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Skippin' & Poppin' Tractor Show being held in memory of one of its founders

Christian McKearney
Times Journal Post

Dennis Holder was a tractor man.

Even in his final months, his health failing, you could find Holder on his tractor and tending the watermelon fields behind his property.

Holder also was one of the founding members of the Skippin' & Poppin' Tractor show, which is one of the biggest social gatherings each year in Wilkinson County. With this in mind, this Saturday's Skippin' & Poppin' Antique Car & Tractor Show will be held in Holder's memory.

Holder, who was the county commission chairman in Wilkinson County between 1999-2016, passed away on June 20, 2024.

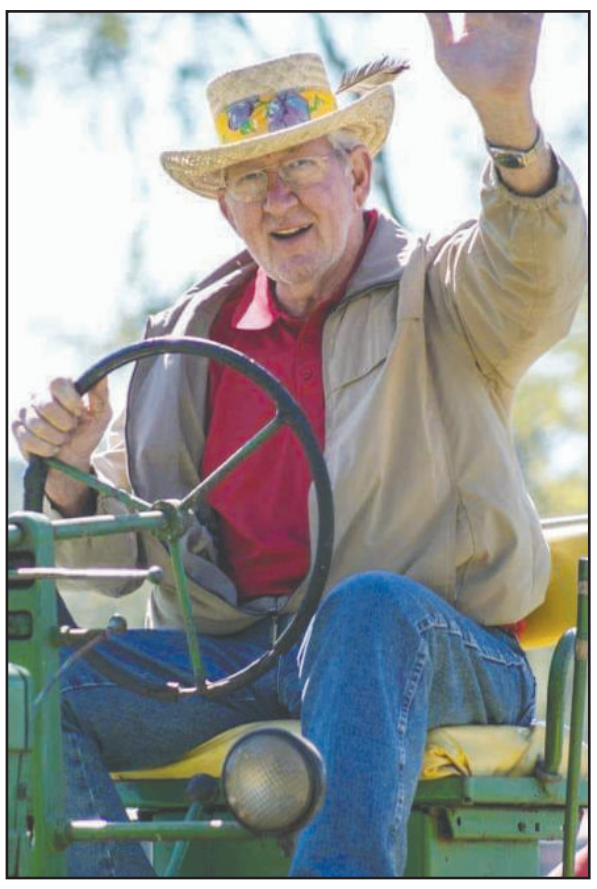
"We are a non-profit organization that is community-driven through volunteers and focused on giving back to the community," said Alexis Poole, Skippin' & Poppin' co-organizer. "Mr. Dennis also loved the Wilkinson County community and loved giving back, so we're thrilled that we can honor him in this way."

Holder was one of the four co-founders of the event, alongside Cyler Garner, Pam Brown and Doug Baisden. Previous festivals were held in memory of Garner, Brown and Baisden, as well as Royce Brewer, who was another one of Skippin' & Poppin's main parts who is also now deceased.

This Saturday marks the first time that Skippin & Poppin' will be held at Council Farms on Council-McCranie Road, and Poole is very much looking forward to it.

"It's all about giving back to the community and never forgetting our southern roots," she said.

Much more, including how to register your tractor or antique car for the event, can be found on the Skippin' & Poppin' Facebook page.



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Dennis Holder, who passed away last summer, was many things around Wilkinson County, including one of the founders of the Skippin' & Poppin' Tractor Show.



Photo provided by Melissa Barker
A team from a previous Clean-Up Day poses for a photo in their fluorescent clothes before cleaning up local roadways.

Upcoming clean-up day aims to keep Cochran beautiful, safe

Mary Helene Hall
Times Journal Post

The City of Cochran and the Cochran-Bleckley Chamber Commerce are preparing to welcome volunteers for their annual community beautification day. This year's Clean-Up Day will take place April 26 starting at 9 a.m.

Cochran Clean-Up Day began in 2015, and it's been held each year since around Earth Day — this year, Earth Day is the Tuesday before the event. Members of the Cochran community will get together to clean up little along the city's roads. Folks are also encouraged to clean up their immediate areas and neighborhoods.

This year, immediately following the Clean-Up Day, there is the inaugural Downtown Day, a celebration hosted by the Downtown Development Authority. The event, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will feature a kids zone from Big Mike's Inflatables and food trucks, and businesses will be open to visit and shop.

Cochran community members from the local public schools, volunteer organizations, Middle Georgia State University, churches and more get together each year during Clean-Up Day with the goal of improving the wellbeing and aesthetics of their city.

"Anytime we can bring the community together with a single vision and goal for positive changes and impacts, we are doing the right thing for our community," said Melissa Barker, CEO and president of the Cochran-Bleckley Chamber of Commerce. "This will be a great time for families to teach their children about the importance of giving back, community pride, and working together."

Sign-up is located behind the police station and auditorium, located at 102 N Second St. All are welcome, and supplies will be provided by the hosts of the events.

Similar to previous years, scrap tire amnesty will be available at the sign-up location, allowing community members to dispose of old rimless tires for free.

"Families just need to come out and plan to spend a day giving back to the community, followed by a fun time in downtown Cochran with food trucks and a big kids zone and downtown shopping opportunities," Barker said.

Attendees are encouraged to wear brightly colored clothing in order to stay safe on the roads. To learn more about Clean-Up Day, contact City Hall at 478-934-6346.

How are Wilco's crime statistics trending?

Christian McKearney
Times Journal Post

Knock on wood, but nearly 21 months have passed since Wilkinson County recorded its last homicide.

Since 2018, all totaled, Wilco has recorded seven homicides (one in 2023, two in 2022, one in 2021, one in 2020, none in 2019 and none in 2018), which equates to .7 per year.

The county-level statistics for Wilkinson County on the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's website only go back to 2018, as Wilco isn't officially part of any Metropolitan Statistical Area. However, crime stats for any Georgia county that's part of an MSA can be accessed going back to 2009.

Here's the breakdown for Wilkinson County, with the first number representing "murders," the second number representing "aggravated assaults," and the third number representing "burglary/theft."

- 2023 – 1 // 15 // 42
- 2022 -–2 // 11 // 34
- 2021 – 1 // 13 // 39
- 2020 –1 // 10 // 52
- 2019 – 0 // 19 // 47
- 2018 – 0 // 17 // 84

Wilkinson County's most recent homicide occurred on July 8, 2023. The defendant in that case is Ricky Lee Shinholster, and his case continues to meander through the court system. Multiple trial dates have been scheduled and subsequently postponed.

Shinholster and his attorney, Carl Cansino of Milledgeville, appear intent on taking the case to trial. Cansino has filed a number of items in the last few months on behalf of Shinholster, while the District Attorney's Office also is making preparations, including finalizing its witness list.

The next trial week in Wilkinson County is set for June 16, although the trial week schedule still hasn't been finalized.

Ricky Lee Shinholster stands accused of shooting his older brother – Ezekiel Shinholster – once in the chest with a 9-millimeter pistol following an argument. Both Shinholster brothers resided at the "family home" at 686 Farish Wood Road, an area sometimes described as Shinholster Quarters. The two brothers began arguing about which locks on the house to change, and the argument eventually escalated into a physical confrontation, according to investigators. A third Shinholster brother, who was visiting, attempted to break up the skirmish, at which point Ricky Lee Shinholster is accused of brandishing a pistol and firing once.

Ricky Lee Shinholster made bail in August 2023 before being indicted the following month.

Ezekiel Shinholster was 73 at the time of his death. He retired several years ago from the Milledgeville Road Department, where he was a supervisor.

Georgia Farm Bureau accepting entries for farm dog contest

Georgia Farm Bureau

MACON, Ga. – Farm dogs play a special role on the farm. They can serve in a variety of roles such as herding livestock or guarding livestock and property. Farm dogs also provide companionship and joy to their families. Many dogs make every step their farmers do as they complete their daily chores.

That's why Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) is on a mission to recognize a furry farm hero through its 2025 Georgia Farm Dog Contest. GFB is accepting entries for the contest until 10:59 p.m. on May 1 or until 200 entries are received, whichever comes first.

The contest is open to GFB members ages 18 and over. For complete contest rules and the criteria entered dogs will be judged by, visit https://gfb.ag/25farmdogcontest. Judging for the contest will take place in May.

The winning dog and its human will be recognized in October at the 2025 Sunbelt Ag Expo. The grand prize winner will receive a $500 gift card. Georgia farm dogs have some pretty amazing stories to tell and GFB is looking forward to telling them.

