

GTLN acquires Macon Telegraph, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer Deal will 'reinvigorate' local journalism in Middle, West and South Georgia regions

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DUBLIN – The Georgia Trust for Local News today purchased The Macon Telegraph and The Columbus Ledger-Enquirer in a landmark transaction that puts two storied papers under local control and nonprofit ownership. The Telegraph has operated as a journalistic mainstay in Middle Georgia for 200 years and has a legacy of community-changing in-

vestigative journalism, including a Pulitzer Prize for specialized reporting. The Ledger-Enquirer has long been Columbus' leading news source and has twice won the Pulitzer Prize for public service. For both papers, this is the first change of ownership in 20 years. The Georgia Trust is a subsidiary of the National Trust for Local News, a nonprofit that acquires, stabilizes and revitalizes news

organizations across the country. Thanks to support from local funders in Macon and Columbus, these vital civic institutions will benefit from the National Trust's model for sustaining trusted sources of local news. Including today's acquisitions from McClatchy Media, the Georgia Trust now operates 21 local newspapers (including The Courier Herald) and digital platforms across Middle, West and South

Georgia – covering a geography of more than 1 million people. That includes an expanded presence in Macon, where it currently operates The Macon Melody, plus expansion into Columbus, the state's second-largest city. The Columbus coverage area includes the western part of the state and eastern sections of Alabama. The purchase of these newspapers from one of the country's largest media companies marks a

new phase of growth for the entire National Trust, which also operates state trusts in Maine and Colorado. "This is a great day for local news in Georgia," said Tom Wiley, CEO of the National Trust for Local News. "These vital community assets will not only be preserved, but also reinvigorated and strengthened for a vibrant future."

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TCSO asks for the public's help in a fatal hit and run accident in Twiggs County



Twiggs County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in identifying the driver in a fatal hit and run that occurred Sunday morning/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY Staff Reporter

A man was killed early this morning after being struck by a vehicle in Twiggs County, officials announced. The sheriff's office is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the driver. Twiggs County sheriff's officials say Gyrling Stanley was struck and killed by a vehicle in the 400 block of Cary Road around 3 a.m. Sunday morning. They report that the driver fled the scene shortly after. Officials are asking anyone with information to come forward, reminding that tips are confidential. Those with information are asked to contact the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Investigations Unit by calling the sheriff's office main phone line at (478) 945-3357 or by using the TCSO Submit Tips On-line Form. "If you know something please say something. Even the smallest piece of information may help investigators bring answers to Mr. Stanley's family and assist in this investigation," an official wrote in a social media post. The incident is currently under investigation by the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia State Patrol.



Jeffersonville City Council approved permits for a new driving school on Highway 96. The school will reportedly provide CDL, teen driving and DUI programs/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

Commercial driving school to arrive to Jeffersonville according next year

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY Staff Reporter

A new commercial driving school will come to Jeffersonville next year, following a decision by the city council earlier this month. On July 13, city council met to discuss an array of subjects including possible permits for a proposed driving school on Highway 96. The school, operated by Premier Driver Education Services will provide a four week program that, at its completion, will allow students to obtain a commercial driver's license, representatives say. According to CEO Frenchye Mike, the company also plans to eventually to expand courses to include "all-things driving," such as teenage driving and DUI-related courses. Mike spoke at last Monday's meeting, sharing that the school will not

only bring a "new industry" to Jeffersonville, but also new jobs. According to Mike, Premier Driver is "always hiring." Currently, the closest driver education services for Jeffersonville residents are in Macon and in Dublin. Premier Driver Education Services currently has one location in Savannah, founded by Mike in 2017. In 2021, she said, she started looking into expanding the company by developing a sister location, and that's what led her to a 2-acre Twiggs County property along Highway 96. "We all can benefit from driving services. We all hold a license. We all need commercial trucks to get everything we need," Mike said. "It's a growing sector, and what better opportunity than to start here in Twiggs County."

The school's construction is scheduled to be completed anywhere between four and six months. Council member and Planning and Zoning Director Monte Bloodworth made a motion to approve the permit, and after a second from council member Laura Gallemore, the motion passed. Following the approval of the new driving school, the council also approved a notice warning a city CPA working on an audit to respond to the city within 30 days, or be terminated. Mayor Charles Williams told council that he was "sick of the circus." Williams discussed the situation at a previous city council meeting, sharing that the council is consistently struggling to communicate with the

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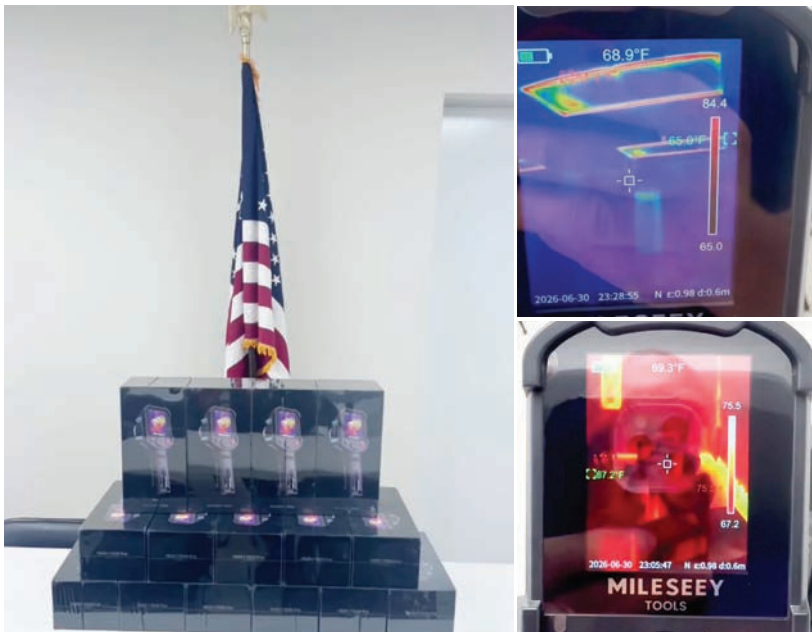
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Bleckley County Fire Department purchases new thermal cameras

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY Staff Reporter

The Bleckley County Fire Department recently purchased 15 new thermal cameras for the department's fire engines following a successful Boston butt fundraiser in November. Fire Chief Matt Kelley said that the department is grateful for the community's ongoing support, which helped make the purchase possible. Every year around Thanksgiving, the fire department holds a Boston butt fundraiser to raise funds for department upgrades. This past November, they sold 200 Boston butts at \$35 each. Kelley said the department cooks all of the Boston butts themselves. Once sold, the department collects the funds and discuss where they should be appropriated. This year they chose to use the funds to purchase new thermal cameras.

According to Kelley, the department found a brand that was both good quality and didn't "break the bank." Kelley explained that thermal cameras work by detecting heat signatures. This allows fire departments to detect heat sources in active fires faster and more efficiently than other methods. According to Kelley, the fire department primarily uses them to find the source of active fires, including making sure a fire has been completely extinguished before leaving a scene, but they can also be used to help firefighters locate people still trapped inside burning buildings. Thermal cameras can also be used to find missing persons in a large area of land. Each of the new cameras will be added to one of the department's fire engines, Kelley said, allowing every unit access in the case of an emergency.



Bleckley County Fire Department used funds raised last year to purchase 15 new thermal cameras/Photo courtesy of the Bleckley County Fire Department

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To mark the acquisition, the Georgia Trust will temporarily remove The Ledger-Enquirer's and The Telegraph's digital paywalls to welcome all members of the community to connect with these publications.

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The National Trust's growth model leverages catalytic philanthropic investment to accelerate

local publishers' ability to drive earned revenue from subscriptions, advertising, events and other emerging sources.

In 2024, with a \$5 million grant from Knight Foundation, the National Trust for Local News launched a startup community newsroom, The Macon Melody. The community journalism produced by Georgia Trust reporters in Macon quickly established The Melody as a vital local resource and partner in Middle Georgia. Knight Foundation's support

strengthened the infrastructure that makes today's acquisitions possible.

Another steadfast supporter of the Georgia Trust is the Peyton Anderson Foundation. To honor the legacy of Peyton T. Anderson, Jr., former owner and publisher of The Telegraph, the Peyton Anderson Foundation is providing funding for the acquisition of The Telegraph.

The Melody and The Telegraph will bring their strengths together into a single news source. Oper-

ating as The Telegraph, this combined publication will blend the scale, domain authority and subscriber base of The Telegraph with the community-first voice, local relationships and entrepreneurial muscle of The Melody. Later this summer, The Melody will become a section within The Telegraph highlighting the people, places and moments that are the rhythm of Macon. The Telegraph newsroom will be housed in Mercer University's Reg Murphy Center for Collaborative Journalism.

