

November elections all set around Wilkinson County

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

It's officially election season in Wilkinson County, as candidates last week qualified to run in four of the county's municipalities.

Gordon is the county's largest town, and it also has the largest crowd of candidates. Four candidates are vying for mayor – Aprill Smith, Terry Eady, Chancey Allen and Mary Whipple-Lue. Smith is the incumbent, first elected in 2021. Eady, meanwhile, was a longtime city council member who chose not to run for re-election two years ago. Allen is a former

law enforcement officer who ran for sheriff last year. Whipple-Lue, meanwhile, was Gordon's mayor between 2014-2017.

If no candidate manages to garner a majority of the vote in the general election (50 percent plus 1), the top two vote-getters then will take part in a run-off election.

The crowd of city council candidates is even more crammed. Nine candidates qualified for three available seats. The three incumbents – Barbara Towles, Rodney Evans and Harold Whipple – are all seeking re-election. Other candidates include: Yyacheeko Veal; Victoria Whipple; Debra Horton

Dupree; Pat Brooks Dupre; Kyle Swicord; George Wynn.

Gordon utilizes a "ranked choice" voting system. In other words, when Gordon residents go to the polls and view their ballot, they will be asked to choose their top three candidates, in no particular order. There are no run-off elections for city council, so the three candidates who are named the most on ballots will win a seat to the council.

Whichever winners emerge, they will face plenty of challenges once they're sworn in. The city had to move money into a different bank account earlier this year

in order to meet payroll. At different points during 2024, there was mold growing in the public library and mold in the visitors center, leading to the temporary shutdown of both. City Hall and Gordon Main Street had to scramble in the weeks leading up to the Fall Line Festival. None of the electrical outlets at MLK Park were working at the time, and "wires were showing." Also, the grass at the park was overgrown for much of the summer.

Perhaps most pressing is the city's rapidly aging water and sewer system. In late 2023, a consultant gave council members a

general overview and project estimates. The treatment plant on Papermill Road needs more than \$4 million worth of upgrades just to maintain the status quo, according to Greg Boike with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Then, there are the water/sewerage upgrades needed around downtown. The cost of improvements in the downtown area, which would include a new elevated storage tank, would cost an additional \$3 million, roughly.

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Wilkinson Co. school district improves in recent report

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The Wilkinson County School District made some notable improvements in its standardized test scores during the 2024-2025 school year, although many of those scores remain in the bottom 15th percent of Georgia's 180 city and county public school districts.

The Georgia Milestones Assessment Test has been the Georgia Department of Education's standardized test of choice for the last 11 years. The data in this article focuses on the "end of grade" test scores for the WCSD and other Georgia school districts.

In third grade reading, 45.8 percent of WCSD students most recently tested at proficient or above, which placed Wilco in the 6th percentile among Georgia's city and county school districts. This compares to the 4th percentile last year and the 21st percentile in 2019. In third grade math, 28.9 percent of WCSD students most recently were proficient or above, which placed the WCSD in the 16th percentile among Georgia's city and county school districts. This compares to the 2nd percentile last year and the 35th percentile in 2019.

In fifth grade reading, 60.3 percent of students were proficient or above, which placed the WCSD in the 23rd percentile among Georgia's city and county school districts. This compares to the 6th percentile last year and the 6th percentile in 2019. In fifth grade math, 20.7 percent of students were proficient or above, which placed the WCSD in the 10th percentile among Georgia's city and county school districts. This compares to the 3rd percentile last year and the 19th percentile in

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Warriors season begins with first away game

The Warriors took on Treutlen County last Thursday night at Bobby Driggers Stadium. The Warriors thrived but the match ended in a 22-27 loss. The Warriors will next play against Jasper County at home/LOGAN REYNOLDS



Mapping the death of Georgia's rural counties

By CHARLIE HAYSLETT
Special to The Times Journal Post

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About a decade ago, still fairly early in my TIGC noodling, I came across an article about declining birth rates in rural areas in some other part of the country. Gee, I wondered. What's the situation in rural Georgia?

As it turned out, that was easy enough to figure out, thanks to an

excellent public database operated by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). Known as OASIS (an acronym for "Online Analytical Statistical Information System"), it's a repository for a wealth of population health data, including the number of births and deaths for all 159 counties going back to 1994.

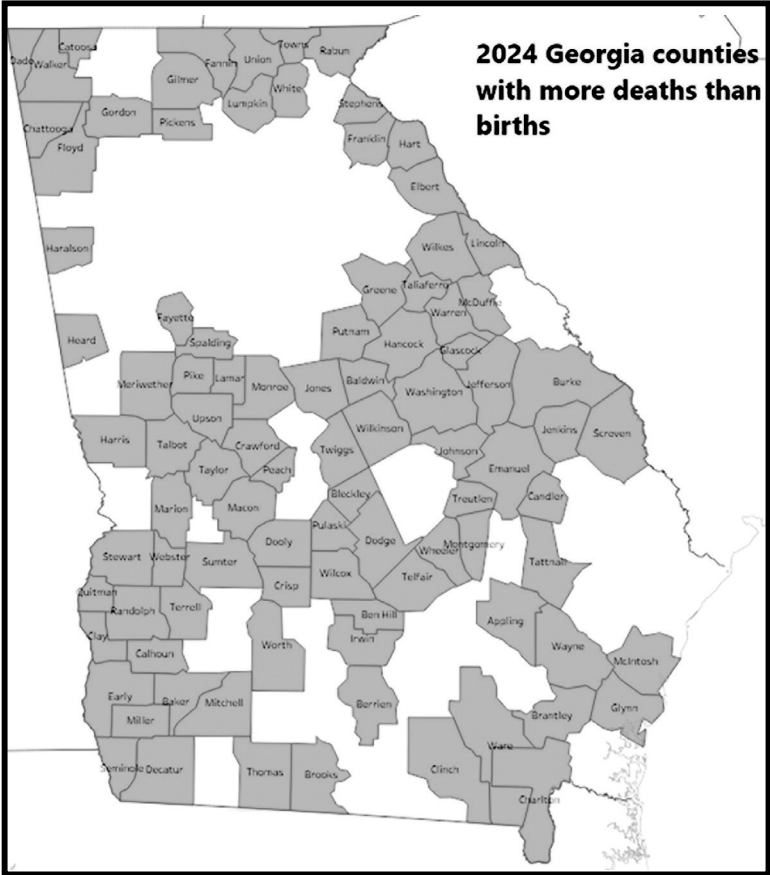
This was, as I recall, in late 2016 or early 2017. I downloaded all the county-level birth and death numbers from 1994 through 2015 (the latest data available at the time), dumped it all into Excel, and let the spreadsheet calculate the difference between births and deaths for each county and each year. That entire process probably took less than 10 minutes, 15 at the most.

The next step involved a bit of semi-manual data wrangling and took a few minutes longer. I wanted to know how many counties had reported more deaths than births for each year, but couldn't figure out how to get Excel to do that in one fell swoop and wound up having to

do year-by-year counts. Even that wasn't all that difficult, but at first I thought I had gone down a rabbit hole that would prove to be a waste of time.