GFB is known for its love of dogs as Lucky, an Australian Shepherd, has served as the organization's mascot since 2021.

The 2024 winner of GFB's first Georgia Farm Dog Contest was Belue, a Shetland Sheepdog from Americus, Ga. Belue works sheep and cattle for his owner, Brinson Brock, and attends the middle school agricultural classes that Brock teaches to encourage students' interest in veterinary science.

Georgia Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization dedicated to supporting the future of Georgia's family farms and our access to locally grown food and fiber. Membership is open to everyone.



Photo courtesy of GFB
Georgia Farm Bureau's mascot, Lucky, encourages farm families to enter their furry friends in the 2025 Georgia Farm Dog Contest.

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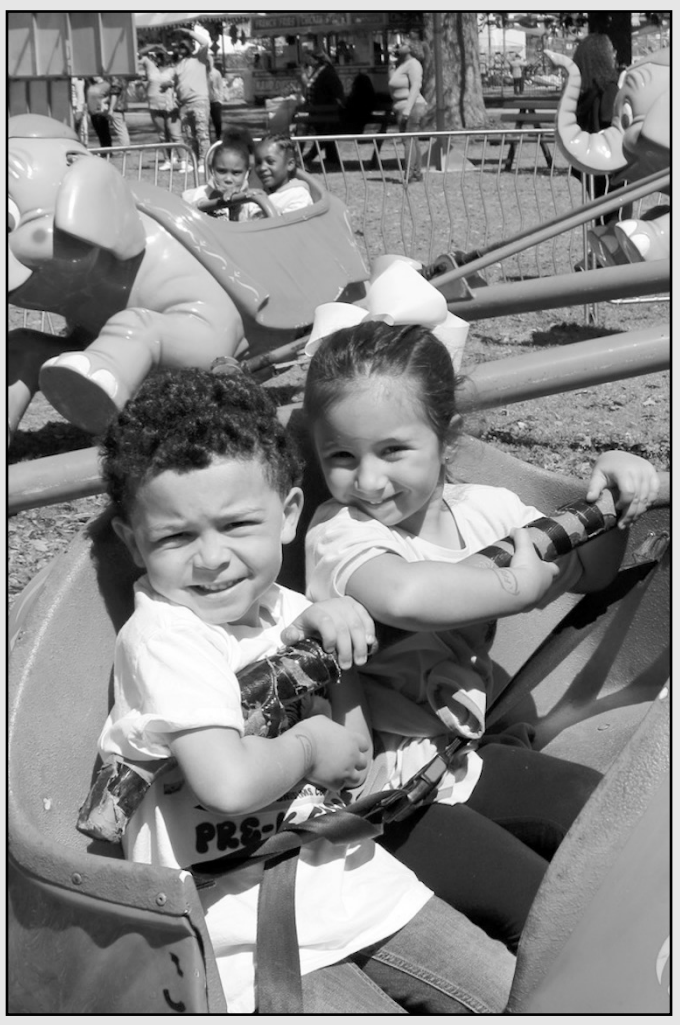
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Wilco Primary takes on Cherry Blossom Festival







Pre-K students at Wilkinson County Primary School recently had a really big, really pink day, taking in all the sights at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon last week.

Banana pudding and tractors set to take over Council-McCranie

Upcoming Events

Banana Pudding Festival
Saturday, April 5
128 East Main St.
Registration includes a festival t-shirt, and proceeds will benefit the Clover Glove Race Series, which presents scholarships to the Georgia 4-H Foundation in honor of the overall winners.

Twiggs County Chamber of Commerce
Monday, April 7
6 p.m.
Twiggs Senior Center
Guest speakers Lea Toney, Live Well Twiggs and Twiggs County Family Connection, Marie Townsend. An update on Jeffersonville Elementary School upcoming Beta conference from Laura Thompson Wright.

Community Walk
Saturday, April 12
8 to 10 a.m.
Gordon City Park
Join your neighbors for a walk from Gordon City Park to downtown Gordon and back. Share ideas to make walking safer and easier for everyone. Help shape the future of the community. For more info, contact Belinda Hunt at 478-233-0928.

Spring Event by Richland Restoration League
Sunday, April 13
5 p.m.
Old Richland Church
Honor the Frank Hendrix and John Gordon Faulk families and enjoy a “Spring Sing” celebration of music. If you are interested in performing or having your choir participate, please reach out to the church via Facebook.

Jeffersonville Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 19
1 to 3 p.m.
Jeffersonville City Park
Games and prizes will be at the event. Hosted by the city in partnership with Twiggs County Family Connection. For more information, contact Councilman Monte Bloodworth at 478-832-0497.

Christian McKearney
Times Journal Post

For one day only, Council-McCranie Road in northeast Wilkinson County will have roughly the same number of people as Gordon, Ivey, McIntyre, and Gordon combined.

Indeed, it's estimated that closer to 4,000 people are expected to come out to this Saturday's State Banana Pudding Festival of Georgia and Skippin' & Poppin' Antique Car & Tractor Show, which are being held in conjunction with each other at Council Farms at 848 Council-McCranie Road.

After the previous nine Banana Pudding Festivals were held in Irwinton, the 10th annual is moving out to the country. The new location on Council-McCranie Road will offer more space for vendors and, of course, more parking. The new location also frees up more space for Skippin' & Poppin', which this year is bringing back its tractor games, always a crowd favorite. In terms of Skippin' & Poppin', here's the itinerary:

- 8 a.m. — Registration/unloading begins
- 11 a.m. — Parade/judging
- 11:45 a.m. — Kids Pedal Race
- 11:45 a.m. — Tractor Show games
- 3 p.m. — Winners are announced

The day actually will begin with a "5K and Health Walk," which is being sponsored by Wilkinson County 4-H and Visit Wilkinson, which is the new tourism promotion group in the county. Also included is a bicycle ride down Ga. 112 to Toomsboro for cycling enthusiasts. Registration is available through an online link at www.bananapuddingfestival.com.

As if all of that wasn't enough, the event also will double as a crafts fair.

"There are more than 100 registered to show off their wares. Vendors range from hand-made jewelry to artisan goat milk soaps, Banana Pudding ice cream and Banana Pudding topped funnel cakes," said Beverly Clark, event co-organizer.

However, the headliner is always banana pudding, because who doesn't love banana pudding. Seriously, who doesn't love banana pudding? The Puddin' Path, which allows festival-goers to sample each of the seven contestants' banana puddings, begins at 10 a.m. and ends "when the pudding runs out." Tickets to get into the Puddin' Path are $5, and one ticket adds up to roughly one pound of pudding. Part of Puddin' Path ticket money goes towards the prize money, while the rest benefits local non-profits.

General admission into the entire event, meanwhile, is $5 for adults, $3 for the "55 and up" and "6-12" crowds, as well as free for kids "5 and under."

Much more information can be found at bananapuddingfestival.com, the Skippin' & Poppin' Facebook page and the State Banana Pudding Festival of Georgia Facebook page.




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Bleckley County baseball extends winning streak, Wilkinson and Twiggs struggle

Micah Johnston
For the TJP

The Bleckley County Royals extended their winning streak to six games with a victory in a pitcher's duel on the road last week and the drubbing of a region opponent at home Friday to move to 13-7 on the season.

The Royals first defeated Emanuel County Institute, a Class A-Division II school in east Georgia about an hour and a half from Bleckley County's campus, in a gritty, 1-0 battle on the road March 26.

Braegen Cravey was dominant for the Royals against a quality opponent. The starter finished a complete game with only two hits and two walks allowed, striking out 11 batters along the way in an impressive outing.

Emanuel County failed to develop a true scoring threat, though it occasionally put men on the bases. The Bulldogs had their best chance in the second inning when a walk and a sacrifice bunt moved a runner into scoring position, but they failed to convert the chance.

ECI had a runner reach via a walk in the fifth inning, but catcher Gavin Cole cut him down trying to swipe second. The Bulldogs did not threaten again as the Royals went on to wrap things up.

Bleckley County's offense did not have much success either, plating the game's lone run in the third inning after a double, single and error allowed Jay Johnson to cross the dish and give the Royals the lead. Walker Boatright was credited with the RBI.

Bleckley County's other baserunners — the Royals finished the game with six hits and a pair of walks — were scattered across all seven innings, but Cravey's performance on the bump was enough to get the win.

The win should help the Royals' strength of schedule, as Emanuel County Institute is 15-5 on the season and 11-1 in their region.

