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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*"If you want something you've never had you must be willing to do something you've never done."* - **Thomas Jefferson**



## Expansion and Growth For WaCo



## ARABELLA'S CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF WELLNESS AND BEAUTY

**By Bryant Jordan, News Reporter**

Celebrating 10 years of bringing health, wellness and beauty to the community, Arabella's Salon and Spa marked the milestone with a special anniversary ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 25. As reported in the Feb. 3, 2016, edition of The Sandersville Progress, Arabella's was officially welcomed to downtown Sandersville when the Washington County Chamber of Commerce held the salon and spa's original ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 21 of that year.

Arabella's is more than a spa — it is a medical spa. In addition to relaxation and self-care services such as massages, facials, nail care, hair styling and body treatments, Arabella's provides "advanced, results-driven aesthetic treatments performed under medical supervision."

According to its website, "Arabella's Salon & Spa is your local escape for total personal pampering. We strive to find new ways to help our guests relax, rejuvenate and reinvent themselves. Our commitment to exceptional customer service results in an amazing experience and your ultimate satisfaction."

Dr. William Rawlings praised Arabella's, saying, "I have traveled around the world. I have been to

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## Workforce Housings Project Moves Forward

**By Bryant Jordan, News Reporter**

**PART II**

*"What would happen to the undeveloped land if things went south?"*

According to Day, "if, for some reason, the stock market crashes or something bad comes about, and Smith Douglas cannot complete it, then the OneGeorgia Authority can claw back some of these funds. Now, have they ever clawed back any money on this program, which is the rural workforce housing program? They have never clawed back money, and they have had some communities going a little bit slower. That is why they extended it from 24 months to having all of the houses done in 30 months because it was just not realistic."

Day stated that Smith Douglas would be able to build the homes and that the company has a goal of building "several tens of thousands of homes this year."

"We know they can do it, and we know they can do it in this timeframe," Day said.

Council Member Ben Salter asked if they were far enough along to have an estimate for the cost of the sewer, water and roads.

"I know we have got a grant, but over and above that, is there an estimate for that?"

Day said that "the developer would be on the hook for anything beyond the \$2.5 million."

Howard pointed out that this amount would be included in the subsequent developer's agreement. He explained that if the project failed after the grant was awarded, the developer would be responsible for paying any costs in excess of that amount.

Day said that although he could not recall

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Technical College System of Georgia Appoints Rosemary Selby as Interim President of OFTC

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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

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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, 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 Interim 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

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★ IT ALL HAPPENS HERE ★

WE GOT’EM! The second criminal hoarder has been apprehended!



Washington County  
Historical Society Program  
July 27, 2026,  
Monday, 7 PM  
at the Genealogical  
Research Center, at  
The Old Jail  
129 Jones Street,  
Sandersville  
Mailing Address:  
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By Lyle Lansdell

Rest easy, citizens! The two scoundrels who tore up Georgia roads to wheel and deal and score pots, I mean ceramic pots, are now locked up! They hoarded so many of the best early Washington County pots, it was deemed a crime. They have been charged and are behind bars at the Old Jail on the Sandersville Square. The judge has ordered that they may be released if they repent and pledge to share the collection with the public for viewing, admiration and education. If you would like that to happen, you can hold your nose and send a check for “bail” made out to the Washington County Historical Society, PO Box 6088, Sandersville, 31082.

The second racketeer had been eluding capture at the coast. He was caught trying to hide pots. He is now safely behind bars with the first rogue.

Think a moment. These pots were created by a few families in the mid-

1800s through the early 1900s in or near the defunct town of Chalker, northeast of Warthen. We revere their names, Cogburn and Massey who came from Edgefield SC, the Brumbe- loes, Redferns, Lucious Jordan, and more. Their pots have become prized items, now considered works of art. If the hoarders are compelled to repent, we would have the best collection of Washington County pots in the world. The collection would be a jewel in our crown that will put our community on the map. Chalker is truly our Old Edgefield or Jugtown or Mossy Creek. Write that check, send it on over to Wacohistorical, PO Box 6088, Sandersville, or drop it by the Old Jail on Thurs- days or Fridays 2-5 PM, or Saturday 10 AM-3 PM, or the Brown House Wednes- days or Fridays 2-5 PM, or Saturdays 10 AM to 3 PM.

