

## Two drivers hospitalized after semi truck collision in Wilkinson Co.

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY  
Staff Reporter

Two semi trucks collided in Wilkinson County, leading to one being airlifted to a nearby hospital and another transported by EMS.

According to a crash report by the Georgia State Patrol, Michael Nichols of Greyson, Kentucky was traveling north along Ga. 243 in his tractor-trailer when another semi truck failed to yield at an

intersection, causing Nichols to crash into it.

As a result, both of the trucks continued 25 feet through the intersection where one of the trucks collided with another car.

Nichols, 57, told police he saw the driver of the other truck, Gresner Platon, of Riverdale, stop at a stop sign before continuing through the intersection. Nichols said he believed Platon would stop before entering his lane, but

by the time he realized he wasn't stopping, it was too late to avoid a collision. Nichols said he tried to brake, but he crashed directly into the side of Platon's truck, pushing it across the intersection and into a Mercedes Benz traveling in the opposite direction.

Platon, 42, said he checked both northbound and southbound lanes at the stop sign before he proceeded through the intersection. Platon was traveling along

Ga. 18 when he braked at the stop sign connecting Routes 243 and 18. Once he thought it was clear, he continued straight along Route 18 when Nichols's truck hit him.

According to the report, both a witness and dash cam footage from one of the vehicles corroborated the men's story.

Nichols was airlifted to Navicent Health in Macon. Tina Asbell, of McIntyre, the driver of the Mercedes was also transported to

Navicent by EMS to receive treatment for her injuries.

Platon was eventually ruled at fault for the collision for failing to yield to Nichols at the intersection. According to the report, he was cited for failure to yield the right of way and for not wearing a seatbelt.

Other than the three vehicles involved, a stop sign was also damaged in the crash.

## Twiggs commissioners approve proposal to fund junior firefighter program at meeting

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY  
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The Twiggs County Board of Commissioners has agreed to fund a junior firefighting program that would allow ten children to participate for free. In the same discussion, County Attorney Kerry Howell volunteered to pay for another children's program, the cub scouts.

Twiggs County Commissioners met last Thursday for a regular scheduled meeting where they discussed a number of topics involving children's programs, county roads and facilities.

During the meeting, Berkima Williams, who serves as District Executive for the Ocmulgee District for the Boy Scouts of America, approached the board with a proposition to fund two children's programs happening within the county, one involving the Twiggs County fire department and the other involving the cub scouts. The total for both organizations, she said, is \$1,160.

According to Williams, the total price of the junior firefighter program would be \$800, should they agree to fund it. She broke down the cost for the board, sharing that, in theory the board could approve to pay \$300 for the program, including a \$100 charter fee and a \$50 fee per adult for four adults, but that that scenario would leave each child who wants to join the program to pay their own entry. The \$800 proposal, on the other hand, could make the program more accessible.

"We want to make it feasible for families," said Williams. "Most counties we're working with with the fire programs... pay for their explorers because \$50 can be a lot for the families, and we want to kind of take that barrier away."

The \$800 proposal would pay for not only the charter fee and four adults, but would also pay the entry fee for ten children, dubbed "explorers," so that kids who want to join the program, can, even if their home budgets are limited.

She described a similar scenario with the cub scouts program.

According to Williams, normal registration fees for all members including scouts, cub masters and all other adult leaders are typically \$85 per person. Because Twiggs County is a rural community, though, she

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### SNAPSHOTS: TWIGGS COUNTY COUNTRY FESTIVAL RETURNS

Twiggs County Country Festival returned Saturday, June 6. Due to a large number of vendors signing up for the event, the festival was relocated from Sgoda Road to Riggins Mill Road/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY



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## Hurricane season has arrived Here are some things you should know to prepare for storms

By LOGAN REYNOLDS  
Staff Reporter

The hurricane season for 2026 began on June 1, marking the start of a six month period where residents and emergency responders will be watching for storms.

Following the thunderstorm season from April to June, hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 31. Local emergency responders often review weather data beforehand in order to stay aware of any and all incoming storms.

"Every storm is a little

different," said Treutlen County EMA Director Justin McNure. "I don't think there's any two storms that are the same. So, basically, what that means for us is we're on our P's and Q's."

The Treutlen County EMA checks the websites of organizations such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Mike's Weather Page for information on upcoming storms, as they forecast weather events "long before The Weather Channel."

According to the NOAA, the 2026 hurricane season is

projected with a 55 percent chance to be a below normal season in terms of storm activity due to warmer Atlantic temperatures and the development of the El Niño weather pattern. Chances of a near normal and above normal season are 35 percent and 10 percent respectively.

The NOAA has also claimed a "70 percent confidence" in the predicted ranges.

"Although El Niño's impact in the Atlantic Basin can often suppress hurricane development, there is still uncertainty in how each

season will unfold," said NOAA National Weather Service Director Ken Graham in a May 21 article by the administration. "That is why it's essential to review your hurricane preparedness plan now. It only takes one storm to make for a very bad season."

The season is expected to generate eight to 14 named tropical storms, with three to six of those storms expected to develop further into hurricanes. Of those hurricanes, one to three are expected to become major hurricanes, meaning they will become category three,

four or five hurricanes.

"That's always good to hear, but as you know, it only takes one storm like Helene to really be detrimental for your community," said McNure. "So, even though they're estimating us to be below normal, it doesn't mean we're taking that lightly."

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, the Treutlen County EMA has adopted an altered strategy for resource deployment in the event of a storm. Rather than con-

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# COUCH THEATER



Javier Bardem, left, and Amy Adams star in "Cape Fear"/Photo courtesy of Netflix

By **DEMI TAVERAS**  
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### Michael (PG-13)

Antoine Fuqua, director of "Training Day" and "The Equalizer" films, undertook the assignment of a lifetime by signing on to direct this biographical film about the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Jaafar Jackson portrays his legendary celebrity uncle, with this being his very first acting role! The film picks up with the start of the Jackson 5 at Motown, trickling into the years where Michael emerged as a prominent solo artist with albums like "Off the Wall" and "Thriller." Surprisingly, the film culminates in 1988, decades before Michael passed away, as he embarks on the Bad World Tour. Obviously, due to its abrupt ending and viewers' responses, a second movie was confirmed by Lionsgate Films in May. While the performances of the cast can be praised, specifically Jaafar and Colman Domingo ("Euphoria") as Joe Jackson, this "biopic" leans more toward a jukebox musical due to its omission of Michael's sexual assault allegations and the nuances that made him the controversial yet iconic figure he is today. Available to rent on June 9. (Fandango at Home)

### Cape Fear (TV-MA)

This hair-raising psychological thriller series stars a trio of incredible actors -- Javier Bardem ("F1"), Amy Adams ("Nightbitch"), and Patrick Wilson ("The Conjuring: Last Rites"). Produced by powerhouse directors Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg, "Cape Fear" is based on the novel "The Executioners" by John D. MacDonald and has two film adaptations from 1962 and 1991 that precede it. Bardem plays Max Cady, an ex-convict who gets released from prison after serving a sentence for a crime that he didn't commit. When Anna (Adams) and Tom (Wilson), the attorneys who represented him in court, hear word that Max is walking free once again, they begin to fear for their lives and the lives of their children because Max seems dead set on getting his revenge! The first two episodes are out now to stream. (Apple TV+)

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## SNAPSHOTS: OFTC GRADUATES HONORED AT SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Speaker, Rev. James Middleton of Sandersville Methodist Church. OFTC President Erica Harden, who recently announced her retirement later this summer, delivers her final commencement address as president of OFTC. Graduates received degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit in a variety of high demand fields during the June 8 commencement and HSE ceremony/SPECIAL PHOTO



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# FARMERS FOR BURT JONES

Fellow Farmers,

We write today as state legislators. More importantly, we write to you as Georgia farmers who have had the unique experience of witnessing the intersection of governmental policy and the effects those policies can have on our family farms.

We each fight in Atlanta every day during the legislative session on behalf of the Agriculture community. In the environment under the Gold Dome, we learn pretty quickly who has the backs of our state's farm families and rural Georgia. **We can tell you unequivocally that Lt. Governor Burt Jones has been a steadfast friend to agriculture and rural Georgia. Even during times when it would've been easier, and perhaps even more politically prudent to go in a different direction, he has stood by and fought for the interests of the agriculture industry and farming families in both his former role as a State Senator and now as Lt. Governor.**

Combined, those who signed this letter represent families who have farmed for generations. Burt and his family have farmed on the same land in Butts County for six generations. We may be Senators and Representatives while the legislature is in session, but we are always full-time farmers.

**We each know, without a doubt in our hearts, that Burt Jones is the person we trust most to fight for our family farms and yours too. That is why we are supporting him in his campaign to be our next Governor and humbly ask you to join us in voting for Burt Jones on June 16th.**

May God bless your families, your farms, and our shared future. Your friends,

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**Senator Lee Anderson**  
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## Jim Minter

INMAN -- Jim Minter was a down-home country boy who loved bird dogs, a pinch of Red Man—original loose leaf—and a shot of Tullamore Dew, his favorite Irish whiskey. That, of course, is an abridged summary.