By contrast, the Royals defeated Northeast 14-0 in Friday's home game in yet another blowout against a Region 2-A Division I opponent.

Bleckley County scored four runs in each of the first two innings to pounce on the Raiders, as Cravey hit a two-run homer to left field to get things started three batters into the game.

A smattering of base hits drove in the other two runs before Northeast finally got out of the inning, but the Royals kept scoring throughout the game. Gavin Cole and Brady Brannon led the charge for Bleckley County with 3-for-4 batting lines. Cole had a home run as one of his hits and drove in three runs, while Brannon had 2 RBIs.

The Royals ended up with 15 hits through four innings before the contest was called. Brannon was strong on the mound on top of his solid night at the plate, tossing five hitless innings and striking out 12 Northeast hitters.

Bleckley County moved to 13-7 overall and 11-1 in the region, good for second place in Region 2 behind only the ACE Gryphons in Macon. The two teams appear to be on a collision course for the region's top spot, though they are not scheduled to meet until next week.

The Royals played Dublin Tuesday evening and Jeff Davis Wednesday evening after the Times Journal Post went to print. They play Dublin again, this time on the road, Thursday at 6 p.m., then get some time off before a showdown with ACE on April 8.

Wilkinson, Twiggs both struggle in blowouts

Wilkinson County and Twiggs County did not perform as well on the diamond last week, as both teams lost multiple games in shutout fashion to conclude the month of March.

The Warriors played Georgia Military College and seemingly had some momentum headed into the series after defeating Twiggs 14-2 and 19-3 in a pair of games the week before.

The good hitting did not carry over, as Wilkinson County lost 12-0 at home March 25 before taking a 15-0 loss on the road March 27. Errors continue to plague the Warriors, as they committed 14 of them across the two games.

Roosevelt Coats remains a bright spot for Wilkinson County, who are now 2-10-1 on the year. Coats is batting .462 through 33 plate appearances with 12 hits, including four doubles. Ivan Eckebrecht is also having a strong year at the plate, hitting .321.

Wilkinson County is set to face Johnson County at home Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. before finishing the series on the road Friday at 5 p.m.

Twiggs County lost to non-region opponent Montgomery County 15-0 on the road March 25 and 21-0 at home March 27.

Montgomery County hit well in the first game, getting 14 base knocks, but the walks told the story for the Cobras the second time around. Twiggs County pitchers delivered a whopping 18 free passes in three innings in the 21-0 loss to complete Montgomery County's sweep.

The Cobras fell to 5-8 on the year. After facing Northeast before the Times Journal Post went to print this week, Twiggs county will get a break before facing Georgia Military College at 4:30 p.m. on April 14.

Judge tosses lawsuit challenging Georgia voting machines

Dave Williams
Capitol Beat

ATLANTA – A federal court judge has dismissed a lawsuit seeking to stop Georgia from using electronic voting machines.

Monday's ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Amy Totenberg ends a long-running legal dispute that predated the 2020 presidential election in Georgia, which prompted a flurry of challenges from Republicans claiming widespread election fraud after Democrat Joe Biden defeated then-President Donald Trump in the Peach State. None of those cases prevailed.

The lawsuit over Georgia's voting machines was filed back in 2017 by several individual voters represented by the Coalition for Good Governance, a ballot-security advocacy group. When the state spent $104 million to replace its voting machines with a new system in 2019, the group transferred the case to that new system.

The lawsuit questioned the security and reliability of the voting machines. But in Monday's ruling, Totenberg declared the plaintiffs had not shown any proof that they had suffered legal harm because of the technology.

"From day one, we knew these accusations were meritless," Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger wrote in a statement released Monday night. "Our local election officials are professionals. And the voters of this state know that their votes are counted securely, accurately, and quickly."

The machines the state bought from Dominion Voting Systems in 2019 feature touchscreens and optical scanners that record a paper print-out of a voter's completed ballot. The General Assembly passed legislation last year to remove QR codes – which had been found to confuse some voters – from those paper backups.

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Wilkinson Middle School honors exceptional students

Wilkinson County Middle School recently announced its Students of the Month for March. Malachi Sparks held it down for the sixth graders, while Janiya Davis and Caleb Upshaw represented the seventh and eighth grades, respectively. The winners were based on Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) scores. PBIS is a student behavior framework program that's becoming increasingly common in public schools across the country.



Caleb Upshaw



Janiya Davis



Malachi Sparks

PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF
FOR THE CITY OF COCHRAN

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-132 and O.C.G.A. 21-2-9 (c) a municipal special election runoff will be held for the City of Cochran on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**, at the **PEYTON WILLIAMS BUILDING located at 142 THOMPSON STREET, Cochran, Georgia 31014 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

The following candidates are in the Runoff for District 1 Post 1:
Trecia P. Gardner
Teresa Mack

Terms of office will begin upon certification of election results and will expire on December 31, 2025

Early voting will begin at City Hall on Tuesday April 1, 2025, and will end on Friday, April 11, 2025. Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Cochran City Hall is located (behind the Post Office) at 112 W Dykes St, Cochran, Georgia.

To request an absentee ballot by mail, contact the City Hall Admin staff. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is April 4, 2025.

Submitted by:
Candace Summerall
City Clerk, City of Cochran
Municipal Elections Superintendent

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that a rezoning request is petitioned by Teramore Development, LLC to rezone the 4.8-acre rear portion of Wilkinson County Tax Parcel ID G13 185 from A-1 (Agriculture) to C-1 (Commercial). The rezoning will allow for consistent commercial zoning across the entire parcel.

The City of Gordon Planning & Zoning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 pm and the City Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 5th at 5:30 pm. Both meetings will take place at Gordon City Hall, located at 115 College St. Gordon, GA 31031.

INVITATION TO SEALED BID
DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP
113 WILMORE STREET
CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

The City of Cochran is accepting sealed bids to demolish a dilapidated mobile home structure at 113 Wilmore Street here in Cochran. The scope of work will include demolishing the structure, grading the foundation where the structure is being demolished, clearing and cleaning any underbrush, trash, and junk items on the property, and hauling all debris from the site to a permitted landfill. You may notify Willie Farrow with any questions or if you need assistance viewing the property prior to sealed bid submission during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the City Hall address, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. All bids must be sealed and labeled "sealed bid" on the outside of the envelope. Sealed bids must be mailed or submitted to City Hall at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014. E-mailed or Faxed bids will not be recognized. The City of Cochran reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities.

INVITATION TO SEALED BID
DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP
PHILLIPS LANE
CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

The City of Cochran is accepting sealed bids to demolish a dilapidated structure at Phillips Lane Parcel Number A15 031 here in Cochran. The scope of work will include demolishing the structure, grading the foundation where the structure is being demolished, clearing and cleaning any underbrush, trash, and junk items on the property, and hauling all debris from the site to a permitted landfill. You may notify Willie Farrow with any questions or if you need assistance viewing the property prior to sealed bid submission during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the City Hall address, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. All bids must be sealed and labeled "sealed bid" on the outside of the envelope. Sealed bids must be mailed or submitted to City Hall at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014. E-mailed or Faxed bids will not be recognized. The City of Cochran reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities.

NEW SOUTHERN DAD

Crazy Uncle Kyle's ABCs part 3: A literacy primer

Gather 'round chillun, Uncle Kyle is about ready to put these literacy lessons out to pasture so let's dive back into the alphabet, the very backbone of the language we destroy daily. Now, we've already covered most of the ABCs, at least enough to construct some of Uncle Kyle's favorite four-letter words. Remember, though, only use those words on the playground or baseball field. Don't say them in front of grandma or if the preacher's come to visit.

The back part of the letters is kind of hit or miss. There are a few good ones in there, but there are others about as useless as math. Do you remember where we left off? Neither do I, but let's dive in and hope for the best …

Crazy Uncle Kyle's ABCs (cont. again)

O is for obstreperous. That means noisy and unruly. You can be very obstreperous, particularly when I'm trying to take a nap. I know it's a big word, but it is good to know a few long words because it makes you sound smart. I bet your dad doesn't know what obstreperous means. Go use it in a sentence. Parents love to be outsmarted.

P is for popsicles. The next best thing to ice cream is a popsicle, especially the red ones. They can get a little messy, so always eat them over something to catch the drips. Like the sofa. P is also for paint. That white wall in the hallway would be perfect for a mural. It's a blank canvas for your masterpiece. Mommy will be so proud of you.

Q isn't for anything. It is one of the letters you'll never use. It used to be for queen, but there was a war a long time ago and now we don't have to care about queens and kings anymore.