In 1994, only 12 counties reported more deaths than births; in '95, the number was 18; in '96, it dropped down to 9 counties and then bounced back up to 14 in '97. Not much news here, I remember thinking. I kept going, though, and so did the boring little yawner of a trend I had unearthed. Over the first 15 years of OASIS's data, as the graph at right shows, the number of counties reporting more deaths than births hit 19 a couple of times but never got above that. But then, starting in 2010 (or maybe a year or two earlier, actually), something obviously happened.

The first time I can remember using this data was in an April 2017 presentation to the opening session of the Georgia House Rural Develop-



Bleckley, Twiggs and Wilkinson are among several counties in the state of Georgia reporting significantly higher death rates than birth rates. Above is a chart from 2024/SPECIAL PHOTO



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Meanwhile, here are the candidates who qualified last week in Wilco's other municipalities:

Toomsboro

Vincent Smith (mayor)
Joyce Denson (mayor)
Bennie Roundtree (city council)
Latasha Fordham (city council)
Grady Landrum (city council)
Phyllis Woodard (city council)

Irwinton

Roger Bacon (city council)
Harvey Curry (city council)
Deborah Osbourne (city council)

Ivey

Roland Youmans (mayor)
Thomas Hatfield (city council)
Clinton Hardie (city council)

McIntyre

Jamesha Anderson (city council)
Jerry Shinholster (city council)

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2019.

Progress in reading at Wilkinson County Middle School was the brightest spot. In eighth grade reading, 72.3 percent of students were proficient or above, which placed the WCSD in the 73rd percentile among Georgia's city and county school districts. This compares to the 45th percentile last year and the 35th percentile in 2019. In eighth grade math, 21.5 percent of students were proficient or above, which placed the WCSD in the 11th percentile among Georgia's city and county school districts. This compares to the 2nd percentile last year and the 14th percentile in 2019.

The Milestones Tests tests elementary school subjects in three subjects – Reading, English/Language Arts and Mathematics. At the middle school level, this increases to five subjects – Reading, English/Language Arts and Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

The WCSD last week released a press release that touted the district's gain. The press release honed in on progress made in the "developing learner and above" category, although "developing learners" aren't considered to be performing "at grade level." The Milestones Test places student performance in four categories. The first two categories – "beginning learner" and "developing learner" – are not considered to be performing "at grade level." Those are reserved for the other two categories – "proficient learner" and "distinguished learner."

In other words, the WCSD press release touted the fact that it had fewer "beginning learners" than in did in the previous school year.

Reads the press release: "In 2025, Wilkinson County School District achieved significant gains across ALL tested subject areas. These results reflect our students' hard work, our teachers' dedication, and the strong partnership with our families. This is a testament that by working together, we can achieve great things! We are proud of this progress and look forward to building on this momentum for even greater success ahead.

"This year, students in grades 3-8 achieved a 9% increase overall in proficiency (students scoring Developing and Above). Growth was seen in every subject tested:

English Language Arts

6% increase
Developing and Above

Mathematics

7% increase
Developing and Above

Science

20% increase
Developing and Above

Social Studies

10% increase
Developing and Above

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ment Council, held down in Tifton. The latest data available on OASIS at that point was for 2015, and the number of counties reporting more deaths than births for that year was 60 — more than double the number from 2010 (and five times what it had been in 1994).

I used this data in my PowerPoint presentation and can remember getting a bit of a rise out of otherwise mostly bored House members; one went a bit bug-eyed and looked at me like I had put a gun to his head. Which, metaphorically, I sort of had.

But this situation has continued to deteriorate, and it's arguable now that much of rural Georgia is literally dying. The number of counties reporting more deaths than births rose steadily from 2010 on before spiking in the Covid years of 2020, '21 and '22. In the last two years, the number has dropped to 92 and 94, back on its pre-Covid trajectory.

Map the data over time and you can't help but get the sense that you're witnessing the spread of some kind of socioeconomic cancer consuming more and more of the state.

The 1994 map shows the 12 counties that reported more deaths than births that year, and there's not much all that troubling about it. With median ages

in the mid-50s, the three mountain counties highlighted on the state's northern border — Fannin, Union and Towns — were all in negative birth-to-death territory, but they have continued to grow steadily thanks to in-migration.

Ten years later, the number of counties reporting more births than deaths was only up to 15, but certain patterns that would soon become more significant were starting to take shape. Down in southwest Georgia — aka SOWEGA — Stewart County had joined Quitman and Clay, hard on the Alabama line, in reporting more deaths than births. And a bit to the northeast, Upson had joined Talbot in this unhappy club.

Over in east-central Georgia, Warren and Wilkes had joined Glascock and Taliaferro to form a growing subregion of impoverished rural counties that were upside down on births and deaths — as, a county or two to the south, was Johnson County.

By the mid-2010s, this particular socioeconomic cancer was approaching full bloom. When I made my aforementioned April 2017 presentation to the House Rural Development Council, with 2015 data, the number of counties reporting more deaths than births had quadrupled to 60, with two others at break-even — reporting exactly the same number of births and deaths.

More significantly, the regions only being hinted at in the 2004 map were pretty much fully formed — and still growing and metastasizing toward one another. Of the southwest Georgia counties on or near the Alabama line, only Early County was still producing more births than deaths. What's more, a chain of impoverished upside-down counties was forming in interior Middle and South Georgia — and beginning to connect to the growing cluster of equally upside-down counties in east-central Georgia.

This was basically a part of the state that the late George Berry, who served as commissioner of the Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism (now Economic Development) under Governor Joe Frank Harris, once described to me as a "crescent of poverty" whose problems he found unsolvable. Berry held that position through most of the 1980s, and things have only gotten worse since then.

Indeed, the number of counties reporting more deaths than births has continued to climb since my presentation to the HRDC. By 2019, the number was up to 78 — and then exploded when Covid hit.

The peak came in 2021 when 124 of the state's 159 counties found themselves under water, with more burials than births. This particularly unhappy condition had with few exceptions,

covered nearly all of rural Middle and South Georgia, crept up the state's eastern border with South Carolina, and all the way across its northern border with North Carolina and Tennessee.

Outside Metro Atlanta, only a handful of counties and regions dodged a direct hit from this public health hurricane.

As Covid largely passed after 2022, this trend seems to have settled back into its pre-Covid trajectory. It dropped to 92 in 2023 and 94 in 2024. But that's not exactly good news. By my math, that's about where it would have been without Covid.

The good news, of a sort, is that this situation can't get a whole lot worse — at least in terms of the number of counties with more deaths than births each year. Metro Atlanta's growth serves as a buffer against the trend north of the gnat line, and several important economic assets — Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, the new Hyundai plant in Bryan County, and the Savannah ports — seem to be holding off the grim reaper in southeast and coastal Georgia.

But for much of interior rural Georgia, this cancer seems terminal.

Back up in the top half of the story, I noted that "something" had happened around 2010 but never got around to explaining what. I'm working now to take a stab at that.

OFTC names Summer 2025 President's & Dean's Lists

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

OFTC – Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) President, Mrs. Erica Harden, is pleased to announce the students named to the President's and Dean's List for the Summer 2025 Semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, OFTC students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher with a course load of at least 12 credit hours during the semester. And to be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA and a course load of at least 7 credit hours during the semester.