There was a heck of a lot more to him than that. Knowing him and spending countless hours with him and his extraordinary wife, Anne, was a highlight of my life.

We had a lot of things in common, from quail hunting to sipping Irish whiskey by a glowing fire, military history, Georgia football, the colorful characters we were fortunate to get to know over the years, and unrelenting passion for our native state.

When he and Anne bought a condominium at the King and Prince on St. Simons, their neighbors were former Governor Ernie Vandiver and his wife, Betty.

I couldn't wait for "happy hour" when the Minters invited us down to see them. There was a lot of country boy in Georgia's 73rd governor, too. With the former governor and Jim, there was classic storytelling and deep and abiding affection for fried shrimp and a nap when you were enveloped in an Atlantic breeze. The roar of the ocean in that setting made you realize just how small you really are.

Nobody loved good humor more than Jim, and he was a classic storyteller. My all-time favorite, which sur-

facted late one spring afternoon on the Vandivers' deck had to do with a well-to-do agribusiness man whose brother had spent most of his life in prison for murder. The elder brother went to see a certain colorful governor of the past and asked for a favor.

"Governor, my bother has spent a lot of years in prison. My mother is getting long in the tooth and feels like her son has paid his debt to society. She would like him to spend some time at home before she passes on.

"As you know, Governor, things have broken well for me, and if you could grant my bother a pardon, I will see to it that you will be well rewarded."

"Oh, you know, I couldn't do a thing like that," the Governor huffed.

Then he sprang to his feet, and said, "Come let me show you my mule." They walked outside and there stood a limp mule, which looked like he might collapse at any minute. "I'd like to sell you my mule," the Governor said. "How much do you want for him?" the man asked the Governor. The reply was, "\$500." The man was in shock and said, "Governor that mule looks like he might die before we finish this conversation. No offense, but that mule ain't worth \$5.00. What would I do with a mule like that?" The Governor grinned and said, "Well I thought your bother might want to ride him home from Reidsville."

It wasn't Lewis Grizzard or Jeff Foxworthy, but the cleverness was as pure storytelling as there is. More

## LORAN SMITH

like Jerry Clower, perhaps. Interestingly, Jim was a good listener and was not given to taking the floor.

After he retired as editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, he settled down on his farm where he lived out his life, but for a while, wrote a column for the Southside edition of the AJC.

A column he wrote about leaving a side door open to his house, allowing opportunity for some goats to wander in—and find their way to the master bedroom and settle onto Anne's sofa—may well have been the funniest column ever to appear in the AJC. Sorry Lewis, sorry Leo Aikman, sorry Ernest Rogers.

Jim was, perhaps, my favorite ink-stained wretch. And I have known more than a few, including Furman Bisher who was a brilliant wordsmith but a hot-tempered, petulant boss. Only Minter could keep Bish at bay. Jim realized that underneath that thundering bark, there was little bite.

Yet, he, like so many others to pass Bish's way, had such respect for his elite sports-writing talent that everybody forgave him of his sins. When Jim was the boss, he was tough, but he was a leader who rode shotgun with his reporters. They knew he always had their back.

I have had the good fortune to explore events, landscapes, and activities over the years, but I don't think anybody could top our visits with Hal Northrop when he

made Callaway Gardens the best venue for fun and recreation in our state—with the exceptions of the Augusta National and Sanford Stadium.

Hal was the consummate host and had the best quail operation in the state, mainly because of a guide named John Sale. John loved dogs. When he spoke, they listened. He buried his quail and coon dogs in his backyard. One epitaph read, "He loved us and we loved him. Someday we will meet again."

Minter was overwhelmed with those who were salts of the earth, like John Sale.

We began our retreats at Callaway by hunting with John who would vote for capital punishment for anybody who put a shock collar on a bird dog. You just don't treat a dog that way, John would say.

It also became a ritual to hunt quail every January with our friend, Don Shepard, in Sylvania, driving up from St. Simons on a chilly January day. The hunts were always good, and lunch prepared by Don's wife, Candy, made our day: coleslaw, barbecue, cornbread, a vegetable or two, and the best dessert.

Driving a tractor often headlined Jim's outdoor activity. He loved the purring of the motor of his 165 Massey-Ferguson and his John Deere M. He loved the scenery around him. Tall pines, gall berry bushes, undergrowth, and grain fields.

As an editor, Minter was tough when he needed to be, but he loved the outdoor and

hunting stories by Charlie Elliott and seeing a farming scene unfold before his eyes. It made the high-pressure atmosphere of the newsroom easier to manage.

In the days of cold type production, Jim was in his element sitting at the rim, the inverted "U," with the rest of the staff as they edited everything for the linotype operators, wrote headlines, and communicated with an underscoring of cynical banter.

Minter was cut out for that exercise. He was a fine writer who had a seasoned view of everything. In his years as executive sports editor of the Journal, he took great pleasure in scooping the Constitution, the morning paper, although ownership of the two daily papers was one and the same.

At his graveside service—which he had insisted on—the weather broke clean and clear last Saturday morning. A large crowd gathered as purple martins flitted overhead. Everyday people, a few with neckties just the way Jim would have preferred. The minister put everybody on notice that the service was to be brief, repeating himself a couple of times, "I have my instructions." Everybody knew who had dictated that brevity was to be underscored.

The minister then shared a story that was of the essence of James G. Minter. He told of the time when his wife gave birth to their first child. Jim showed up with a hardware store bag, and as he handed off the bag, said, "You probably don't have time to get to the hardware

store these days." Later, when the minister opened the bag there was a bottle of champagne inside.

The church where a reception took place following the final rites was a little more than a stone's throw from the Ackert depot where he spent many happy hours. The sentimentalist in him saved the old depot from destruction and was a favorite respite where he could reflect on the past.

Count me as being one fortunate to be in the select company who has enjoyed a sip of Irish whiskey with one of the great sportswriters in this state. He also was the best of editors and one of the most passionate of outdoorsmen who could spar with an arrogant football coach and a haughty politician when they got too big for their britches.

He loved the newspaper business and he loved the farm. He dressed like many who came to bid farewell to him. He was a man who rose to great heights in his professional pursuit, but he was also their neighbor, who would get your ox out of the ditch.

His picture, which graced the obituary handout, was quintessential Jim Minter. He was sitting on his tractor with a warm and welcoming smile, a very contented man.

We don't know what awaits us when our time has passed. However, I would hope that Jim and John Sale are up beyond the clouds in the company of a bird dog by a warm fire, reading the print edition of the AJC.

## Harper: State of Georgia's voting machine controversy isn't one at all

Next Wednesday, members of Georgia's General Assembly will gather again in Atlanta for a called special session. Special sessions are limited in scope to what the Governor includes in the official call plus potentially a few items allowed under the state's constitution, such as considering veto overrides.

Governor Kemp has set an agenda of three items. New maps for 2028 may be considered, the extension of the recent gas tax suspension needs to be ratified, and there remains a pesky issue about voting with machines that count via QR code.

A law passed in 2024 mandated the transition from the current voting machines by July 1st, 2026. That's...in a few weeks. This is a problem, as the legislature didn't fund the purchase of new machines nor specify an actual remedy to this self-inflicted problem in this regular session of the General Assembly.

This new sense of urgen-

cy is somewhat of a surprise to many, including a lot of us who spend our time in and around Georgia's political spheres. It's on one hand surprising and yet totally not surprising that we've ended up where we are. Let's break that down.

A noisy and energetic wing of the Republican party is still fixated on litigating the 2020 election while too often ignoring the next one. Conspiracy theories need a boogey man, and many of the folks who have hated electronic voting machines since they were implemented in 2002 – the year Republicans actually won the Governor's mansion - have met the moment.

They will point to problems within certain counties who seem to pride themselves on their incompetence in running elections and/or counting ballots as evidence. "Have you SEEN the video tape of them wheeling in suitcases of ballots in Fulton County?!"

They'll show you what is currently going on in California where the rules barely exist and audit trails are forbidden. Then they will look at you with the most serious solemnity and declare that the solution is Georgia reverting to paper ballots.

It's completely lost in these conversations that moving to a system of voting where ALL ballots would be in cases and have to be transported to central locations in each county to be counted. It's also lost on them that we currently have paper ballots for in person voting.

Our paper ballots are machine generated. This take the recount issue such as Florida's in the 2000 Presidential election off the table. It wasn't just about one county's "hanging chads". We literally had some of the highest paid lawyers in the country arguing over whether a circle had to be fully filled in, partially filled in, or marked over with an "X" or a line for a vote to

## CHARLIE HARPER

count. Instead, we now have standardized ballots demonstrating clear voter intent for each race.

You may want to take a second look at your paper ballot printout with this in mind when you vote over the next week. When you're done at the voting machine and get your printout, take a good look at it. Yes, it has a QR code for the machine counters to read it quickly. More importantly, it also has a printout of every vote you are casting.