R is for rats. Rats make great pets. If you get enough of them, you can train them to do your bidding.

S is for snakes. Also, good pets. Catch one in the yard and bring it inside. You can feed it your least favorite rats. Now your little sister will be too scared to come into your room and mess with your stuff, and so will your mom.



Kyle Dominy

T is for trouble. You may find yourself in this from time to time, but remember, Uncle Kyle always has your back. Except for the Nigerian prince thing. You didn't get that from me.

U, V, W, X, Y and Z: You may or may not use these letters much. They appear in words commonly misspelled, and there's no sense in you correcting anybody. When Uncle Kyle was in school, they taught us that Y was sometimes a vowel. But no one can give you any example of that. They also taught us phonics, and that's why Uncle Kyle is a terrible speller. I still can't spell tearadaktyl, you know, that flying dinosaur.

And that's it kids, now you have the foundation for lifelong literacy. You can thank me later when you are a best-selling author of training manuals for dental hygienists. Uncle Kyle's got to go away for a while, but when I come back, I'll teach you some Spanish swear words I learned on the landscaping crew.

You can reach Kyle Dominy at k.l.dominy@gmail.com or write to 115 S. Jefferson St., Dublin, Georgia 31021.

GARDENING

A comprehensive approach to lawn weed control

Weeds can be a persistent nuisance in home lawns, and with recent wet conditions, many homeowners may find themselves battling an influx of unwanted plants. Effective lawn weed control requires a combination of cultural practices and timely herbicide applications.

Weeds fall into two main categories: annuals and perennials. Annual weeds germinate, grow, and set seed within a single year, with common examples including crabgrass and goosegrass. Perennials, on the other hand, persist for multiple years and reproduce through both seeds and vegetative structures. Common examples of perennial weeds include dandelions and clover. Understanding the differences between these two types is essential for implementing an effective weed control strategy.

One of the best defenses against weeds is maintaining a healthy lawn. Several cultural practices can help minimize weed growth. Regular mowing at the appropriate height for the specific grass species can suppress weed development by promoting a dense, competitive turf. Additionally, hand-pulling weeds while they are still young prevents them from seeding and spreading further. Managing thatch levels is another crucial factor; excessive thatch can harbor weed seeds and reduce the effectiveness of herbicide applications. Proper fertilization and watering practices also play a significant role in weed prevention. Over- or under-fertilizing and watering can weaken turfgrass, making it more susceptible to weed invasion.



Derrick R. Bowen

When cultural practices alone are not enough, herbicide applications become necessary. There are two primary types of herbicides: preemergence and postemergence. Preemergence herbicides prevent weed seeds from germinating and should be applied before weeds emerge. Timing is critical for their effectiveness. For winter annual weeds such as annual bluegrass, henbit, and common chickweed, preemergence herbicides should be applied when nighttime temperatures drop to 65-70°F. The recommended application window is between August 15 and September 15 in north Georgia and between September 1 and 15 in south Georgia. For summer annual weeds like crabgrass and goosegrass, applications should be made before soil temperatures reach 55°F. This typically falls between February 15 and March 15 in south Georgia and between March 1 and 20 in north Georgia.

Postemergence herbicides, which are applied after weeds have emerged, can also be effective if used correctly. For optimal results, these herbicides should be applied in the fall and late spring when weeds are actively growing and temperatures are cooler. It is crucial to avoid applying postemergence herbicides during high temperatures (above 90°F), drought conditions, or the greenup phase of warm-season grasses, as these conditions can increase the risk of turf injury.

Some specific weeds require targeted approaches. A weed I receive numerous calls each year about is burweed, a winter annual that produces painful spiny burs. It can be controlled with both preemergence and postemergence herbicides. Preemergence applications of atrazine in January or February can prevent its germination, while postemergence treatments with 2,4-D, Trimec, or metsulfuron before the plant sets seed can help eliminate it. Care must be taken when treating centipedegrass and St. Augustinegrass, as they can be sensitive to certain herbicides. Crabgrass is another common issue, and preventing its emergence is more effective than attempting to eliminate it after it has already grown. A well-timed preemergence herbicide application in late winter to early spring, before soil temperatures reach 53-58°F, can significantly reduce crabgrass infestations. Traditionally, the blooming of forsythia has been used as an indicator of the optimal timing for application.

When using herbicides, safety and best practices should always be followed. Carefully reading labels ensures that the selected herbicide is appropriate for both the targeted weeds and the specific turfgrass species. Applying the recommended rates helps prevent turf damage and maximizes the effectiveness of weed control efforts. Additionally, wearing protective gear when handling herbicides minimizes the risk of exposure. Caution should also be exercised when using fertilizer-herbicide mixtures, commonly known as weed-and-feed products. While these products can provide nutrients to the lawn, the herbicide component may not be suitable for all turf types or application timings.

Another critical component of maintaining a weed-free lawn is soil testing. By submitting soil samples to your local UGA Extension office, homeowners can gain valuable insights into nutrient levels and soil pH. This information can guide appropriate fertilization and lime applications, helping to create a robust, weed-resistant lawn.

By integrating these cultural practices, herbicide applications, and soil testing, homeowners can effectively manage weeds and promote a healthy, thriving lawn. Staying informed about the latest recommendations from UGA Extension ensures that the best strategies are used to keep unwanted weeds at bay throughout the year.

Derrick Bowen is the County Extension Coordinator of Bleckley and Twiggs counties for the University of Georgia Extension. He received his master's from UGA in plant protection, pest management and plant pathology.

JUST JERRI

The seed has sprouted!

Many years ago, a friend gave me a little devotional book. The book was published by Bible Pathway in Murfreesboro, TN. I enjoyed it so much I ordered a subscription and started receiving it every month.

Through the devotional book I discovered that Pres. Herbert Walker Bush had made a proclamation. "NOW, THEREFORE. I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the year 1990 as the International Year of Bible Reading. I invite all Americans to discover the great inspiration and knowledge that can be obtained through thoughtful reading of the Bible."

Apparently, the founder of the little devotional book, Dr. John Hash, and Dr. Bill Bright from Campus Crusade for Christ, hearing of the proclamation, put their heads together and decided to organize a Bible reading at the nation's capital.

The one which began at our nation's capital in 1990 has continued there every single year.

The thought of a Bible Reading Marathon (BRM) was intriguing to me so I ordered a free 'how to kit'. After reading how to start a BRM I thought, "Wow, that's too much work!" I promptly threw the 'how to kit' into the trash.

Several months later, the idea surfaced again in my mind. This time I prayed that God would stir the hearts of the pastors in our town if this was really His idea for Cochran.

During those years I had a real estate business and one day a local pastor called about a house that was listed with my company.

After we discussed real estate, I mentioned holding a Bible Reading Marathon, and wondered what he thought. He immediately responded with, "I think that's a great idea."

The rest, as they say, is history! This year we will be holding our 22nd Annual BRM in Cochran, GA.

The Bible Reading Marathon has not only blessed our county, but the blessing has spread. In 2018 I went to Lagos, Nigeria to help believers there start their first BRM.

From that contact the BRM's have spread to other countries, including as far away as Siberia, Russia.

Another blessing has been believers in EVERY COUNTY in Georgia reading a portion of the Bible on July 14th from the steps of their courthouses. This will be the 7th year that the entire Bible will be read over our state on 7/14. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is our foundational verse for this event.

Please join us on the opening night of our 22nd BRM, Friday, 6pm on April 25. The seed of the Word of God continues to sprout and grow!

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:23).

Jerri Tuck is a regular columnist for the TJP. In each column, Jerri seeks to bring Biblical truths to light with the prayer that each article will bring "inspiration, information and illumination." Her books are available on Amazon in print and on Kindle.





Above: (BRM Board) Patsy Washburn, Stephanie Purser, Mi Waters, Dell Daniels, Susie Maddox
Below: (2024 Proclamation Signing) Seated: Cochran City Mayor Billy Yeomans, Jerri Tuck, Bleckley Co. Comm. Mike Davis

How Ga. Power plans to meet demand from booming data centers

Emily Jones
WABE

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Georgia Power aims to meet rising energy demand driven largely by the state's booming data center industry by canceling the planned closures of coal plants, upgrading existing nuclear plants, improving the overall power grid and adding renewable energy.

Last week, the utility made its case to regulators for its latest long-term plan to make and deliver energy.