2025 Summer President's List

Keiria Vargas, Baldwin
Brittney Alvarez, Bleckley
Penny Forsythe, Bleckley
Joey Burch, Emanuel
Destiny Kitchens, Glascock
Raven Hutchinson, Greene
Alayna Wiggins, Jefferson
Glennetria Askew, Laurens
Jaynie Baggett, Laurens
Skylar Barella, Laurens
Maci Brown, Laurens
Cynthia Gontorwon, Laurens
Katlynn Gordon, Laurens
Harry Haag, Laurens
Alexis Haigh, Laurens
Piper Horne, Laurens
Gillian Keller-Smith, Laurens
Australia Norris, Laurens
Ieshia Robinson Jones, Laurens
Katelyn Sipes, Laurens
Robert Smith, Laurens
Tommie Tremble, Richmond
Lauren Adams, Telfair
Ryan Livingston, Telfair
Destiny Brooks, Treutlen
Kailyn Outlaw, Twiggs
Nigeria Carr, Washington
Avionna Livatt, Washington
Randa Pope, Wheeler

2025 Summer Dean's List

Tanyell Anderson, Baldwin
Abigail Aycock, Baldwin
Ajah Boddie, Baldwin
Erika Boland, Baldwin
Jasmine Bonner, Baldwin
Rachel Brown, Baldwin
Muriel Bryan, Baldwin
Carter Hughes, Baldwin

Donnivan Hunt, Baldwin
Makinli Hussey, Baldwin
Keyairah Moore, Baldwin
Raquavius Pearson, Baldwin
Ashley Warren, Baldwin
Jill Woodsum, Baldwin
Ashlee Oxford, Banks
Robert Aarstad, Barrow
Sarah O'shea, Barrow
Shinji Bundrige, Bibb
Kara Bloodworth, Bleckley
Heather Bryan, Bleckley
Leala Hutchens, Bleckley
Bobby Landmesser, Bleckley
Rebekah Miller, Bleckley
Jordan Moseley, Bleckley
Irianna Moss, Bleckley
Samuel Mullis, Bleckley
John Sanders, Bleckley
Eli Wynne, Bleckley
Adriana Anderson, Burke
Rochelle Carpenter, Burke
Rena Strowbridge, Burke
Sarah Barron, Clarke
Angela Washington, Cobb
Meghan Archer, Columbia
Jessica Coon, Columbia
William Lee, Columbia

Kenneth Rogers, Columbia
Olivia Veal, Crisp
Adeline Nji-Elonge, Dawson
Xochil Baker, Dodge
Davesha Banks, Dodge
Jordan Beck, Dodge
Jalen Bray, Dodge
Abegail Hightower, Dodge
Ariel Jones, Dodge
Tommie Jones, Dodge
Mckenzie Karst, Dodge
Katrina King, Dodge
Caleb Merritt, Dodge
Jillian Oxley, Dodge
Brianna Reynolds, Dodge
Harvey Roland, Dodge
Ezequiel Villanueva, Dodge
Brittany White, Dodge
Allison Yeomans, Dodge
Emily McClung, Effingham
Brayden Baggett, Emanuel
Brandon Sumner, Emanuel
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Jacob Hunnicutt, Glascock

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Commissioner's Chambers on Thursday September 4, 2025 at 9:00 am and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 does hereby publish the								
following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.								
CURRENT 2025 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY								
Countywide	VALUE	COUNTY WIDE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
		Real & Personal	334,961,364	349,898,451	366,919,926	374,715,898	378,228,041	379,996,677
		Motor Vehicles	4,352,330	3,605,720	3,331,840	3,422,190	3,085,500	2,987,910
		Mobile Homes	4,431,343	4,858,659	5,879,273	5,497,694	5,012,187	4,571,809
		Timber - 100%	7,816,082	5,410,423	8,614,528	13,634,111	11,402,584	6,872,300
		Heavy Duty Equipment						
		Gross Digest	351,561,119	363,773,253	384,745,567	397,269,893	397,728,312	3,944,328,696
		Less Exemptions	88,129,321	82,864,583	93,122,165	93,024,211	92,190,488	95,111,756
	RATE	NET DIGEST VALUE	263,431,798	280,908,670	291,623,402	304,245,682	305,537,824	299,316,940
		Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	21.5300	21.3500	21.2200	21.1900	21.1100	21.2900
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	1.9300	1.7500	1.7900	1.8000	1.7200	1.9000
	TAX	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	19.6000	19.6000	19.4300	19.3900	19.3900	19.3900
		TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$5,163,263	\$5,505,810	\$5,666,243	\$5,899,324	\$5,924,378	\$5,803,755
		Net Tax \$ Increase		\$342,547	\$160,433	\$233,081	\$25,055	(\$120,623)
	Net Tax % Increase		6.63%	2.91%	4.11%	0.42%	-2.04%	

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Molly Anderson, Glynn
Rebekah Montero, Gwinnett
Javion Lawrence, Hancock
Coudez Poole, Hancock
Raikwon Reaves, Hancock
Ashley Baker, Henry
Michelle Gonzalez, Henry
Tate Malone, Henry
Chakerria Floyd, Houston
Kendra Singleton, Houston
Briana Wade, Houston
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Whitfield Hawkins, Laurens
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Chrishelle Wright, Laurens
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Twiggs County is accepting proposals from qualified Contractors for Resurfacing and related road work (the “Work”) for a total of approximately 1.0 miles of roadway on Possum Hollow Road (beginning from the point of where the recent paving work ended and continuing to the end of Possum Hollow Road). Further details are available in the project specifications which are available as provided below.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Proposals/Bids must be signed; late Proposals/Bids will not be considered. Bids/Proposals for the Project will be sealed and not opened until Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Twiggs County Court House.

The terms and conditions for the Proposals/Bids and specifications for the Project are: (1) a minimum application rate of 1.5” asphalt for resurfacing; (2) centerline striping and fog line striping are required; (3) a 2-foot apron is required at all driveways and intersections to ensure a smooth transition; (4) work must be completed within 45 calendar days from the notice to proceed; (5) 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 that it receives pursuant to this Request, specifically including but not limited to, the right to waive any requirements and/or specifications included, to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities or informalities, and to accept any proposal that in its judgment best serves the interests of the County and/or is deemed to be best suited for its needs.

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

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 22, 2025
City of Ivey
148 Highway 243
Ivey, GA 31031
(478) 628-2479

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Ivey.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 15, 2025, the City of Ivey will submit a request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Ivey 2023 CDBG for the purpose of water system improvements in the Magnolia Street Area. It is estimated that \$511,142 in CDBG funds and \$35,000 in local cash match and leverage will be used to complete this project. This request is related to the renewal of an awarded 2023 CDBG using an updated environmental assessment.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Ivey has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) file at Ivey Town Hall, 148 Hwy 243, Ivey, GA 31031, and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mayor Clint Hardie at Ivey Town Hall, 148 Hwy 243, Ivey, GA 31031. All comments received by September 12, 2025, will be considered by the City of Ivey prior to authorizing the submission of a request for the release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Ivey certifies to DCA that Clint Hardie, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Ivey to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Ivey certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later), only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Ivey; (b) the City of Ivey has omitted a step, or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the DCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to DCA at 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Potential objectors should contact DCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Clint Hardie, Mayor
City of Ivey

Bluffton, South Carolina

There is something singular about the villages and habitats of the eastern seaboard — from the Canadian border at Ft. Kent, Maine, all the way to Key West, Florida.