Funding for the acquisition of The Ledger-Enquirer in Columbus was provided by a grant from The Local News and Information Fund at the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley. Through the Community Foundation, more than a dozen individuals and community stakeholders contributed to the fund's support of The Ledger-Enquirer acquisition, underscoring the enthusiastic local support for the newspaper's future under nonprofit ownership.

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bookkeeper and that he's missing deadlines. Williams previously told the board that the CPA wouldn't answer his phone calls.

"I've made several phone call attempts," Williams said on Monday. "The city attorney made a few... That's where we're at."

The council discussed

potential issues with hiring a new CPA this late into the audit.

Ultimately, council member Nikki Stephens recommended giving the bookkeeper a 30 day notice. If he doesn't respond by the time the 30 day notice is up, the council will pull the plug.

Also at last Monday's meeting, Jeffersonville Police Chief Greg Stone gave

the monthly public safety report. According to Stone, city police responded to 43 calls and made one misdemeanor drug arrest in the past 30 days.

He also recalled a situation that occurred in June involving a resident who allegedly illegally used city water after he installed his own meter box.

Stone told the council that the original meter box

on the resident's property, installed by the city, was shut off after nonpayment. The resident reportedly was given a week extension to make payment after working out a deal with water clerk Tameka Walker, but after nearly double that time passed without payment, the box was shut down.

Stone said the city discovered the new meter when they revisited the

home three or four weeks later.

The man was charged with unlawful connection of utilities and unlawful use of utilities, and according to Stone, he was released on bond.

Stone also provided an update to the board about nuisance properties within city limits. According to Stone, he sent out four letters notifying residents on

North Railroad Street to clean up their properties.

On Monday, he reported that some were making "more progress than others."

One property has reportedly made significant improvements. Stone told the board that though it's "not completely cleaned up," it was about "70, 80 percent" there.

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners seek public comment on data center ordinance

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Georgia Trust For Local News

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners decided on July 13 to hold a public hearing to receive resident input on a discussed ordinance regarding data centers.

Discussions regarding data centers began on May 7, during which Commissioner Amie Vassey revealed the local tax assessor had been approached in January regarding potentially leasing two acres of land for a data canter. Vassey had also spoken to residents who had concerns regarding the construction of a data center in Montgomery County.

Multiple residents have spoken in the board's public comments to express their desire to block data centers, with many offering suggestions based on their own research. Residents and commissioners expressed worries a data center may negatively impact the surrounding environment, such as local water supplies, without much benefit to the local economy.

"I'm concerned about the water supply because we are an agricultural county," said Board

Chair Ginger Morris on the issue.

At Vassey's suggestion, County Attorney Ron Daniels drafted an ordinance on data centers, which he initially presented to the board on June 4. The initial draft featured a \$10,000 application fee for each data center, restrictions on the construction and location of a data center and requirements for companies to hold public information meetings.

Among the requirements was a pledge companies must make to not seek tax abatements for their data centers, which Daniels described as a "poison pill" for these companies.

"To just kind of give you the large overview, I think this is perhaps the most restrictive special use permit for data centers currently being considered by any county or municipal government in the state of Georgia that does not have zoning," said Daniels when presenting the draft.

Daniels has since revised the ordinance, incorporating suggestions from both commissioners and residents. According to him, he incorporated suggestions as recent as the board's July 9 work session the previous week.

The board considered beginning the reading process on July

13 to bring the ordinance into effect. The ordinance requires two readings across multiple meetings, meaning the implementation process will take weeks to complete.

However, the recency of the revisions made Commissioner Leland Adams uncomfortable with voting to move forward with the readings, as he had not had the time to review the ordinance as presented. In addition, Adams proposed zoning as an alternative to the ordinance, as a zoning board could address the issues regarding a data center without giving companies opportunities to work around regulations.

"This is not stopping the data centers," said Adams. "This is just giving them hurdles to go around. I mean, if you want to stop them, then you put in zoning."

Vassey said she understood Adam's position, but could not support zoning. According to her, no district 2 constituent she had spoken to had been in favor of zoning laws. She also voiced concerns that a zoning board could unfairly rule against residents due to bias without proper oversight.

"I haven't had anybody in district 2 - which is my district -

not a single person tell me they think zoning's a good idea," said Vassey. "I had six or seven citizens reach out in support of the ordinance, so for now, I'm going to be pro-ordinance, and I cannot support zoning. However, I understand why Commissioner Adams does, and I respect that."

To receive input from residents from all districts, and to allow the commissioners time to review the latest draft of the ordinance, the board opted to table the reading of the ordinance and schedule a public hearing. During the public hearing, residents will have greater freedom to express their opinions on the matter than they would during a regular meeting or work session, where residents could only speak during public comments.

"I would like to know how other districts feel and how more citizens feel, and maybe give more citizens in district 2 the opportunity to speak up," said Vassey.

The board did not set a specific date for the public hearing during their regular meeting, instead asking County Manager Heather Scott to find upcoming dates to schedule.

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He also spoke on disadvantages of being a fire department in rural Georgia.

According to Kelley, the department relies heavily on grants and fundraisers to afford much of the equipment they have. This is due to the county having a much smaller budget compared to major Georgia cities like Marietta and Atlanta.

This is why, he said, the department holds the Boston butt fundraiser every year.

"All your rural fire companies are at a disadvantage when it comes to budget," he said. "[Thermal cameras] are high dollar equipment. Some fire departments don't have them or they have something lesser that doesn't do as good a job. It's important that we're able to raise money."

According to Kelley, the department hasn't had the opportunity to use the cameras just yet, but he did say that firefighters are training with them now so that they'll be prepared when that time comes.

The Bleckley County Fire Department will hold another Boston butt fundraiser in November. According to Kelley, they might even have an impromptu fundraiser before then.

President Donald Trump to visit state of Georgia to tout affordability agenda

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — President Donald Trump plans to visit Georgia next week to highlight tax breaks, grants to newborns and other policies aimed at affordability, a top concern ahead of the November elections.

The president is scheduled to visit Wheeler High School in Marietta on Wednesday.

"As the most pro-family president in our nation's history, President Trump is giving every American child a head start in life, a nest egg to grow up with, and a real stake in their own future through Trump Accounts," Liz Huston, a White House spokeswoman, said in an email to Capitol Beat when asked about the purpose of his visit.

She was referring to the tax-advan-

taged accounts for U.S. minors that were established by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act last year.

Citizens born between Jan. 1, 2025, and Dec. 31, 2028 also are eligible to receive a \$1,000 contribution to their accounts, which their parents manage until age 18.

Trump also is expected to highlight the Working Families Tax Cuts, which increased average federal tax refunds.



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DID YOU KNOW...?

Did a popular tv program from the 1960s happen due to a Broadway play?



By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

I know what you must be thinking. “How in the world does this guy come up with different trivia each week?” That’s got to be it. Well, if you are indeed thinking that, then I just made the best guess I’ll ever make. And I’ll answer it: I have a storehouse of trivia that may last into the 22nd Century, or beyond! I’ve already mined it; each week I polish up a few nuggets and leave them here for you to enjoy. That’s my story, and I’m sticking to it. Now, enjoy this week’s collection!

Did you know...
... the “I’m Feeling Lucky” feature on the Google search page actually costs the company money? Estimates are that Google loses \$110 million in ad revenue per year when people use that feature to avoid advertising in their searches. (So when you’re feeling lucky, Google isn’t.)

... in the popular video game, “Super Mario Brothers,” the character of Mario the Plumber does not use his head to get bonus points from blocks? He uses his hand, which – if you freeze-frame the game – you can see above his head. It’s his left hand, by the way. Additional trivia note: The bushes in the background of the game are just re-renditions of the clouds in the sky, re-colored green. (You always wondered about that, didn’t you?)

... one of the most popular television shows of the 1960s indirectly happened because of a Broadway play? In 1965, ABC tried hard to acquire the rights to the character of Superman, in order to make a new series, but those rights were tied up in a not-too-successful Broadway musical titled It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s Superman. So the network then tried to get the rights to Dick Tracy, but creator Chester Gould (1900-1985) was already negotiating with NBC. Finally acquiring the rights to Batman from DC Comics, the network hired producer William Dozier (1908-1991) to make the show happen, and happen it did. Airing twice a week during its first two seasons, Batman demolished the competition with its lampooning of the entire superhero genre. (To the Bat-poles, Robin!)