Though the utility can pass the costs of its upgrades and expansions on to customers through their power bills, the exact costs of the proposed changes aren't included in the publicly-available plan. Changes to rates are, instead, considered in a separate proceeding, which will happen later this year.

Georgia Power makes a long-term plan – known as Integrated Resource Plan or IRP – every three years. During the first round of hearings before the state Public Service Commission, company officials also answered questions from Commission staff and interested parties including environmental and consumer advocacy groups, local governments, and big power buyers like MARTA and Walmart.

Most of the projected increase in energy demand comes from new data centers, according to Georgia Power officials.

"The 2025 IRP establishes a comprehensive strategy to meet the energy needs of our customers as the state continues to experience extraordinary growth," said Jeffrey Grubb, Georgia Power's head of resource planning.

The commission's public interest advocacy staff questioned utility officials closely on how exactly Georgia Power is predicting that demand.

They asked, for instance, how the company accounts for promised data centers that don't get built. The officials replied that so many data centers are flocking to Georgia, canceled projects don't reduce the amount of power the system needs.

"For every project that has been removed, over two customers have been added to the pipeline. For every megawatt that has been removed, three megawatts have been added to the pipeline," the company's chief forecaster Francisco Valle said.

The Commission's advocates also questioned how much expertise Georgia Power has in dealing with data centers, since the influx of large facilities in the state is relatively recent. The utility said it's dealt with smaller data centers for a long time and is learning from other utilities that have handled large ones.

Renewable promises

The latest IRP includes changes and expansions to Georgia Power's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, some of which the utility agreed to as a condition of earlier PSC proceedings.

As part of a deal that increased customer rates to pay for new nuclear reactors at Plant Vogtle, the company is upping its target for energy savings through efficiency programs. Basically, efforts to help customers need less energy in the first place.

Carley Goff, a planner with Southern Company Services, which conducts planning and engineering for Southern Company subsidiaries including Georgia Power, said the efficiency measures will cost more than they have in the past because the utility has already found the cheapest upgrades.

"We've delivered a significant amount of savings over the years, so a lot of the low-hanging fruit is gone," she said.

One major change proposed this time around is that Georgia Power plans to offer 100% incentives for many efficiency measures – meaning the utility would pay for the full cost, rather than part of it. Goff said that's necessary to meet the higher efficiency goal, and that the costs are worth it to lower the amount of energy the utility needs to make.

Like the rest of the plans in the IRP, those incentives could be changed before the final plan is approved.

Georgia Power is also proposing a new program that would let the utility draw on customer-owned batteries, a pilot the company agreed to as part of its emergency request for more energy last year.

The idea is that when energy use spikes – like when it's hot and lots of air conditioners are running – Georgia Power could meet the need with the stored-up power from solar panels on people's houses, instead of firing up a power plant or risking a blackout.

In the pilot program that Georgia Power officials explained on the stand last week, the company plans to give customers two options. With the first, customers would get a larger up-front payment and give the utility the ability to draw on their batteries whenever needed. Under the second option, in exchange for payment over time, customers would choose whether or not to send energy when the utility requests it.

The company stressed that the pilot program could change as it rolls out.

That's true of all the proposals in the IRP. Last week was the first round of hearings designed to vet the company's plan, which could be amended before the commission takes a final vote in July.

Letter to the Editor

DOGE has just announced $232 million in Social Security cuts. This is just the first part of Musk's plan. He has said without proof, "The waste and fraud in entitlement spending, which is most of the federal spending is entitlements, so that is the big one to eliminate, possibly cut $500 billion to $700 billion"

Congress can stop Musk's messing with Social Security. Tell your Congressman to protect Social Security.

- John Ricks

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Macon can't hit the high note, fails third kazoo record attempt



Jason Vorhees / The Macon Melody
Janika Price (left), Macon, and her sister Jasmin Coates, Macon, play their kazoos at the Guinness Book of World Records attempt.

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Casey Choung
The Macon Melody

Nearly 2,000 Maconites showed up to the amphitheater Friday afternoon in an attempt to set a world record for largest kazoo ensemble.

Ultimately, Bibb County came up short of the 5,191 participants needed to join the Guinness Book of World Records. Only about 1,780 kazooists were in attendance, said Brenda Cassabon, a spokesperson with TK PR who represents Visit Macon. At capacity, the amphitheater holds 10,000, and Visit Macon ordered the same number of kazoos.

Macon failed twice to beat the world record in the past, once in 2006 and another time in 2007. The current record for the largest kazoo ensemble was set in 2011 in London.

Kazooists played a selection of songs with Macon connections including "Hard to Handle," "Get Up Offa That Thing," "(Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay", "Ramblin' Man" and "Tutti Frutti."

Kazoos were provided, and proceeds from the $5 tickets went toward the Otis Redding Foundation.

Jeremy Bryant, a Macon resident, came to try to help break the record, and although he said he was hopeful, noted the lack of people.

"This year's Cherry Blossom Festival has been great," he said. "It'd be cool for Macon to hold a world record."

Kris Ryan, a member of the Kazoo Sisterhood from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, said it was a "valiant attempt," before Macon even tooted it's first tune.

Mercer University's band and the Kazoo Sisterhood serenaded the crowd ahead of the attempt.

Brett Ambler, an actor and musician known as the "Kazoo Kid," tested Macon's musical and pop culture knowledge by leading kazooists through different songs like "Pink Panther," "The Imperial March," "Für Elise," "Bitter Sweet Symphony" and the opening to "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air."

Houston elementary teacher named finalist for Georgia Teacher of the Year

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Owen Jones
Houston Home Journal

HOUSTON COUNTY — Houston County's Teacher of the Year, Jade Thomas, has been named a top-ten finalist for the 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year.

Thomas teaches fourth-grade social studies and English language arts at Lake Joy Elementary School. She was born and raised in Niagara Falls, New York. After high school, she served in the Marine Corps from 2008 to 2015.

"After having children, I realized I wanted to follow my dream and passion of becoming a teacher," she said.

Thomas shared that her mother is who inspired her to become a teacher.

"[My mother] is a minister, raised seven children and I saw her being an advocate for my younger brothers in the school system who have special needs," she said. "Seeing her navigate the school system and being our first teacher kind of inspired me to pursue a career teaching."

Thomas started her teaching career in January 2018 and taught fifth-grade math and science for her first six years of teaching. She then talked to her principals wanting to try something new.

"I wanted to get out of my comfort zone of being a math teacher, and so with that came teaching reading and writing and social studies," she said. "It's been a good change as it's always good to stay fresh as an elementary teacher and be able to teach all of the subjects."

Thomas feels incredible about her nomination as a finalist for Georgia's Teacher of the Year.

"I know that right now, especially in the state of education, I have a big role being an ambassador for education," she said.

Thomas also met with the current Teacher of the Year, Holly Witcher, and gave her some advice about potentially receiving this award.

"[Witcher] put it pretty clearly that 'we're not looking for the best teacher, we're looking for a teacher who can be an ambassador and lift teacher voice', and it feels like I have a huge responsibility to amplify teacher voice and be a part of policy making decisions," she said.

Thomas is also very honored and excited to represent the Houston County School District.

"We are the 12th largest district in the state, and I take that very seriously and take a lot of pride in representing our district," she said. "We just have a high expectation for excellence and a high standard for our teachers and students in this District, so I think that just says a lot."

Winning the 2026 Teacher of the Year would mean a lot to Thomas. She said winning this prestigious award would further represent herself with teachers and education while doing her best to bring about change if needed.

"It would mean so much as I have a big job to do and I take it very seriously so if that is what God is calling on for me to do next, then I'm ready for that challenge," she said.

Thomas would personally like to thank her Assistant Principal Dr. Sandra Crow as she has been a huge mentor for her.

"We started in the classroom together, and I've watched her go from classroom teacher to now be our Assistant Principal. She has just opened doors and created opportunities for me that has allowed me to be where I'm at today," she said. "I'm truly grateful for her as she has given me opportunities and challenged me to get to the level of excellence that she strives and sees for me."



Courtesy of the Houston County School District
State School Superintendent Richard Woods surprises Lake Joy Elementary School teacher Jade Thomas for being named as a top-ten finalist for 2026 Georgia Teacher of the Year.

Supporters of 'religious liberty' bill renew push for passage as 2025 Georgia Legislature nears end

Ross Williams
Georgia Recorder

With the 2025 legislative session set to expire at the end of the week, supporters of a controversial "religious freedom" bill gathered in the Capitol to call for its final passage.