Yet there is a sameness that reminds you that, dating back to Native American times, mankind has always maintained an affinity for the sea.

Times are forever changing. Lobster fishermen in Maine are confronted with issues like lobsters shifting their habitats and the rising costs that come with their profession. Fishermen off the coast of North Carolina struggle with declining fish populations, and shrimpers off Hilton Head are up against competition from producers of farm-raised shrimp.

Real estate developers, however, seem to be doing well — and for those who enjoy high-end living, this is the place to be.

Whatever the reason, it is always edifying and uplifting to spend time in the low

country of South Carolina, which was once the home of the Native Americans before the Europeans arrived, principally at Charleston and Savannah.

This was an agricultural region at one time, then it became a fishing haven that remains intact — although it is not what it once was, especially for shrimpers.

The latest economical influence has been real estate with the vision of the late Charles Fraser, a University of Georgia alumnus who found a way to make nearby Hilton Head a desired destination where clientele brought about seven-figure homes — which brought golf courses, tennis courts, high-end restaurants and economic boom.

Bluffton, just over seven miles away, has experienced spectacular growth in recent years, although perhaps a little slower and less intense. Laid-back living in these parts has broad appeal.

If you want to become a resident there is grand op-

portunity. But if all you're looking for is a temporary getaway, you get all the trimmings that come with a day or two or an extended stay.

Bluffton gets its name for the bluff that overlooks the 15-mile May River, which is located between Hilton Head Island and Daufuskie Island. Bluffton's nickname is "Heart of the Low Country," its motto, "State of Mind." That is the title of a handsome book photographed by Marge Agin who gleaned prose from several of her friends, such as "Oysters drink salt water, salt-water rusts metal tub; metal tub carries oysters."

And another: "May her pitch be slight and her roll be still, low country boil, pots to fill."

The one I liked best: "The oak and the palmetto are friends with the marsh. They may mingle, but they cannot marry."

When we arrived at the upscale Montage Hotel a few days ago, there was a short wait for checking in, but there was no fuss. A nice young executive named Michael Simonetti ushered us into a well-appointed



LORAN SMITH

library with leather chairs and an active fireplace. Then he offered a drink that lifted spirits with warm alacrity.

There are three ingredients: lemonade and sweet tea with a shot of Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey. I didn't care if the room was not ready until early evening. All the while you can monitor the comings and goings of a clientele bent on outdoor recreation, cuisine and pristine marsh-side living.

Once you turn on May River Road and reach the Montage, you might be as lucky as we were to see an eight-point buck, three does, and twin fawns lei-

surely grazing amongst some picturesque palmetto stalks.

Seems that the home-builders here prefer wood as their primary choice of construction. You can charm the hearts of homebuyers when you are creative with wood.

You also find a plethora of tin roofs, accented by white-frame clapboard construction. You find yourself inspired by wetlands, marshes and oaks saturated with moss, with a solitary crane standing patiently in a creek awaiting his supper.

The Montage is pet friendly, and you see everything from a miniature poodle to a stud golden retriever. Little toddlers are eager to "pet the doggies," and the owners are compatible with this mutual admiration society.

The service staff could not be more accommodating or self-effacing. Smiles permeate polite conversational demeanor and never is heard a discouraging word.

Zoltan Csik is from Hungary, and he makes residents feel comfortable in the congenial environment.

In the Octagon Restaurant, you are fortunate if you connect with Kevee Soltau, who grew up in Kingston, Jamaica. She makes frequent trips back to her "Island in the Sun" but makes her livelihood here in Bluffton. The Montage personnel underscore service with an engaging smile and a helping hand, making you think "Encore!"

If you want to go off campus, head into Bluffton's Old Town, which is quaint, charming and lively. If you find your way to Captain Woody's Seafood Bar, you learn that the captain is a longtime and highly regarded fisherman in Beaufort County and has written a book, Where Have All the Shrimp Boats Gone?, co-authored with Laura Von Harten. It costs a little more than two platters of fried shrimp and all the trimmings plus a cold beer, requirements in the low country to enjoy your meal to the fullest.

Then to have Lisa Casini and Ashley Brahm provide low country conversation will make your day.

A little on the subject of the state: Growth is a choice. Change is not.

In my last column, I looked back at series from 8 years ago which outlined the various political regions of Georgia. It was a public pivot to note what will be a recurring theme here in this space: The success of economic development efforts combined with other migration trends will continue to see coastal Georgia grow to resemble that of metro Atlanta.

No sooner had the piece hit the desks of my publishers than International Paper announced the closure of two paper mills, one in Savannah and another in nearby Riceboro. 1,100 Georgians will lose their jobs when the company ends its 88 year run as a major regional employer next month.

The overall premise remains intact. Savannah and the Georgia coast's growth will continue to influence the overall region for decades to come. The effects are spilling into counties that are not adjacent to the

ocean. Much as "Metro Atlanta" is now nebulous and consists of much of if not most of North Georgia, the coastal region will spread out well into Southeast Georgia and voting trends will follow. Growth, itself, will be an issue and will become a fixture of debate and focus in the legislature.

So why am I again talking about growth in the face of a major employer closing down two paper mills? Because growth is a choice, at least in how it is managed. Change, however, is always with us. It is important to separate the two.

I've had a front row seat to this process my entire life. I was born in what was "rural" Fayette County in the late 1960's. A decade later, our county routinely made the list of fastest growing counties in the country. We almost tripled in size during the seventies, and doubled our population again during the 80's. Growth was THE topic in local elections.

A few things were odd

about this. Most of the successful candidates were the ones who seemed to be the most anti-growth. Sewer services would not be extended from cities into the county. Zoning requests would be denied. The rural character of the county would be preserved.

At best, growth was slowed a bit. But most importantly, change was not.

Change was happening all around us. Some was by the growth and other political decisions made by neighboring counties and cities. Some was just due to time itself.

Looking back, it's clear that a lot of the political promises to stop growth were really empty appeals to those who feared change.

Whether conscious of it or not, most people fear change. It's uncomfortable. It's a big old bucket of the unknown. It's a risky trade from what we already know and have to what might be behind the curtain. People value certainty over oppor-



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

tunities they can't quantify.

Fayette didn't stop growth nor change. When Eastern Airlines grounded there was an outflow of population for a couple of years. Businesses that depended on growth suffered. My family's hardware store was one of them.

Eastern employees found that there were jobs available in an otherwise growing economy, but many found it difficult to replace their seniority and mid-career wages when

starting over elsewhere. The folks at International Paper will likely have the same difficult transition. There are often very real, very human costs to these changes that statistics don't show us.

While I haven't lived there in a couple of decades, I'm aware that the county has embraced change and growth a bit differently in the wake of the great financial crisis and the housing collapse associated with it. When growth stopped suddenly, change did not.