... television can be a very bad influence? Yeah, you needed me to tell you that. But consider this: when the television series Breaking Bad finished its run, police agencies throughout the country noted a sharp uptick in the popularity of crystal methamphetamine, the drug created by the show’s central character Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston (born 1956). Manufacturers of the illegal substance actually dyed their drug blue in an effort to resemble the drug shown in the series. (I’ve heard of emulating your heroes, but this is ridiculous.)

... a singer’s vegetarianism caused a popular parody artist to not perform one of his songs? When “Weird Al” Yankovic (born 1959) wanted to do a parody version of the Wings song “Live and Let Die,” he asked permission from the composer, Sir Paul McCartney (born 1942). McCartney did not object to the parody, but he did object to Yankovic’s change of the title line to “chicken pot pie.” McCartney is a vegetarian, and did not want his work to be used to promote the eating of meat. Yankovic tried to work around the restriction but could not come up with a suitable substitute, so the parody was scrapped. (Now that I would have liked to hear.)

Now... you know!

When it's your turn to go, you got to go

Back when I was a young man, just a boy really, I was terrified of getting on an airplane. I still don’t like flying, but who does? There is nothing natural about cramming people into a metal tube and then sending said tube 600 mph at 30,000 feet. And that’s after strangers rummage through your luggage and your dignity is destroyed by standing in long lines and being poked and prodded in security.

Still beats walking though.
When it was time to board my first cross-country flight, my parents sat me down and tried to assure me that everything would be OK; that statistically speaking, flying is safer than riding in an automobile; and lastly, I should never fear death, because the good Lord wasn’t going to call me home until it was my turn.

I wasn’t worried about my time to go, the young me quipped, I was more concerned about if it was somebody else’s. Surviving a plane crash seems worse than dying in one.

You often hear people use phrases like “halfway dead,” or “near death.” Those colloquialisms, when you think about it, don’t really make sense, because we’re always a hair breadth away from dying and you never know when your number is going to come up. My paternal grandmother, when asked how she was doing, always said she had one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel.

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Truer words are hardly ever spoken.

Famed Greek playwright Aeschylus died when an eagle dropped a tortoise on his head. The wordsmith, considered the founder of tragedy, stared death in the face numerous times in his life. He survived the Battle of Marathon, helping drive the Persian invaders from Athens. Later he was accused of spilling the secrets of a cult he belonged to on stage and escaped the clutches of an angry, blood-thirsty mob.

This guy was like a cat with nine lives. He surely didn’t expect to go by wayward airborne reptile. Something’s going to kill you, am I right?

I recently read a report outlining a new study showing the dan-

gers of sitting down. Sitting for 30 minutes at a time, apparently, is just as bad for our collective health as smoking used to be. It has taken me about 45 minutes to string these words together, so now I’m at a higher risk of cancer. I hope it hasn’t taken you that long to read it. If so, get up and walk around a little bit.

If you focus on death, you’ll quickly consume your life with worry. If you start looking for ways to die, you will find many. Dying is easy. It’s the living that gets hard sometimes.

Next time you find yourself scared of dying, just remember we all have one foot on a banana peel and that we’re not going to go until it’s our time to go. But look out for falling turtles.

COUCH THEATER



Anya Taylor-Joy (left) and Drew Starkey (right) star in "Lucky"/Photo courtesy of Apple TV

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

The Sheep Detectives (PG)

This family-friendly film, out now, isn't just a fun blend of a mystery and comedy movie that's appropriate for all ages; it features a stacked ensemble cast that is full of familiar faces and voices. Taking place in a small English village, a shepherd named George (Hugh Jackman) reads murder-mystery novels to his flock of sheep each night. When George suddenly passes away and is found outside his trailer, the sheep overhear the local police's hunch that it was a murder. With an extensive background in mystery-novel sleuthing, George's sheep are convinced that they can track down the murderer themselves. The live-action cast features names like Nicholas Braun ("Succession"), Emma Thompson ("Dead of Winter"), and Hong Chau ("Wuthering Heights"), while the voice cast includes Bryan Craston ("Chili Finger"), Julia Louis-Dreyfus ("Thunderbolts") and Regina Hall ("The Five-Star Weekend"). (Amazon Prime Video)

Lucky (TV-MA)

Under her production company Hello Sunshine, Reese Witherspoon ("You're Cordially Invited") serves as an executive producer for this new crime-thriller miniseries, which just premiered the first two episodes out of its seven-episode season. Starring Anya Taylor-Joy ("The Super Mario Galaxy Movie") as the titular character, this series follows Lucky Armstrong -- a con artist who pulls off a multi-million-dollar heist with her husband/partner-in-crime, Carey (Drew Starkey). When Carey goes missing with the money the very next day, Lucky is forced to live on the run from her boss, Priscilla (Annette Bening), who's also her mother-in-law and was expecting the money. Oh, and the FBI's hot on her heels as well. Sounds like Ms. Armstrong is not-so-lucky! (Apple TV)

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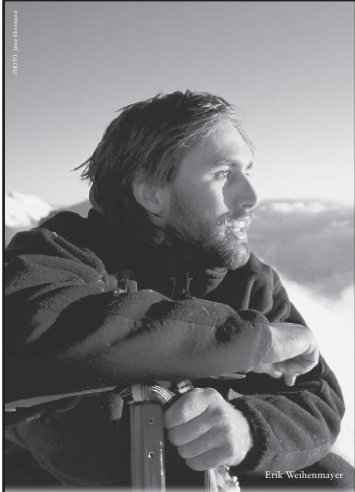
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Qualifying for the special election shall be held at the Twiggs County Election office 425 Railroad St. Room 126, Jeffersonville, Georgia beginning at 8:30 A.M. on Monday, August 17,2026 and ending at 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday August 19, 2026. The qualifying fee shall be \$36.00.

All persons who are not registered to vote an who desire to register to vote in the special election may register to vote through the close of business on October 5, 2026. Advanced voting will begin Tuesday, October 13, 2026 through Saturday, October 17,2026 and Monday October 19, 2026 through Saturday, October 24,2026 and also on Monday, October 26, 2026 through Friday, October 30,2026 at the Twiggs County Elections 425 Railroad St. Room 123, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044 from the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If you have and questions or concerns you may contact the Twiggs County Elections office during the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Election Day November 3,2026.

Andrea Bianco

Chances are that you don't know a certain hairdresser, with whom I am familiar, by the name of Andrea Bianco. You would like her work, her lifestyle, and her generous and selfless bent. She is warm, friendly, and full of good cheer.

She's good at what she does, and her clients include both women and men. Count me among the satisfied male customers who benefit from her aesthetic touch, which is accented by her colorful countenance.

Andrea grew up in New York in an Italian family and is eminently proud of her heritage. She even lived in Florence for a couple of years and visits her family homeland as often as she can. "I love Italy," I said upon meeting her. "Good," she replied. "I love it



LORAN SMITH

more."

This doesn't suggest that she was one-upping me, she was just, with enduring passion, underscoring how much she is faithfully attached to her heritage of the Land of the Boot—wine, pasta, history, Sophia Loren, the Forum, Circus Maximus, the Coliseum, and all the Caesars, good and bad.

Naturally, she speaks Italian, and the only person in her family who can make better pasta than she is her husband Salvatore, who is from Napoli. The mention of Napoli and thoughts of Dean Martin's classic number, Amore, course through her conscience:

"When the moon hits your eye like a big piece of pie, that's amore," "When the world seems to shine, like you've had too much wine, that's amore."

She is as Italian as one could be, but she and Salvatore now are Athenians to the core, having learned about the Classic City when she moved to Atlanta many years ago.

"I didn't know a thing about Athens, but everybody told me, 'You'll love Athens. All it takes is one visit and you will love it.' They were right and we couldn't be happier."

Unless... Unless there is an opportunity to return to the "land

of the Renaissance." Or getting, out of the blue, an invitation from friends Jim and Allyn Timberlake recently.

The Timberlakes have this recurring habit of going out West and floating down the Salmon River where there are more bald eagles than you can count, along with other inspiring wildlife such as big horn sheep and an occasional bear. She took more photos than she will ever be able to sort, and when she goes to sleep at night, she has visions from that trip that will last a lifetime.

In her mind's eye, she can reflect on the beauty of nature, the peace and tranquility from that exposure, and the sounds that accompany you when you are surrounded by nature.

A part of this unforgettable experience was fishing the Salmon River while floating down the 425-mile treasure. There were rainbow trout, cutthroat trout,

and mountain whitefish. If the guides had known it, they could have taken the time to filet their bounty and allowed Andrea to engage her kitchen touch. There is no question—a good time would have been enjoyed by all.

Andea and her son, Fausto, enjoyed the campfires, especially the night a couple of travelers took out their guitars and strummed away under a canopy of twinkling stars.