Acworth Republican Sen. Ed Setzler's Senate Bill 36, also known as the Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or RFRA, has passed the Senate and a House committee. Passage through the full House would send it to Gov. Brian Kemp's desk.

"Every Georgian should be free to exercise their faith without unfair federal, state, and local government intrusion," Setzler said. "Senate Bill 36, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, protects ordinary people from unfair state and local government intrusion by exactly mirroring the language from the federal RFRA law that protects people from unfair federal government intrusion."

Setzler said 39 states have RFRA laws on the books and characterizes his bill as a way to protect religious liberties at the state and local level the same way the First Amendment protects them at the federal level. He gave the example of a Native American boy whose school tried to make him cut his long braided hair that was part of his religious and cultural heritage. Setzler said the boy's family won a lawsuit under their state's RFRA law.

Opponents say without statewide civil rights protections, a RFRA law would allow religious Georgians to discriminate against LGBTQ people or members of religious minorities.

"Cloaked in religion, Georgians can deny thousands of people the ability to live the American dream," said Atlanta Democratic Sen. RaShaun Kemp, who is gay, in a statement. "The truth is, these bills aren't helping Georgians. That is why we fight them. Because we know bills like this don't do anything but drive a wedge between neighbors, and harm minorities."

Rep. Esther Panitch, a Sandy Springs Democrat and the state's only currently serving Jewish state legislator, took issue with Setzler when he said the bill would mostly protect minority religions rather than evangelical Christianity.

"That's a lie," she said. "Every time I try to stand up for asking for religious liberty for Jews and how it would be affected by a state RFRA, they essentially say that my religious liberties don't matter."

Panitch said she had asked House leadership not to let the bill come to the floor, but influential conservatives are putting pressure on the House to move forward on RFRA.



Ross Williams/Georgia Recorder

Sen. Ed Setzler pitches his RFRA bill at an April 1 press conference.

Cole Muzio, head of the evangelical Frontline lobbying firm, gave lawmakers a not-so-subtle message at Setzler's rally.

"As we look ahead to next year, whether it's primary season or general election season, we have long memories and we have expectations, and we expect this to be done now," he said.

Similar bills have fallen short in the Georgia Legislature in recent years, but Setzler said he is confident the House will vote on and pass SB 36 this year.

"I would welcome a large bipartisan vote, but I know we've got the votes on the floor of the House to do this, it's just a matter of making the decision that we need to do it this year," he said. "I thank the leadership that's deliberating on this carefully, they're friends of mine, they believe in this deeply. It's a matter of timing. I think it's important to recognize that timing, respectfully, is now."

"For example, in Judaism, life does not begin at conception," she said. "Just look at Israel. (Abortion) is legal and it's accessible, the Jewish state, but if I need one, I can't get one. And so in this state, my religious liberties are being degraded in favor of a Christian majority."

Panitch pointed to Indiana, where the state court of appeals ruled last year that the right to an abortion can be protected under that state's RFRA law.

"RFRA is now being used in Indiana to create religious exemptions for Jewish women, so on some level, if it passes no matter my objections, I'm going to really enjoy when RFRA gets used to invalidate the heartbeat bill."

Panitch was referencing Georgia's abortion law, sponsored by Setzler in 2019 when he was in the state House.

National Guard unveils renovated Dublin armory



Payton Towns III / Courier Herald

Brigadier Gen. Jason Fryman, commanding general of the Georgia Army National Guard, cuts a ribbon to celebrate the new renovations of the local Georgia Army National Guard Readiness Center.

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Payton Towns III
The Courier Herald

The local Georgia Army National Guard Readiness Center showed off its new renovations Thursday with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight, Councilman Bennie Jones, Councilwoman Sara Kolbie, Dublin Fire Chief Matthew Cutler and Dublin Police Chief Keith Moon, along with Maria Cook from U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock's office, were invited to the ribbon cutting. Brigadier Gen. Jason Fryman, commanding general of the Georgia Army National Guard, was the guest speaker for the event.

"Today is a momentous occasion as we gather to celebrate this newly renovated Dublin National Guard Armory," Fryman said. "The ribboncutting ceremony that we will do here is culmination of months, if not years, of hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment of our shared vision."

Throughout the first half of the 20th century, many of the Georgia Army National Guard units did not have dedicated armory facilities. The soldiers shared space in government buildings at county courthouses, churches and corrections facilities. Following World War II, there was a statewide effort to construct armories, along with providing better funding and resources.

"Our need for modern facilities remain at the utmost importance," Fryman said. "Today, the Georgia Army National Guard is comprised of more than 11,300 members, supporting overseas and domestic missions from 67 different readiness centers just like this across 55 different counties."

Dublin has been home to the Georgia National Guard since 1890 when it formed the Dublin Light Infantry. Later, as the First Battalion 121st, it landed in Normandy and went east through Germany.

"It was recognized and awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the highest unit citation for their actions during the Battle of the Bulge," Fryman said. "There is a lot of unit history here. I think another thing to highlight is the fact that we have a logistics and a transportation element here that played a central role in our response to Hurricane Helene."

The location to I-16 also helped them with their response to getting commodities into the community during last fall's hurricane cleanup. Fryman thanked Gov. Brian Kemp and the state House and Senate appropriations committees for what they did for the renovations.

"Today as we cut the ribbon and open the doors for the recently renovated armory, we honor the legacy of those Dublin guardsmen – the men and women who came before us," Fryman said. "This armory will be one of many who serves as a testament to the hard work and valor of the soldiers who came before as well as our current and future generation of soldiers who will proudly carry on their success and traditions."

He also thanked the support from businesses and people in the Dublin community.

"Our Georgia National Guard family is truly grateful for your steadfast support," Fryman said. "This armory stands as a symbol to the strong bond we have between our National Guard and this community. A bond that ensures that our citizen soldiers has the support that they need to carry on our local and global missions."

The Dublin Readiness Center, which is the home of Alpha Company, 148th Brigade Support Battalion, 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, is located at 910 Telfair St. The building was constructed in the 1950s and previously renovated in 2010. The facility is on 4.65 acres. The soldier strength at the facility is 106, including three full-time unit staff.

"Over the years, this armory has hosted a variety of events including circuses, dances, wrestling matches, antique shows and concerts," said Capt. Jason Williams. "The armory's roll … has served as a hub for various cultural and social events over the decades."

According to information provided Thursday, the renovation included the facility modernization to meet unit needs and improve soldier quality of life. These items include renovation to existing men's latrine, construction of a new women's latrine, addition of a lactation room, interior finish upgrades to include new flooring, paint and interior LED light fixtures.

The renovation included the repaving of the private owned vehicle parking area with new striping and parking spaces, construction of a 2,500 square foot single story multi-purpose building, installation of a new HVAC unit for latrine and classrooms areas and the installation of a new flagpole and landscaping. Total cost was $4 million with $2 million from the federal and $2 million from the state.

The project leaders were LS3P (architectural firm), Johnson Laux Construction (contractor), Darrell Wilson (CFMO construction project manager) and CW2 Jeremy Webb (CFMO design engineer).

Following the ribbon cutting, everyone was invited for a tour of the renovations before being served refreshments.

"We really appreciate everything the National Guard Army has brought to Dublin," Kight said. "We saw how important that was, especially during the Hurricane Helene response and the assets they were able to deliver to our area and the surrounding communities. Today was a great opportunity to see how they continue to invest in our community and continue to bring even more resources to our town and serve not just Dublin but the surrounding communities as well."

Kight was happy with the renovations. He was pleased with the amount of money they committed to the National Guard Armory.

"The capabilities they have added to the armory are going to allow it to have even greater benefits to our community," he said. "Everything from the network operation center, to the renovated training bay to the additional multipurpose building shows how important Dublin is to our entire Middle Georgia region."