And get yourself to the Washington Coun- ty Historical Society’s 50th Anniversary Celebration on Monday evening July 27th at 7 PM. Come on over to the Old Jail and join in the fun of releasing the prisoners, Joseph Sumner and David Brooker at 7:30 PM.

Board members will pull out old videos and photographs of soci- ety founders, Mary Alice Jordan, Cecil Hodges, and Lewis West. Watch the video of Miss Mary Al- ice relating the struggles and suspense of restoring the Brown House. See for yourself the research room where visitors can come and search our databases for their ancestors. There may even be some special new pots to view! There is much to be proud of in our two museums. These beau- tiful and educational tour-



ist attractions can grow to be even more spectacular with this new pottery col- lection. Put the celebra- tion on your calendar and come have some refresh- ments and fun with us!

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Offense: Outlaw Washington County Pottery Collector/Hoarder

Joseph Sumner - Notorious Ringleader of The Summer Gang.

Last sighting: Entering the Ohoopsee River Swamp under the light of a full moon.

Known to frequent rare pottery auctions and private sales with intent to hoard Washington County Pottery.

Sumner is believed to have abilities as a survivalist along with long legs making him elusive and impossible to keep up with in rough country.

Known to keep an unknown number of large Timber Rattlesnakes in rare pottery vessels as pets which do not bite him due to professional courtesy.

If sighted, contact Washington County Historical Society immediately.

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## — National Trust for — LOCAL NEWS

Georgia Trust for Local News partners with local supporters  
to acquire two historic newspapers  
Deal will revitalize local journalism in Middle, West and South Georgia

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Dublin, Ga. -

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 investigative 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 and digital platforms across Middle, West and South Georgia -covering a geography of more than one 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."

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.

Financial Support & News Operations

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. Operating 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.

The Ledger-Enquirer newsroom will move to a space on Broad-

way, in Columbus' central business district. The space is rented from CSU Properties, the charitable arm that manages real estate holdings for the benefit of Columbus State University. CSU and the Georgia Trust for Local News are in talks to bolster collaboration that will allow students to gain hands-on experience at the publication.

Restoring Local Leadership

The acquisition comes on the heels of the Georgia Trust for Local News' hiring of a new executive director, Cynthia DuBose, who started in her role on June 1.

While the National Trust provides the capital and runway to transform local newsrooms into modern enterprises, the state trusts ensure each newsroom relies on local management driving on-the-ground operations - a role DuBose is leading in tandem with Georgia Trust newsrooms throughout the state.

"What makes this historic transaction especially exciting is the groundswell of national, statewide and community-based financial support to enable these storied publications' shift to nonprofit ownership and local management," DuBose said. "Under the Georgia Trust's stewardship, these publications will recapture their role in civic leadership, and ensure a strong commitment to hyper-local coverage and enhanced community engagement."

About The National Trust for Local News The National Trust is a nonprofit news organization providing quality, hyper-local community news across more than 50 newspaper titles in Maine, Georgia and Colorado. It uses philanthropy to invest in local newspapers but relies on earned revenue from subscriptions, advertising events, and more to sustain it. The Trust's goal is to harness the power of local newspapers to build a more resilient, equitable and vibrant future for local news nationwide.

Learn more at [www.nationaltrustforlocalnews.org](http://www.nationaltrustforlocalnews.org)

## What Is The Standard?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. - Matthew 5:48

I find myself having very little time these days to check in as often as I once did to my favorite college football website, and when I do, it feels a little guilty to me because it seems so trivial in the light of current events in our nation and our world.

But I recently stopped by the message board and found the buzz about the upcoming new season had been overtaken by conversations of the events of our day. As in many areas of our lives right now, what and who is right or wrong is a huge topic for debate. That seems to be good in some ways, and bad in others, and enlightening in some ways and confusing in others. I avoided the temptation to join in until a certain poster who had seemed to be all over the ideological map jumped in with both feet and declared himself as an atheist.

Well, as I'm sure you might imagine, that was like throwing red meat to a pit bull for me, and I could not resist. After a few frank, but respectful, exchanges, we agreed to continue our discussion in a private format and that discussion continues as we



Rev. Tony Mimbs, Pastor

speak. This young man is a very intelligent and respectful young father, and a worthy debater of both theology and current events.