She loved being surrounded by protected land, no space where developers can spoil it for the Almighty Dollar, leaving it intact for our children, grandchildren, and subsequent generations.

As you might expect, her parting shot was, "I can't wait to go back again. You can't appreciate America until you have had the experience of being immersed in nature in the Rockies."

That is the happy view of a Renaissance woman.

There is no fix for daylight complaining time

To most of us, there are truly more important matters to deal with than Daylight Saving Time. A smaller few of us realize that this "problem" won't actually be solved, regardless if and when a "solution" passes Congress.

Most people are just out there living their lives, content to let Apple or Alexa update their clocks twice a year, dealing with the brief personal and/or pet adjustment, and moving on.

Then there's the people who demand someone must do something now. And because they're noisy and need something to complain about, politicians are reacting.

Five years ago, Georgia legislators mostly took it off their plate by doing...something. They passed a law adopting permanent Daylight Saving Time...but only if Congress first amended the Federal Uniform Time Act. The noisy people felt

heard. The rest of us were able to continue to live our lives while prioritizing other matters.

About 10 semi-annual time changes later, the noisy people were back. They continued to tell their legislators that their lives are disrupted by their dogs or small children who must adhere to the same schedule every day or civilization as we know it will end. No one wanted to tell these people that a basic human function is resistance to change and that most of us just deal with it, so once again, legislators got involved.

The Georgia Senate tried to "fix" the problem last year with a late session Hail Mary to move Georgia to... Atlantic Standard Time? Wait. What?

This was not a solution anyone had been asking for, but would have fixed the problem of changing clocks twice a year. In return, it would have meant the sun

would set two hours earlier and people flying in and out of Georgia would have to figure out what time zone or Daylight Saving Time was being observed in each connecting state. It would also mean that television broadcasts — marked along the east coast by Eastern Standard Time — would be an hour later for part of the year, and two hours later when the rest of the country was observing Daylight Saving Time.

That trial balloon quickly deflated. The House refused to take up the measure, and few have spoken of it again.

The noisy people remain undeterred.

Now, the U.S. House has taken up the measure. It has passed a bill that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent. At last, it appears the problem could be solved.

Except one thing: It isn't just the noisy people who resist change. Everyone

does.

It's fairly easily to remain blissfully unaware of legislation that moves through the Georgia Legislature but doesn't ultimately take effect. When a chamber of Congress passes a bill, it gets a bit more attention.

The folks who assumed the country would be ecstatic that we would get "an extra hour of daylight" year round were instead greeted by charts demonstrating zero-sum math. The "extra" hour of sunlight we would get in the winter months would, in fact, be taken away from cold winter mornings.

Maps began showing up on local weather forecasters social media pages showing the latest sunrise for cities around the country during the winter. In Western Georgia, the sun would be rising as late as 8:45am on a few cold winter days. That's hours after many have been waiting at a bus stop. That's after most have finished a



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morning commute in pure darkness.

As is usually the case, "solving" a problem does not quiet the noise. It just transfers the noise from one group to another group.

There's a simple solution to this simple solution, as many responded to these social media posts. Just quit Daylight Saving Time altogether. Then we don't have the "problem" of twice a year changes. We just have normal time again.

Suddenly, a large subset of the original noisy people rose up again. They want their extra hour of sunlight in the summer.

Perhaps it wasn't really about their kids' or dogs' feeding time after all? After all, what kind of adult would use a child or a dog as a political vehicle to achieve something they wanted for themselves?

There's a maxim that transcends all levels of politics. Beware when anyone claims a simple bill is "for the children."

The reality of this "problem" is that it won't go away with any proposed solution. It's just going to transfer who is complaining about it.

At the end of the day, the ones who would stop complaining about this would just find something else to complain about. That is just human nature. And there is no bill that can be proposed to the General Assembly nor Congress that will fix human nature.

Who could possibly argue politics with a mouthful of delicious barbecue?

Is there any way we can bridge the political, cultural and social abyss in which we find ourselves today? How about a plate of baby-back ribs, pulled pork slathered in Kinder's Original Barbecue Sauce, a slice of Texas Toast, baked beans, corn on the cob, sweet tea and some peach cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream? It's hard to argue about stolen elections or letting boys play girl sports with your mouth full of such exquisite cuisine. Besides, what could be more American on our 250th anniversary than a good ol' barbecue? Yum! Yum!

That's the intention of Builders Movement, a non-partisan, nonprofit group that seeks to overcome "us vs. them" thinking and has organized an event -- the Builders BBQ -- which challenges Americans across the country to "bite to unite" by inviting groups they see as different or who they don't usually hang out with, to host barbecues. The summer-long campaign kicked off this past month and as of this writing, Builders Movement says it has received more than 100 signups and an estimated 3,000 people are expected to attend in 30 states. And the numbers are growing.

"The response and enthusiasm for Builders BBQs has blown us away," says Kristin Moss, the organization's chief marketing officer. "As the hosts were encouraged to invite someone who sees the world differently from them, this demand clearly shows us Americans have an appetite

for the Builders Mindset -- connecting with people in their communities and reinforcing there's more that unites us than divides us. And what better way to do that than over a cherished American tradition like BBQ!"

The Builder's BBQ even offers some conversation starters to get the ball rolling: "Is there something you admire about the other political side?" "Who is someone you admire that you don't always agree with?" "Think about the last 250 years in America. What's an example of a creative solution that required both sides to come together?" With all due respect, I have some conversation starters I would offer just in case the participants don't admire someone on the other political side or would rather have a beer instead

of having to come up with any creative solutions at the moment.

Some suggestions: "Hello, stranger. Did you know that there is no word that rhymes with orange?" Or: "Hi, there! Did you know Napoleon Bonaparte was once attacked by a horde of rabbits?" Or: "The average person burps approximately 30 days per day. That says we've got us some serious burping to do, friend. Bring on the barbecue!" (Note to the Builder's BBQ: Feel free to use these conversation starters. Just be sure I get credit.)

Are Georgian's are showing up? The Builder's BBQ says yes. Why? According to the organization, "To build connection with community and immediate neighbors. One host shared that their guest list included a range of people from different



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circles: coworkers, school friends, church friends. They're single, married, kids, no kids, different beliefs, different politics, different incomes."

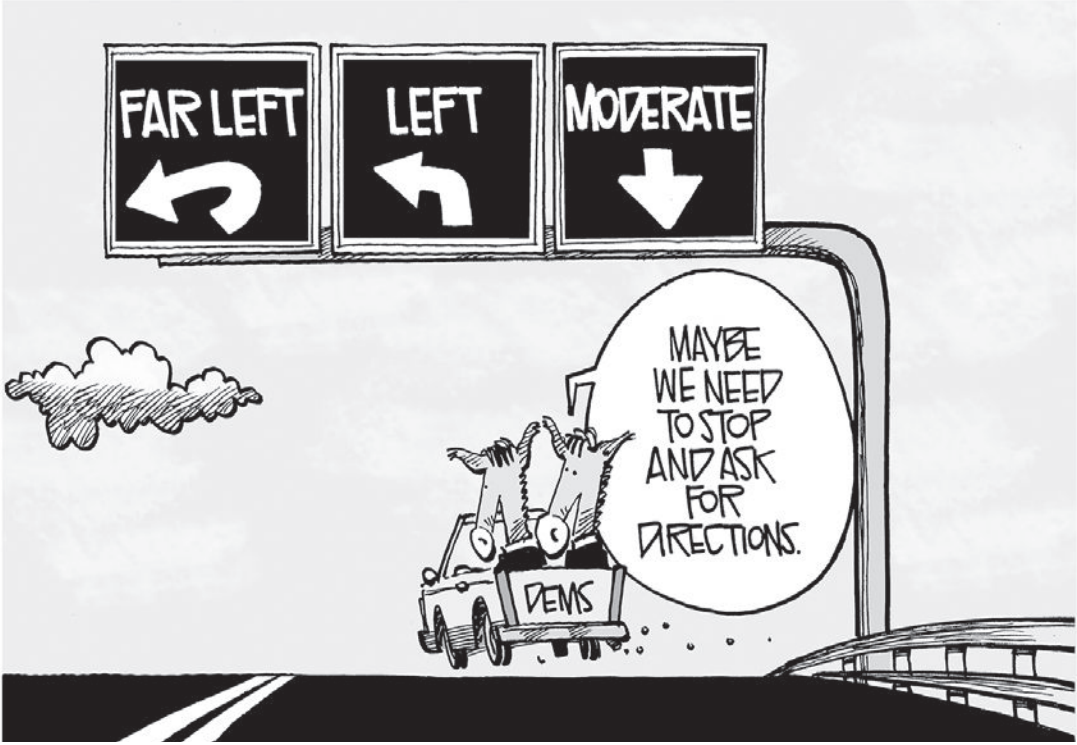
That's encouraging because the midterm elections will be here before you know it and the angry rhetoric that will precede it will tend to make us an even more

divisive group of people than we already are. Maybe having chewed on a chunk of brisket with somebody who has a different political point than yours will make you a bit more empathetic. As Americans, we all have the right of the freedom of expression but that doesn't mean we have to insult each other.