Legals

Bleckley Co. Legals

C25-030
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of JOE W. FISHER AKA JOSEPH WILLIAM FISHER, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 24th day of March, 2025.
Thomas Fisher, Administrator of the Estate
of Joe W. Fisher AKA Joseph William Fisher, deceased
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Georgia Bar 500850
Meeks and Cannon, P.C.
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April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

C25-025
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. MANNING, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of William A. Manning, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to Executor.
This 6th day of March, 2025.
Marcia S Manning, Executor
109 Holly Ross Road Apt. 1
Cochran, GA 31014
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2025

C25-023
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Katalina Stefanie Munoz
Name Change of Minor Children:
Flynn Kelley Wynne and Clayton Reid Wynne
Civil Action File No. 2024V-0184CMJ

NOTICE TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILDREN
GEORGIA
BLECKLEY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that **Katalina Stefanie Munoz**, the undersigned, filed her Petition to the Superior Court of **BLECKLEY** County, Georgia, on the **30th day of October, 2024**, praying for a change in the name of **FLYNN KELLEY WYNNE**, year of birth 2021, to **CARTER JACE MUNOZ** and **CLAYTON REID WYNNE**, year of birth 2021, to **JACKSON SLADE MUNOZ**.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objects to such name changes. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty days (30) of the filing of said Petition.
This 18th day of February, 2025.
KATALINA STEFANIE MUNOZ
Petitioner
JOHN P. HARRINGTON
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 130
Eastman, Georgia 31023
478-374-3488
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2025

C25-032
"NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS"
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
IN RE: ESTATE OF LUCIANA DIXON
All creditors of the estate of Luciana Dixon, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

Teresa Dixon Daniels and Diane Carol Boutwell are the Co-Administrators of the estate of Luciana Dixon. D.Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-922-3010
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

C25-031
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice of the Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment for the State of Georgia's Draft Annual Action Plan FY25
The State of Georgia, in compliance with applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared a draft version of the State's Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The State of Georgia will host a public hearing and webinar to present the 2025 Annual Action Plan. This FY25 Annual Action Plan is the third year of the five-year 2023-2027 Consolidated Planning period. The Annual Action Plan outlines the activities that will be undertaken in the program year (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). The six federally funded HUD programs covered by the Action Plan are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). The State of Georgia encourages citizens, public agencies and other interested parties to review the contents of its draft the Annual Action Plan and to submit their written comments.
A draft of the Annual Action Plan will be available for review on April 1, 2025 by 5 PM by visiting our website: https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/housing-development/community-initiatives/hud-planning/hud-planningreporting
The report may also be obtained upon request from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by emailing HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov
The public hearing webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. To participate in the webinar please, please register to attend using the following link:
https://tinyurl.com/muedux79
If you have trouble with the link, please email HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov to receive the registration link. All written comments should be submitted by email or postal mail no later than Friday, May 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Housing Development Division
Attn: Homeownership Development and Preservation Division
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231
April 3, 2025

C25-029
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of IDA PEARL FLAGG, deceased, of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 20th day of March, 2025.
Roderick Dontae Flagg, Administrator
c/o Rebecca C. Moody, Esq.
MOODY AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

C25-022
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
ESTATE NO. 2025P2
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY MAGDALENE CHEEK POWELL
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Mary Magdalene Cheek Powell 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 me.
This the 3rd day of March, 2025.
Billy W. Powell, Administrator of the Estate of Mary Magdalene Cheek Powell, Deceased
112 Hart Cemetery Road
Cochran, GA 31014
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2025

C25-027
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID SCOTT RAMBO, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025P15
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ANY AND ALL SINGULAR THE HEIRS AT LAW OF DECEDENT:
KEARAH RAMBO POSEY has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DAVID SCOTT RAMBO, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of statements, waiver of reports, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 21, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or 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.
/s/ Jonathan Fordham
Judge of the Probate Court
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Twiggs Co. Legals

T25-019
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice of the Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment for the State of Georgia's Draft Annual Action Plan FY25
The State of Georgia, in compliance with applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared a draft version of the State's Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The State of Georgia will host a public hearing and webinar to present the 2025 Annual Action Plan. This FY25 Annual Action Plan is the third year of the five-year 2023-2027
Consolidated Planning period. The Annual
Action Plan outlines the activities that will be undertaken in the program year (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). The six federally funded HUD programs covered by the Action Plan are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). The State of Georgia encourages citizens, public agencies and other interested parties to review the contents of its draft the Annual Action Plan and to submit their written comments.
A draft of the Annual Action Plan will be available for review on April 1, 2025 by 5 PM by visiting our website: https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/housing-development/community-initiatives/hud-planning/hud-planningreporting
The report may also be obtained upon request from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by emailing HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov
The public hearing webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. To participate in the webinar please, please register to attend using the following link:
https://tinyurl.com/muedux79
If you have trouble with the link, please email HUDPLanning@dca.ga.gov to receive the registration link. All written comments should be submitted by email or postal mail no later than Friday, May 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Housing Development Division
Attn: Homeownership Development and Preservation Division
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231
April 3, 2025

T25-015
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD D. HOLLIDAY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-009
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Caroline F. Starnes have petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **Donald D. Holliday** 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. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 7, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Gary Nobles, Jr.
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
Twiggs County Probate Court
425 Railroadd St. N. P.O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, GA 31044
478-945-3390
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2025

T25-017
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: SARA BROWN STONE, DECEASED
All debtors/creditors of the Estate of Sara Brown Stone, 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 7th day of March 2025.
Dale Stone Wynn
516 Windson Drive
Macon, GA 31217
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2025

Wilkinson Co. Legals

W25-031
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice of the Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment for the State of Georgia's Draft Annual Action Plan FY25
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Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Housing Development Division
Attn: Homeownership Development and Preservation Division
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231
April 3, 2025

W25-023
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WILKINSON COUNTY
IN RE: Estate of Jack Harold Upshaw, Sr.
All creditors of the Estate of Jack Harold Upshaw, Sr. deceased, late of Wilkinson County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, AND all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 4th day of March, 2025.
Deborah Hill Upshaw
Executor of the Estate of
Jack Harold Upshaw, Sr.
c/o Bert King
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1707
Gray, GA 31032
478-986-6000
www.BertKing.com
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2025

W25-027
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF WILKINSON
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: Estate of Edward Nicholson Gall
All debtors and creditors of the Estate of Edward Nicholson Gall, deceased, late of Wilkinson County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands and payments to the Personal Representative of the estate, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the Personal Representative.
Debra Elaine Gall
21350 GA Highway 112
Toomsboro, GA 31090
March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

W25-029
THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA Civil Action File No: SUCV2024000358 Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Plaintiff/Petitioner, vs. The Estate of Marilyn Wright a/k/a Marilyn A. Knowles, and John Doe and Richard Roe, as Representatives of all heirs and devisees of Marilyn Wright a/k/a Marilyn A. Knowles, deceased, and all persons entitled to claim under or through them; also, all other persons, corporations or entities unknown claiming any right, title interest in or lien upon the subject real estate described herein, any unknown adults, whose true names are unknown, being a class designated as John Doe, and any unknown infants, persons under disability, or person in the Military Service of the United States of America whose true names are unknown, being a class designated as Richard Roe; James Derek Knowles, Sr.,; Cindy Davidson; and The United States of America acting by and through its agency, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) **NOTICE OF SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION** TO:The Estate of Marilyn Wright a/k/a Marilyn A Knowles, and John Doe and Richard Roe, as Representatives of all heirs and devisees of Marilyn Wright a/k/a Marilyn A. Knowles, deceased, and all persons entitled to claim under or through them, Defendants By **ORDER** of the Court, for service by publication dated the 24 day of March, 2025. You are hereby notified that on the October 23, 2024, the above-named Plaintiff filed suit against you for: Recission, Foreclosure in Equity of a
Security Deed and Suit on Note. You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon the plaintiff or plaintiffs attorney, whose name and address is, Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, Columbia, SC
29201, an Answer in writing within sixty (60)
days of the date of the Order of Publication. Witness the Honorable Alison T. Burleson Judge of said Court. This the 24 day March, 2025. WANDA PAUL, Clerk of Superior Court, Baldwin County, GA Baldwin County Courthouse BCP 24-43067
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

W25-028
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TA'KAIYA YAVONNA BROWN, MINOR
ESTATE NO. 265
NOTICE
Date of Second publication, if any
April 10, 2025
TO:
You are hereby notified that Grace Height Gilbert has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice is you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia 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.
NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
/s/ Bradasia A Mims
Associate Judge of the Probate Court
By: Brittany Jones
Clerk of the Probate Court
Wilkinson County Probate Court
100 Bacon Street
Irwinton, GA 31042
478-946-2222
April 3, 10, 2025

Georgia legislature passes comprehensive school safety bill

Ty Tagami
Capitol Beat

ATLANTA – The Georgia legislature on Monday passed a sweeping school safety bill that seeks to identify students who intend to do harm and bolster mental health services for them.

House Bill 268 drew broad bipartisan support in both chambers of the General Assembly Monday, passing the Senate 45-9 and then the House of Representatives 154-12. The House had already approved the bill by a similar margin in early March but had to ratify Senate changes.

