges or University System of Georgia (USG) colleges and universities. Students may also take occupational and career courses that can help jumpstart a career.

"These graduating seniors are outstanding individuals," shared Jennifer Todd, OFTC's Director of High School Initiatives. "The effort they've made to-



Above, Wilkinson County High School senior, Laila Chatman, will graduate with a Salon & Spa Support Specialist credential through OFTC's dual enrollment program/SPECIAL PHOTO

ward furthering their education and future careers is exceptional. They've proven to be dedicated, hardworking, and full of life. We know they are going to do great things as they move into this next chapter of their lives."

"These students are now even more prepared to embrace what's ahead," added Dr. Saketha Adams, OFTC's Vice President of Student Affairs.

OFTC's dual enrollment program offers students several pathways to succeed sooner. Some students take occupational courses like nurse aide, cosmetology, welding, diesel, or automation technology to get a jumpstart on their careers, while others take degree level courses like English, Psychology, Pre-Calculus, or History to earn college credits that will transfer to four-year

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Periodical — Mail Label



Bleckley County man arrested after illegal burn destroys historic Mt. Carmel Church

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

A Bleckley County resident is under arrest after an illegal burn over the weekend destroyed a historic church.

Officials with the Bleckley County Fire Department say they reached out to the sheriff's office to issue citations after they found historic Mt. Carmel Church "on the ground" early Saturday morning.

According to Bleckley County Fire Chief Matt Kelley, the fire department determined

A historic church in Bleckley County was "burned to the ground" Saturday morning after an illegal burn containing tires and other flammable material spread to the building /BLECKLEY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

the cause of the fire was an illegal burn pile containing tires and other flammable material that grew out of control and spread to the building. Kelley said that, as a result, the Georgia Forestry Commission opened an investigation into the illegal burn and that led to a resident living in a nearby rental being placed under arrest by the sheriff's office.

The resident who reportedly began the fire was listed as a tenant of a rented house on the same property as the church. The property owner, who doesn't currently live in Bleckley County, is said to own the area of land where both the church and rental are located, but it was unsure whether or not they had been contacted. The Forestry Commission and the Bleckley County Sheriff's Office are reportedly still working to contact parties

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After graduating from Spelman with her bachelor's degree, DuBose attended Columbia University, where she earned a master's degree in journalism. She then worked for Long Island's Newsday before returning to Atlanta in 2006 to work as a reporter at the state's largest newspaper. Over the next nine years, she served in several audience engagement

and digital growth roles, helping to modernize the publication and grow its revenue.

DuBose then spent almost seven years in management roles at McClatchy, which operates 29 newspapers across 14 states. Rising to the role of executive vice president of membership, she built the organization's audience growth, product development and content monetization teams.

In 2022, DuBose completed the executive program in news leader-

ship and innovation program at the City University of New York's Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism. She later became the program's lead coach, a position she will continue to hold as she also works to strengthen the Georgia Trust.

DuBose said she is eager to build deep relationships with the communities the Georgia Trust serves and to bring her experience developing digital products and

growing audiences to her new role. She said she will "work tirelessly to ensure" residents have "access to credible, community-centered news and information."

"Throughout my career, in every position I've held, I have always valued bringing coverage to local communities," DuBose said. "I see tremendous opportunity for the Georgia Trust moving forward."

DuBose replaces DuBose Por-

ter, who served as executive director from the 2023 founding of the Georgia Trust through this January. The longtime newspaper publisher, attorney and former state representative now focuses on fundraising, partnerships and acquisitions as publisher emeritus. Danyale Starley, who served as interim executive director of the Georgia Trust, will return to her role as the organization's controller.

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colleges and universities. The following graduating high school seniors have earned a Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) or a Diploma through OFTC's dual enrollment program.

High School Senior Awards

Adam Burke, Bleckley

Auto Electrical/Electronics Systems, Auto Climate Control Technician, Auto Chassis Technician Specialist, Auto Engine Repair Technician

Charles Dykes, Bleckley

Diesel Electrical/Electronic Systems, Diesel Engine Service Technician

Marleigh Horton, Bleckley

Nurse Aide, Medical Office Support Specialist

Samuel Mullis, Bleckley

Basic Shielded Metal Arc Welder, Gas Metal Arc Welder, Gas Tungsten Arc Welder

Karmen Shields, Bleckley

Nurse Aide, Medical Office Support Specialist

Laila Chatman, Wilkinson County

Salon & Spa Support Specialist

Meagan Dargan, Wilkinson County

Supervisor Management Specialist

Devin Mercer, Wilkinson County,

Diesel Electrical/Electronic Systems, Diesel Truck Maintenance Tech, Basic Shielded Metal Arc Welder

Thomas Mobley, Wilkinson County

Basic Shielded Metal Arc Welder, Gas Metal Arc Welder, Gas Tungsten Arc Welder, Flux Corded Arc Welder

Jahanna Robinson, Wilkinson County

Salon & Spa Support Specialist

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as their investigations continue.

Kelley shared that the resident under arrest previously received a warning for illegal burning about a month prior to the incident.

According to Kelley, around 4 a.m. on Saturday morning, someone called 911 to report a woods fire. By the time a unit responded to the scene, the church was "already burned to the ground" with "nothing" salvageable from the ash.

Kelley said that the burn pile was originally lit about one hundred feet away from Mt. Carmel Church. Due to the fire starting in the early morning hours in a remote location, the church wasn't likely to be seen by peo-

ple passing by as the fire progressed. The church hadn't been used in several years, and as a result, the surrounding woods grew over it. The fire then crept over to the church through the brush and set the building ablaze.

"If anybody was driving by, unless they knew a church was there, they would just think there was a fire in the woods," said Kelley.

He continued, sharing that even though the fire itself was "nothing out of the ordinary," due to the church's metal roof and wood exterior the fire "burned hot and burned pretty fast."

The Bleckley County Sheriff's Office were unavailable for comment, and at the time of writing, the charges against the tenant who reportedly started the fire and his identity are

unknown.

As drought persists throughout the South, it's likely more and more burns will grow out of control quickly and cause similar damage to other buildings. For this reason, departments across the state are advising residents against illegal burns.

Last month Governor Brian Kemp announced over half of the state was under a burn ban effective immediately, in response to the drought and wildfires. Bleckley County was one of the counties named where the burn ban was in effect.

The annual ban was originally set to begin May 1, as it is every year, but due to the severity of the South Georgia wildfires, the date was moved up to April 22.

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Police estimate he is around 5'5"-5'7" in height.

Despite the little information available, police say other evidence they have points them to believe they are looking for a black male.

The sheriff's office is asking those with information to come forward.

"If you recognize this individual or have any information regarding this incident, please contact the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office - Investigations Division as soon as possible. All tips, no matter how small, may assist in this investigation," officials shared in a social media post.

Officials confirmed the incident occurred between 9:30 and 10 p.m. just before the store closed for the night. They say the in-

dividual walked in through the main entrance of the store and yelled for the cashier who was busy stocking shelves in the back. When the cashier arrived, the man reportedly showed the cashier that he had a gun and demanded money.

The individual is believed to have taken roughly \$500-\$800 during the robbery, though investigators were unsure of the exact amount at the time of writing the official report.

While the sheriff's office continues their investigation, they're asking anyone with information regarding the identity of the man in the video or the crime to contact their investigations division.

"We appreciate the continued support of our community in helping us hold offenders accountable and keep Twiggs County safe."

**CITY OF MCINTYRE
REQUEST FOR QUOTES**


The City of McIntyre is accepting quotes for the installation of fire hydrants on Old McIntyre Road and 441 within the city limit and waterlines on Macon Road. Interested contractors must be licensed and insured. Quotes should include labor, materials, equipment, and estimated completion time.

The City of McIntyre reserves the right to reject any or all quotes.

Quotes may be submitted to:
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Email: mcincityclerk@outlook.com or mcin@windstream.net

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PUBLIC NOTICE
L & A Testing, Computation & Canvassing and Absentee Voting
June 16, 2026, General Primary Election /Nonpartisan Runoff

Pursuant to O.C.G.A & 21.2-379.6 (c) notice is hereby given that logic and accuracy testing on the voting equipment to be used on June 16, 2026, General Primary Election/ Nonpartisan Runoff, and in Twiggs County will be publicly performed in the Board of Elections and Registrations office 425 Railroad Street North, Jeffersonville, Ga 31044 Rm #123. The testing on all voting equipment will begin on Monday, June 1, 2026, beginning at 10a.m and will continue from day to day until it is completed. Members of the public are invited to observe the preparation and testing of all equipment to be used. The election supervisor and registrar/clerk and staff will conduct testing. Pursuant to O.C.G.A & 21-2-492 Computation, canvassing, and certification of election results will begin on Wednesday June 17,2026, unless otherwise posted and will continue from day to day until complete.

The voter registration and the voter registration deadline for June state and local runoffs was April 20th.

Advance Voting (in-person will begin on June 8, 2026, thru June 12, 2026, from 9:00am-5:00p.m.(Monday- Friday). Election Day voting is June 16, 2026, from 7: 00a.m to 7:00 p.m. at your assigned polling location. We're located in the courthouse in the Elections & Registrar's Office Rm# 123. For more information regarding testing and/or your voter registration status, contact the elections' office at 478-945-3639.

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Did a popular music group lose all the money made on their best-selling album?

By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

Did you know...
... one country's snow ski resorts only operate in summer? The city of La Paz, Bolivia, has an elevation of almost 12,000 feet above sea level. Nearby ski resorts, which can be found up to 17,000 feet above sea level, can only operate during the months of November to March, which in South America is summertime. The resorts are too cold to operate during winter in South America because of their elevation. (Too cold to ski? Nonsense!)

... the oldest recipient of an Academy Award was 82 when he received it? Actor Christopher Plummer (1929-2021) received the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in the 2012 movie *Beginners*. The oldest actress to win an Oscar was Jessica Tandy (1909-1994), who took home the award for *Driving Miss Daisy* in 1989, when she was 80 years old. Additional trivia note: Tandy managed to beat out another Oscar winner for the title of oldest recipient by just a few months. George Burns (1896-1996) was also 80 when he won an Oscar for *The Sunshine Boys* in 1975. Tandy's feat was eclipsed by that of Plummer.

... the longest average lifespan in the world can be found in a small European country? In the nation of Andorra, a tiny enclave between Spain and France, the average lifespan of the people is 83.5 years. (Ah, but what do they do with those years in Andorra? Hmmm?)

... a popular musical group lost all the money they made from their greatest album? In 1973, the British rock group Pink Floyd released *Dark Side of the Moon*, one of the most critically acclaimed rock music albums in history. The hit single, "Money," came from the album. Sales rocketed into platinum territory, and the group earned well over \$45,000,000 in sales. Members of the group invested their money in various ways – a floating restaurant, a hotel in which fudge was made, a computer game, a movie (which apparently nobody saw), a skateboard company, a car-for-hire business, and a shoe factory. All of the investment venues failed. The group eventually fled to France as tax exiles from Great Britain and recorded their next major hit album, *The Wall*, in 1979. Additional trivia note: *Dark Side of the Moon* holds the record for the longest time spent on *Billboard's* Top 200 Albums chart. It spent 950 weeks – over 18 years – on the chart. (Well, the group had to make money somehow.)

... the decoration outside a popular restaurant chain was inspired by a movie? In-and-Out Burger locations feature a display of crossed palm trees outside the restaurant, and those were inspired by the 1963 movie *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*. Co-founder Harry Snyder (1913-1976) said he liked the imagery from the film, in which the characters hunted for a buried treasure hidden beneath a pair of crossed palm trees. (Don't go digging for treasure there, though.)

... lobsters have rubber bands around their claws in aquariums for a reason? It appears that in captivity, lobsters become cannibalistic. The bands keep the lobsters from eating each other. (And yes, I know they don't eat through their claws. They're banded so they can't ... oh, the heck with it.)

Now... you know!

Sweet dreams: Learning in your sleep

The average human spends about a third of their lifetime asleep. That equates to about a quarter of a million hours, or roughly 26 years. If you include time trying to go to sleep, and restless nights, a person will have spent over 30 years of their time on Earth lying in bed, assuming you make it to the ripe old age of 90.