He seems to have been raised in a divided theological household, and that seems to have taken a great toll on him. My respectful challenge to him has been to define what standard of morality can man use if there is no God and where can such a standard be found? Of course, I pointed to the Judeo-Christian ethic that was the clear basis for our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. Unfortunately, the men who drafted these inspired and crucial documents were plagued by the same problem that you and I have: we were all born as flawed human beings. So, if this "Creator" mentioned by our founders who endows us with certain "unalienable rights" really exists, then what is His standard for conduct-

ing all aspects of our lives? Scripture teaches that standard is 100%, absolute perfection (see above). Who among us can claim that we have always been that? The Good News is that the perfect love of Christ shines brilliantly, especially when we see how much we have fallen short and how much we have hurt Him in our attempts to be like Him. Yes, sin is not meeting Jesus' standard of perfection, but serves only to emphasize our desperate need for Him.

Out of our desperate need, we discover what Jesus has truly done for us: He rescued us from the deadly consequences of our sins. He gave his Father perfect obedience, not to show us what we have to do, but because we could not meet His standard of obedience. He has met that standard by being our substitute. And then He paid the great price for every last one of our sins. And now, Jesus assures us that we don't have to repay Him! He has lived and died for us so that we can live with Him forever. That's Jesus' promise to us!

In The Name Above All Names, The Lord Jesus Christ,  
Tony Mimbs

## One Foot in the Grave: 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



By KYLE DOMINY

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.

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 dangers 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.



# Workforce Housing Project Moves Forward

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the exact amount, he believed the developer would be responsible for an additional \$1.2 million to \$1.7 million beyond the \$2.5 million grant as part of the project's infrastructure budget.

He explained that "the \$2.5 million is the maximum of the grant and the maximum exposure for the city, and then the developer has to carry all of the other infrastructure."

Howard said that, in a worst-case scenario, "if the amount was over \$2.5 million and they went bankrupt or something and you did not have the finished infrastructure, then you could have a little bit more exposure."

"That is right," Day said. "However, what is nice about that is the infrastructure has got to be pretty much done before they even start building houses. So, if we think worst-case scenario, we have got a real nice subdivision that has infrastructure, but the builder does not get it done. We have seen that in the past with the housing crisis of 2008, but Smith Douglas has the most financial capacity of anybody who is doing any of these programs in the state."

Dennis asked if "when they go in, they are going to put the spec home, finish it, but they are going to continue on building —

they're not going to wait for anybody to buy it." Day responded that the company "likes to pre-sell. They like to have them all sold before they are finished building."

Council Member Danny Brown then asked whether local contractors, such as electricians, would be able to bid on helping with the project. Brown said that there were "several great ones that have got capacity, especially electrical, to help with that."

Day explained that it had been projected that about 200 new jobs would be created over the 30 months of construction.

"They are trying to work with regional developers or regional subcontractors in the area, but there is no guarantee."

Brown said, "That is fine as long as you try." Smith then asked what would happen to the undeveloped land if things went south.

Day said that "they worked with a land bank and so, if they — I imagine the land bank would have to foreclose on those [lots]."

Dennis added that someone local could then purchase the lots and develop them, especially if the infrastructure was already in place.

Brown noted that there were some commu-



Keenan Howard City Attorney

nities that started with an HOA, but over time the HOA "kind of wiggled loose," and they could no longer control houses that had fallen into disrepair. He said they needed the HOA to remain strong because "you do not want a nice house and somebody down here just does not take care of their yard and those kind of things."

Day said that the developer is the declarant and will manage the HOA until all of the lots have been sold.

Dennis asked what the square footage of the homes would be at this price point.

Day stated that the estimates for the homes would be between 1,000 and 1,400 square feet.

"For \$200,000," Dennis said, "that is a lot for \$200,000."

According to Day, "I think you will be impressed by the quality of

the Smith Douglas Homes. They can build them very efficiently. They can build 10, 20 at a time."

Mayor Andrews said that they hoped everything worked out and that they were looking forward to getting started on the project.

Day again asked the council, in order to "kind of get the momentum," to execute the letter of intent. "It does not bind you. It just lets the OneGeorgia Authority know that we are all working together toward this goal. When the grant is awarded, we will come back and ask you to officially accept it, and a lot of the other stuff will be water under the bridge. The annexations and zoning, that will all be done, and we will come back for your final approval. If you do not feel good about it, you do not have to, but we do not want to fake One-

Georgia out either."