The county was left with a lot of expensive homes on large lots, with the oldest average age of residents in the metro Atlanta area. The kids who grew up there couldn't afford homes to move back to as adults. Worse, the available amenities made many who could not want to.

It took someone with the vision and stature to openly pitch county residents on a new vision, and that person was Dan Cathy, then CEO of Chick-Fil-A. He had already

successfully brought a major movie studio and related residential village to the county.

He successfully sold the City of Fayetteville on the idea that the area needed housing that younger folks could afford, and entertainment options they wanted close to home.

Not only did that bring in some younger folks, but the values of the big homes stabilized, then began increasing again. Planned growth, backed with a vision, seems to have trumped resistance to change.

As we look at what is happening across Georgia, we need to understand that the words are often about growth, but the fears are rooted in the uncertainty that comes with change. The opportunity we have as Georgians is to understand the implications of both, and deal with each as directly and bluntly as possible to unlock our future.

Some thoughts from Skeeter Skates and Ryo Morning Coffee Club

When I saw the phone jump off the cradle, I knew who it was. Skeeter Skates, owner of Skeeter Skates Tree Stump Removal and Plow Repair in Ryo, Georgia. Skeeter has that effect on people and on telephones, as well.

In addition to being a leader in the stump removal and plow repair industry, Skeeter also currently serves as chair of the Ryo Morning Coffee Club, a collection of Great Americans which includes Walleye, who runs the bait shop over in Red Bud; Booger Bledsoe, who operates a local roadside vegetable stand on State Route 136 near Sugar Valley; and Uncle Coot, recently retired from the porta-potty transportation industry.

Skeeter Skates gets straight to the point. I guess that's the nature of those in the tree stump removal and plow repair profession. "Hoss, me and the boys were talking about you this morning at our meeting of the coffee club. That is, me and Booger and Walleye. Uncle Coot was a good bit downwind from us, given he still shows the residual effects of a career spent transporting porta-potties."

Skeeter said, "Frankly, I ain't got much use for folks that make their living writing fancy words and don't know a John Deere left hand shin from a rolling landside wheel scraper. But me and the boys wanted to talk a little about politics and we



DICK YARBROUGH

immediately thought of you cause you know as little about politics as anybody I can think of. Heh! Heh!" Skeeter never gets tired of that line.

"We don't get a lot of news here in Ryo. None of us know how to use Twerp or Click Clack or any of that other socialized medium, so that's the reason for our calling you. You are all we got left." Skeeter said. In case you are wondering, I believe Skeeter is referring to Twitter and Tik Tok and other social media, but it's best not to correct him.

"You may not know how to replace the clutch on a Powerhorse 7 HP stump grinder, but me and the boys know you are close with all the big-shot politicians, including that old boy that's running things in Washington," Skeeter said. I don't know where he got that idea but, again, correcting Skeeter isn't wise.

"Next time you see him,

tell him things are just fine in Ryo. No need to worry about sending in the U.S. Army. Unlike Washington and those hippies out in California, there's nobody stirring up trouble in Ryo. Let him know that." I told Skeeter I would certainly do that. I know Donald Trump has a lot on his plate these days. Not having to worry about Ryo will be a relief.

Walleye got on the line and asked me to express his appreciation to the president for keeping China and India from flooding the bait market with red wigglers. He is proud that his worms are made in the USA but admitted crappie wouldn't know the difference. Or care.

Booger Bledsoe, who operates a local roadside vegetable stand on State Route 136 near Sugar Valley, said while he was glad to see a

tariff on Mexican tomatoes, the competition didn't bother him. Crappie may not appreciate the difference in Chinese worms versus American, but his clientele sure knows a Georgia tomato when they taste one, especially on white bread with mayonnaise.

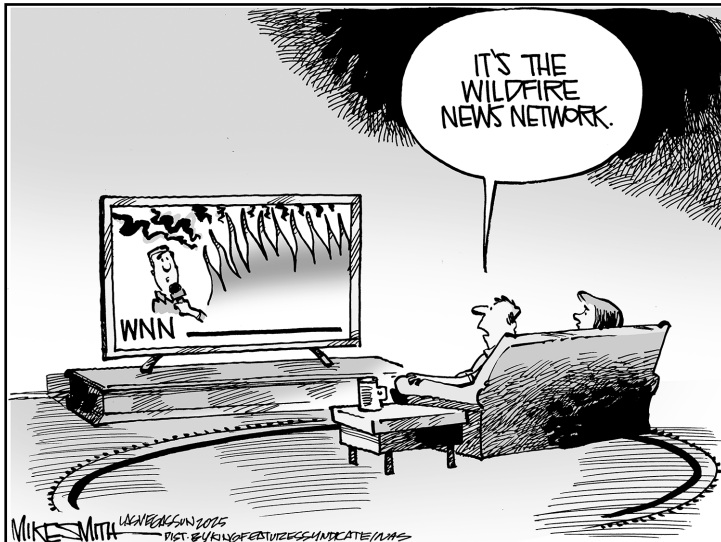
Booger said next time I went to visit the president, let him know and he would send along some tomato sandwiches. I told Booger I would do that although my schedule was pretty tight and I wasn't sure when I'd be seeing the president.

Uncle Coot transported a lot of porta-potties to a lot of places in his career so he takes a much broader view of the world beyond Ryo. For example, he feels like if the president locked Russian president Vladimir Putin and Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a

Chery 2-Stall Portable Toilet with 3-inch drain, they would probably work out their differences a lot quicker than the way things are going now. Uncle Coot may present an olfactory challenge, but he has a point.

Skeeter got back on the line. "Hoss, I'm going to pay you a rare compliment.

You wouldn't know a Baumalight 1P24 - 3 Point Hitch Stump Grinder if it hit you in the backside, but at least you know that old boy running things in Washington." I really don't but it's best not to correct him.



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DID YOU KNOW...?

When did the last Old West style train robbery take place?