These calculations, and I'm trusting the internet on this because I've never been good with figures, are based on a body getting a healthy eight hours a day. But we all know few people actually get the required amount of rest a human needs to function properly and that is why most people either shuffle around like zombies or, in the case of mass caffeine consumption, are as jittery as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs.

All that being said, and the fact that to be healthy you must sleep aside, that seems like a lot of time wasted. With our waking moments crammed with the obligations and monotonous tasks required by this great society of ours, it seems a shame that most of our free time is spent with our eyes closed.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good sleep and I am usually the first person among my family and friends to call it night, but I always end the day with too many tasks left undone. There are things I want to learn, skills I want to cultivate. I often leave work with lofty expectations for my evening, that I will make time to run a few miles or

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

practice playing guitar and the like.

But that's not often the case, and as any one with a family can attest, time slips away from you and by the time you get to sit down a spell, closing your eyes for a moment seems like a great idea. The next thing you know, tomorrow has come and gone.

There may be hope for me yet though. New research suggests that people can communicate and strengthen skills while sleeping and dreaming, particularly in lucid dreams, a state of sleep where the brain recognizes it is experiencing a dream.

For instance, dreaming about playing the piano or speaking in a foreign language will register as

practice for that skill. The dreamer will wake up and the body will retain that experience as if it really happened.

The setback, however, is that my dream self is quite inept. In my dreams (I guess you can call these nightmares) I can never perform the skills that I want to improve. If I need to run, my feet are like anchors. If an instrument is placed in my hands, I can't make it produce anything close to music.

I've never been one to put meaning to a dream, but if a dream can improve your abilities can it also impair them?

I may need to drop some hobbies, but at least I'm getting enough shut eye.

HERE'S A TIP!

By JOANN DERSON
King Features

* Need a patch for old woodwork? Try mixing paint (whatever color you are using) and flour. Make a paste, fill in the holes and let dry. It's hard like cement, and can be sanded into shape if necessary.

* You can use baking soda to scrub away stuck-on food on your grill. Sprinkle it on the metal brush, and scrub away. If your grate is beyond the power of fire and baking soda, remove it and lay it on the ground on some newspaper. Spray with oven cleaner and let sit (keep pets and kids away from it). Rinse with a garden hose and replace on the grill.

* I have a plastic cup that changes color when the drink is hot. Oddly enough, it changes at the perfect temperature for a baby's bath. So, I fill the tub and toss in the cup. When the cup starts to change back to its original color (blue), I know the bathwater is not too hot.

* Sprinkle baby powder in dish gloves to help them slide on in an instant.

* "To remove muffins or rolls from a pan, set it on an old, damp towel for a minute. The steam must loosen the bottoms, because they just slide right out.

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TABULATIONS OF
ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386 (a) (3) (4), THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE CITIZENS OF TWIGGS COUNTY THAT THE TWIGGS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WILL BEGIN TABULATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST IN THE June 16, 2026, GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION/ NONPARTISAN RUNOFF AT 6:30 P.M. JUNE 16, 2026, AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS/BOC MEETING ROOM, TWIGGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 425 RAILROAD ST, JEFFERSONVILLE, GEORGIA 31044.

The early tabulation of absentee ballots before the closing of the polls shall be a controlled process to maintain the secrecy of all ballots and to protect against the collection or disclosure of any balloting information before the close of the polls at 7:00 PM on Election Day.

For additional information you may contact the Board of Election Office at (478)-945-3639

In accordance with State Board Rule 160-5-2-.23, the Bleckley County Board of Education presents the budget to be approved on June 18, 2026. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §20-2-167.1, opportunities for public input will be provided at the May 28, 2026, Called Board Meeting at 5:30 pm and will be provided at the June 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 pm.

Bleckley County Board of Education

**FY27 Tentative Budget
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2027**

	Total All Funds	General Fund	ESPLOST Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds
Beginning Fund Balance	16,155,934	12,759,479	2,506,503	-	889,951
Local Taxes	7,420,000	5,500,000	1,920,000	-	-
State	26,115,670	24,877,173	-	-	1,238,497
Other	6,256,655	250,000	-	-	6,006,655
Total Receipts	39,792,325	30,627,173	1,920,000	-	7,245,152
Payments					
Instruction	22,961,755	20,194,004	-	-	2,767,750
Pupil Services	2,596,043	2,464,515	-	-	131,528
Improvement of Instr. Services	109,605	92,620	-	-	16,985
Professional Development	173,483	97,736	-	-	75,747
Educational Media Services	483,142	483,142	-	-	-
Federal Grant Administration	84,509	44,078	-	-	40,431
General Administration	1,094,929	1,073,677	-	-	21,252
School Administration	2,337,014	2,287,866	-	-	49,149
Support Services - Business	368,793	368,793	-	-	-
Maintenance and Operation	2,256,918	2,235,918	-	-	21,000
Security	311,075	45,140	-	-	265,935
Student Transportation	2,576,229	2,471,083	-	-	105,146
Other Support Services	339,125	329,375	-	-	9,750
School Nutrition Program	2,762,543	-	-	-	2,762,543
Facilities Acquisition and Const.	2,462,200	-	1,228,600	-	1,233,600
Total Payments	40,917,362	32,187,946	1,228,600	-	7,500,816
Change in Fund Balance	(1,125,037)	(1,560,773)	691,400	-	(255,664)
Ending Fund Balance	15,030,897	11,198,706	3,197,903	-	7,879,439

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



A Memorial Day Program
Will be held on
Monday, May 25th, 2026
10:00 A.M.

At the Bleckley County Courthouse

(In case of rain, we will move to the City Auditorium)

Trout activity

It is about time for the trout to disappear in North Georgia streams, as the water temperatures will soon become too warm for them to remain active. Their preferred temperature is 50 to 65 degrees.

Temperatures are pleasant this time of the year for the most part, but not if you are a serious fisherman. Trout, which flourish when the temperatures are low, literally run away and hide as June rolls around.

When summer's heat blankets the upper part of the state, trout seek colder, deeper, and shaded higher-elevation waters. In addition to that, the state halts stocking many of the smaller streams after July, which causes fish populations to decline.

Nonetheless, you can still enjoy the mountains of North Georgia if



LORAN SMITH

you cannot catch fish. There is something special about the mountains of our state any time of the year, except for when the ice storms wreak havoc.

Because the trout become inactive in summer, that doesn't mean you can't find fishing opportunities, such as striper fishing, in many of the lakes that abound

throughout the mountains.

As I think about the forthcoming summer heat, which eliminates that wonderful experience of fishing the Chattahoochee in October and November – even the cold days in December and the first quarter of the New Year – I found time this week to sit on my back porch and recall the good times I've had on the Chattahoochee.

*Out of the Hills of Habersham,
Down the valleys of Hall,
I hurry amain to reach the plain
Run the rapid and leap the fall.*

That stanza of Sidney Lanier's poem, "Song of the Chattahoochee," is my constant companion wherever I go. I recite those words driving down the backroads of our state and when I am zoned out on a plane, moving through smooth air to a distant location.

There is so much fuss and so many squabbles in our world to-

day. I humbly recommend that mudslinging politicians succumb to a pow wow on the Chattahoochee. Maybe we ought to coordinate a session of the legislature on one of the campgrounds where the Creeks and Cherokees once congregated.

And whenever a Republican speaks ill of a Democrat and vice versa, we wash their mouths out with soap. If they act like children, then they ought to be constrained to endure that old-fashioned foul-language remedy.

Despite the heat that envelops our state, the mountains are cool and the coastal ocean breezes invite you in. Remembering this makes you pine for the voices of Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald singing "Summertime."

*Summertime, and the livin' is easy,
Fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high,
Oh, your daddy's rich and you ma is good-lookin',*

So hush, little baby, don't you cry.

George Gershwin composed that tune for the 1935 opera *Porgy and Bess* with lyrics by DuBose Heyward, which describes a peaceful, lazy summer.

Growing up, I remember that on the hottest days—without air conditioning to count on—we could repair to the pecan orchard in our back yard, relax under the shade of the cluster of the trees, and escape the sun's burning rays. Those were laid-back times. And a good book in a peaceful setting always makes the summer's heat more tolerable.

Signing off, I'm here to say, I have already begun to pray for rain. A few well-placed rain showers between now and Labor Day will make living easy in the forthcoming summertime—even if we must wait till fall to catch a few trout.

Graduations are now representing an investment in the future

We have primary and judicial elections this week in Georgia. As timelines aren't often convenient, the deadline for this column is before the votes are counted, but most will be reading it as or after the votes are counted. This gives us an opportunity to look at what others are doing outside the barrage of negative tv ads, overflowing mailboxes, and increasingly unwanted unsolicited text messages.

In the real world, it's graduation season. Social media feeds are overflowing with pictures of college graduations. High School graduations are now also in full swing. The pictures posted by parents and grandparents depict pride and accomplishment, with smiles all around.

Beneath the smiles of the newly minted grads often lies at least a bit of apprehension. Some have their plans fully thought out, with either college acceptances or job offers in hand. Others may still be figuring things out.

Either way, big changes are happening. They are

marching through an exit door to something new. There are great opportunities ahead.

There are also new found responsibilities. While the transition from adolescence to adulthood is different for each person, a graduation puts them closer toward real world responsibilities where choices have consequences and opportunity costs.

Opportunity costs are not discussed enough during an education path, at least in future terms. The concept is fairly well understood. It's difficult for a student to play football and be in the band. The practice schedules usually overlap. So the opportunity cost of playing football is not being in the school band (and all other extracurricular activities that mandate the football team's practice time).

Students understand money even if not given a formal personal finance course. Too many of us, including adults, fail to account for the value of our time – our opportunity costs. Our time, ultimately,



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is our most precious asset. It is impossible to create more of it, and none of us know exactly how much of it we will ultimately have.

College is now an expensive endeavor. The rising amount of student debt outstanding is emblematic of the monetary cost. It's also a good sign of the opportunity cost.

Too often absent in the choices made in education is the concept of return on investment. Students who choose an AP course in High School or those who choose

dual enrollment do at some level. The extra time and expense for these tracks in high school saves tuition spent at the next stage when getting a degree. Those savings are usually a lot greater than any nominal expenses incurred in high school. They're good investments.

They also save the student time. They can complete their next degree sooner, or spend that time earning a double major, perhaps taking fewer classes to reward themselves with extra leisure time. Again, that time saved or spent represents opportunity cost.

Opportunity costs in education can also have a downside. A student who chooses a degree without employment opportunities or, perhaps worse, a student spending years paying tuition without a clear focus or major, could find themselves without job prospects and with tens of thousands in new debt. They then have to figure out how to pay their adult bills and make payments on student loans representing the opportunity costs of a delayed or

suboptimal decision on a major.

Georgia's technical colleges are starting to understand how to make this argument more persuasive. While many will still cite salary statistics which show college grads make more money than non-college grads, most of these studies are using decades old data and don't reflect either the wide disparities between colleges and majors, nor the recent rise in salaries for those with specific skills taught in our technical colleges.

Many of the programs taught in Georgia's technical college system offer tuition assistance or waivers similar to HOPE, offer a quicker path to a degree than many university programs. They also provide graduates to employers facing skilled worker shortages, which is good for employment prospects now and into the future.

University graduates are openly wondering if artificial intelligence will take

their jobs away. Some larger companies are blaming A.I. for eliminating many formerly entry level positions – the ones where college grads often get their first corporate experience and opportunities to start moving up the ladder.

Too many attach a stigma of "blue collar" to jobs from our technical colleges, and project a certainty of "the good life" to university diplomas. The employment and salary data paint a different picture.

The time and resources spent in our education system are valuable. The monetary costs consume roughly half of all state revenues. The time invested by a student from kindergarten to graduation can easily be 20% of a long and well lived life.

Each family – the parents and the students – needs to take a long look at these investments, consider all costs, and ensure choices made provide the best return on investment for the graduates' future.

What exactly would life be like without the existence of a junk drawer?

I'm not sure how anyone could exist without a junk drawer. No household that calls itself a household is without one. It may be in the kitchen or the living room or the den or perhaps the garage. Maybe even the bedroom. But it is there. And it is essential to life as we know it.

To be a truly authentic junk drawer, it must contain things too valuable to throw away because there will come a time when we will surely need them. For example, a bolt. To be operable, bolts generally need a nut at the other end to secure whatever it is that we may one day choose to repair. Also, a corresponding washer may be required as well.