If I thought it was a possibility, I would send a barbecue plate to our Insult-in-Chief in Washington. Maybe if he consumed a dish of pulled pork with a sliced Vidalia onion on the side, he might understand that he is the president of all the whole United States of America and not just president of a bunch of an-

gry right-wing zealots. On second thought, I'm not sure there are enough pigs and cows willing to sacrifice their lives at the thought that it could actually happen.

So, applause to Builders Movement for coming up with a civilized way to seek out what unites us rather than what divides us and doing it over a plate of barbecue with all the trimmings. They describe it as a summer event, but I would suggest that barbecue, like love, knows no season. The late American celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain once said, "Barbecue may not be the road to world peace, but it's a start." Amen.



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TCSG appoints Rosemary Selby as interim president of OFTC

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

ATLANTA – Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) Commissioner Greg Dozier today announced his appointment of Rosemary Selby as Oconee Fall Line Technical College's (OFTC) Interim President following the retirement of President Erica Harden.

Selby has served as OFTC's Vice President of Administrative Services for the past 22 years and has dedicated nearly 30 years of service to the college. Throughout her career, she has held several key leadership positions, including Accounting Manager and Director of Accounting, helping guide the institution through significant growth and transformation.

"Rosemary's leadership experience, institutional knowledge,



Rosemary Selby

and unwavering commitment to Oconee Fall Line Technical College make her the right person to lead the college during this transition," said TCSG Commissioner Greg Dozier. "President Erica

Harden has made a lasting impact on OFTC through her dedication to student success, workforce development, and the communities the college serves. I am confident Rosemary will build upon that strong foundation while continuing to expand opportunities for students and employers across the region."

During her tenure, Selby has provided steady leadership through the merger that created Oconee Fall Line Technical College, periods of significant enrollment growth, and the college's continued financial strength. Her dedication, strategic vision, and commitment to fiscal stewardship have played an instrumental role in the college's long-term stability and success.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Inter-

im President of Oconee Fall Line Technical College," said Selby. "For nearly three decades, this college has been my professional home, and I have been privileged to work alongside an outstanding team dedicated to changing lives through education. I look forward to continuing our mission of preparing students for rewarding careers while meeting the workforce needs of our communities and the employers we proudly serve."

A native of Washington County, Selby holds a Master of Business Administration from Georgia College & State University and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Georgia.

Selby assumes the role of Interim President upon the retirement of President Erica Harden on Aug. 1.

About TCSG

The 22 colleges of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) are Georgia's top resource for skilled workers. TCSG offers world-class training in more than 600 associate degree, diploma and certificate programs to students who are trained on state-of-the-art equipment by instructors who are experts in their fields. The system also houses Georgia's Office of Adult Education, which promotes and provides adult literacy and education programs, including the GED® testing program, throughout the state. In addition, TCSG partners with companies through Quick Start, the nation's top customized workforce training program, and through its individual colleges, who work with local industry to provide workforce and training solutions. For more information, visit www.TCSG.edu

Lann awarded OFTC Foundation's Brandon T. Lawrence Scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

DUBLIN – Michaela Lann of Glenwood, Ga., has been selected as the recipient of the Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) Foundation's Brandon T. Lawrence Scholarship for 2026. She is currently enrolled in the Radiologic Technology program on the college's Dublin campus.

The scholarship honors the memory of Brandon Timothy Lawrence, who died in a car accident on Feb. 6, 2004, at the age of 15. A student in the Wheeler County School System, Lawrence was remembered for his love of life, academic achievement and compassion for others. His family established the scholarship to honor his legacy by assisting a Wheeler County graduate who demonstrates a strong desire to complete a technical education while achieving academic excellence, exhibiting outstanding character and showing determination to succeed.

The scholarship was presented by Brandon's mother, Staci Benson.

"The OFTC Foundation congratulates Michaela on receiving this scholarship and wishes her continued success as she pursues her education and future career."

To learn more about OFTC and the 130+ programs of study available, or the OFTC Foundation, visit the college's website, OFTC.edu.

The OFTC Foundation

The OFTC Foundation, Inc. is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established to support students and programs at the college. The Foundation is governed by a local board of trustees whose mission is to maintain a focus on local campus needs that mirrors the direction of Oconee Fall Line Technical College. Donors' wishes will be adhered to, and existing donor agreements will continue to be enforced. The Foundation provides leadership and community influence through the College's eleven-county service area of Bleckley, Dodge, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Laurens, Telfair, Warren, Washington, Wheeler and Wilkinson counties.



Staci Benson and Michaela Lann/Photo courtesy of Oconee Fall line Technical College

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COUNTY OF WILKINSON

CALL FOR SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION

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(1) LEVEL 1 FREEPORT EXEMPTION

Shall the governing authority of Wilkinson County be authorized to exempt from ad valorem taxation, including all such taxes levied for educational purposes and state purposes, one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the following classes of tangible personal property inventory:

a. Stocks of goods, wares, and merchandise held by a manufacturer, processor, or producer as raw materials or goods in process of manufacture;

b. Finished goods produced in Georgia and held by the original producer;

c. Finished goods stored in Georgia and destined for the shipment to a final destination outside the State of Georgia; and

d. Stocks of goods, wares, and merchandise held in a fulfillment center and made available to remote purchasers who may make such purchases by electronic, internet, telephonic, or other remote means, where such stock in trade will be shipped from the fulfillment center and delivered to the purchaser at a location other than the location of the fulfillment center.

() Yes

() No

(2) LEVEL 2 FREEPORT EXEMPTION

Shall the governing authority of Wilkinson County, Georgia be authorized to exempt from ad valorem taxation, including all such taxes levied for educational purposes and for state purposes, one hundred percent (100%) of the value of finished goods inventory, such as goods, wares, and merchandise of every kind constituting a business' inventory which would not otherwise qualify for a Level 1 Freeport Exemption?

() Yes

() No

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day at the regular polling places within the County.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to register to vote in this election may register through the close of business on October 5, 2026.

Advance voting shall be conducted as provided by law at times and locations to be announced.

This call is issued by the Election Superintendent of the County who shall conduct the election in accordance with the Georgia Election Code, including O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, and all other applicable laws.

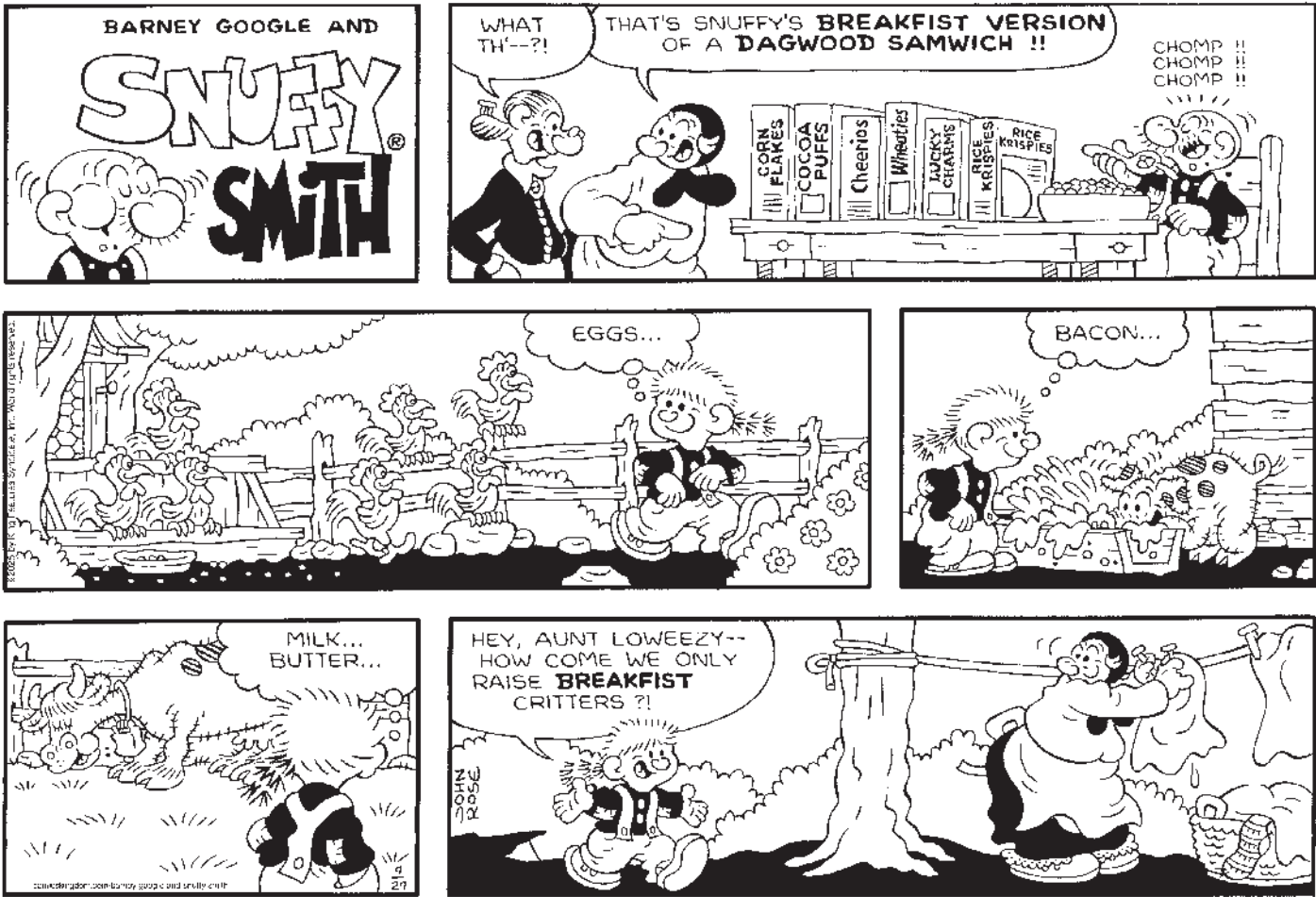
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July 16, 23, 2026