These pieces of paper are then fed into a machine that counts the votes. What many don't appear to understand, however, is that these pieces of paper – paper ballots – are kept for an audit trail.

A portion of each race is verified after every election to ensure what is printed on a ballot matches the count from the machines. If necessary, however, a theoretic-

cal hand count of all ballots cast is possible, because of the computer generated paper ballots.

A reversion to hand marked paper ballots won't make this system more secure. Quite the contrary. It takes the digital record captured at each polling place out of the equation, and makes the integrity of the election solely reliant on the physical security of paper ballots.

Debates over accurate voting rolls, only citizens voting, or whatever California is doing are not part of this narrow debate. What legislators must consider is whether to spend money to discard a secure standardized computer generated paper ballot system in favor of less secure, hand marked voter cards with no potential to audit or back up.

No election is perfect. It's easy to find problems within any system.

Solutions need to address actual problems with reme-

dies that make the situation better, not worse. Ditching an secure, effective, and efficient voting system in favor of a weaker one doesn't solve any real nor perceived problems with Georgia's voting system.

Legislators have higher and better uses of their time. Georgians have more pressing needs for their tax dollars.

Laws are passed based on what citizens demand. It is up to community leaders and everyday voters to understand this process, as well as the drawbacks of certain kneejerk "solutions". Legislators need to hear from us, too.

Our voting process is high pressure and high stakes because government already has too much power over our lives. Let's take some of that pressure off the people doing their best to run fair and non-partisan elections, and quit scapegoating technology too many haven't taken the time to understand.

## Yarbrough: A reminder of the privilege and responsibility for these words

As if this job isn't hard enough already trying to get nouns and verbs to agree (nouns and verbs can be very disagreeable, trust me on that), I have learned that this column is a subject for regular dissection by a group of discerning ladies in Dalton, Uh. Oh.

Ann Viamonte wrote to tell me that an assemblage convenes weekly at the Oakwood Restaurant in town and includes a reading and discussion of my column. She even sent me a picture of the group gathered around the table and under a giant painting of Uga who, if you are from another planet or California (same difference), is THE Bulldog of the Georgia Bulldogs. To quote Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

The Oakwood is owned and operated by state Rep. Kasey Carpenter, the man responsible for getting cornbread designated as our state's Official State Bread by the Legislature. My hero.

Admittedly, they don't get around to my column,

Ms. Viamonte says, until they have discussed their children and grandchildren, their aches and pains, who is in or out of the hospital or, sadly, who is not around anymore. First things first. But at least I am in the mix.

Her note was nice, appreciated, humbling – yes, I can be humble, but I try not to make it a habit – but most importantly, it was a reminder of a privilege I have been given and the responsibility that goes with it.

I have been at the opinion business for 28 years now. I wrote a one-time column for one publication, shellacking the city of Atlanta, its inept government, a timid business community and a local media in over their heads regarding their respective roles in 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. The Games were great. That bunch was not and I said so in no uncertain terms.

Elliott Brack, a veteran newsman, thought that my column should be syndicated and another veteran newsman, Bill Shipp, agreed. That was some 3,000 columns

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ago. Ironically, Elliott Brack passed away last week, and without his involvement, we might not be having this conversation today. Thank you, Elliott. Rest in peace.

And a conversation is what this is. When I first began this effort, The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name gave me one order and one piece of advice. The order: Do not put her name in the column. She preferred a low profile. So, I didn't. But she didn't say anything about me calling her The Woman Who Shares My Name which I did. A lot. She should have been more specific.

The advice: Don't write about politics all the time. Write about things that readers would be interested in. I have tried my best to do that, but when you've got humor-impaired wingnuts on both ends of the political spectrum braying like a mule in heat, that's a temptation hard to resist.

But her advice was sound,

as always. A couple of weeks ago, I wrote a column about junk drawers. It generated a large amount of reader response. It seems that most every law-abiding citizen has a junk drawer and many of you shared with me the contents of yours. Several chided me for not mentioning that any self-respecting junk drawer also contains keys. Keys to who-knows-what. But who would dare throw away keys? That's just not done.

Nothing is more rewarding than having you say that something I wrote was worth clipping and sharing with others. Words have power. Words can inspire and words can hurt. Even in a case of self-righteous indignation, I try to exercise caution in how I express myself. The words are permanent and I don't want to regret having said what I said when I look back on the matter. Don't make it personal.

The best antidote is humor. The humor may be barbed, Will Rogers-style, which a lot of politicians don't find funny. Sometimes

it is self-deprecating. I take this job very seriously, but not myself. There are too

many people in this business that do.

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**DID YOU KNOW...?**

**Who was the producer's first choice to host the original "The Price is Right"?**

By JACK BAGLEY  
Georgia Trust For Local News

Five hundred columns down, and an infinity of columns yet to go! After last week's party for the 500th collection of silly trivia, you'd think I would be ready to give up, right? Heck no. I'm just getting started. In fact, I plan to be around until we hit 1,000 columns and then some!

So while you settle back and enjoy your favorite beverage appropriate for the time of day in which you read this, I'll be working on future columns to enlighten and entertain you. Enjoy!

*Did you know...*

... sharks have more to fear from humans than the other way around? Humans kill around 70,000,000 sharks annually. The killing is done for various reasons, some as silly as making shark-fin soup. But the reverse – sharks killing humans – is a very low-chance scenario. You are actually more likely to be hit by lightning or bitten by a dog than to be attacked by a shark. (Or even bitten by a dog being hit by lightning.)

... children learn to lie as early as six months old? No, they don't tell gollywopper fibs because they can't yet talk. But researchers tell us that kids that young can – and do – deceive their parents to get attention, by pretending to be upset or by laughing for no reason. (Heck, that works for me today!)

... who the first choice to host the original version of The Price is Right was? The original version of the game show premiered in 1956, and was hosted by Bill Cullen (1920-1990). Cullen got the job because the man who was originally offered the hosting slot by the producers, actor Dick Van Dyke (born 1925), turned it down. Van Dyke said he felt a show where contestants had to guess the prices of prizes would fail. Cullen went on to host the show through its entire run until 1965. The show was revived in 1972 with host Bob Barker (1923-2023) and has been on the air ever since. (Hey, even Dick Van Dyke can be wrong once in a while.)

... popcorn was the first dry breakfast cereal? Okay, bear with me a moment. The first manufactured dry breakfast cereal was Kellogg's Corn Flakes, after Will Kellogg (1860-1951) created them for his sanatorium in Battle Creek, Michigan. But the first-ever was popcorn and it was enjoyed by the Pilgrims on the morning after the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock. Someone (nobody is certain who) thought that having popcorn with milk on it for breakfast was a great idea, and apparently it was. (Thanks to David for the tip!)

... you may suffer from hellenologophobia? If you do, it means you have a fear of complex scientific terminology. Either that or Greek words or terms. (Or both.)

... snow is actually colorless? It's also translucent. So you ask, why does it appear white? Because sunlight is reflected off the snowflake's faceted surface, thus appearing white to us. (Can the song be changed to "I'm dreaming of a translucent Christmas:?)  
Now... you know!

**The important skill of using a broom**

There aren't too many days that go by that I don't have to clean up after my robot vacuum. What an age we live in.

That may sound ironic, but yes, the thing designed to keep my house clean is causing more problems than it solves. Several afternoons I enter my home to find things askew, items dragged across the floor and the machine stuck, having wedged itself in a corner or under a piece of furniture with a low clearance. Once I even found it wrapped up like a mummy in an entire roll of toilet paper. The poor thing looked like it panicked and spun around until its battery gave out.

So much for the robot revolution.

I haven't thrown it out yet, though, and resumed sweeping like a peasant. Call it an unhealthy attachment to inanimate objects, especially ones I've got my money tied up in.

Sweeping is a dying skill that more people need to pick up. My father always told me "when in doubt,



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By KYLE DOMINY

grab a broom," meaning when you're on the job, always stay productive. Even if your assigned tasks are finished, there's always something to be done and it's better to look busy than to be caught with your hands in your pockets, or worse, staring at your phone.

Somebody needs to tell that to my vacuum cleaner, instead of it taking naps under the couch.

Despite the failures of robotics and some folks fear of them, science marches on. The world record time

fall and redirect them when they make a wrong turn.

I used to enjoy a nice run. The last time I participated in an endurance event, though, my knees started to ache at mile 7, and by the 11th mile, I was second-guessing every decision I ever made and wondering why I hadn't picked up a nice sedentary hobby like crocheting.

I had signed up for a full marathon, but a torrential rain began to fall and the race was terminated at the halfway point. I wasn't upset and I still received a marathon finisher's medal.

If the running robot mechanics can fashion me a new set of knees, have your people call my people. In the meantime I'll stick to walking the dog and the occasional fun run.

I fail to see how a running robot solves any of the world's problems and why I should be impressed. But please let me know if they make one that knows how to use a broom.