A junk drawer by design will contain several random-sized nuts and washers, just not any that will fit any of the bolts in the drawer. But who in good conscience can throw away a 3/16" x 3/4" roundhead stove bolt even if it doesn't have a locknut that fits? Or a washer? They are all too valuable to throw away and we may need them one day.

And don't forget screws. Most screws in a junk drawer will be of the slightly used variety. We took them out of something and even though they may be bent and a bit



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rusted, we assign them to the junk drawer. We may need them one day.

Any junk drawer worthy of its name will also have nails that have been previously extracted and like the aforementioned screws, may be bent and a bit rusted but who is going to throw away otherwise functional 3-inch tenpenny nails? We may need them one day.

If Rome wasn't built in a day, neither was my junk drawer. It has grown over the years with an accumulation of things too valuable to throw away because I will surely need them one day. I have all the prerequisite bolts and bent nails and rusty screws and nuts and washers that don't fit anything. I also have a door strike plate – brass – should I ever have to replace one in my home. You never know when that time will come

and you have to be ready. The only thing missing are two little screws – brass – to secure the strike plate.

My junk drawer has one rubber chair leg bottom protector of indeterminate size if I find a chair that only needs only one and assuming it fits. But it is there just in case and that is the important thing. There is also a half-opened pack of felt sliders of all sizes to go under my chairs if I don't want to use the rubber chair leg bottom of indeterminate size. The point being that when it comes to chair leg bottoms, one can never be too prepared.

Probing around in my junk drawer can be a safety hazard. That is due to several random thumbtacks interspersed with the other essentials I may need one day. For some reason, the

thumb part always seems to be down and the tack part always up. My fingers hate that.

And no junk drawer is worthy of being called a junk drawer without some string or cord to tie up something. And if you can't tie it up, you will likely need to glue it. And for that eventuality, you need Super Glue. I have several tubes of Super Glue because the stuff tends to dry up and I have to buy another one that also dries up and then another. I don't even think about throwing them away because I have been told if you soak them in hot water, they will once again be usable, and I may need to glue something one day. Right now, I'm thinking thumbtacks.

I also have in my junk drawer the directions to a flip phone that I owned back

in the '90's, a warranty for a Sony Walkman cassette player, two cassettes that can't be identified, three ballpoint pens that don't write and several pencils that need to be sharpened. If there is a pencil sharpener in the drawer, I haven't been able to locate it. It may be under the flip phone directions.

I maintain that junk drawers are an absolute necessity. Who knows when you might suddenly have to glue a 3/16" x 3/4" roundhead stove bolt to a brass door strike plate with thumbtacks? I don't know about you, but I'm ready.



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Former Atlanta mayor dominates Democratic governor primary

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ATLANTA — Georgians who pulled a Democratic ballot Tuesday had a clear preference for governor, giving former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms a commanding early lead over six challengers Tuesday night before all votes had been counted.

But Republican voters were divided, giving no GOP contender for governor a majority. They mostly went for two candidates out of the field of eight, putting Lt. Gov. Burt Jones and billionaire entrepreneur Rick Jackson in the lead with a similar number of votes.

With Fulton County and nearly two dozen other counties remaining to be counted, Jackson took

the stage and looked ahead to the June 16 primary runoff election.

"The job is not done. We have 28 days to finish it," he told supporters at the Omni Hotel at The Battery Atlanta.

Jackson, who founded and leads a health care staffing and services company, dropped tens of millions of dollars of his own money on political ads, and quickly took a lead in polling, in a race that had seemed to be Jones' to lose.

Jones, a former state senator who won the lieutenant governor's office four years ago, had something no other candidate did: an endorsement from President Donald Trump.

The pair go back many years. Jones faced the risk of prosecution after supporting Trump's effort to

overturn his 2020 presidential election loss to Joe Biden. Jones served as one of 16 fake electors for Trump and was investigated by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis until the courts disqualified her from the case due to a conflict of interest.

Earlier this month, Trump held a "tele-rally" to boost Jones' campaign. He "has my complete and total endorsement," Trump said in the May 6 call. "He blows his competition away."

Even so, Jackson pitched himself in Trump's image, telling supporters Tuesday that he opposed "illegals" and "woke ideology" and supported law enforcement, working moms and foster children, having been one himself. "I'll be President Trump's fa-

vorite governor," Jackson said.

Jones pushed back Tuesday night, issuing a statement that noted his slight edge in the results.

"Tonight Georgia sent a clear message — you can't buy this state and now, Georgia, it's time to finish the drill," the Jones campaign said in a statement. "Georgia is too important to risk handing it to a billionaire Never Trumper with a checkbook."

He was referring to Jackson.

No one on the Democratic side came close to Bottoms' lead late Tuesday, with the caveat that Fulton, Georgia's most populous county, had not yet reported results due to delays at a polling site.

The former Atlanta mayor turned off many voters when she declined to run for a second term, instead choosing to serve in the

Biden administration.

But she was a known quantity and all but one of the others in the Democratic field were men, which was a factor for voters such as Juliette Morgan.

The retired public health worker emerged from Ormewood Church in Atlanta Tuesday afternoon and said she had considered voting for Geoff Duncan, a former Republican who had switched parties after clashing with Trump. She had seen him a lot on CNN and said he seemed amiable.

"Of all people, I would have (voted for) him," Morgan said. "I just, I don't know, I'm inclined to vote for women lately."

Her husband, Bob Maxfield, a high school science teacher, followed her lead and cast another vote for Bottoms.

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GA3190005 TOOMSBORO

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- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
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Source Water Information

SWA = Source Water Assessment

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
HWY 57 WATER TANK WELL	GW	Active	Hwy 57
WELL #4	GW	Active	Hwy 57

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Lead and Copper

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Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.075	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2025	0	15	1.2	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	11/18/2024	1.34	1.34 - 1.34	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

2025 CCR Supplemental Lead and Copper CCR Information For The City of Toombsboro System ID # GA3190005

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Daniel W Ezell to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans Home Loans, its successors and assigns dated April 17, 2019, recorded in Deed Book 432, Page 53, Bleckley County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 486, Page 544, Bleckley County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$204,300.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Bleckley County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2026, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.

NewRez LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: NewRez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **794 Ga Hwy 87 S, Cochran, GA 31014**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

NewRez LLC as Attorney in Fact for Daniel W Ezell
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"
All that tract or parcel land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 152 of the 21st Land District, Bleckley County, Georgia, comprising 3.21 acres and being more particularly described according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 115-10A, Clerk's Office, Bleckley Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any.
Address under current system of numbering: 794 S Ga. Hwy. 87, Cochran, Georgia. MR / CA June 2, 2026
Our file no. 26-21942GA-FT18
26-21942GA

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

C26-045
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN DEED TO SECURE DEBT
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY

By virtue of the power of sale contained in the DEED TO SECURE DEBT given by JIMMY LEE BLACKSHEAR to STATE BANK OF COCHRAN dated September 10, 1999, and recorded in Deed Book 195, Pages 159-160, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Ga., and on an Affidavit to Extend Deed to Secure Debt dated March 22, 2019, and recorded in Deed Book 430, pages 299-301, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Jimmy Lee Blackshear to State Bank of Cochran in the original principal amount of \$17,873.59 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 June, 2026, the

following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being one and one-fourth acres of land, more or less, lying and being in the City of Cochran, Bleckley County, Georgia, lying on the northeast side of Fifth Street, in said City of Cochran, and being bounded now or formerly as follows: northwest by a fence that divides above lands and land of W.C. Stocks and E. Cook; northeast by a fence that divides above lands and lands of Mrs. Minnie Taylor; southeast by lands of E. Cook and Fred Cross; southwest by lands of Fred Cross and Fifth Street; and being the lands conveyed by W.C. Stocks to Frank Pitts by warranty deed dated November 24, 1950, and recorded in Deed Book D-20, page 592, of the Bleckley County Deed Records.

THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 104 FIFTH STREET, COCHRAN, GEORGIA 31014

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is Jimmy Lee Blackshear. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt and an Affidavit to Extend Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt.

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 Deed to Secure Debt.
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 Deed to Secure Debt is Mr. Jackie Bowen, Divisional CEO, State Bank of Cochran, 112 East Beech Street, Cochran, Georgia, 31014 Ph. No. 478-934-4501.

State Bank of Cochran
Attorney-in-Fact for
Jimmy Lee Blackshear
Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-9965
ebcatty@bellsouth.net

May 7, 14, 2, 28, 2026

C26-051
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE IVERY LESTER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P5

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
CARLTON LESTER AND LORA L. LESTER has petitioned for RASHEKA LANA SCOTT to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of GEORGE IVERY LESTER 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 JUNE 22, 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.

Jonathan R. Fordham
Judge of the Probate Court

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

C26-049
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:

S.C.C., Sex: F, DOB: 07/01/2016
TPR Case No. 012-2026J-0011
L.J.T., Sex: M, DOB: 05/02/2018
TPR Case No. 012-2026J-0010
Z.L.T., Sex: M, DOB: 03/25/2012
TPR Case No. 012-2026J-0012
S.R.T., Sex: F, DOB: 12/07/2023
TPR Case No. 012-2026J-0013
Minor Children

FOR PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RENTAL RIGHTS

TO: **ERIC CRAWFORD AND ANY UNKNOWN UNNAMED PUTATIVE FATHERS, and OTHERS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE MINOR CHILDREN NAMED ABOVE BORN TO JASMINE ALEXUS TROTTER ON THE DATE ABOVE.**

By Order for Service by Publication dated May 7, 2026, you are required to appear before the Juvenile Court of BLECKLEY County, Georgia to answer the allegations of a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by the BLECKLEY County Department of Family and Children Services. You may obtain a free copy of the petition directly or by mail from the clerk of said court. The general nature of the allegations is that the children are dependent children and the dependent state is likely to continue and cause serious physical, mental, emotional, or moral harm to the children unless the rights of the parents are terminated. **The court hearing of your case has been scheduled for July 7, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at the BLECKLEY County Courthouse in Cochran, Georgia.**

The court at trial can enter a judgment ending your rights to the children if you fail to appear and show cause why your parental rights should not be terminated. A biological father may lose all rights to the children and not be entitled to object to the termination of their rights unless, within 30 days of receipt of this notice, he files: (1) a petition to legitimate the children; and (2) a notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Juvenile Court of BLECKLEY County, Georgia.

A party has the right to an attorney in this proceeding. If you are unable to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint one for you if you are an indigent person.

If you have any questions concerning this notice of summons, contact the clerk's office.

WITNESS the Honorable Stephanie D. Burton, Judge of said court, this the 8th day of May, 2026.