By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

Did you know ...
... sharks find fish by hearing their hearts beating? (Well, what did you think sharks did ... bait hooks?)
... about 33% of the people in the world cannot snap their fingers? Additional trivia note: Snapping one's fingers is known as a filip. (So one-third of people will never be in The Addams Family.)
... you can easily tell if you're looking into a two-way mirror? To tell, just put the edge of your fingernail on the surface of the glass. If you can detect a space between the tip of your fingernail and the reflection, it's a normal mirror. If the fingernail tip meets its reflection directly ... well, don't do anything silly, because whoever is behind the mirror can see you. (And you never know who's watching.)
... bubble wrap was originally wallpaper? Invented in 1957 by Alfred Fielding (1917-1994) and Marc Chavannes (1896-1994), the ubiquitous protective wrapping stuff was intended to be a form of three-dimensional wallpaper. Needless to say, it didn't sell, but the two engineers were not discouraged. They tried to market it next as a greenhouse insulation, but that fell flat as well. Finally, hearing that IBM was shipping a new computer model in 1961, the men offered their twice-rejected air-filled wrapping idea as a packaging material. It worked, and sales through the roof were quick to follow. (Glad it failed as wallpaper; popping those bubbles would mean re-papering the room over and over again.)
... a video game is on the market that makes you play it twice before you see the ending? Ghosts 'n Goblins is a very difficult game to play all by itself, but when you get to the end, you get a message saying that it was all just an illusion, and you have to start all over again. Once you get to the end a second time -- which is much more difficult than the first -- you get to see the real ending of the video game. (One can only hope the real ending is worth what you have to go through to get to it!)
... the writer of Alice in Wonderland created a word game? Author Lewis Carroll (1832-1898) came up with a word game called Doublets. In this game, players transform one word into an entirely different one -- one letter at a time. The catch is, each step in the chain must be a legitimate word as well. (Sounds like a great game show idea!)
... the last Old West-style train robbery in the United States was in 1937? Henry Loftus (1915-1993) and Harry Donaldson (1910-1986) were passengers on a Southern Pacific railroad train out of El Paso, Texas, on November 24, 1937. About an hour into the trip, Loftus pulled a gun on the conductor, and Donaldson began collecting valuables from the passengers. Then things began to go south - one passenger tried to intervene, a nervous Donaldson shot that passenger in the hip, and Loftus was tackled by a brakeman. During the ensuing struggle, the gun went off and the brakeman was killed, at which time some twenty passengers descended on the two would-be desperados, gave them a rather thorough beating, and tied them to their seats. When the train stopped in Deming, New Mexico, Loftus and Donaldson were transferred to the authorities. They were each found guilty of murder and train robbery and sentenced to 50 to 75 years in prison. Additional trivia note: Loftus and Donaldson later said they attempted the robbery because they were out of money, and never intended to harm anyone. (Didn't quite turn out the way they expected it would, did it?)
Now ... you know!

From the front lines
More thoughts on the robot revolution

In case you didn't know, the term wireborn defines an entity that exists solely in cyberspace, typically generated by artificial intelligence. The term, though not officially entered into our lexicon, can be considered derogatory, if you can have negative emotions against something digital, and is getting more and more common as artificial intelligence worms its way into every facet of daily life. People use it for school, folks get it to do their work for them, people talk to it and some even say they are in love with it.
What an age to be alive.
Every day it seems the lines between science fiction and reality get a little more blurred. All the things we've seen in movies, television shows and books about machines taking over and making humanity obsolete are seemingly coming true. And there is no escape from it. Every time you turn around another company is introducing an AI feature that's supposed to make our lives easier. I'm sure it will soon be on grocery buggies.
Your next medical exam could be performed by a wireborn physician. More and more doctors are using AI in basic screenings, using artificial intelligence to spot abnormalities such as growths and tumors. A recent study in Poland suggested that gastroenterologists who used AI to spot polyps during colonoscopies lost their ability to spot them on their own when tasked to do it the old-fashioned way, at least as old-fashioned as a



THE NEW
SOUTHERN
DAD

By KYLE DOMINY

colonoscopy can be. I'm sure the bill was the same.
Opinion is still split on how AI will affect education. While some think it saves time serving as a high-end search engine by helping gather and organize data, others argue that AI will destroy critical thinking, especially in younger students. Why think about something to form an opinion when a machine can tell you how to think? I have a brother who is an English professor and don't get him started on artificial intelligence after a long day of flunking students for using AI to compose their assignments.
I can assure you this feature is entirely human composed, straight from my exemplary brain to my dexterous fingers into a keyboard.
It's times like this that I wished I had paid more attention in math class. I could be writing the code for AI, not waiting to be replaced by it.
But there's hope yet. The other day my robot vacuum got lost. That's right, my AI-driven, GPS-equipped room cleaner failed to make it back to its charging station. It was smart enough to send an SOS via text message but couldn't make its way through a finite space. I rescued it eventually. I let it die first, stranded on the hard woods, vacuuming in a circle.
Was that cruel of me to not immediately come to the robot's rescue? Maybe. But I had to let it know I was still in charge ... at least for a little while longer.

Students invited to take STEM challenge

STAFF REPORTS

MACON -- Georgia elementary classes in third through fifth grades are encouraged to put their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills to work by entering the Fall 2025 STEM Challenge: Grow More with Less. Special education classes, homeschool groups and community or after-school groups with third- through fifth-grade students are also invited to participate.
Elementary classes taking part in this challenge will learn how to design a hydroponic system that grows food using nutrient-rich water instead of soil and household or classroom items in a limited space. Students will create their own hydroponic system to grow vegetables and herbs.
As part of the challenge, students will document their observations in journals and video the process of designing the system and the plant growth.
Teachers, homeschool parents, or after-school group leaders interested in participating in the Grow More with Less challenge can visit <https://www.gafoundationag.org/stem-challenge> for more information and to register for the program until Sept. 15.
Once registered, teach-

ers will receive instant access to a digital resource toolkit to equip their classes to participate in the STEM challenge. The top winner from each grade, special education classes, and home-school/community groups will win a prize package totaling \$350 for their class.
Each participating team will be asked to answer the questions: What is hydroponics? How do you engineer a hydroponic system? What can I grow?
The STEM challenge asks participating classes to complete the provided lesson plan and activities, then create a video presentation -- no longer than five minutes -- that demonstrates what the students have learned about hydroponics. Class presentations must be uploaded to YouTube for judging by Nov. 21.
The statewide competition, sponsored by the Georgia Farm Bureau and the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture, is part of the Georgia Ag Experience mobile classroom outreach program.
"We developed this STEM challenge to help students understand the opportunities of farming in urban areas," GFA Educational Programs Assistant Virginia Fulwood said. "By developing a hydroponic system and growing plants in their design, students can

explore diverse concepts in agriculture.
"The purpose of the challenge is to encourage elementary teachers and students in grades 3-5 to apply their STEM skills to real-world issues in food production and environmental sustainability while having fun learning."
The GAE is a mobile classroom, created by the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture, housed in a 36-foot trailer that gives third- through fifth-grade students and consumers a chance to virtually visit a poultry house, cattle pasture, stand of timber, horticulture nursery, cotton and peanut fields, and a produce stand full of fresh Georgia fruit, vegetables and pecans. Colorful farm

photos, interactive technology and displays of products made from the various ag commodities highlight the importance of Georgia agriculture to our daily lives. All exhibits and lessons that are part of the GAE mobile classroom have been professionally designed to meet STEM curriculum standards.
The Georgia Ag Experience has been visiting schools statewide since January 2021. Each year the mobile classroom travels across Georgia educating students on the importance of agriculture in their communities and the role agriculture could play in their future. For more information about the Georgia Ag Experience visit www.georgiaagexperience.org.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Twiggs County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The property is owned by HWB Properties LLC and is located at 3525 Ga Hwy 129, (T069 023), Jeffersonville, Ga 31044. It is 22.43 acres. The property is currently zoned as Agricultural (Ag) and requesting to be changed to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

The meeting will be conducted in the Twiggs County Courtroom located in the Courthouse, 425 Railroad Street North, Jeffersonville, Georgia. The public is invited to attend. Should you desire any information concerning this rezoning request, please contact the Twiggs County Planning and Zoning Office at (478) 945-3629 Ext 197.
Monte Bloodworth, Administrator
Twiggs County Planning and Zoning