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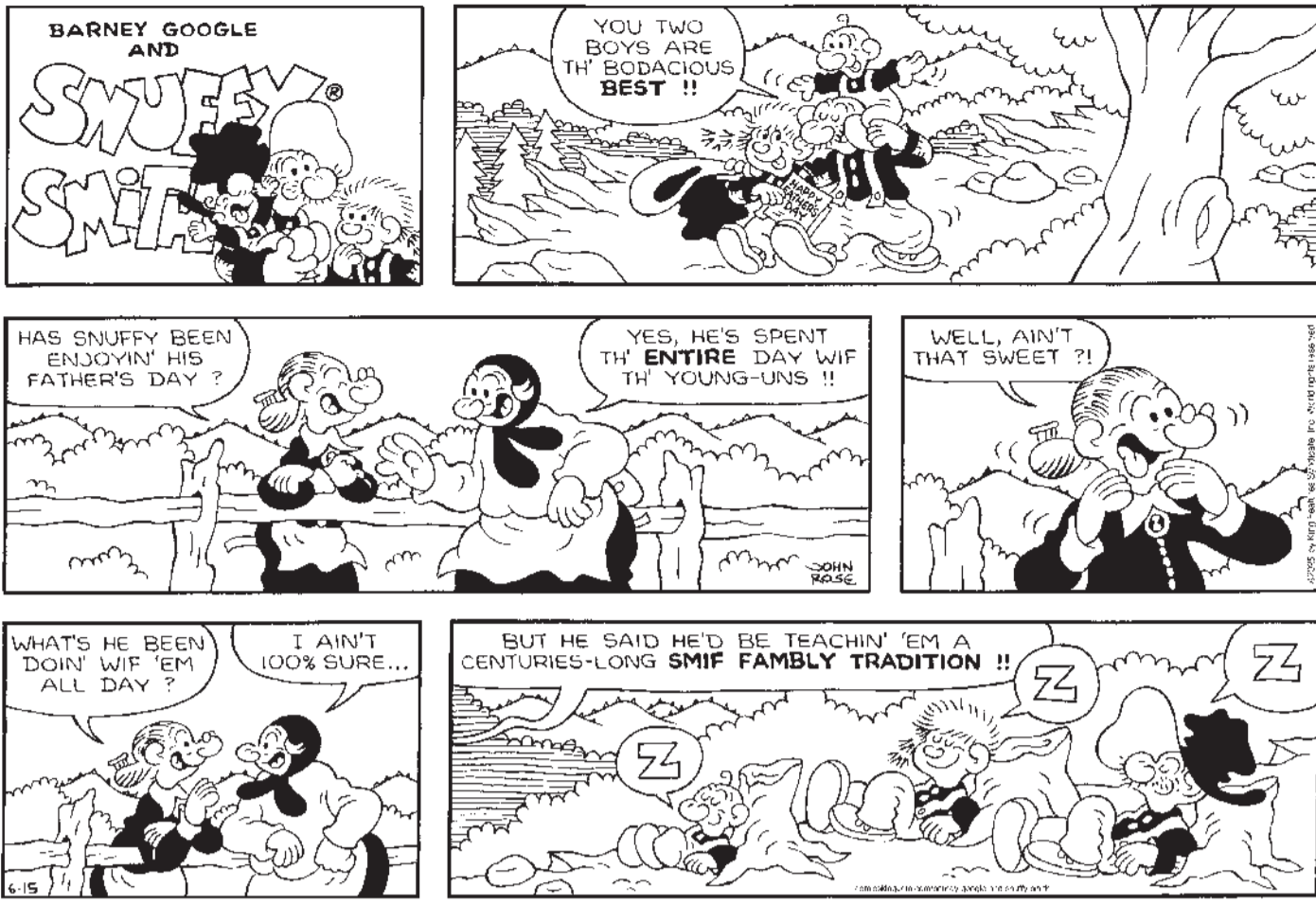
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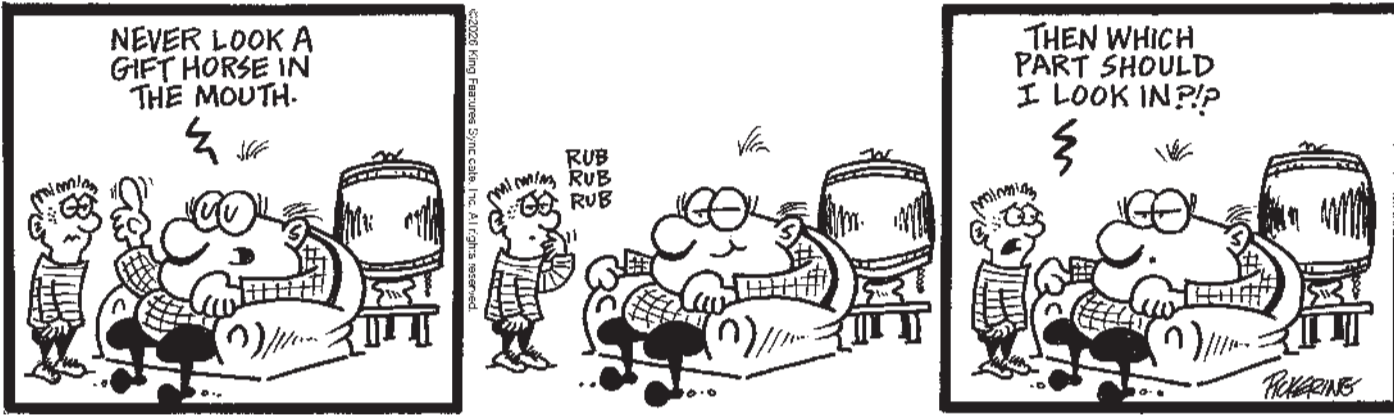
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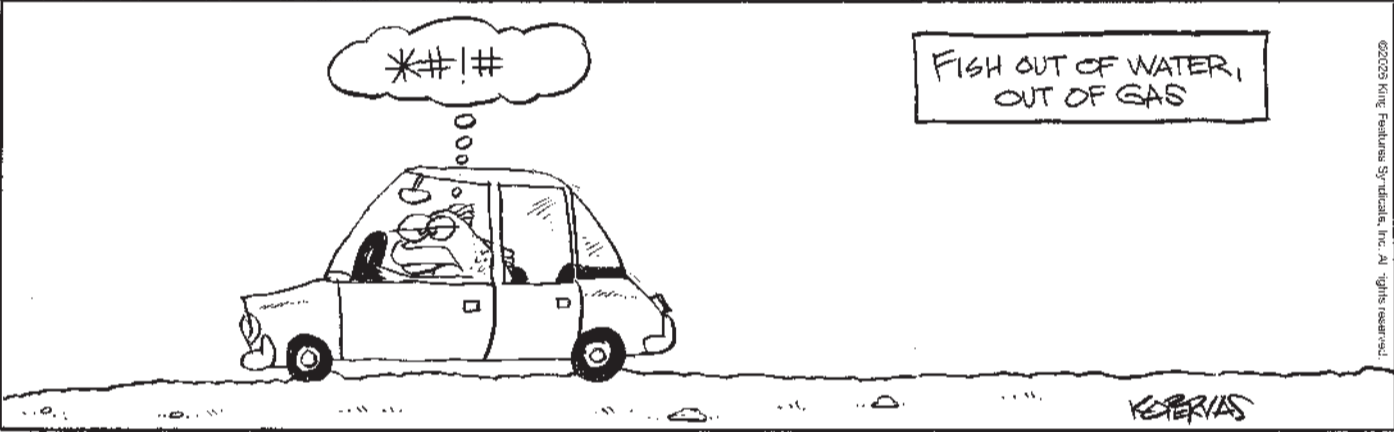
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by Jeff Pickering

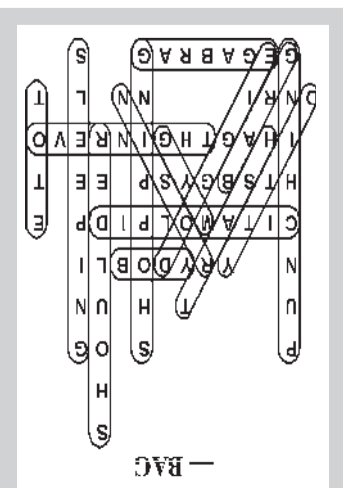


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



CROSSWORD ANSWERS



King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Center
- 4 Solo in space
- 7 Lawn mower brand
- 8 Spoils, with "on"
- 10 Wanderer
- 11 Beethoven's Third
- 13 Time management aids
- 16 Citric beverage
- 17 Got up
- 18 Mosquito barrier
- 19 "— chic!"
- 20 Feel sorry for
- 21 Mom's sister, informally
- 23 "Time in a Bottle" singer
- 25 Impudent
- 26 Owl call
- 27 Solid-rock insert
- 28 Spine-tingling
- 30 Lupino of film
- 33 Commuters' buys
- 36 Turned to mush
- 37 Lounges
- 38 Egypt's neighbor