Christina McCall
(Deputy) Clerk, Juvenile Court
BLECKLEY County, Georgia
May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2026

C26-042
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
IN RE: ESTATE OF CURTIS JAMES DAVIS, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of Curtis James 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 to me. This 22 day of April, 2026.
JAMES HUGHLON DAVIS
Executor of the Estate of Curtis James Davis, Deceased 414 Goldsboro Rebie Rd Chester, GA 31012
April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2026

C26-041
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: ESTATE OF MARY LOIS BRYANT BROOKS, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Mary L. Brooks, 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 20 day of April, 2026.
Mark Andrew Francis, Executor
118 Anchor Point
Cochran, GA 31014
April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2026

C26-044
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
BLECKLEY COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from ESTATE OF DENNIS ELLIS to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns and recorded in Deed Book 00486, Page 0212-0236, Bleckley County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$66,000.00 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 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 June, 2026, to wit: June 02, 2026, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH FRAME DWELLING HOUSE THEREON LYING IN LAND LOT 158 OF THE 21ST LAND DISTRICT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY, AND IN THE CITY OF COCHRAN, KNOWN AS LOT NO. 8 AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY C.B. LAMB DATED OCTOBER 18, 1943 AND APPEARING OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK D-16, PAGE 143 N THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF BLECKLEY SUPERIOR COURT, SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN AID OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID TRACT FRONTS 65 FEET ON THIRD STREET AND EXTENDING BACK IN EQUAL WIDTH NORTHEASTERLY 160 FEET. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED TO DENNIS ELLIS FROM PERLE P. PEACOCK BY THAT DEED DATED 06/19/2015 AND RECORDED 6/22/2015 IN BOOK / PAGE : 400 / 379 IN THE BLECKLEY COUNTY RECORDS. Being real property commonly known as **137 SOUTH 3RD STREET, COCHRAN, GA 31014.**

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:
Cornerstone Home Lending, a Division of Cornerstone Capital Bank, SSB
1177 West Loop South
Suite 700
Houston, TX 77027
877-621-4663

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require New Day Financial, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. New Day Financial, LLC as Attorney in Fact for ESTATE OF DENNIS ELLIS
Attorney Contact:
Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
26-001204

C26-050
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: CHAD ERIC SMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P18

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of SHELLI SMITH for a year's support from the estate of CHAD ERIC SMITH, deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before June 22, 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 in the probate court of the above-named county, courtroom 112 N SECOND ST, Cochran, Georgia. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Jonathan R. Fordham
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jennifer Knight
Clerk of the Probate Court
112 N SECOND STREET
COCHRAN, GA 31014
478-934-3200 EXT. 4

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

Twiggs Co. Legals

T26-035
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, TWIGGS COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Curtis A Pitts to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for USA Home Loans, Inc., Corporation, its successors and assigns dated 9/24/2008 and recorded in Deed Book 8M Page 105 Twiggs County, Georgia records, as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$114,863.00, 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 Twiggs County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on June 2, 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:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, being and situate in Land Lot 39 of the 26th Land District of Twiggs County, Georgia, known as Lot 19 according to a plat of survey for Allen Carroll prepared by Daniel R. Riggs, GRLS #1533, on July 20, 1989, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 9 on page 165 in the Office of the Clerk of Twiggs Superior Court and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. The improvements thereon being commonly known as **96 Family Circle, Jeffersonville, Georgia, 31044**. Being the same lot or parcel of ground which by deed dated June 5, 2006 and recorded among the Land Records of Twiggs County in Deed Book 7U, page 378 was granted and conveyed by Hazel McGahee unto Curtis A. Pitts. 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 96 Family Cir, Jeffersonville, GA 31044 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): Ntozoka Wimberly or tenant or tenants. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Loss Mitigation 3043 Townsgate Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583 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. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Curtis A Pitts Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1120-5075A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

T26-040
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: BOBBY ANDERSON
ESTATE NO. P-26-030
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of **Ethel Mae Anderson**, for a Year's Support from the estate of **Bobby Anderson**, 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 **June 15, 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

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

T26-041
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MAMIE S. HINSON THOMPSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-26-029

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: **UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DENNIS HINSON TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

T26-039
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF **MICHAEL BLAKE MARTIN**, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. **P-26-031**

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**
Blake Christopher Martin has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **Michael Blake Martin** 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 **June 15, 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

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

T26-036
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA

In RE: Estate of John Donald Hammock, deceased.

All creditors of the estate of John Donald Hammock, 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 5th day of May, 2026.
Linda Sarah McCant, Administrator
Estate of John Donald Hammock
John D. Newberry
Newberry & Newberry
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 844
Gray, GA 31032
(478) 986-5141

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2026

T26-032
GEORGIA, TWIGGS COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: SANDRA JEWEL HATCHER ESTATE
All creditors of the Estate of Sandra Jewel Hatcher, deceased, late of Marion County, Arkansas, 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.

Nichole Leigh Abshire
802 Jefferson City Rd.
Horseshoe Bend, AR 72512-3055

J. Steven Bloodworth
BLOODWORTH, CROWLEY & LEVERETT
561 D.T. Walton, Sr. Way
Macon, GA 31201
(478) 745-7461

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2026

T26-040
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: BOBBY ANDERSON
ESTATE NO. P-26-030
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of **Ethel Mae Anderson**, for a Year's Support from the estate of **Bobby Anderson**, 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 **June 15, 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 with the Court on or before **June 15, 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.

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

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

T26-038
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: ELIZABETH A. PERRY, DECEASED

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: **UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DENNIS HINSON TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

T26-038
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: ELIZABETH A. PERRY, DECEASED

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: **UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DENNIS HINSON TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026</

All debtors/creditors of the Estate of **Elizabeth A. Perry**, 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 8th day of May 2026.
Ethel P. Wyche
3901 Sylvester Circle W.
Macon, Georgia 31217
May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

T26-033
SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
TWIGGS COUNTY
THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.
ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2025, J. JEFFERSONVILLE, LLC executed and delivered unto AMERICAN PRIDE BANK 4740 Log Cabin Drive, Macon, GA 31204, a certain Promissory Note and Deed to Secure Debt With Power of Sale in order to secure the indebtedness therein recited, the original principal amount of said indebtedness being \$3,731,477.26, and all other indebtedness then owing or thereafter arising between the parties, as shown by the record of same in Deed Book 11N, Page 229, among the Deed Records of Twiggs County, Georgia. By virtue of that certain Assignment of Deed to Secure Debt dated March 27, 2026 and being of record in Deed Book 11Q, Page 985, among the Deed Records of Twiggs County, Georgia J&J FLIGHT, LLC is the present holder of record of the within referenced Promissory Note and Deed to Secure Debt which conveys the property hereinafter described as follows: WHEREAS, default has been made in the performance of the covenants and agreements secured by the above-described deed to secure debt, and the present holder of record has elected to declare the entire remaining balance of the indebtedness secured by the aforesaid deed to secure debt due according to the terms of said deed to secure debt and the note secured thereby, NOW, THEREFORE, according to the original terms of said deed to secure debt as assigned pursuant to the power of sale contained therein and the laws in such cases made and provided, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash the above described property, after proper advertisement, on the first Tuesday in June 2026, the same being June 2, 2026, between the legal hours of sale before the courthouse door in Jeffersonville, Twiggs County, Georgia. Bidders for the subject property shall produce, at the time of sale, evidence that such bidder has the financial resources to pay the price submitted by such bidder. Proof of financial capability to comply with a bid shall be in the form of cash, letter of credit from a bank or savings and loan association in Twiggs County, Georgia, or cashier's or certified check for not less than the price to be bid by any such bidder. Sale shall continue from day to day until the property is sold. The undersigned may reject any and all bids and withdraw said property from sale and subsequently re-offer the property for sale in the event no reasonable bid is received and accepted. In that event, the property may be re-offered for sale at a day and time as determined, and as publicly announced at the public sale on June 2, 2026.

The proceeds from sale will be used for payment of that certain Deed to Secure Debt with Power of Sale from J. JEFFERSONVILLE, LLC to AMERICAN PRIDE BANK, both principal and interest, insurance premiums, taxes, late charges and expenses, and attorney's fees for which proper notice has been given, and the balance, if any, delivered as provided by law. Said property will be sold subject to taxes for the year 2026 and any prior unpaid taxes, any matters which may be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants of matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above. The property described above shall be sold subject to any right of the United States of America to redeem the aforesaid property within 120 days of the above referenced foreclosure sale date to pay Federal Tax Liens.

The persons that have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the deed to secure debt on behalf of J&J Flight, LLC with the debtor is: KYLE T. SWANN, 203 E. WASHINGTON ST., THOMASVILLE, GA 31792 – 229-228-4333. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

This 27th day of April 2026
J&J FLIGHT, LLC
as Attorney-in-Fact, for J. JEFFERSONVILLE, LLC Under Power of Security Deed as assigned to **J&J FLIGHT, LLC**
WHELCHER & CARLTON, LLP
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 1677
Thomasville, GA 31799
May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

Wilkinson Co. Legals

W26-045
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Alton Carswell, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 343
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: Ruby L. Carswell and to whom it may concern:
Ruby L. Carswell has petitioned for **Ruby L. Carswell** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Alton Carswell** 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 **May 25, 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.

Bradasia Mims
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Brittany Jones
Clerk of the Probate Court
Wilkinson County Probate Court
100 Bacon St
Irwinnton, GA 31042
478-946-2222
April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2026

W26-050

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Joseph Lamar Myrick, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.348
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: Jessica Barbara Evans, Trent Howard, Trinity Howard, Daniel Lewis Myrick, Joseph Lamar Myrick II, Reeb Howard, Julianna Myrick, Barbara Renea Myrick, Chris Myrick, Misty Pollack, Joseph Merritt Myrick and to whom it may concern:
Juanda Ruth Myrick has petitioned for **Juanda Ruth Myrick** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Joseph Lamar Myrick** 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. 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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May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

W26-046
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Evelyn Patel, Plaintiff,
v.
Keval Patel
Defendant
Civil Action File No. 2026CV0010

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on April 27, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on April 27, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Evelyn Patel, Plaintiff, whose address is 771 Laurel Branch Church Road, McIntyre, Georgia 31054, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Witness the Honorable, Judge of said Court.
This the 27th day of April, 2026.
Melissa Mimbs, Ch. dep
CLERK of Superior Court
Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit
May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

W26-047
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, WILKINSON COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Latoria M. Rountree and Bennie Rountree, Jr. to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation dated 10/21/2005 and recorded in Deed Book

301 Page 676 Wilkinson County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RP3, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$70,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Wilkinson County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on June 2, 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: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 262, 3rd Land District, GMD 330, in the Town of Toombsboro, Wilkinson County, Georgia, being shown at that 2.00 acre tract, more or less, on the Survey of Property for Herman Ray Orr and Agnes Orr Lord, recorded in Plat Book 19 Page 393A, Clerk's Office, Wilkinson County Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for the purpose of a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds and dimensions of said property. This is the same property as described in a conveyance to Herman Ray Orr and Agness Orr Lord, dated October 6, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 292 Page 392 Wilkinson County Superior Court. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **239 Irwinnton Rd, Toombsboro, GA 31090-2005** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Latoria M. Rountree and Bennie Rountree, Jr. or tenant or tenants. Onity Mortgage Corporation is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage, Onity Mortgage Corporation 1661 Worthington Rd Suite 100 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 (800) 750-2518 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain

procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RP3 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Latoria M. Rountree and Bennie Rountree, Jr. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1017-8036A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-8036A
May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

W26-049
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF REVON BILLUE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.73
NOTICE

[For discharge from office and all liability]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

TO: CAROL BILLUE
This is to notify you who are required to be served personally, to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before the 30th day after the date you are personally served or sign the return receipt.
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 any objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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May 21, 2026

W26-048
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF WILKINSON
All creditors of the estate of **Joseph Lamar Myrick**, deceased, as of late March 1, 2026, 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 Irwinnton, Georgia 31042
This is the 11 day of May, 2026
Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney
May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

TWIGGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS POSITION AVAILABLE
Entry-Level Accountant – Financial Services

Twiggs County is accepting applications for an Entry-Level Accountant – Financial Services position. Duties include assisting with financial transactions, bank reconciliations, accounts payable/receivable, budget support, grant reporting, audit preparation, and other finance-related duties.

Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or related field preferred; equivalent experience may be considered. Government accounting experience is preferred.

Applications and resumes must be submitted by May 22, 2026, to: mjackson@twiggscounty.us
For a full job description and application, visit: www.twiggscounty.us/

Twiggs County 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 North Main Street. The Work shall begin at the intersection of North Main Street and Martin Luther King Blvd and shall continue for approximately .4 miles along North Main Street, ending at the intersection of North Main Street and Highway 18.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 2, 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, June 4, 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 30 calendar days from the notice to proceed; (5) Contractor agrees it shall remove all debris from the project site upon completion of the Work; and (6) 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.