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The Twiggs County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the							
Board of Education Building on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 does hereby publish the							
following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.							
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VALUE	Real & Personal	334,961,364	349,898,451	366,919,926	374,715,898	378,228,041	379,996,677
	Motor Vehicles	4,352,330	3,605,720	3,331,840	3,422,190	3,085,500	2,987,910
	Mobile Homes	4,431,343	4,858,659	5,879,273	5,497,694	5,012,187	4,571,809
	Timber - 100%	7,816,082	5,410,423	8,614,528	13,634,111	11,402,584	6,872,300
	Heavy Duty Equipment						
	Gross Digest	351,561,119	363,773,253	384,745,567	397,269,893	397,728,312	394,428,696
	Less Exemptions	88,129,321	82,864,583	93,122,165	93,024,211	92,190,488	95,111,756
	NET DIGEST VALUE	263,431,798	280,908,670	291,623,402	304,245,682	305,537,824	299,316,940
RATE	MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)	16.6000	16.5900	16.4500	16.4200	17.9200	17.9200
TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$4,372,968	\$4,660,275	\$4,797,205	\$4,995,714	\$5,475,238	\$5,363,760
	Net Tax \$ Increase		\$287,307	\$136,930	\$198,509	\$479,524	(\$111,478)
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TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 422/381
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 129, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 6.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT 6, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 120. 132 LAKEVIEW CHURCH RD

MAP AND PARCEL: B48 053
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: CIRCLE K CORP
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: NOT FOUND
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .60 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EASTMAN HWY

MAP AND PARCEL: A14 020
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: D K DUBLIN LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND FISHER TW JR ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2024
DEED BOOK: 25/131 AND 467/506
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF COCHRAN, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.52 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING BLOCK 31. 139 N SECOND ST

MAP AND PARCEL: B38D 159
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DRANE PROPERTY GROUP LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SMITH ELIZABETH ANN WATSON AND DRANE PROPERTY GROUP LLC
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 467/445
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 126, 121ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 4.11 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARCELS A AND B, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK E150, PAGE 91. GA HWY 87

MAP AND PARCEL: B37A 056B
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DYKES JASON P
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 347/476
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 175, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .69 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 8, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 35-5. WILLOW CREEK RUN

MAP AND PARCEL: B35 005
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EVANS ASHLEY N
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2024
DEED BOOK: 428/50
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 269, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.27 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 38. 1004 LIMESTONE RD

MAP AND PARCEL: A22 022
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: FLOSSIE NEDD ESTATE PITTS TERRY B PITTS AMBUS NEED ISSAC NEED ROBERT D II AND NEDD QUINTIANA AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 398/480
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 142, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 23, OF HAPPY HILL SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 20. 265 ASH ST

MAP AND PARCEL: B22 066
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GEORGIA ESTATE HOMES INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: RICHARDS DAHLIA & BRUNO & GEORGIA ESTATE HOMES INC
TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2024
DEED BOOK: 371/344
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 299, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 41, PHASE 1, SECTION B, OF ROYAL PALMS II ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 98-2. MATTHEW DR

MAP AND PARCEL: A20 036
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GILBERT MATTIE L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 66/548
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 157, 21ST DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF COCHRAN, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOTS 22 AND 23, OF J.W. BRACEWELL SUBDIVISION, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK D-16, PAGE 541. 106 CENTER STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: A23 004
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HOLMES MAMIE AND ANDERSON BRANDI H
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 435/291 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 142, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 6, BLOCK F, OF HAPPY HILL SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 276. 108 ELL STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: B37 071
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: INFINITE HOMES INVESTMENTS LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 467/143
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 154, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 16.95 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 262. 492 S GA HWY 87

MAP AND PARCEL: A16 215
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: JOHN-SON RALPH (VIA TAX DEED) AND THOM

AS NELMAN SR ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 448/117 AND 90/156
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 117 JOHNSON ST

MAP AND PARCEL: B50 132
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: JOHN-SON WILLIE JAMES JR
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 337/319
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 115, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 7, OF ANCHOR POINTE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 74-6. 146 ANCHOR POINT ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: B22 078
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: MALCOLM ELVIS
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 322/422
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 299, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.58 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 53. HEATHER DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: B22 083
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: MCLEOD KEVIN AND JODEL (VIA TAX DEED) AND HALL VALERIE R AND MILTON A IN TRUST FOR HALL JORDAN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 374/182 AND 448/106
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOTS 120, 121, 269, 270, 271, 299 AND 300, 20TH AND 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 58, OF ROYAL PALMS II ESTATES, PHASE ONE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 100-2 - 100-8. HEATHER DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: A10 013
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: MEDHI INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 351/20
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 159, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 2.72 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B-114, SLIDE 9A. 270 N SECOND STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: A20 027
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: MOSS ROSA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 22/547
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 28, OF JW BRACEWELL SUBDIVISION, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 16, PAGE 541.

MAP AND PARCEL: B53 046
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: NEWMAN SCOTTY E
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 382/12
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 11, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 2.51 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT C, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 41-9 245 NEWMAN ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: B50 081A
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: NOBLES MARCIA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 315/64
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 116, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 3.35 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 11A, OF PEBBLE ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 206. 183 ROCK HILL DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: B37A 112
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: SCHUMACHER ROBERT W (VIA TAX DEED) AND JONES JAMES ALEX AND ELIZABETH
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 242/224 AND 122/36
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 156, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .46, BEING LOT 20, BLOCK B, OF COLLEGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 295. MOLL DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: B64 039
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: SIKES JERRY M ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 51/223
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 54, 22ND DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT 3, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK E140, PAGE 2. 357 CARY-SALEM ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: B34 136
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: SMALL CLYDE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 328/95
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 121, 20TH DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 146, PHASE 1, SECTION B, OF ROYAL PALMS II ESTATES, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 100-2. TIFFANY DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: A16 195
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: TAYLOR LENA MAE GILBERT
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 296/306 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 142, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .84 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 166 N SEVENTH ST

MAP AND PARCEL: A16 096
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: THOMAS LUKINA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SIMMONS TONY DEWAYNE AND THOMAS LUKINA
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2024
DEED BOOK: 478/407

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 42, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 9, BLOCK E, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 258. 187 JOHNSON ST

MAP AND PARCEL: B39 024
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WATSON CHARLES M & MARY ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 70/866 & 46/467 & 73/459 & 67/447 (COMBINED)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 98, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 9.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 529 E GA HWY 26

MAP AND PARCEL: B22 056
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WATSON EUCAL AS TRUSTEE FOR JAELYN WATSON
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 326/423
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 299, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.56 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 31, PHASE 1, OF ROYAL PALMS II ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 981. MATTHEWS DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: B22 063
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WATSON EUCAL AS TRUSTEE FOR JAELYN WATSON
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 326/425
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 299, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 38, PHASE 1, OF ROYAL PALMS II ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 981. MATTHEWS DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: A15 105
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILLIAMS TOMMY
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 426/737
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 158, 21ST DISTRICT, IN BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 2, BLOCK 5. 172 E BEECH ST

* Deed Book: Refers to Deed Records located in the Bleckley County Courthouse, Clerk of Superior Court's Office where property is more fully described.
August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

C25-071
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA BLECKLEY COUNTY
All creditors of MELVIN SMITH, 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 estate representative.
Jennifer Jones, c/o M. Stanley Martin, Attorney at Law, 127 Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 225-2147
August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

C25-074
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

JERELL THOMAS AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF PEARL S. KREINDLER, Petitioner, v.
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN LAND LOT 119, 20TH LAND DISTRICT, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ALSO KNOWN AS MAP AND PARCEL NO. B34 033, AND
MACK MCNAIR, AND
ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MIGHT CLAIM ADVERSELY TO PETITIONERS' TITLE IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTY.
Respondents.