**DOWN**

- 1 Bro
- 2 Russian river
- 3 Tattoos, e.g.
- 4 Circle dances
- 5 Expiate
- 6 Dresden denial
- 7 Frog's kin
- 8 Apollo's birth-place
- 9 Picturesque
- 10 Secret protect-ing doc.
- 12 Mountain crest
- 14 Quarry
- 15 Farm pen
- 19 Stick with a kick
- 20 Cauldron
- 21 Greek storyteller
- 22 Faraway orb
- 23 Business abbr.
- 24 Author's payment
- 25 Actress Dawber
- 26 "Papa" of classical music
- 28 Molts
- 29 Traction aid
- 30 Archipelago part
- 31 Editing mark
- 32 Ninny
- 34 Verifiable
- 35 Harboring a grudge

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

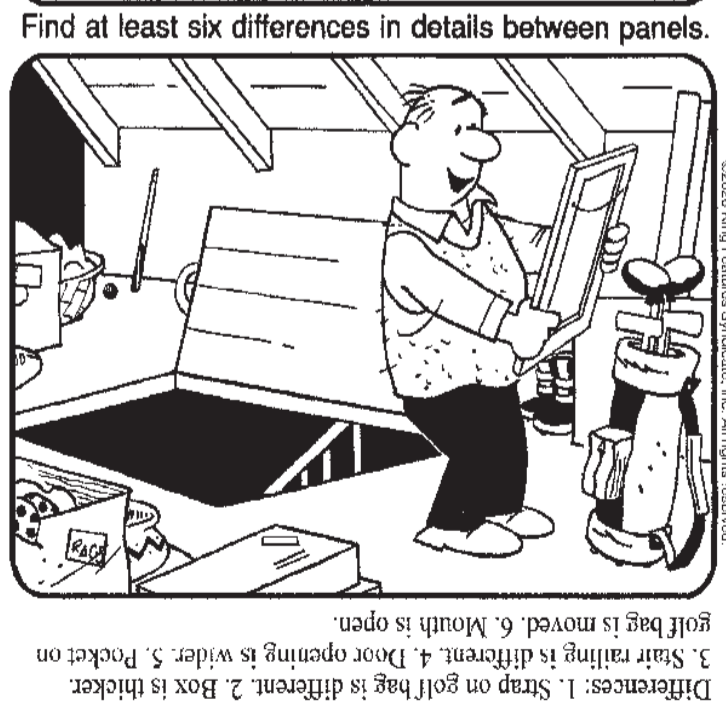
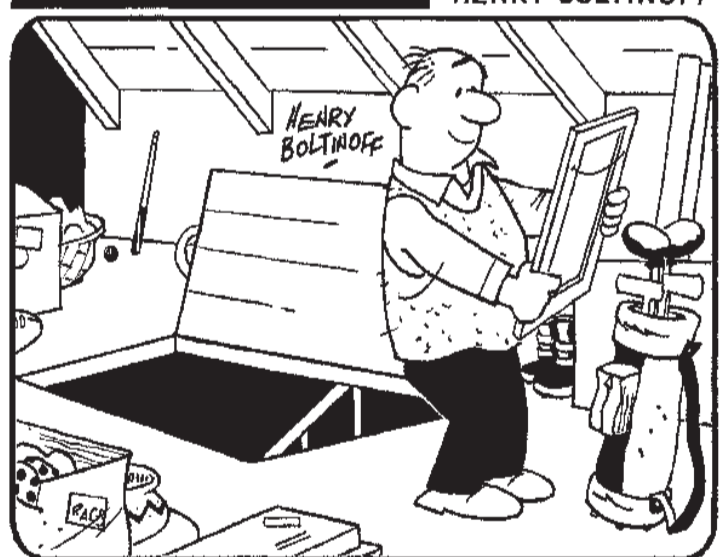
- Body
- Diplomatic
- Ditty
- Doggie
- Garbage
- Grab
- Gym
- Overnight
- Punching
- Rosin
- Shopping
- Shoulder
- Sleeping
- Tote
- Trash

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Differences: 1. Strap on golf bag is moved. 2. Mouth is open. 3. Stair railing is different. 4. Door opening is wider. 5. Pocket on

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# Georgia high court scraps vaccine-based pause on executions

By TY TAGAMI  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The Georgia Supreme Court has removed a pandemic-era barrier to executions, checking off a legal condition that must be met before ending the lives of certain inmates sentenced to death.

The decision overturned a lower court ruling that had put executions on hold over access to COVID-19 vaccines. But at least one legal obstacle remains before executions can resume in those cases.

In an order issued Tues-

day, the high court ruled for state Attorney General Chris Carr, who had appealed a 2022 decision in Fulton County Superior Court after the Federal Defender Program, Inc. secured a pause in the execution of death row inmate Virgil Delano Presnell, Jr.

The Fulton decision that was reversed on Tuesday involved access to COVID-19 vaccines. The Fulton judge had halted executions until vaccines became "readily available."

The opponents of executions argued that this

condition had not been met because COVID-19 vaccines were not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for children under six months old.

However, the high court's opinion, authored by Justice Carla Wong McMillian, said the lack of approval for babies was not relevant for convicts sentenced to death and that vaccines are now widely available.

"Given that the State produced undisputed evidence that the supply of the COVID-19 vaccine is adequate for all members of the

public to obtain the vaccine and that no legal impediment exists for all members of the public to be vaccinated, if deemed medically appropriate, the trial court

erred in concluding that the COVID-19 vaccine was not 'readily available' to all members of the public," the opinion said.

One obstacle to execu-

tions remains. A footnote in the opinion said a separate condition involving inmate visitation has not yet been litigated.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE EXISTING UTILITY ACCOMMODATION POLICY PROVIDED IN SECTION 550.203 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

Notice is hereby given that at the June 18, 2026 regularly scheduled Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Meeting, a proposed ordinance will be considered to repeal and replace the existing Utility Accommodation Policy currently found in Section 550.203 of the Official Code of Twiggs County, Georgia.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located on the first floor of the Twiggs County Courthouse located at 425 Railroad Street N, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044.

A copy of the proposed ordinance to be considered is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public. The Clerk of the County Commission shall furnish anyone, upon written request, a copy of the proposed ordinance.

### 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 Noah Thomas Road. The Work shall begin at the intersection of Bullard Road and Noah Thomas Road and shall continue approximately .4 miles along Noah Thomas Road until the end of Noah Thomas Road.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 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 18, 2026 at the 6:00 P.M. Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Twiggs County Court House.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Twiggs County is accepting proposals from qualified Contractors for resurfacing and related road work (the "Work") on Bullard Road. The Work shall begin at the point painted on Bullard Road as point "A-TCRD" and then the Work shall continue along Bullard Road for approximately 1.5 miles until the ending point painted as point "B-TCRD". Point "B-TCRD" is near the intersection of Glover Road and Bullard Road.

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Twiggs County is accepting proposals from qualified Contractors for resurfacing and related road work (the "Work") on Crescent Road. The Work shall begin at the intersection of Marion Ripley Road and Crescent Road and shall continue along Crescent Road for approximately .4 miles.

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### TWIGGS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ACTUAL FINANCIAL OPERATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	GENERAL FUNDS	ALL OTHER FUNDS
<b>REVENUES</b>		
State Funds	\$ 4,792,223	\$
Federal Funds	4,278,463	
Taxes	5,289,791	750,742
Other Funds	411,896	5,020
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 14,772,373</b>	<b>\$ 755,762</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Current		
Instruction	\$ 7,431,477	\$ 246,366
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,100,219	78,106
Improvement of Instructional Services	956,470	
Educational Media Services	184,716	
General Administration	861,851	
School Administration	987,347	17,689
Business Administration	497,382	119,144
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,580,580	1,067,802
Student Transportation Services	904,095	75,774
Central Support Services	158,245	
Other Support Services	34,161	
Food Services Operation	756,982	
Other Operations of Non-Instructional Services	53,276	
Capital Outlay		
Debt Service		414,641
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 15,486,781</b>	<b>\$ 2,037,322</b>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ (714,408)	\$ (1,281,560)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>		
Other Sources	\$ 70,000	\$ 3,429,512
Other Uses		(70,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ 70,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,359,512</b>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (644,408)	\$ 2,077,952
<b>FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2022</b>	<b>1,314,864</b>	<b>631,346</b>
Adjustments to Fund Balance		
Prior Year Corrections		
Other		
<b>FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 670,456</b>	<b>\$ 2,709,298</b>

Signatures of Board Members and Superintendent

Date

Thomas Cartwright Board-Chair 5/26/26  
 Sarah Reese Jr. Vice-Chair 5/26/26  
 [Signature] Board Member 5/26/26  
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Bleckley Co. Legals

**C26-058**  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by John D Taylor and Brandy M Coherman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 10, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 332, Page 292, Bleckley County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to M&T Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 385, Page 162, Bleckley County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$105,500.00), 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 July, 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.

M&T BANK is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: M&T Bank, One Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203, 800-724-1633.

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 **932 Highway 87 South, 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.