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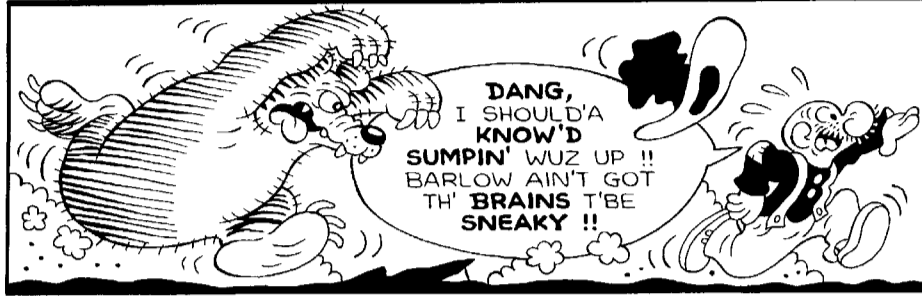
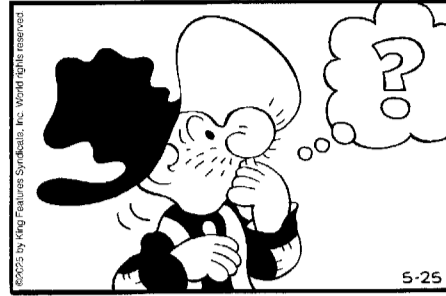
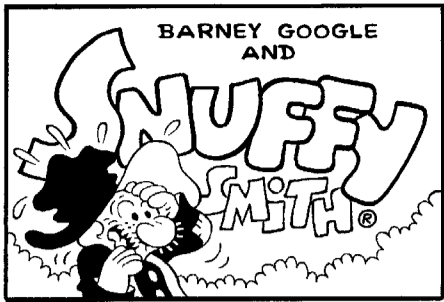
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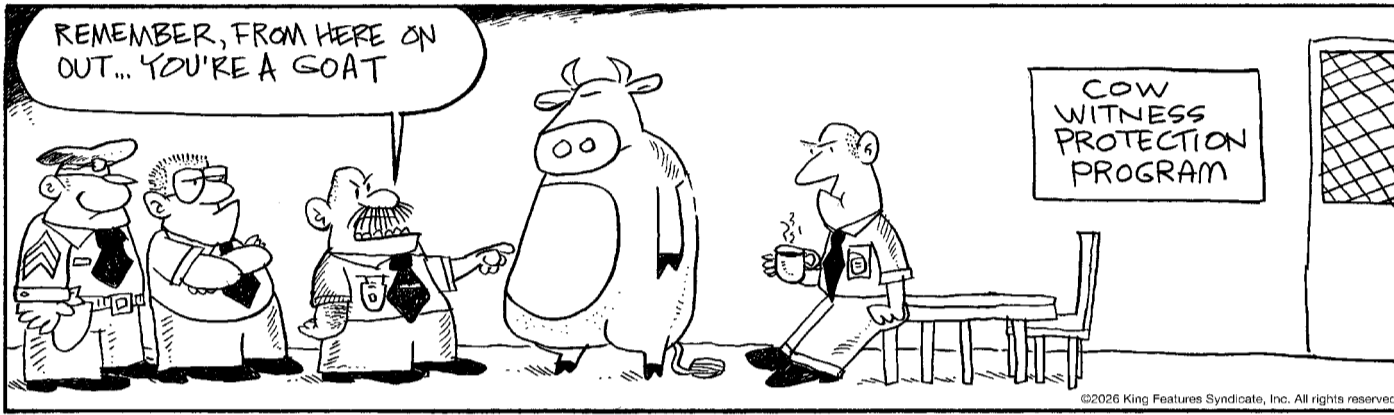
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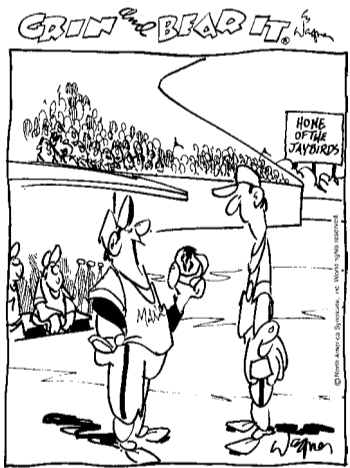
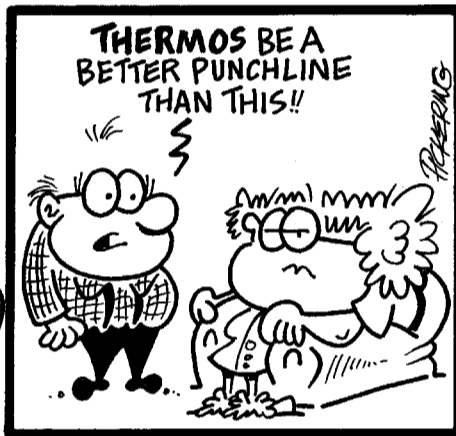
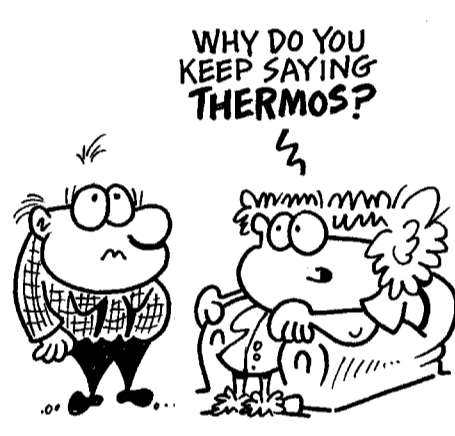
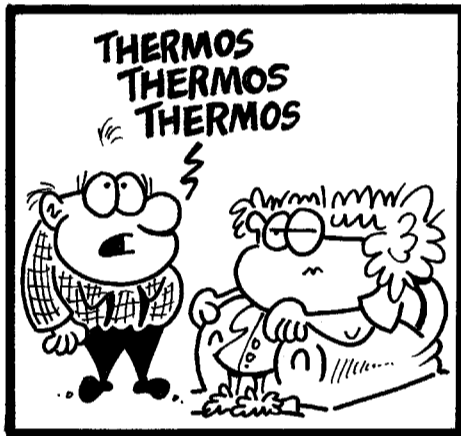
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by Gary Kopervas



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by Jeff Pickering



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MAGIC MAZE

Answers: 1. The is different. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Handle is added to purse. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Arm is longer.

MAGIC MAZE ANSWERS

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- 12 Swiss metropolis
- 13 Unexpected
- 14 Ingratiate
- 15 Stahl of "60 Minutes"
- 16 Disposition
- 17 "La — Bonita"
- 19 Casual shirt
- 20 Third son
- 22 Capote nickname
- 24 Canine greeting
- 27 Furnace fuel
- 29 Branches
- 32 President of South Africa, 1994-1999
- 35 Pronto
- 36 Monumental
- 37 Half dozen
- 38 Fannie —
- 40 Former Laker Lamar
- 42 Sashimi fish
- 44 Neatnik's nightmare
- 46 Jazzy James
- 50 Legislative group
- 52 Camelot king
- 54 Aerie newborn
- 55 Organize an art show
- 56 Pueblo structures
- 57 Recognizes

DOWN

- 1 Nevada city
- 2 Within (Pref.)
- 3 Obeys
- 4 "Selma" director DuVernay
- 5 Male singing voice
- 6 Humpty's perch
- 7 Skip — (flutter)
- 8 Tax-collecting org.
- 9 Birds of prey
- 10 Duel tool
- 11 Ocular woe
- 12 Tiara jewel
- 18 Rug cleaner
- 21 — friendly
- 23 "Awesome, dude!"
- 24 Navarro of "The View"
- 25 Scale members
- 26 Pink wading bird
- 28 Relaxed
- 30 Roman 1051
- 31 Coltrane's instrument
- 33 Aromatherapy spot
- 34 Sgt., e.g.
- 39 Lauder of cosmetics
- 41 Paris subway
- 42 Cruising
- 43 Lettuce unit
- 45 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 47 Spring melt-down
- 48 Mild rebukes
- 49 "How — you?"
- 51 Cleric's tunic
- 53 Scamper

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MAGIC MAZE ● MIDDLE —

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A Z X W V U S R E M O C N I D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: First Letter of Your Middle Name

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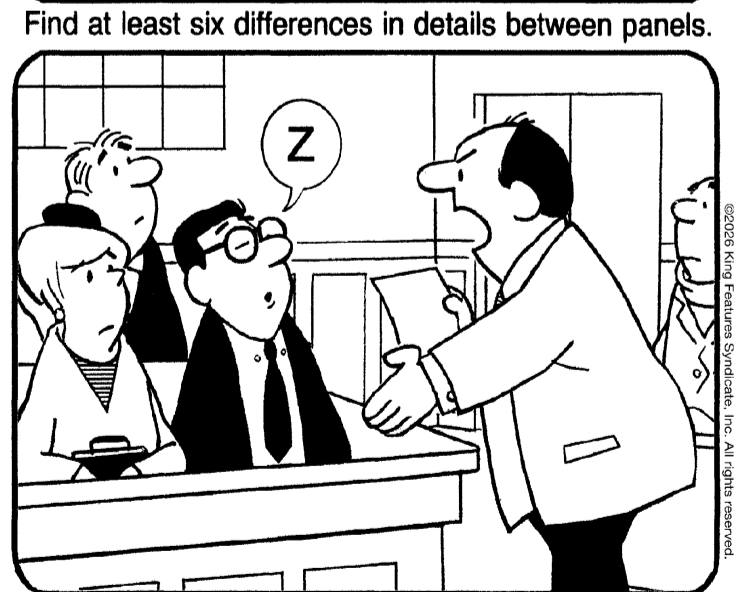
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Bleckley County High School

What habit/mindset made the biggest difference in your success? Taking every opportunity that was presented to me and having the mindset to just turn in that application or ask that question allowed me to do a lot of things never thought I would have the chance to do.



KAYLA TOTTY VALEDICTORIAN

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? It's the moments in our life that make us who we are, and high school gave me many of those moments. It taught me that we have to hang on to and take advantage of those times.

What does success look like to you-and has that changed? Success

looks like learning the skills and having the tools I need to be able to make a tangible difference in people's lives, to help people one day in medicine. That has not changed.

What's one thing you'd tell and incoming freshmen that no one told you? Sleep more?

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? We have purpose, pain, hopes, dreams, and dedication; we care about life and our future; this "technological age" or our youthfulness does not diminish that.

What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? Something that has helped me succeed is the Bleckley County's school motto "Expect Excellence." Getting into a mindset of expecting excellence from yourself is the most important step to success. If you believe in your own abilities, little can hold you back.



ZACHARY GILBERT SALUTATORIAN

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? In Bleckley County High School, I have found that many of the teachers and staff here have been excellent examples of how to conduct yourself in life. Many of my teachers are exemplary models that I plan to use as a basis for who I want to become.

What does success look like to you - and has that changed? Success isn't something that you can see, rather it is something to be felt. I used to believe that success revolved around the numbers on a report card, but now, I realize that isn't

what success is. Success is a feeling of accomplishment, of being able to say I did that and having no regrets.

What's one thing you'd tell an incoming freshman that no one told you? I would tell them to get involved-with sports or clubs—because the relationships that you can make will stick with you forever. I wouldn't trade friendships that I have made for anything.

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? A common stereotype for this upcoming generation is that we have no work ethic. To an extent, it is true; however, I believe that with motivation and guidance, we can achieve every task laid upon us.

Wilkinson Co. High School

What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? The biggest mindset I had was to start on all of my work early so when it was time to turn the work in I would just be scanning for corrections, it also helped reduce my stress.



KE'SHAWN HALL VALEDICTORIAN

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? First impressions matter the most and that can dictate how further interactions can go with that person.

me is living comfortably and not paycheck to paycheck

and the ability to not worry about how you are going to pay bills.

What's one thing you'd tell an incoming freshman that no one told you? I would tell an incoming freshman to apply themselves in everything that they do because just showing determination goes a long way.

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? Adults think that my generation is sometimes disrespectful but in reality we are just voicing our opinions.

What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? I stopped waiting to feel like it and just did what needed to be done anyways.



INDIA SINKFIELD SALUTATORIAN

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? High school taught me how to handle pressure and stay strong during hard times. It showed me how to keep going even when things don't go my way.

that. It's about growth and becoming a better version of myself.

freshman that no one told you? I would tell them that your GPA starts your freshman year, so everything you do counts from day one. Take everything seriously from the start, even if it seems small. Also, take advantage of opportunities early. Don't wait until senior year to wish you had done more.

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? A lot of adults think our generation is lazy or doesn't care, but that's not true. We deal with a lot of pressure and we're still trying to figure things out. We care, we just do things differently and see the world differently.

What's one thing you'd tell an incoming

Where to host graduation parties

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

Graduation season has arrived, and with it plenty of families will be celebrating that special someone who has spent years working toward a diploma or a degree. Graduation parties commemorate student's hard work, and there are plenty of places where graduation parties can be held to set these special occasions apart.