C26-076
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of ROYAL PHILLIPS late of Bleckley County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 21st day of July, 2026
Name: Martha Daniel
Title: Executor
Address: 7393 Hodgson Memorial Drive Suite 202 Savannah GA 31406
July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026

C26-072
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of MADONNA CAMERA, late of Bleckley 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.
Dated June 30, 2026
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Eastman, GA 31023
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MADONNA CAMERA
DANIELS LAW LLC
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C26-074
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
O.B.G., SEX: F, DOB: 03/12/2026 TPR
CASE # 012-2026J-0036
Child Under 18 Years of Age
FOR PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS
TO: **TRACY SPIRES-GIBBS, JEREMY GIBBS, AND ANY UNKNOWN UNNAMED PUTATIVE FATHERS, AND OTHERS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE MINOR CHILD NAMED ABOVE BORN TO TRACY SPIRES-GIBBS ON THE DATE ABOVE.**

By Order for Service by Publication dated June 24, 2026, you are required to appear before the Juvenile Court of Bleckley County, Georgia to answer the allegations of a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by the Bleckley County Department of Family and Children Services. You may obtain a free copy of the petition directly or by mail from the clerk of said court. The general nature of the allegations is that the child is a dependent child and the dependent state is likely to continue and cause serious physical, mental, emotional, or moral harm to the child unless the rights of the parents are terminated. **The court hearing of your case has been scheduled for September 29, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at the Bleckley County Courthouse in Cochran, Georgia.**

The court at trial can enter a judgment ending your rights to the child if you fail to appear and show cause why your parental rights should not be terminated. A biological father may lose all rights to the child and not be entitled to object to the termination of their rights unless, within 30 days of receipt of this notice, he files: (1) a petition to legitimate the child; and (2) a notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Juvenile Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. A party has the right to an attorney in this proceeding. If you are unable to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint one for you if you are an indigent person. If you have any questions concerning this notice of summons, contact the clerk's office.

WITNESS the Honorable Stephanie D. Burton, Judge of said court, this the 8th day of July, 2026.
CHRISTINA McCALL (Deputy)
Clerk, Juvenile Court
Bleckley County, Georgia
July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026

C26-068
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JEREMIAH DOUGLAS NESMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P28
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Jerry McNair has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JEREMIAH DOUGLAS NESMITH, deceased, of Bleckley County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, and/ or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Q 53-12-261.) All interested parties 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 August 10, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Jonathan R. Fordham, Judge Court
By: Clerk of the Probate Court
Bleckley County Probate Court
112 North Second Street
Cochran, GA 31014
478-934-3200 Ext. 4
July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

C26-071
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF STEVEN L. LITTLE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P29
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Cody Len Little has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of STEVEN L. LITTLE, deceased, of Bleckley County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 5 53-12-261.) All interested parties 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 August 10, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify, to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Jonathan R. Fordham
Judge of the Probate Court
By Clerk of the Probate Court
Bleckley County Probate Court
112 North Second Street
Cochran, GA 31014
478-934-3200 Ext. 4
July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

C26-077
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
J.K.M., Sex: F, DOB: 11/24/2015
TPR Case No. 012-2026J-0026
D.L.D., Sex: M, DOB: 09/02/2011 TPR
Case No. 012-2026J-0027
C.B.M., Sex: F, DOB: 03/31/2014
TPR Case No. 012-2026J-0025
Minor Children
FOR PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS
TO: **JOSHUA MCCOY, WARREN PITTMAN, AND ANY UNKNOWN UNNAMED PUTATIVE FATHERS, AND OTHERS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE MINOR CHILDREN NAMED ABOVE BORN TO BETH MCCOY ON THE DATE ABOVE.**

By Order for Service by Publication dated July 10, 2026, you are required to appear before the Juvenile Court of Bleckley County, Georgia to answer the allegations of a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by the Bleckley County Department of Family and Children Services. You may obtain a free copy of the petition directly or by mail from the clerk of said court. The general nature of the allegations is that the children are dependent children and the dependent state is likely to continue and cause serious physical, mental, emotional, or moral harm to the child unless the rights of the parents are terminated. **The court hearing of your case has been scheduled for December 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at the Bleckley County Courthouse in Cochran, Georgia.**

The court at trial can enter a judgment ending your rights to the children if you fail to appear and show cause why your parental rights should not be terminated. A biological father may lose all rights to the children and not be entitled to object to the termination of their rights unless, within 30 days of receipt of this notice, he files: (1) a petition to legitimate the children; and (2) a notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Juvenile Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. A party has the right to an attorney in this proceeding. If you are unable to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint one for you if you are an indigent person. If you have any questions concerning this notice of summons, contact the clerk's office.

WITNESS the Honorable Stephanie D. Burton, Judge of said court, this the 13th day of July, 2026. CHRISTINA McCALL (Deputy) Clerk, Juvenile Court
Bleckley County, Georgia
July 23, 30, 6, 13, 2026

C26-078
NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO CHANGE CORPORATION'S NAME
Notice is given that an amendment to the articles of incorporation which will change the name of OCMULGEE TIMBER HARVESTING, INC. to OCMULGEE LAND COMPANY, INC. will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 530 Daisy Adams Road, Cochran, Georgia and its initial registered agent at such address is Scott Williams.
July 23, 30, 2026

C26-067
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF ERNESTINE D. EGAN, DECEASED
A11 creditors of the Estate of Ernestine D. Egan, 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 25th day of June, 2026
Bruce A. Belflower, Executor
470 Mac Thompson Road
Cochran, GA 31014
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

Twiggs Co. Legals

T26-045
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM HENRY ADAMS.
All creditors of the estate of William Henry Adams, late of Twiggs County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 26th day of June 2026 to:
Chelsea Lyman
c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson
1900B Northside Crossing
Macon, GA 31210
478-471-9900
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

T26-050
TWIGGS COUNTY AUGUST 4, 2026, TAX SALE
SHERIFF'S SALE
E. WALTON NESMITH
EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi. Fa.'s issued by the Tax Commissioner of Twiggs County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Twiggs against the following named persons and the property as described immediately below their respective name(s). There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the Courthouse door in Jeffersonville, Twiggs County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in August, the same being August 4, 2026.

The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property will be sold **between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.** The properties hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in **Twiggs County, State of Georgia.** The years for which said Fi.Fa.'s are issued and levied are stated below the name of the owner in each case.

This is a buyer beware sale and all property will be sold as is. The Tax Commissioner makes no warranty, neither expressed nor implied, as to title, and all properties are subject to all recorded covenants, easements, and right of way. Properties are sold under the power of a tax sale deed with specific rights of redemption.

Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. The purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising cost and recording fees. Pursuant to Georgia Law, payment will be required within one (1) hour of the completion of the tax sale. In the event a bid is not properly paid, the property may be re-offered at 2:00 PM on the day of the sale, or the following day, that being August 5, 2026.