M&T BANK as Attorney in Fact for John D Taylor and Brandy M Coherman

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
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EXHIBIT "A"  
That tract of land containing 1.81 acres with dwelling house and other improvements located thereon in Land Lot 151 of the 21st Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, as shown by plat of survey made by T. Jerry Peacock, Sr., Surveyor, dated August 11, 2003, recorded in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 69-6A, in the Office of the Clerk of Bleckley County Superior Court at Cochran, Georgia, particularly described as follows:

BEGIN a point marked by a highway department right of way nail at the intersection of the southwest right of way line of U.S. Highway 23 (Georgia Highway 87) with southeast lot line of said land lot separating Bleckley County and Dodge County and from said point of beginning run south 45 degrees 33 minutes 04 seconds

west 165.13 feet along the southeast lot line of said land lot separating Bleckley County and Dodge County to a corner point marked by an iron pipe; thence run north 40 degrees 38 minutes 12 seconds west 426.23 feet along the northeast line of lands now or formerly of James L. Marlett, III and Anita B. Marlett to a corner point marked by an iron pipe on the southeast right of way line of Georgia Highway 257; thence run north 45 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds east 153.85 feet along the southeast right of way line of Georgia Highway 257 to a corner point marked by a highway department right of way nail; thence run south 73 degrees 35 minutes 41 seconds east 99.08 feet along the southerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 23/Georgia Highway 87/Georgia Highway 257 to a corner point marked by a highway department right of way nail; and thence run south 33 degrees 30 minutes 40 seconds east 344.20 feet along the southwest right of way line of said highways to the point of beginning. The foregoing described tract of land is the same as that conveyed from Shirley C. Berryhill to Arlene M. Patten by Warranty Deed dated August 25, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 273, Page 226, Bleckley County Records.

JD July 7, 2026  
Our file no. 5373112  
5373112  
June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2026

**C26-052**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Bruce Hardy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp. dated October 30, 2020, and recorded in Deed Book 447, Page 459, as last modified in Deed Book 480, Page 436, Bleckley County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Newrez, LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$95,959.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, July 7, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit: **That tract of land with dwelling house and other improvements located thereon which has the address of 256 Crest Drive, Cochran, Georgia 31014 (Tax ID B38B 112) in the City of Cochran in Land Lot 127 of the 21st Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, designated as Subdivision Lot 33 of Block "A" of Lake Tynex Subdivision as shown by plat of survey made by David M. Hammock, Surveyor, dated March 14, 1979, recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 52, in the Office of the Clerk of Bleckley County Superior Court at Cochran, Georgia, bounded now or formerly as follows: Northwest 110.11 feet by the southeast right of way line of Crest Drive; northeast 196.20 feet by Subdivision Lot 32 owned now or formerly by Richard L. Hypes and Sherry R. Hypes; Southeast 109.99 feet by lands now or formerly John R. Phillips and Leo L. Phillips; and Southwest 192.23 feet by the line of lands now or formerly of Cheryl Aschenbrenner et al Trustee of various trusts, Cheryl Aschenbrenner, David T. Yarbrough, Carol Aschenbrenner, and Ann K. Johnson. The foregoing described tract of land is the same as that conveyed from Matthew David Kline and Mikki Leigh Kline Trustees of the Kline Living Trust dated May 15, 2017 to Hillary E. Southerland by Trustee's Deed dated August 17, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 434, Pages 630-631, Bleckley County Records.**

Said property is known as **256 Crest Drive, Cochran, GA 31014**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of **Bruce Hardy, successor in interest or tenant(s)**.

NewRez LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce Hardy

File no. 26-084243  
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\*  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500  
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\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2026

**C26-053**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Bleckley County  
STATE OF GEORGIA

Lucy Renee Hartman  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Brandon Charles Hartman,  
Defendant  
Civil Action File No. 2026V-0069SFW

NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Brandon Charles Hartman, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Petition of Divorce was filed against you in said court on May 12, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on May 12, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Lucy Hartman, Plaintiff, whose address is 491 Frank Cook Road, Cochran, GA 31014, 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, Sarah F. Wall, Judge of said Court.  
This the 14th day of May, 2026.  
Carol Evans  
CLERK of Superior Court  
Bleckley County

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**C26-056**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY  
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGUERITE BROWN, DECEASED.

All creditors of the estate of MARGUERITE BROWN, deceased, late of Bleckley County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 20TH day of MAY, 2026.  
CHERYL LYNN TUNSTALL Administrator of the Estate of MARGUERITE BROWN 127 W LAKE-SHORE DR COCHRAN, GA 31014

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 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

**C26-050**  
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. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Judge of the Probate Court

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

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

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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

**T26-038**  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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

**T26-037**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JOANNE THOMAS DECEASED**  
ESTATE NO. P-26-028

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**  
**Janice Thomas** has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **Joanne Thomas** 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

**T26-039**  
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**

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May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

**T26-043**  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF TWIGGS  
IN RE: CARLOS DELMONT DAVISON, DECEASED

All debtors/creditors of the Estate of **Carlos Delmont Davison**, 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 27th day of May 2026.  
Doyle E. Mullis, III Attorney for The Estate Administrator:  
Shandrina L. Davison (Administrator)  
Anderson, Walker & Reichert, LLP.  
P. O. Box 6497  
Macon, Georgia 31208

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 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.**  
**Virginia Scarborough** has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **Mamie S. Hinson Thompson** 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**

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May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 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.

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Bradasia A. Mims  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Carol Hodnett  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
Wilkinson County Probate Court  
100 Bacon St  
Irwinton, GA 31042  
478-946-2222

June 4, 11, 18, 25, 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 Irwinton, Georgia 31042  
This is the 11 day of May, 2026  
Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

**W26-053**  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER**

WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Daphne Ann Minter to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Planters First Bank dated October 22, 2018 and recorded on October 23, 2018 in Deed Book 381, Page 732, Wilkinson County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on December 9, 2024 in Deed Book 420, Page 459, Wilkinson County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Seven And 00/100 Dollars (\$78,787.00), 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 Wilkinson County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on July 7, 2026 the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Gordon, Wilkinson County, Georgia, described as Lot Nineteen (19), Block B of J.L. Hardie Subdivision, more particularly described by that certain plat of survey entitled "Plat of the J.L. Hardie Subdivision", dated May 14, 1956, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 94, Wilkinson County Land Records. Said plat of survey and record thereof are by reference made a part hereof for a more accurate description of said property.

This is the same property conveyed by limited warranty deed from Kathi Lynn Coleman Dixon and James Craig Coleman to Troy Lee Helms, Jr., dated October 7, 2016, recorded in Deed Book 370, Page 303, said records. Further, this is the same property conveyed by Troy Lee Helms, Jr. as duly appointed Administrator of the Mary Jane Coleman Estate to Kathi Lynn Coleman Dixon and James Craig Coleman, dated October 7, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 370, Page 301, said records. Further, this is the same property conveyed by deed from James Craig Coleman and Kathi Lynn Coleman Dixon to Mary Jane Coleman, dated May 1985, recorded in Deed Book 172, Pages 219, said records.

SUBJECT TO: all easements, rights-of-way, surveys, protective covenants, limitations and restrictions affecting said property of record, said records.

Tax ID #: G07 071  
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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Your mortgage servicer, Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as servicer for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, can be contacted at 877-888-4606 or by writing to 8950 Cypress Waters Boulevard, Coppell, TX 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Daphne Ann Minter or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **119 Hardie Street, Gordon, GA 31031**.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Rocket Mortgage, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Daphne Ann Minter  
McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC  
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
404-474-7149  
MTG File No.: GA2025-00962

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 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, 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.

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May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2026

**W26-051**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

GEORGIA, WILKINSON COUNTY  
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by John L. Stanford to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. dated May 31, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 269, Page 612, Wilkinson County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 428, Page 911, Wilkinson County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$86,000.00), 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 Wilkinson 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 July, 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 dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 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.

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Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **1170 Club Drive, Toombsboro, GA 31090**. 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.

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All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 162 of the 3rd Land District of Wilkinson County, Georgia, containing 2.00 acres, and being more particularly shown and described according to a plat of survey prepared by W. C. Howell, Land Surveyor, dated June 1, 2002, and recorded in plat Book 17, page 137, Wilkinson County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by reference.  
JD July 7, 2026  
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June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2026

# Amid data center backlash, Google gives \$1 million for South Georgia wetlands

By **TY TAGAMI**  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Google will spend \$1 million on conservation work in a watershed in South Georgia near one of its data centers.

The donation, announced this week, is part of a \$17 million commitment by Google to support seven waterway and infrastructure improvement projects nationwide.

In Georgia, the non-profit Ducks Unlimited will be putting Google's money toward the restoration of 35 acres of wetlands in the Flint River Wildlife Management Area.

Google has a data center nearby, in Douglas County.

Data centers often use a significant amount of water to cool computer servers, although the one in Douglas County uses recycled wastewater.

Google's contribution announcement comes amid a backlash against data centers.

"U.S. data centers are using less than 1% of the water used to water Americans' lawns," Ben Townsend of Google said in an interview last week. "That doesn't mean that folks' fears about water should be dismissed," said

Townsend, the company's global head of infrastructure and sustainability. "Let's be honest, over the past 100 years, we've seen industrial water use go wrong in lots of different sectors. And here at Google we know that that can't be us. It won't be us."