Case No.: 2025V-0086HCK

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO:
(1) Any unknown heir of Mack McNair; and
(2) Any interest of all persons unknown who claim or might claim adversely to Petitioner's title in the Property.
By Order for Service by Publication dated July 22, 2025, you are hereby notified on May 1, 2025, the Petitioner herein filed a Petition to Quiet Title to Land requesting, among other relief, an order establishing Petitioner's title to the above-referenced property. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, and to serve upon the Petitioner's counsel, Ronald Edward Daniels at PO Box 4939, Eastman, Georgia 31023, any objections to said Petition within 30 days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication.
Witness the Honorable Howard C. Kaufold, Jr., Judge of this Court
This 30th day of July 2025.
/s/ Carol Evans
CAROL EVANS, CLERK
BLECKLEY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

C25-075
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

RUSSELL DILLER, Petitioner, v.
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN LAND LOT 141, 21ST LAND DISTRICT, CITY OF COCHRAN, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ALSO KNOWN AS MAP AND PARCEL NO. A11-00046, AND
KAILAS PATEL, AND
ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MIGHT CLAIM ADVERSELY TO PETITIONERS' TITLE IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTY.
Respondents.
Case No.: 2025V-0077HCK

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO:
(1) Any interest of all persons unknown who claim or might claim adversely to Petitioner's title in the Property.
By Order for Service by Publication dated June 26 2025, you are hereby notified on April 25, 2025, the Petitioner herein filed a Petition to Quiet Title to Land requesting, among other relief, an order establishing Petitioner's title to the above-referenced

property. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, and to serve upon the Petitioner's counsel, Ronald Edward Daniels at PO Box 4939, Eastman, Georgia 31023, any objections to said Petition within 30 days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication.
Witness the Honorable Howard C. Kaufold, Jr., Judge of this Court
This 30th day of July 2025.
/s/ Carol Evans
CAROL EVANS, CLERK
BLECKLEY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

Twiggs Co. Legals

T25-048
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Shirley L. Glotzbach, late of Twiggs County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 30th day of July, 2024
Jennifer N. Moore, Attorney for Administrator of the Estate of Shirley L. Glotzbach
P.O. Box 5085
Macon, GA 31208
August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 2025

T25-044
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, TWIGGS COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from MARY E WILLIAMS to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE LENDERS OF AMERICA, L.L.C., dated November 8, 2018, recorded November 14, 2018, in Deed Book 10H, Page 459, Twiggs County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six and 00/100 dollars (\$127,546.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: AJLL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 99 IN THE 28TH LAND DISTRICT OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 25, SECTION THREE, OF EAST OCMULGEE ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 40, REFERENCED BELOW ARE EACH INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR PURPOSE OF A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE LOCATION, SIZE, SHAPE, METES, BOUNDS AND DIMENSIONS OF SAID PROPERTY. Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **385 REDBUD DR, MACON, GA 31217**. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is MARY E WILLIAMS, or tenants(s). 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. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3043 Townsgate Road Suite 200, Westlake Village, CA 91361, Telephone Number: 866-549-3583. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as Attorney in Fact for MARY E WILLIAMS

August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 2025

Wilkinson Co. Legals

W25-063
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, COUNTY OF WILKINSON
All creditors of the estate of Paul Thomas Rozier, deceased, as of late June 25, 2025, Wilkinson County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned:
Wilkinson County Probate Court Clerk, This is the 6th day of August 2025
Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney
August 14, 21, 28, and September 4, 2025

W25-064
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Paul Thomas Rozier, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 286
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: Joshua Arnold and to whom it may concern:

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. PNY-25-02663-1 Ad Run Dates 07/03/2025, 08/07/2025, 08/14/2025, 08/21/2025, 08/28/2025
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July 3, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

T25-050
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PEARLINE WASHINGTON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-034
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Larunda Jones, have petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Pearlina Washington, 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 September 22, 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.

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
August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

T25-049
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by William E. Williams, Jr. and Caroline B. Williams to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC dated August 11, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 102, Page 105, Twiggs County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$154,660.00, 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, October 7, 2025, 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:
All that certain parcel of land situate in the 23rd Land District in the County of Twiggs, State of Georgia, being known and designated as shown by a plat of survey made by Jack C. Brantley, Surveyor, recorded in Plat Book 2, page 160, Twiggs County Records, bounded now or formerly as follows: northeast 208.71 feet by Fowler Road; southeast 417.42 feet by lands of Ernest Nicholson; southwest 208.71 feet by lands of Gary Nobles; and northwest 417.42 feet by lands of Gary Noble. The property herein conveyed is the same as that described in Warranty Deed from Cecil C. Slaughter and Betty Willis Slaughter to Jubie L. Sanders and Eunice L. Sanders as Joint tenants with Right of Survivorship dated February 22, 1973, recorded in Deed Book W, page 559, Twiggs County Records, the said Eunice L. Sanders having died December 11, 1995.
Said property is conveyed subject to all easements for utility purposes and all covenants and restrictions of record.
Said property is known as 758 Fowler Rd, Danville, GA 31017, 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 William E. Williams, Jr. and Caroline B. Williams, successor in interest or tenant(s)

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a QuickenLoans, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for William E. Williams, Jr. and Caroline B. Williams, successor in interest or tenant(s)
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August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 2025

W25-065
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
In RE: Estate of **Judith Hardie Brown**, deceased.
All creditors of the estate of **Judith Hardie Brown**, 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 11th day of August, 2025
Adam C. West, Executor
Estate of **Judith Hardie Brown**
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August 21, 28, September 4, 11th, 2025

W25-062
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Anderson Denson, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 283
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
ORDER FOR SERVICE OF NOTICE
(a) Since the heirs have not made a unanimous selection, IT IS ORDERED that notice be issued and served upon each heir who did not acknowledge service. Notice of this petition shall be mailed by First-Class Mail to each heir with a known address at least 30 days prior to the date on or before which any objection is required to be filed. If there is any heir whose current address is unknown, notice shall be published once a week for four weeks prior to the date for which any objection must be filed.
Since the heirs have made a unanimous selection, and the petitioner(s) has/have requested the waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers, IT IS ORDERED that notice shall be published once each week for four weeks prior to the week which includes the date on or before which any objection must be filed.
SO ORDERED this 31 day of 2025
July Sarah Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

W25-061
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Paul Thomas Rozier, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 285
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: Joshua Arnold and to whom it may concern:

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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July 3, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

W25-050
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PEARLINE WASHINGTON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-25-034
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Larunda Jones, have petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Pearlina Washington, 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 September 22, 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.

Joshua Arnold has petitioned for **Joshua Arnold** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Paul Thomas Rozier** 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 **September 2, 2025**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should