ID: 1
Map/Parcel Number: T105 033B
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: ABELARDO HERMANDEZ, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T105 033B, Land Lot 45, 24th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 4.99 acres, more or less, being Tract 17, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 582, described in Deed Book 11D, Page 933, known as 339 Honey Drive.
Reference Deed: 11D/933
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 2
Map/Parcel Number: T114 054
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: AUSTIN AL, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T114 054, Land Lots 45 and 60, 26th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1.07 acres, more or less, being Lot 5, shown in Plat Book 9, Page 81, described in Deed Book 8G, Page 316, located on Highway 18.
Reference Deed: 8G/316
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 3
Map/Parcel Number: T081 B 008
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: BASLEY BERTHA MAE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T081 B 008, 325th GM District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 0.5 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 6U, Page 14, located on Highway 80.
Reference Deed: 6U/14
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 5
Map/Parcel Number: T099 021
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: BASLEY WILLIE J & BERTHA ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T099 021, 325th GM District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 4 acres, more or less, being a portion of 5 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 85, described in Deed Book ZZ, Page 148, known as 10356 Highway 80.
Reference Deed: ZZ/148
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 6
Map/Parcel Number: T069 025
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: BEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT LLC, IN REM
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T069 025, Land Lots 183, 184, and 185, 24th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 304.01 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 2018, Page 44, described in Deed Book 10H, Page 302, known as 13865 Highway 96 West.
Reference Deed: 10H/302
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 7
Map/Parcel Number: T117 007
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: BENNETT JAMES NEIL, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T062 011A, Land Lots 50, 51, 54, and 55, 324th GM District, 25th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 3.89 acres, more or less, Lot 12, Phase I, Ridgeview Estates Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 343, described in Deed Book 8W, Page 547, located on White Springs Church Road.
Reference Deed: 8W/547
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 10
Map/Parcel Number: T062 011A
Defendant in Fi. Fa.: BRANHAM DOUGLAS W ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T062 011A, Land Lots 50, 51, 54, and 55, 324th GM District, 25th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 3.89 acres, more or less, Lot 12, Phase I, Ridgeview Estates Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 343, described in Deed Book 8W, Page 547, located on White Springs Church Road.
Reference Deed: 8W/547
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 12
Map/Parcel Number: T037 C 018
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: BRYANT RONALD D SR, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T037 C 018, Land Lots 45, 52, and 53, 28th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 40.72 acres, more or less, Lot 34, Stone Creek Acres Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 122, described in Deed Book 3R, Page 548, known as 2431 Highway 80.
Reference Deed: 3R/548
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 13
Map/Parcel Number: T130 055A
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: CHANCE TIFFANIE GRACE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T130 055A, Land Lot 65, 23rd Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 3 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 222, Page 29, described in Deed Book 11B, Page 69, known as 239 Canton Road.
Reference Deed: 11B/69
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 14
Map/Parcel Number: T056 C 024
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: CORDA L OLIVIA DANIELS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T056 C 024, Land Lot 38, 27th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 2.87 acres, more or less, Lot 10, Country Dale Subdivision shown in Plat Book 7, Page 220, described in Deed Book 100, Page 282, known as 310 Country Dale Lane.
Reference Deed: 100/282
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 18
Map/Parcel Number: DV03 C 044
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: EAT RIGHT CARIBBEAN, RESTAURANT LLC, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel DV03 C 044, Land Lot 95, 23rd Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 0.44 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 28, Page 2023, described in Deed Book 11G, Page 428, known as 305 Second Street.
Reference Deed: 11G/428
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 19
Map/Parcel Number: DV03 C 055
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: EAT RIGHT CARRIBEAN, RESTAURANT LLC, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel DV03 C 055, Land Lot 95, 23rd Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1.12 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 2023, Page 28, described in Deed Book 11G, Page 428, known as 22393 Highway 80.
Reference Deed: 11G/428
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 20
Map/Parcel Number: T055 028
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: EPPS JESSICA & RUSTY, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T055 028, Land Lot 39, 6th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1 acre, more or less, Lot 14, Sandy Ridge Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 9, Page 142, described in Deed Book 10S, Page 19, known as 66 Sandy Ridge Court.
Reference Deed: 10S/19
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 21
Map/Parcel Number: P1 10586
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: FAULK JOSH, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel P1 10586, Twiggs County, Georgia, being personal property.
Reference Deed:
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 23
Map/Parcel Number: P1 10193
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: GARCIA JASON R & AMANDA, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel P1 10193, Twiggs County, Georgia, being personal property.
Reference Deed:
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 25
Map/Parcel Number: JV07 004A
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: GARCIA JASON R & MICHAEL S BREEDEN, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel JV07 004A, Land Lot 63, 26th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 71.79 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 613, described in Deed Book 7V, Page 220, located on Highway 96 East.
Reference Deed: 7V/220
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 26
Map/Parcel Number: T113 009
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: GLOVER VONARICA, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T113 009, Land Lot 85, 26th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1 acre, more or less, being Lot 22, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book 10T, Page 244, located on Balls Church Road.
Reference Deed: 10T/244
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 27
Map/Parcel Number: T099 021B
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: HALL DORIAN EMANUEL, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T099 021B, Land Lot 22, 26th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1 acre, more or less, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 592, described in Deed Book 8Z, Page 810, known as 10420 Highway 80.
Reference Deed: 8Z/810
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 32
Map/Parcel Number: T036 C 022
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: HEWELL JOY, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T036 C 022, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 7.84 acres, more or less, being Lots 6, 7, 8, Pinewood Acres Subdivision, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book 10X, Page 50, known as 327 Pineland Road.
Reference Deed: 10X/50
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 34
Map/Parcel Number: T062 049
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: HUDSON DANIELLE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T062 049, Land Lots 24 and 29, 25th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 29.83 acres, more or less, being Tract 3, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 43, described in Deed Book 10U, Page 952, located on Marion Road.
Reference Deed: 10U/952
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 36
Map/Parcel Number: T021 D 014
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: JOHNSON RUSSELL B, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T021 D 014, Land Lot 116, 28th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 2.9 acres, more or less, Lot 10, Block C, Sgoda Farms Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 68, described in Deed Book 80, Page 186, known as 159 North Sgoda Circle.
Reference Deed: 80/186
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 39
Map/Parcel Number: T121 002
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: KING GLADYS MAE ESTATE & STEVENSON CLARK, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T121 002, Land Lot 49, 24th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 3.12 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book 3A, Page 613, known as 2081 Cary Road.
Reference Deed: 3A/613
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 40
Map/Parcel Number: T035 A 043
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: KITTRELL MICHAEL L & RONNIE L, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T035 A 043, Land Lot 42, 7th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1 acre, more or less, shown in Plat Book 6, Page 37, described in Deed Book 4S, Page 127, known as 392 Bowers Drive.
Reference Deed: 4S/127
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 41
Map/Parcel Number: DV03 C 065
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: LUCAS LUTHER P AS TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE OF REX LUCAS, THE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel DV03 C 065, Land Lot 102, 23rd Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 0.38 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book 10N, Page 495, known as 83 Fourth Street.
Reference Deed: 10N/495
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 42
Map/Parcel Number: T019 D 002
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: MARIN EZEQUIEL, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T019 D 002, Land Lot 49, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 2.2 acres, more or less, being Lot 3 and 4, Pecan Woods Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 278, described in Deed Book 5M, Page 155, known as 2713 Riggins Mill Road.
Reference Deed: 5M/155
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 44
Map/Parcel Number: T103 019
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: MIMS DECARTON, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T103 019, Land Lot 15, 24th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 3.91 acres, more or less, being Tract B, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book 7U, Page 680, known as 5610 Highway 96 West.
Reference Deed: 7U/680
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 46
Map/Parcel Number: T036 C 114
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: POWELL ROSA MAE & HATTIE MAE WARE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T036 C 114, Land Lot 23, 28th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 0.08 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book GG, Page 314, located on Smith Road.
Reference Deed: GG/314
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 47
Map/Parcel Number: T118 C 065
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: Q TAN LLC, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T118 C 065, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1.89 acres, more or less, being Lot 56, Indian Ridge Estate, Phase II, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book 9E, Page 31, located on Hamlin Floyd Road.
Reference Deed: 9E/31
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 48
Map/Parcel Number: T117 031
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: RIGGIN JUNE B & BENNETT JAMES N, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T117 031, Land Lot 85, 23rd Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 5.69 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 79, described in Deed Book 5A, Page 472, located on Highway 80.
Reference Deed: 5A/472
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 49
Map/Parcel Number: T117 008
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: RIGGIN JUNE BENNETT, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T117 008, Land Lot 85, 23rd Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 28.33 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 79, described in Deed Book 4X, Page 482, located on Highway 80.
Reference Deed: 4X/482
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 53
Map/Parcel Number: T037 C 034