On Wednesday, the same day Google lifted its embargo on its announcement, voters in Monterey Park, Calif. overwhelmingly banned data centers, making it the first city in the country to do so by public vote.

Data centers are a hot topic in Georgia, too.

They need a lot of electricity to power their computer servers, so the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC), a state regulator, voted in December to let monopoly utility Georgia Power add nearly 10 gigawatts of power production, mostly for data centers.

That has raised concerns about ratepayers covering the cost of new gas turbines and utility lines to benefit big tech companies. Georgia Power has pledged not to shift costs like that.

Critics counter that those are short-term pledges and that long-term

costs could still fall on regular ratepayers.

Data centers have become a talking point for Georgia politicians on both sides of the aisle.

Rick Jackson, the billionaire in the Republican primary runoff for governor against Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, has accused Jones of personally profiting from data centers, something Jones denied at a solo Atlanta Press Club debate on Monday. (Jackson skipped the debate.)

But Jones did vote for tax credits for data centers in 2018, something Jackson's campaign has hammered him on.

In a similar debate on Sunday between two Democrats running to succeed Jones — Sen. Josh McLaurin and former Sen. Nabilah Parkes — Parkes said she would impose a moratorium on new data centers.

"People don't want more data centers that are being built on the backs of working-class families because it's now costing our energy bills," Parkes said. "It's now contaminating our water. We need to put a stop to these data centers and make sure that we pass regulations to hold them

accountable and make sure that they're paying their fair share."

In the Republican debate for lieutenant governor that same day, the two candidates argued about who had the better policy to protect ratepayers from covering data center electricity costs.

State Sen. Greg Dolezal said a law was needed while former Sen. John F. Kennedy said he would let the PSC rather than politicians manage the balance.

Dolezal added that he would scrap data center tax credits.

Both agreed there should be more state-mandated transparency around proposed data center projects.

Google's Townsend said the company is committed to transparency around water use, releasing annual disclosures. He said Google also is committed to expanding its water restoration and reclamation work so that it is replenishing more water than it uses by 2030.

"We have a really strong commitment to protecting watersheds," he said, "but we can't speak for everyone else in the space."

# State of Georgia's university system announces new campus presidents

By **TY TAGAMI**  
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ATLANTA — Thousands of students at Georgia's public colleges will have new leadership when they return this fall after the University System of Georgia named new campus leaders.

On Monday, the system named three new presidents: Greg Tanner at South Georgia State College, Russell Crutchfield at Gordon State College and Kerry J. Palmer at Georgia Southwestern State University.

Tanner is not entirely new to the role: he has served as interim president at South Georgia State since February 2023.

Chancellor Sonny Perdue said Tanner "hasn't missed a beat over the past three years" there, helping to increase enrollment as the campus recovered from Hurricane Helene.

Crutchfield moves from Gov. Brian Kemp's office, where he has been chief operating officer, to lead Gordon State effective Aug. 1.

Perdue praised Crutchfield's roots in the university system and his work for Kemp, saying Crutchfield knows how to develop a skilled workforce for Georgia's economy.

Crutchfield has been with Kemp since January 2024. Previously he served in executive leadership at the University of West Georgia as chief of staff and associate vice president.

He also held leadership roles at several state agencies.

Palmer will become president of Georgia Southwestern on Aug. 1 after nearly three decades in education at the university and K-12 levels. As chief academic officer at Troy University in Alabama, he oversaw an \$80 million budget. Perdue called him a results-driven leader who understands the role universities play in communities and in the workforce.

Palmer succeeds President Michelle Johnston, who is departing to lead the University of Montevallo in Alabama. Crutchfield follows Donald J. Green, who was tapped last month to lead Valdosta State University.

# Georgia tallies cost of gas tax suspension

By **TY TAGAMI**  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Drivers are paying the 33-cent-per-gallon excise tax at Georgia gas pumps again, but the suspension that ended Tuesday saved them nearly \$200 million in May.

Motor fuel tax collections fell by \$199.6 million, or 99.5%, compared to May 2025, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue.

Georgia lawmakers approved a gas tax suspension from late March

through May 19, the date of the primary election. But Gov. Brian Kemp, using his authority to declare a state of emergency, extended the suspension by two weeks, into June.

Last week, he amended his call for a special session to begin June 17, asking the Legislature to approve his emergency tax suspension retroactively. In May, Kemp had ordered the special session to redraw district lines.

Tax revenues for May would have fallen even without the gas tax sus-

pension. Collections were down 12.6%, or \$339.1 million, from a year earlier, for a total of \$2.35 billion.

However, the year-over-year comparison is complicated by the lingering effects of Hurricane Helene, which delayed tax filings last year and shifted collections from April to May.

Kemp's office noted that, taken together, collections from April and May this year were down 1.9% from a year ago but were up 2.5% when excluding changes to motor fuel taxes.

# Kemp adds local sales-tax option for property tax cuts to special session call

By **TY TAGAMI**  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Some homeowners could eventually see a rollback in their property tax bills after Gov. Brian Kemp revised his call for a special session.

Last month, Kemp ordered lawmakers back to the Capitol to redraw district lines and to address legal concerns with the state's voting system.

On Wednesday he expanded his proclamation to allow lawmakers from each county to vote on a sales tax-funded subsidy for homeowners.

A 1% Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST) would go before voters in each county in November if

their local legislative delegation approves a referendum at the special legislative session, which starts June 17.

The sales taxes, which would go into effect in 2028, would subsidize property taxes owed by homeowners.

The new sales tax was authorized by Kemp's signature on Senate Bill 33, which will cap increases in county valuations of owner-occupied homes at the rate of inflation.

The law is aimed at restraining rapid rises in value that have been driving up property tax bills.

Any LHOST approved under SB 33 would apply to a variety of products and services, including food, alcohol and motor fuels up to \$3 in

retail sales price per gallon.

Kemp's revised proclamation also calls on lawmakers to ratify after the fact his extended suspension of the 33-cent a gallon motor fuel tax.

After lawmakers temporarily waived that tax in March, Kemp extended it last month using his authority after declaring a state of emergency.

The gas tax suspension ended at midnight Tuesday.

It is unclear how many counties will call for an LHOST.

Clint Mueller, deputy director of ACCG, the association for county commissioners, said Thursday that he had heard of a few interested delegations.

## OFTC to host One Stop Enrollment

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

With Fall Semester classes beginning Aug. 17, Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) is hosting One Stop Enrollment Days to make getting started simple and convenient. Students can meet one-on-one with college representatives to complete the entire enrollment process in a single visit.

### Event Dates & Locations

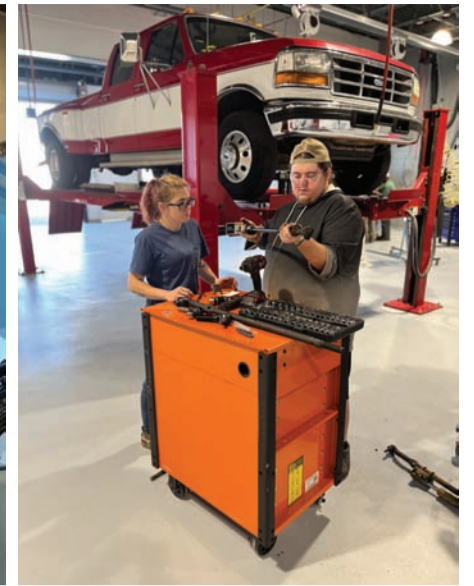
Thursday, July 9 – All Campuses, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, July 25 – All Campuses, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Thursday, Sept. 17 – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (for Fall Minimester Classes)

At these events, students can finish their admissions steps, learn about financial aid options, and get ready for spring classes.

“We are offering these events to better serve our students and community,” shared Dr. Saketha Adams, OFTC’s Vice President of Student Affairs. “We want to give those who are working and with families at home an opportunity to take care of the enrollment process during times that may be more convenient for their schedules.”

Students should plan to attend in person and bring essential documents: high school transcript, government-issued photo ID (such as a valid driver’s license or military ID) and 2025 tax return.

For more information on OFTC’s 100+ programs of study, visit OFTC.edu. Students can register for fall semester classes July 6 to Aug. 11. Eight-week minimester classes begin Oct. 12, and students can register for these classes beginning Aug. 19.