- Hotel with a private event space: Hotels are great venues for larger parties because they often have all the elements needed (i.e., catering, staff, overnight stays, and audio-visual hookups) in one package. Check out hotels in the area and see if their event or meeting space can be a good option for a graduation bash.

- Activity spaces: Many graduates prefer something less formal than a party with too much pomp and circumstance. An activity-based venue like a boutique bowling alley or an arcade and entertainment complex can enable guests to move around, mingle and play while they celebrate the newly minted grad.

- Outdoor park or community area: Towns may have outdoor spaces that can be rented out or even reserved for free. Covered pavilions or picnic areas at a park are budget-friendly spaces to toast the graduate outdoors.

- Community centers or halls: Venues like party rooms at firehouses or VFW centers offer rental spaces for reasonable fees and the convenience of not having a mess at home. Planners bring their own food, entertainment and decorations, allowing greater control over the theme.

- Home or backyard location: Graduation parties can be held right at home, enabling a looser time frame and drop-in flexibility. If you have the space, you can rent a tent with flooring and turn the space into a top-notch venue without the constraints of a hall or party room. Home parties can be as simple or as lavish as you desire.

Graduation parties abound come mid-spring, and there are plenty of hot spots to host friends and family.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

GA3190004 MCINTYRE

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name: Willie Howell
Phone: 478-946-2037

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

MCINTYRE is Ground Water

Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Source Water Information

SWA - Source Water Assessment	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL #1	GW	Active	New Street
WELL #2	GW	Active	New Street

2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/15/2023	1.3	1.3	0.17	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/15/2023	0	15	3	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:
The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na: not applicable.

mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 1,000,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,500 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	1	1 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	11/13/2024	2.64	2.64 - 2.64	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	11/13/2024	3.09	3.09 - 3.09	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

2025 CCR Supplemental Lead and Copper CCR Information
For The City of McIntyre- Water System ID # GA3190004

Required Lead Language: Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of McIntyre is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Willie Howell by email at mcin@windstream.net or by calling city hall at (478) 946-2037. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead and Copper Range Data

Analyte	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	Range		Units	Violation
				Low	High		
Lead	9/15/23	0	15	0	8.1	ppb	No
Copper	9/15/23	1.3	1.3	0.016	0.19	ppm	No

The Service Line Inventory (SLI) is a requirement under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) to help water systems identify and replace lead service lines. It mandates that all public water systems develop and maintain an inventory of service line materials to assess the presence of lead and protect public health. The inventory will support proactive lead reduction efforts and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements to minimize lead exposure in drinking water. To access the SLI for City of McIntyre and all individual Lead Tap Sample results please contact Water Superintendent Willie Howell by email at mcin@windstream.net or by calling city hall at (478) 946-2037.

Twiggs Academy

What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? Stop waiting to feel motivated to do things/ Doing small things on days I didn't feel like it instead of doing everything in one day.

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? People are dealing with more than they show so be patient. Pick my battles, and not take everything personally.

What does success look like to you - and has that changed? I used to think success was being perfect all of the time. Now I think success is always doing things at the best of your ability.

What's one thing you'd tell an incoming freshman that no one told you? Don't build your identity around things people want/expect you to do. Try new things and find what you love.

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? A lot of adults think we are overly sensitive, but most of us are just more open about things they were taught to ignore. It's not weakness, it's being honest about what actually affects us.



**MEGAN FAVORS
VALEDICTORIAN**

What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? Even if I wasn't sure I would succeed I still made sure to try.

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? How different people can be.

What does success look like to you - and has that changed? Success to me has always looked as being stable and confident about where you're at in life.

What's one thing you'd tell an incoming freshman that no one told you? Do not be discouraged if you don't understand something because you will always have someone to help even if it's your teacher.

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? I feel we are thought of as lazy and unmotivated, which are at some moments, but I feel the main cause of that is because of all this new technology and other things shaping us in that way and needed to be guided back into being a bit more independent.



**MADISON LAVENDER
SALUTATORIAN**

Twiggs County High School

What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? The mindset that's made the biggest difference in my success is the thought process of keeping to myself because by focusing on my issues and my issues alone, I can keep a clearer mind and properly assess my situation.

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? High school has taught me that sometimes in life you'll run into problems that you can't really solve or run away from-all you can do is not let it consume you and keep your pace in spite of the odds.

What does success look like to you - and has that changed? Success to me originally looked like endless accolades and glitz and glamour, a nonstop show of flashy talent. Now...I think true success looks like contentment found with your efforts, regardless of your accomplishments in anyone else's eyes.



**ZYQUADRE COLEY
VALEDICTORIAN**

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? Something adults consistently get wrong about my generation is that we're unserious. Yes, we joke around a lot and sometimes make too much comedy out of tragedy; but maybe that's a good thing. We grew up in a world where we actively got to see ping-pong between progression and regression, the bright future we were promised constantly stifled by those of the past refusing to let go. When all you see everyday is darkness, it can be hard to see the light... Actually, it can be harder to even imagine a spark... but that's why we joke-poke fun, and jape. A subtle way to keep that spark alive, the same burning passion of generations past, the same raging fire that propelled humanity forward for so many years. A simple reminder that there's always another way out of the tunnel, and we can find it just like our ancestors who suffered far worse than us did... All we need, just like them... is a spark.

What's one thing you'd tell an incoming freshman that no one told you? One thing I'd tell an incoming freshman that I wasn't told would be, "Everyone is different. Nobody is watching you, waiting for you to mess up. You're not behind, just you. You're not childish, you're still learning. And if anyone says otherwise, or even if that's not completely true at the moment... Forget them, don't stress yourself... That's them... But only you can be YOU."

What habit or mindset made the biggest difference in your success? The mindset that made the biggest difference in my success is that my future is in my hands. I've learned that everything isn't going to be perfect, but as my mom says, "There is no point in crying over spilled milk." Don't let your mistakes, failures or setbacks define you. You can't change your past, but you can shape your future. It's all about your comeback.

What did high school teach you that had nothing to do with class? Outside of the classroom, high school has taught me the importance of pouring into myself and having faith. I'm still learning it's okay to say "no" and set boundaries. During high school you may lose friends and you may even lose yourself, but



**A'LAYSIA HEIGHT
SALUTATORIAN**

best version of myself emotionally, physically, and academically.

What's one thing you'd tell an incoming freshman that no one told you? One thing I'd tell an incoming freshman that no one told me is that high school is all about your mindset. You're going to be tested. Through those trials and tribulations stay humble, loyal to yourself, and focused.

you have to enjoy your own company. Not everything that surrounds you is meant for you and your peace matters.

What does success look like to you - and has that changed? Success used to look like high grades and achievements. While these things are still very important to me, my definition has grown. Success to me now is becoming the

What do adults consistently get wrong about your generation? Adults often assume our generation has things easier, just because things looked differently when they were growing up. Our generation may not have experienced what they have, but we have challenges that they did not. Success isn't handed to us even if it may seem like it from the outside.