Defendant in Fi.Fa.: SAPP THOMAS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T037 C 034, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1.6 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 811, described in Deed Book 11L, Page 475, known as 1785 Riggins Mill Road.
Reference Deed: 11L/475
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 55
Map/Parcel Number: T129 121
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: SMITH THOMAS L JR, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T129 121, Land Lot 60 and 81, 23rd Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 5.21 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 728, described in Deed Book 9R, Page 11, known as 331 Gallimore Mill Road.
Reference Deed: 9R/11
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 58
Map/Parcel Number: JV05 A 106
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: STEELE QUINTON & TIA STEELE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel JV05 A 106, Land Lot 36, 26th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 0.48 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 6B, Page 133, known as 192 Main Street.
Reference Deed: 6B/133
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 60
Map/Parcel Number: DV03 C 079
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: THOMAS RANDY, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel DV03 C 079, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 0.25 acres, more or less, being part of Lots 2 & 3, Block 8, as more particularly shown and described in Deed Book 9X, Page 98, located on First Street.
Reference Deed: 9X/98
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 61
Map/Parcel Number: T024 B 037A
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: THOMPSON EMANUEL V, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T024 B 037A, Land Lot 155, 28th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 1 acre, more or less, Parcel 2, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 1062, described in Deed Book 9U, Page 65, known as 125 Huston Circle.
Reference Deed: 9U/65
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 63
Map/Parcel Number: T045 004
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: TWIGGS PUTNAL LLC, IN REM
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T024 B 037A, Land Lot 155, 28th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 531.41 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 2018, Page 29, described in Deed Book 11A, Page 168, located on Adams Park Road.
Reference Deed: 11A/168
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 64
Map/Parcel Number: JV08 C 144
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: US BANK NA AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHM, IN REM
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel JV08 C 144, Land Lot 40, 26th Land District, in the City of Jeffersonville, Twiggs County, Georgia, being 0.7 acre, more or less, shown in Plat Book 8, Page 17, described in Deed Book 10Z, Page 779, known as 588 Soloman Drive.
Reference Deed: 10Z/779
Tax Years Due: All Years Delinquent

ID: 74
Map/Parcel Number: T025 B 003
Defendant in Fi.Fa.: WILLIAMS ROSA ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
Current Property Owner: Same as Above
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel T025 B 003, Land Lot 182, 28th Land District, Twiggs County, Georgia,

Eastman, Georgia 31023
 Blake Christopher Martin (Administrator)
 112 Berryhill Coody Road
 Cochran, GA 31014

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

T26-046
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
TYDARRIUS RENFROE, Petitioner,
v.
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN LAND LOT NO. 85, 26TH LAND DISTRICT OF TWIGGS COUNTY CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 233, AND KNOWN AS MAP AND PARCEL NO. T114 016,
AND GREGORY GLOVER, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MIGHT CLAIM ADVERSELY TO PETITIONER'S TITLE IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPERTY, Respondents
Case No.: 2026-V0117

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 TO: Gregory Glover and any person known or unknown who might claim adversely to Petitioner's title in the afore described property.
 Any interest of all persons known or unknown who claim or might claim adversely to Petitioner's title in the Property.
 By Order for Service by Publication dated May 22, 2026, you are hereby notified on February 6, 2026, 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 Twiggs 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 William D. Taylor, III, Judge of this Court This 30th day of June, 2026.

/s/ WILLIAM D. TAYLOR, III
 WILLIAM D. TAYLOR, III
 Judge, Twiggs County
 Superior Court
 July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

T26-049
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: JOANNE THOMAS, DECEASED
 All debtors/creditors of the Estate of Joanne Thomas, 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 2nd day of July 2026.
 Janice Thomas, Administrator
 300 Wynn Place Apt. C 307
 Warner Robins, GA 31088
 July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

T26-048
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
 Xsprita Amey, Plaintiff
 V.
 Joseph Chappell, Defendant
 Civil Action File No. 2026-V-075
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Plaintiff having moved the Court for an order directing service to be made upon defendant Joseph Chappell in the above-styled action by publication of summons, and it appearing to the Court from the verified Complaint and Affidavit in support of such motion that defendant is a nonresident and that the action is an action in which a defendant may be served by publication pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-10-71, it is ORDERED, that service upon Defendant be made by publication as provided by law.
 This 2nd day of July, 2026
 Jon F. Helton, Chief Judge
 JUDGE, Superior Courts
 Dublin Judicial Circuit
 Presented by:
 Plaintiff pro se
 Xsprita Amey

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

Wilkinson Co. Legals
W26-062
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Virgil Reynolds, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 357
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of **Cheryl Laynette Moss Reynolds**, for a year's support from the estate of **Virgil Reynolds**, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **August 10, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.
 All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Sarah A. Holder
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Bradasia A. Mims
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 Wilkinson County Probate Court
 100 Bacon St
 Irwinton, GA 31042
 478-946-2222
 July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026

W26-063
Wilkinson County SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
 PERSONNALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT:
 Happy Hollow Christian Academy
 156 East Main St. Irwinton, GA 31042
 I/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN Wilkinson COUNTY, GA., UNDER THE NAME OF: TRADE NAME: Cross Christian Academy
 ADDRESS: 156 East Main St. Irwinton, GA 31042
 AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH ADDRESS IS:
 SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 2nd DAY OF July, 2026.
 Sarah Amanda Holder
 NOTARY PUBLIC

July 23, 30, 2026

W26-059
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Doris L. Phillips, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 355
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Joseph L. Phillips and to whom it may concern:
Joseph L. Phillips has petitioned for **Joseph L. Phillips** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Doris L. Phillips** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **August 3, 2026**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted a hearing.
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W26-058
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Michael Wayne Langford Jr., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 354
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Michael Wayne Langford Sr. and to whom it may concern:
Michael Wayne Langford Sr. has petitioned for **Michael Wayne Langford Sr.** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Michael Wayne Langford Jr.** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **August 3, 2026**.
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W26-064
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT
 Vehicle Make: Chevrolet
 Year: 2017
 Model: Malibu
 Vehicle ID#:1G1ZB5STXHF1079022
 Vehicle License #:
 State
 Present location of vehicle: 125 Mount Carmel Road, McIntyre, GA 31054
 You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in the Magistrate Court of Wilkinson County to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.
 Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle may file an answer to this petition on or before: August 20, 2026. Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 100 Bacon Street Irwinton, GA 31042

July 23, 30, 2026

W26-057
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA,
 COUNTY OF WILKINSON
 All creditors of the estate of Michael Wayne Langford Jr., deceased, as of late May 7, 2026, Wilkinson County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned:
 Wilkinson County Probate Court Clerk,
 100 Bacon Street Irwinton, Georgia 31042
 This is the 23 day of June, 2026.
 Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

W26-061
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Ethel B. Glover, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 361
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Ronald Bernard Glover and to whom it may concern:
Ronald Bernard Glover has petitioned for **Ronald Bernard Glover** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Ethel B. Glover** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **August 10, 2026**.
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 Judge of the Probate Court

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W26-060
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Gladys B. Willis, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 360
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: **Dwan J Carswell** and to whom it may concern:
Dwan J Carswell has petitioned for **Dwan J Carswell** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Gladys B. Willis** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **August 10, 2026**.
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Army couple charged with the deaths of son and pet

By TY TAGAMI
 Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A soldier based at Fort Benning has been charged along with his wife in connection with the death by starvation of their son and one of their dogs.

A federal grand jury indicted Emma Bradshaw, 22, of Carson City, Nevada, and Ladarrion McCray, 23, of Valdosta, on eight counts, including felony murder by child abuse, on Wednesday.

Other charges include child abuse, false statements and animal cruelty, according to the statement from the U.S. Attorney's office for the Middle District of Georgia. Each faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Bradshaw was pregnant when the couple arrived at Fort Benning, where McCray was stationed, the statement said.

The indictment said their boy was starved starting Jan. 14 and that he died Jan. 28. When Army investigators searched the home that day, they found the remains of the couple's female dachshund in a trash barrel outside with the household garbage.

The couple told the Army Criminal Investigation Division that they had buried the dog in a park off base after it died from illness, Keyes' office said, adding that a necropsy determined the pet had died of starvation.

Two other dogs, a hound and a Doberman pinscher, were severely malnourished.

The Army initiated discharge proceedings for McCray.

AUGUST 12, 2026
 4:00-8:00 PM
 N. HOUSTON SPORTS COMPLEX

WARNER ROBINS