### SNAPSHOTS: OFTC AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE

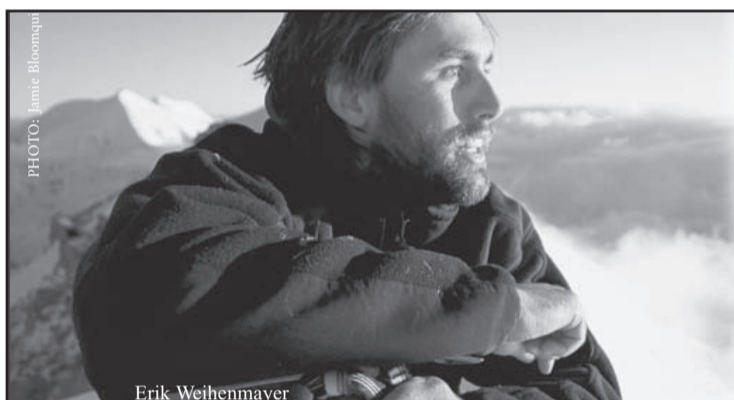
Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) Automotive Technology students are gaining hands-on experience working with real vehicles as part of their technical training program. Students learn to diagnose systems, perform repairs, and apply industry-standard procedures using modern automotive equipment/SPECIAL PHOTO

Will Cooper (Laurens) and De’angelo Wilson (Wilkinson), Automotive Technology students at OFTC, remove an engine from a Toyota Highlander as part of hands-on training in the automotive program. OFTC Automotive Technology Instructor Charles Neria Perez (Laurens) works with student, Angela Martin (Bleckley), on scanning an electric Toyota vehicle for diagnostic codes in the engine system. Angela Martin (Bleckley) and Zack Anderson (Dodge), Automotive Technology students at Oconee Fall Line Technical College, install tie rod ends on a Ford F-350 truck before completing an alignment as part of their training /SPECIAL PHOTO



### SNAPSHOTS: FROM INSPECTION TO BACKING

Students in Oconee Fall Line Technical College’s Commercial Truck Driving program are gaining practical experience both inside and outside the cab as they prepare for careers in the transportation industry. Through hands-on instruction, students learn to perform detailed vehicle inspections, identify critical safety components, and master the driving maneuvers required to earn a commercial driver’s license.



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June 2026

Fellow Georgians,

We write to you today to urge you to vote for Burt Jones for Governor in the upcoming Republican Primary Runoff. As your Republican State Senators, we have each had the privilege of serving with Burt.

Under his leadership, the Georgia Senate has championed historic property tax relief, cuts to our state income tax, and billions of dollars in tax rebates paid back directly to Georgia families and businesses.

Burt has stood strong for Georgia values, expanded educational opportunities, and fought to increase access to healthcare no matter your ZIP code.

Burt is the right man at the right time to succeed Brian Kemp as our next Governor.

Sincerely,  
Your State Senate Majority



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# OFTC graduates honored with spring commencement ceremony

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

OFTC – One-Hundred-and-Forty-Three Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) credit and High School Equivalency (HSE) graduates were honored during the College’s 2026 Spring Commencement Ceremony & HSE Graduation held on the Dublin Campus, Thursday, June 5.

Graduates received degrees, diplomas and technical certificates of credit in a variety of high-demand fields like Early Childhood Care and Education, Commercial Truck Diving (CTD), Nursing, Machine Tool, and more. Some graduates received high school equivalency diplomas.

“We cannot tell you enough how excited we are to watch you walk across the stage to receive your credential tonight,” shared OFTC President Erica Harden as she addressed the graduates. “You will always be a part of our family, so remember we are always here to help you.”

“We are so very proud of you,” she added. “I hope you never lose your will to learn. Keep reaching for your goals and keep moving forward.”

The Rev. James Middleton of Sandersville Methodist Church served as keynote speaker and addressed the graduates, celebrating their accomplishments and achievements.

Middleton congratulated the graduates, encouraging them for the days ahead and cited three things they should remember that may help them obtain advancement opportunities – relationships, hard work, and skill.

“Some of the relationships you have formed here, and other places may lead to job opportunities,” he said. “Make the most of these relationships to better yourself and your career.”

Middleton recognized the hard work and skills of each graduate but reminded them that hard work and skills are not enough to get into the room and stay in the room.

“None of these things are enough on their own,” he said. “Showing up and doing your best time and time again – that is what will bring you success.”

“There’s only one thing that will keep you in the room,” he added, “and that’s integrity.”

### Spring 2026 Credit Graduates

Jerkavin Brantley, Baldwin  
Ashley D. Warren, Baldwin  
Malik A. Lawson, Bibb  
Brittney Alvarez, Bleckley  
Leala Mae Hutchens, Bleckley  
Gillian Keller-Smith, Bleckley  
Jimmy Givens, Dodge  
Abigail Hightower, Dodge  
Ryan Livingston, Dodge  
Mikeria Martin, Dodge  
Makayla Brooke Swanson, Dodge  
Evelyn Collins, Emanuel  
Tyler Harris, Glascock  
Leah Hathcock, Glascock  
Devion Richardson, Glascock  
Lakembria Walker, Greene  
Leticia Eliana Celestino Garcia, Jefferson  
Nakirah Green, Jefferson  
Chloe Johnson, Jefferson

Mariyah Johnson, Jefferson  
Jaydyn Denise Jones, Jefferson  
Destiny Eve Kitchens, Jefferson  
Abigail Meadows, Jefferson  
Cykeria Tennyson, Jefferson  
Zariyah Tennyson, Jefferson  
Marianna Wilson, Jefferson  
Jermerria Abrams, Johnson  
Quanareous Brantley, Johnson  
Kaylee Danielle Merritt, Johnson  
Camilla Norris, Johnson  
Erika C. Delcid-Lopez, Jones  
Logan Acree, Laurens  
Ruby Aguilar, Laurens  
Zitionna Allen, Laurens  
Andrea Alligood, Laurens  
Jonathan B. Austin, Laurens  
Jaynie Grace Baggett, Laurens  
Marygrace Bedingfield, Laurens  
Zequiah Blackshear, Laurens  
Derek Bonner, Laurens  
Kyle Brown, Laurens  
Maci Paige Brown, Laurens  
Brittany Aliyha Coney, Laurens  
Jeshannah Sheriah Davis, Laurens  
Joseph Gadue, Laurens  
Nathaniel Gaultney, Laurens  
William Gilmore, Laurens  
Cynthia Ann Gontorwon, Laurens  
Evelyn Gonzalez, Laurens  
Katlynn Cheyenne Gordon, Laurens  
Ashley Chantel Grant, Laurens  
Hanna Elizabeth Gray, Laurens  
Alexis Darlene Haigh, Laurens  
Shaquida Hester, Laurens  
Piper Grace Horne, Laurens  
Daju’Nek Jackson, Laurens  
Tiara C. Jones, Laurens  
Brandon Lackey, Laurens  
Andre Lewis, Laurens  
Kimberly Joanna Liborio-Navidad, Laurens  
Roderica Sashay Linder Williams, Laurens  
Jemimiah McClendon, Laurens  
Erica M. Medina, Laurens  
Timothy Peacock, Laurens  
David Penny, Laurens  
Dontyce Poole, Laurens  
Deanna Roberson, Laurens  
Za’khia Robinson, Laurens  
Kenya Timmons, Laurens  
Gloria Michele Werner, Laurens  
Bill Young, Laurens  
Kailey Forehand, Madison  
Tilyn Veasley, McDuffie  
Muriel Dawn Bryan, Other  
Daniel Evans, Other  
Laquetta Manley-Hambrite, Other  
Tiffany Michelle Marsh, Other  
Yolanda Monique Richardson, Other  
Briana Macie Wade, Other  
Lauren Bilijo Adams, Telfair  
Landon B. Carey, Telfair  
Jessica Lynn Dayhoff, Telfair  
Draygo Tal Evans, Telfair  
Doris Pritchard, Telfair  
Destiny Desiree Brooks, Treutlen

Jayda Rose Finn, Twiggs  
Ellie Julet Hamrick, Twiggs  
Laura Nicole Johnson, Twiggs  
Jaitavien McNair, Warren  
Tristyn Elizabeth Bechtold, Washington  
Teoni Benefield, Washington  
Makayla Braswell, Washington  
Shanira Brown, Washington  
Yuri Burten, Washington  
Angelique Carlyle, Washington  
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Zion Payton, Washington  
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Jaclyn Usry, Washington  
Rodney Ke’von Woodard, Washington  
Ja’marious Wright, Washington  
Tayshaun Dixon, Washington  
Rancelyn Addie Evans, Wheeler  
Tykeisha Brown, Wilkinson

### Spring 2026 HSE Graduates

Marcus Pierre Alexander, Davisboro  
Walter Joseph Anetsberger, III, Davisboro  
Caden Wilson Asbell, Eastman  
Caleb Ryan Bahle, Dublin  
Robert Dale Bennett, Davisboro  
Bailey Carrigan Burgamy, Harrison  
Rykia Tamara Carswell, Dublin  
Devin John Courbat, Tonnille  
B’Elanna Coralyn Culpepper, Dublin  
Ethan G. Esperance, Dublin  
Jayla Harrell-Taylor, Sandersville  
Jaiden Skiler Johnson, Davisboro  
Di’Quon Jolly, Cadwell  
Courtney Renee Judd, McRae  
Cynasia Kellam, Dublin  
Adam Russell Long, Davisboro  
Deana McMillan, Rentz  
Cherokee D. Munion, Dublin  
Jaelynn Reynolds, McRae  
Katelyn Sellars, Sandersville  
Lydia Raye Smith, Davisboro  
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