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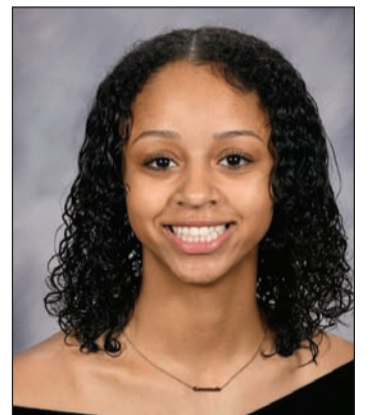
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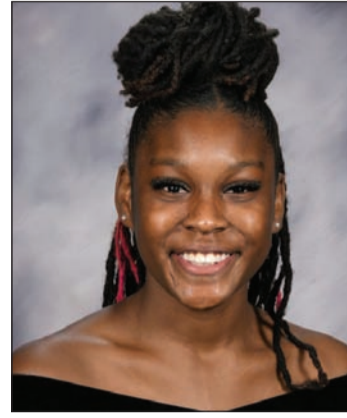
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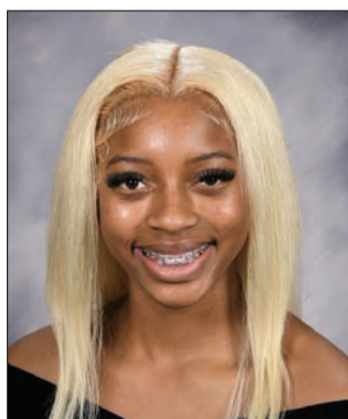
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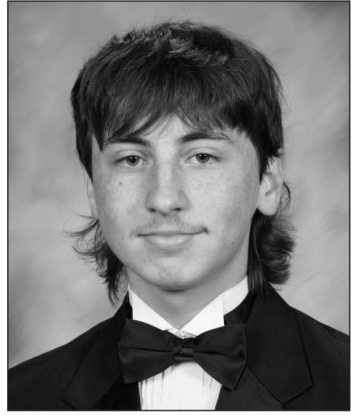
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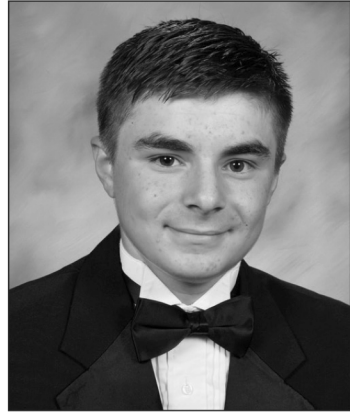
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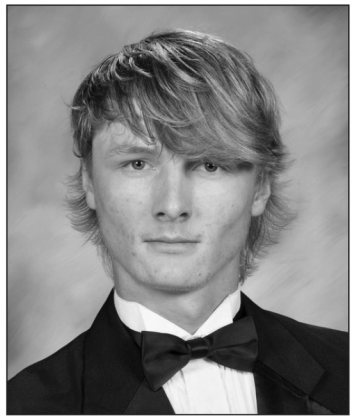
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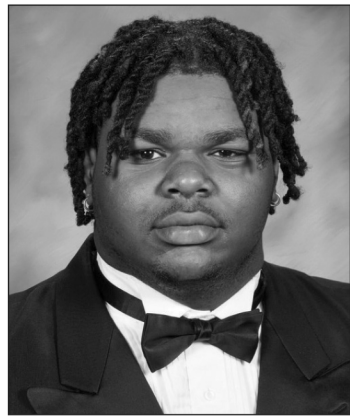
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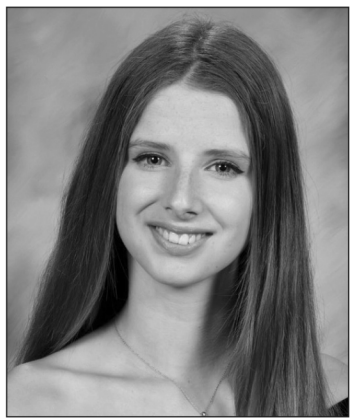
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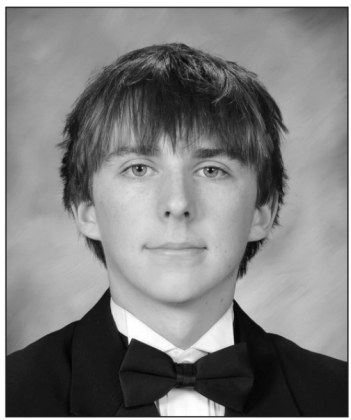
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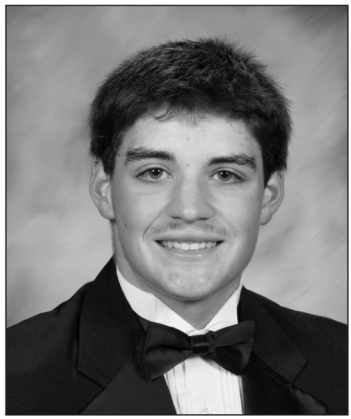
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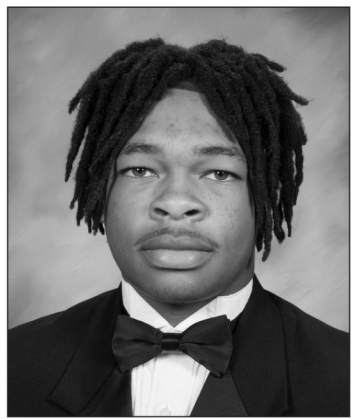
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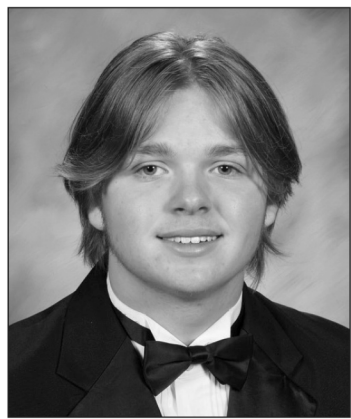
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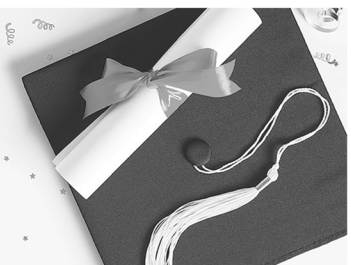
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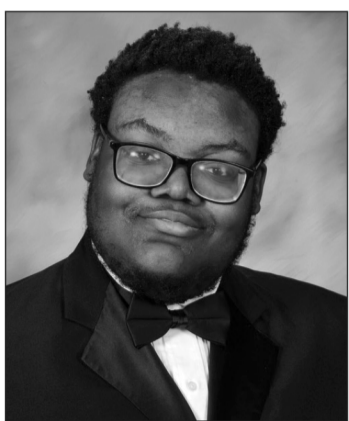
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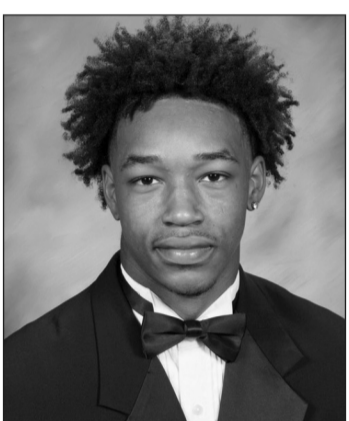
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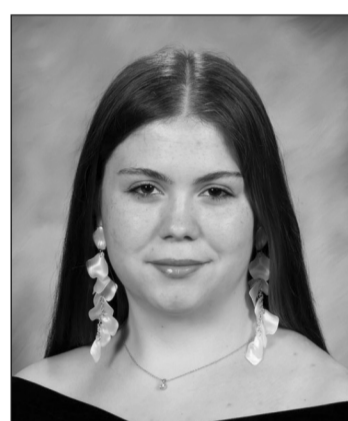
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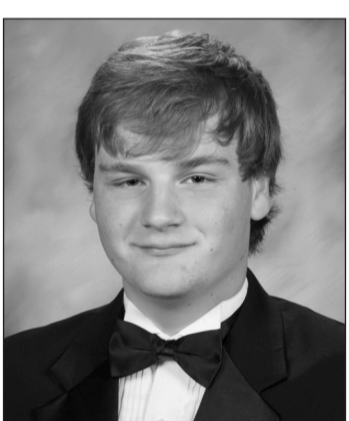
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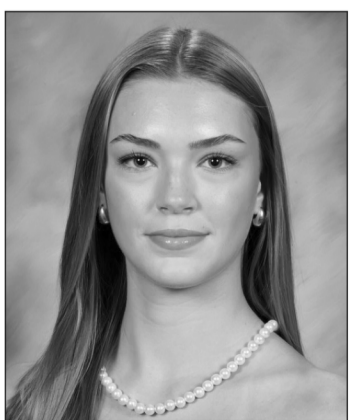
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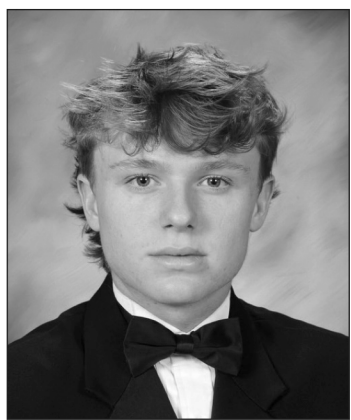
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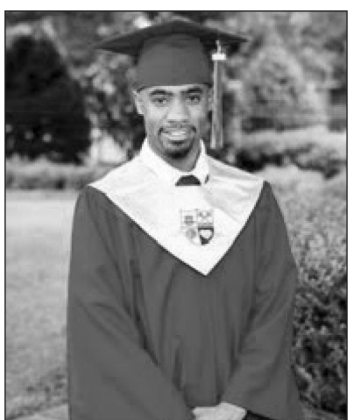
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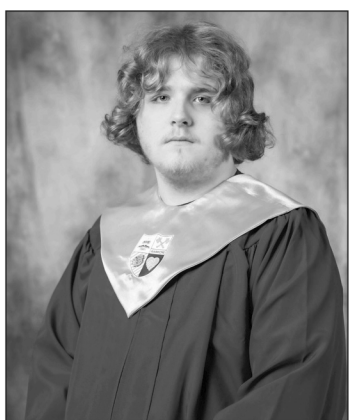
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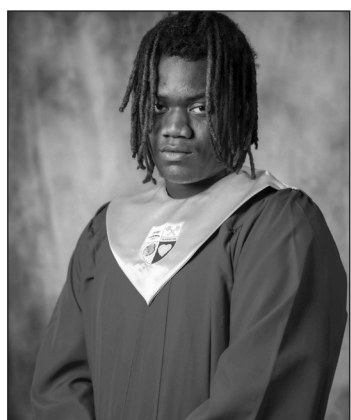
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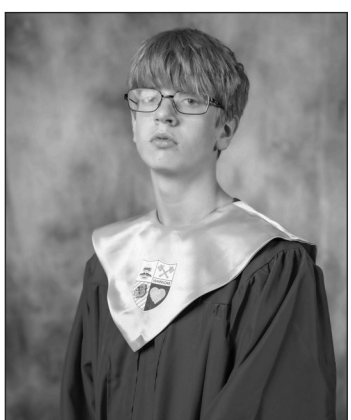
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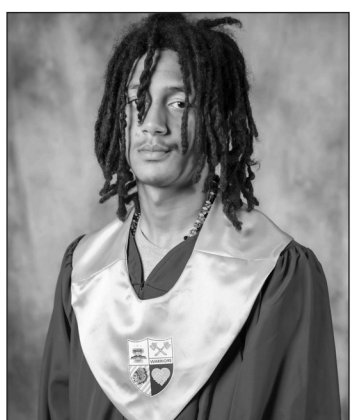
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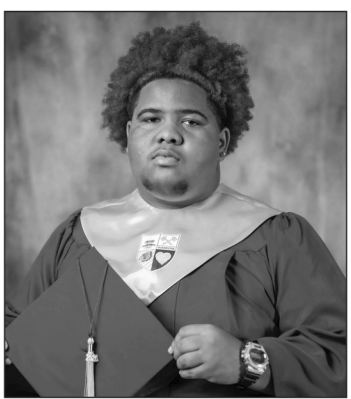
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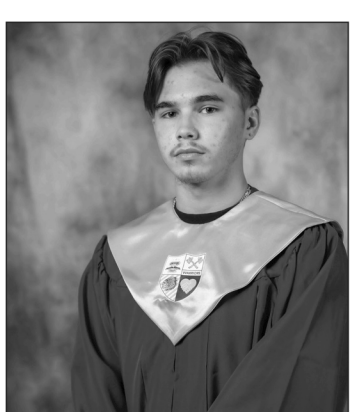
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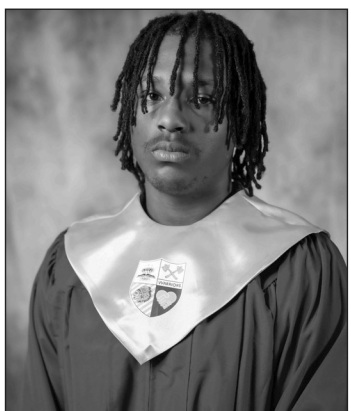
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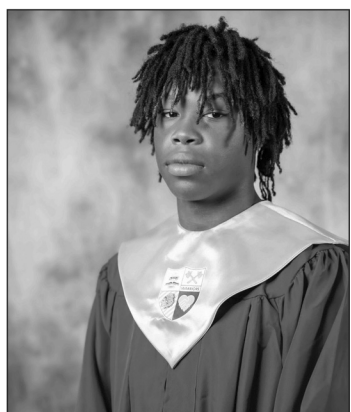
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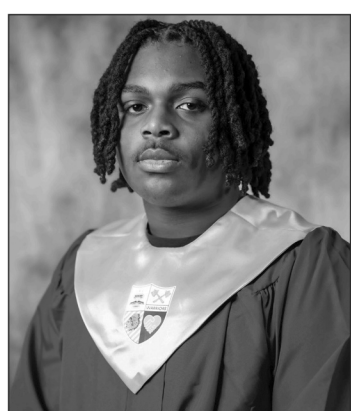
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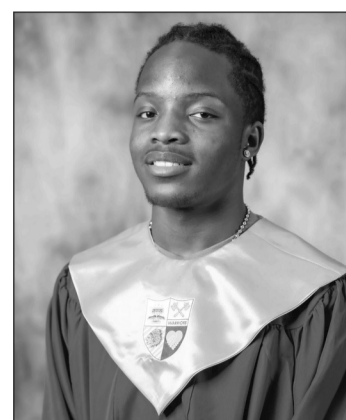