The measure has been a priority for House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington. The 57-page bill is a reaction to the mass shooting at Apalachee High School in Barrow County last September, which led to four deaths and murder charges against a student and his father, who was accused of giving his son access to a gun. Nine others were wounded.

"We have to make sure that this never happens again in the state of Georgia," said Sen. Bill Cowsert, R-Athens, whose district includes Barrow County.

HB 268 seeks to prevent violence before it happens. It would require that schools maintain records on students with troubling behavior, from regularly skipping school to disciplinary infractions and police encounters (police would have to inform the schools when they apprehend their students).

Schools would have five business days to share those records when a student transfers to a different school, as happened at Apalachee High. They would also have to maintain an around-the-clock anonymous tip line.

The legislation also calls for more mental health services. Each school system would get up to three state-funded student advocates, one for every 18,000 students. And it would require annual training for teachers and students about recognizing mental health warning signs.

The Senate deleted some provisions that were in the original bill passed by the House.

A mandate for schools to establish threat assessment teams was cut. So was a database that would have served as a repository of information about students who seemed suspicious. One state official said it might contain records on 1% of Georgia's 1.7 million public school students.

Parents and their advocates feared such data would be inaccurate, prejudicial and stigmatizing — and follow students into adulthood, with potentially harmful consequences.

Cowsert agreed and deleted that provision during the review process in a committee he leads.

"They say and do stupid, irresponsible things," Cowsert said of teenagers. "Why should we have this shadow database on misconduct of students that didn't rise to the level of criminal conduct?"

But misconduct that does rise to the criminal level would be treated sternly under HB 268 through a provision added by the Senate. Children ages 13-17 who commit a terroristic act on campus could be tried in adult courts, with potential prison time and convictions that would go on their records for life.

A terroristic act would involve using a weapon, fire, hazardous substance or simulated hazardous substance to terrorize or cause an evacuation.

The legislation also would allow prosecutors to prosecute teens as adults for aggravated assault with a firearm, on or off campus.

That concerned Sen. RaShaun Kemp, D-Atlanta, who noted students in gangs could see their lives "drastically changed" by that new provision.

HB 268 now goes to Gov. Brian Kemp for his signature.

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WEEKLY RECIPE



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

Pecans can make any recipe better. Whether they add a nutritious crunch to oatmeal, star as the lead ingredient in pecan pie or give cookies that little something extra, pecans elevate the foods they touch.

In this recipe "Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes" from "Simply Scratch" (Avery) by Laurie McNamara, honey-covered pecans are the crowning touch on sweet potatoes, helping to make this side dish one to remember at any special meal.

Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes
Serves 4

Ingredients
2 medium sweet potatoes
1 tsp olive oil
4 tbsp unsalted butter
2 tbsp pure maple syrup
2 tsp chili powder
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp kosher salt
2 tbsp honey
3/4 cup chopped pecans

Instructions
1.) Preheat the oven to 400F.

2.) Massage the olive oil onto the sweet potatoes and set them on a small baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour or until a knife glides through effortlessly. Let cool until safe to handle. Keep the oven on.

3.) Halve the sweet potatoes horizontally and carefully scoop out the flesh into a medium bowl. Set the skins aside. Add the butter, maple syrup, chili powder, cinnamon, and 1/4 tsp of the salt and use a potato masher to mash the filling until smooth.

4.)In a small bowl, combine the honey, pecans, and a pinch of salt.

5.) Place the skins side by side in a small baking dish. Spoon the filling in, dividing it evenly, and top with the honeyed pecans. Bake for 5 minutes. Serve warm.

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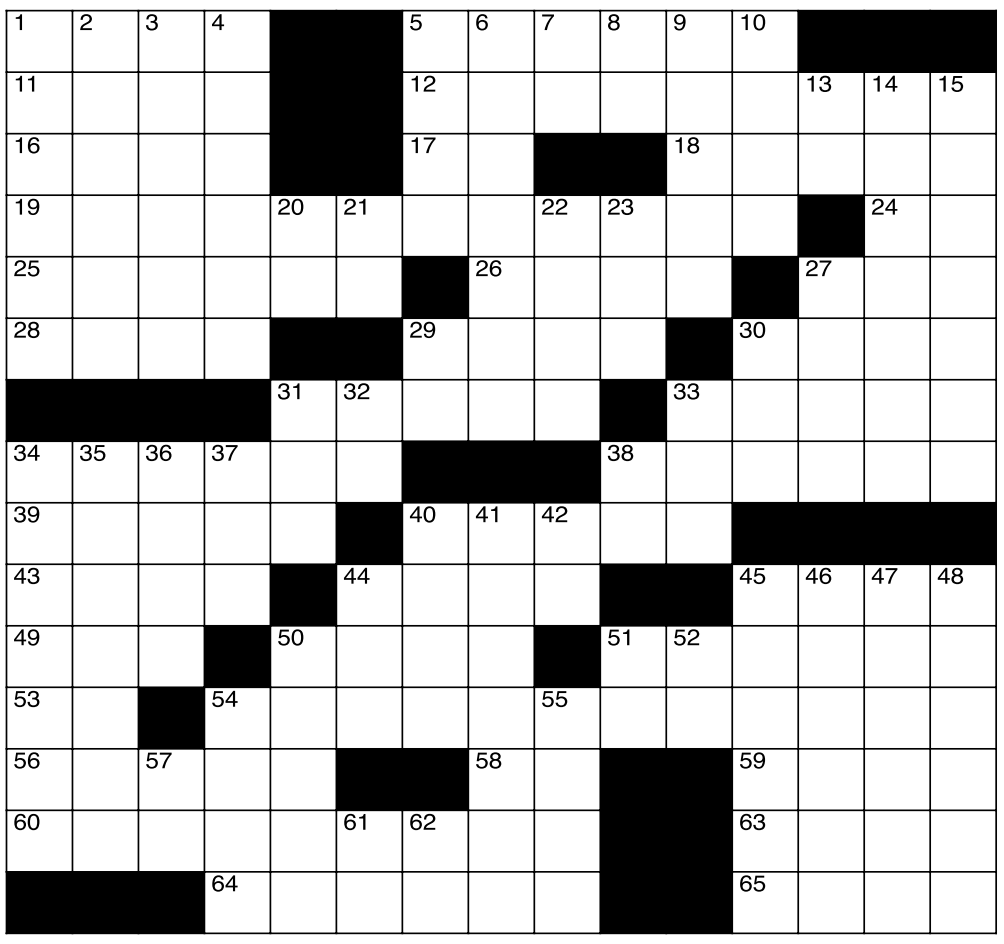

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Narrow piece of wood
5. African desert
11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
12. Sour
16. Infrequent
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Policemen wear one
19. Out of the question
24. Used to chop
25. Symptoms
26. Not moving
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Comedian Armisen
29. Quantitative fact
30. Incline from vertical
31. Scottish musician
33. Rooney and Kate are two
34. Positioned
38. A very short time
39. Tropical American shrubs
40. Yemen capital
43. Spanish municipality
44. Medical professionals
45. Fibrous material
49. Confined condition (abbr.)
50. Without covering
51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
53. Hockey position
54. Taste property
56. Fertile spots in a desert
58. They precede C
59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
60. Try a criminal case
63. Liberal rights organization
64. Spoke
65. Insect repellent

CLUES DOWN

1. Unshaven facial hair
2. More thin
3. Show up
4. Seethed
5. Ancient Greek city
6. Poisonous plant
7. Hello
8. College sports official
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Wings
13. Take too much of a substance
14. A citizen of Uganda
15. Most appealing
20. Atomic #18
21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Swiss river
29. Incorrect letters
30. Popular entree
31. Foot (Latin)
32. A driver's license is one form
33. Extinct flightless bird
34. Appetizer
35. After battles
36. It neutralizes alkalis
37. Beverage container
38. Partner to "Pa"
40. Gray American rail
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Canadian province
44. Dish made with lentils
45. Narrative poem of popular origin
46. For each one
47. Come to terms
48. Test
50. More dishonorable
51. Unit of loudness
52. The Ocean State
54. Monetary unit in Mexico
55. Lying down
57. Thus
61. Where LA is located
62. Western State

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Answer: Eddie Murphy

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Clue: Draws attention away

B. 17 6 9 18 7 4 6
Clue: Car or truck

C. 21 25 26 20
Clue: Place to drive

D. 6 13 6 11
Clue: Used for sight

Answers: A. distraction B. vehicle C. road D. eyes

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