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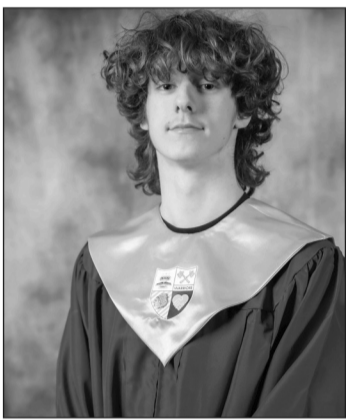
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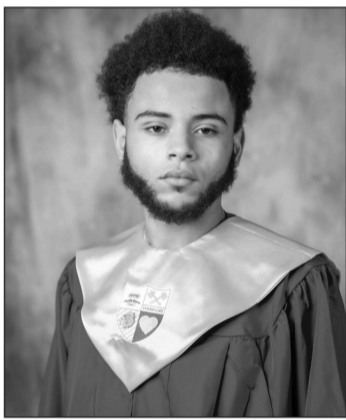
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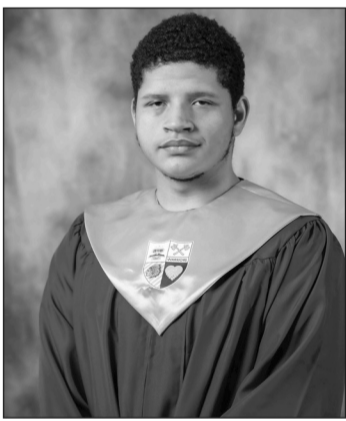
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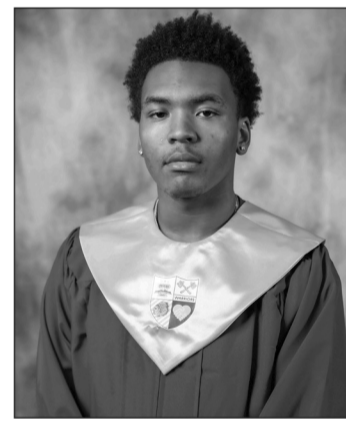
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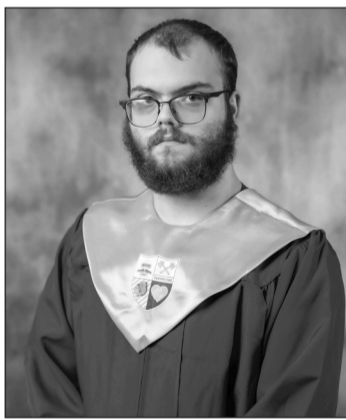
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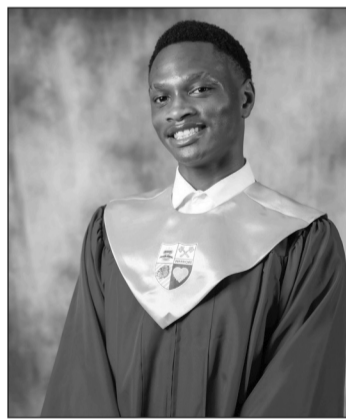
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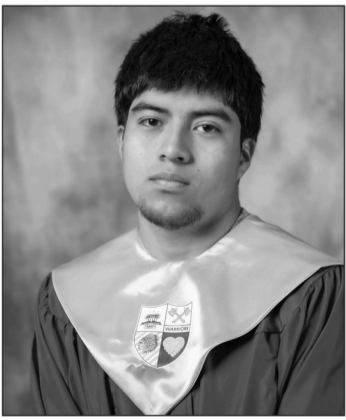
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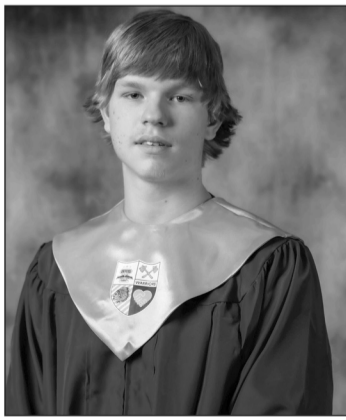
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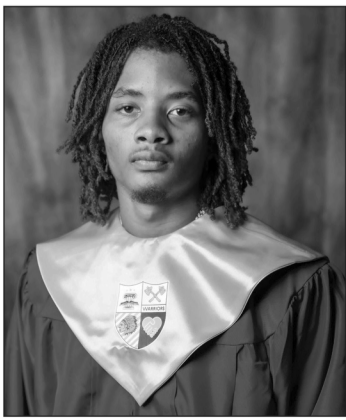
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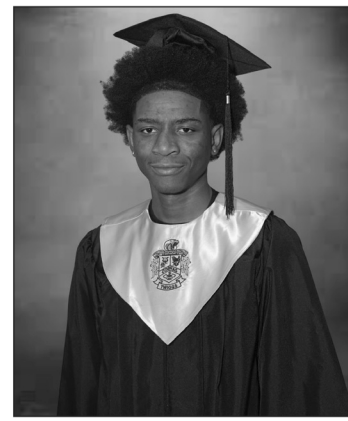
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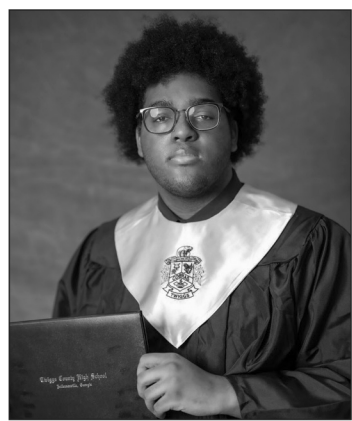
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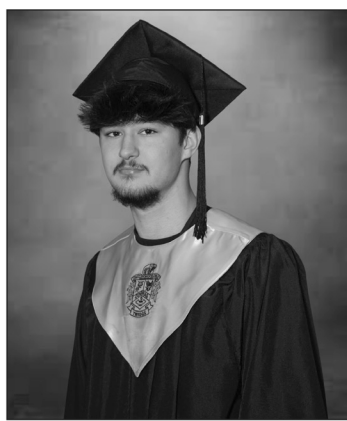
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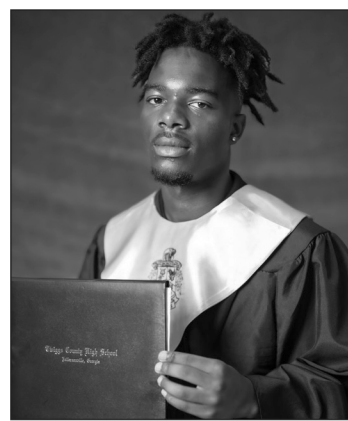
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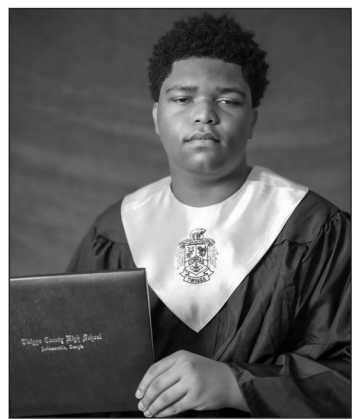
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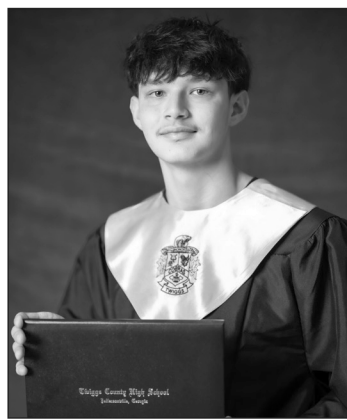
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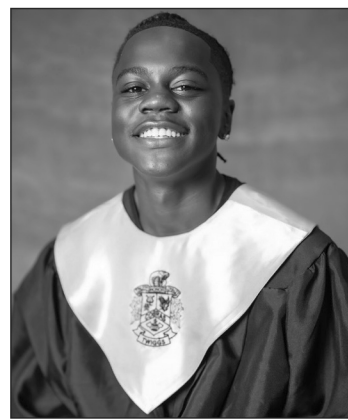
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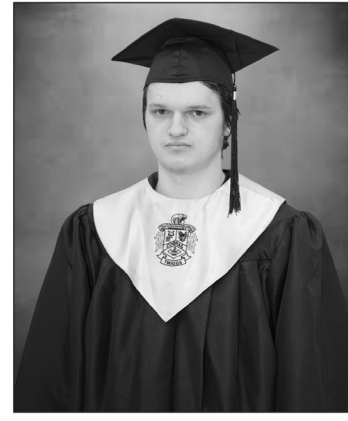
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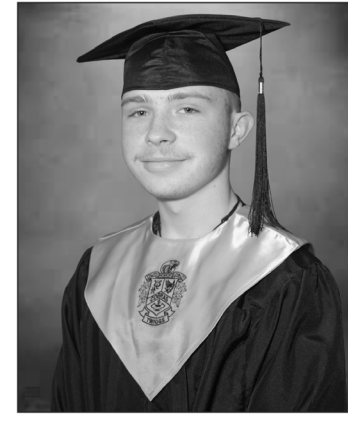
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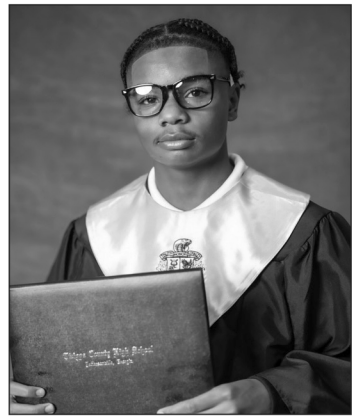
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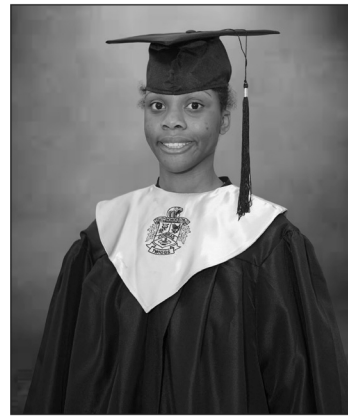
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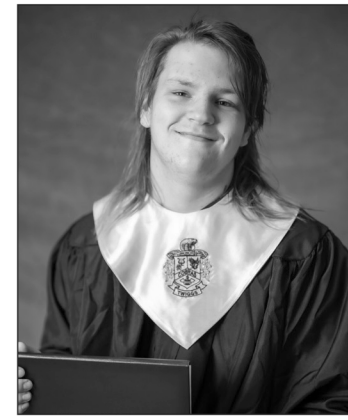
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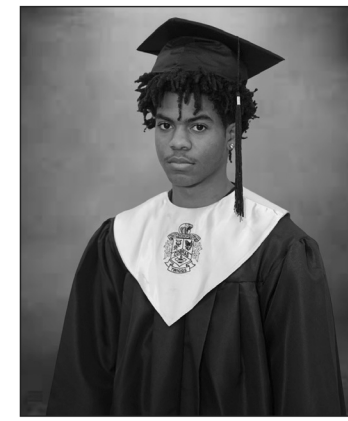
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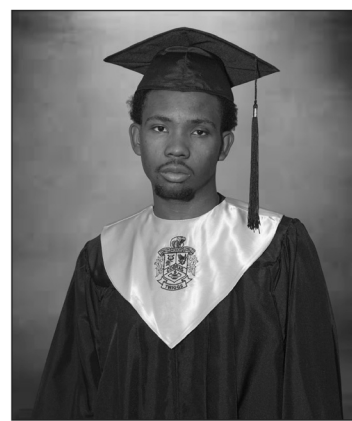
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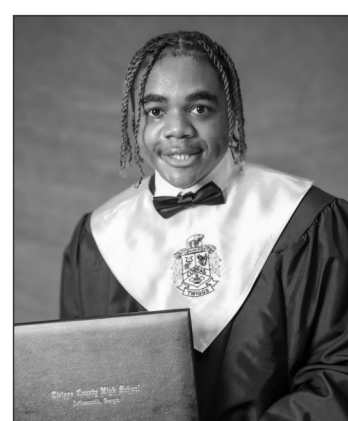
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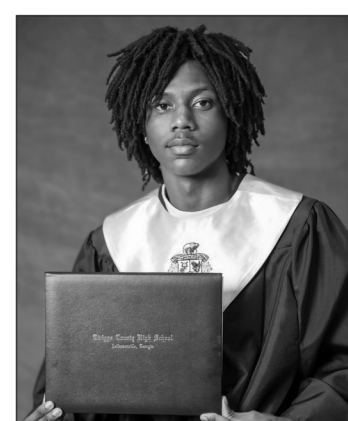
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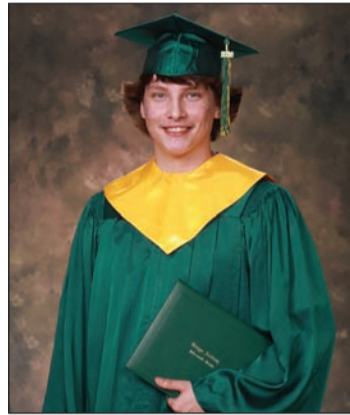
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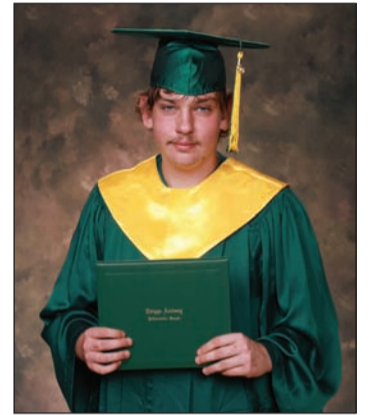
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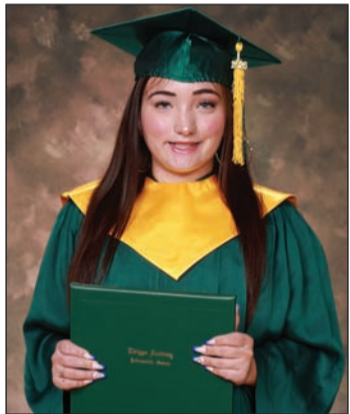
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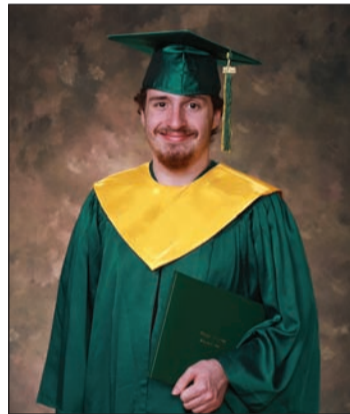
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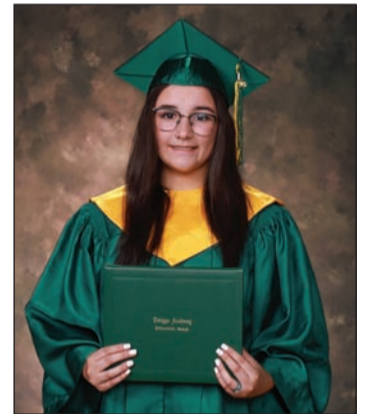
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