Dennis said that "the county should not have a problem with anything because nothing is being done with that area anyway."

Hartley stated that the city has been working on this project "for years." She explained that during her 17 years with the city, "we have been talking about housing ever since I have been here."

She added that "it has been in our strategic plans, our comprehensive plan that we do with the county jointly — talking about the need for housing. So, I guess we will see. We have a working session with the commissioners tomorrow, and then they will vote on it on Thursday."

Howard then stated, "One of the questions I have heard from the county, just so you know, is that if we annex in and then it does not go through, then they essentially want us to agree to de-annex."

According to Dennis, doing so "should not be a problem."

Howard added that "if for some reason there is not another project that could develop or something like that, just as a backup, they do want the property back."

Hartley asked the council if they were "good with that." Dennis replied that the county "should hope it develops because of all of the

tax money we pay to the county."

Salter declared that "this will go forward."

Mayor Andrews asked Day about streetlights and whether they would be incorporated into the project. Day replied that he believed they were included in the budget as part of the grant.

Smith also asked about sidewalks.

"I do not know if we initially planned for sidewalks or not. I know the grant does not allow sidewalks, so that might be an extra development cost that the developer may have to bear," Day said.

Hartley emphasized that "we did talk to him last week. I have made it real clear. We wanted a walking trail somewhere [on the complex]."

During the council's regular session, Mayor Andrews called for "a motion to authorize myself to sign a workforce housing letter of intent to establish a development agreement for a public-private partnership with Smith Douglas Homes."

The motion was made by Council Member Danny Brown and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.

## Commissioners Approve City of Sandersville Annexation

By Bryant Jordan,  
News Reporter

### PART I

On July 8, the Washington County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the annexation by the City of Sandersville of property located in the county to be used for the development of local workforce housing, contingent on the receipt of grant money from the OneGeorgia Authority.

During the commissioners' working session, Sandersville Building and Zoning Manager Ben Avant explained that "we have been trying to develop some workforce housing in our community for a long time. The city and the county have worked together, the Development Authority — Stevie Martin, trying to do something here, was denied water and sewage, then he backed up and wanted to annex. But in starting the annexation process with him, a company approached him and wanted to buy his parcel."

Avant said that Smith Douglas Homes, "a national company that approached the city, wanted to work with us through the CHIP grant."

According to Avant, the CHIP grant would allow the city to use these funds for infrastructure on the project. He noted that if they were not awarded the grant, the city would then be "on the hook for about \$2.5 million for infrastructure, water,

sewage and roadways inside the community."

Avant stated that Interim County Administrator Chris Hutchings had proposed that, if the grant were not awarded to the city, the property should then be returned to the county through the de-annexation process.

"I told the commissioners that I have spoken with Brandon Bowen. He is one of our lawyers that we talk to about annexations. He said it would not be a problem. It was a pretty simple process if that is the route that you guys want to go in."

Commissioner Harlan Archer asked Avant, "We've got a map here, and it is not continuous, so what is not? Can you show us where the existing city limits are?"

Avant explained that the last parcel in the city is located there, pointing out that "that is the old Thiele House. That is the first property in the county."

He explained that the owners of that property "were a hard no on annexation."

Archer asked if the property was still owned by the Thiele estate.

Avant replied that it was not.

When asked about a neighboring property, Avant stated that the owner was never approached because "we needed the Thiele parcel to get him anyway, so he was never approached."

When Archer asked about McCarty Street, he noted

## OneGeorgia AUTHORITY

that it was a county road.

Washington County Public Works Director Robert Holmes Jr. added that "half of it is in the county and half of it is in the city."

Hutchings said that "it is East McCarty up to the city limits, then it is still called East McCarty after Sisters Church."

"Then it changes to Highway 24," Holmes added. Avant stated that Highway 24 "now turns at Sisters Church and goes over to the Fall Line." Archer then asked if it was not Highway 24. Avant answered, "No, sir. The state rerouted Highway 24."

Hutchings noted that it was "a county road. We just resurfaced it."

Commissioner Frank Simmons echoed, "It is a county road."

Commissioner Bobby Jackson asked Avant how many homes were being proposed for the project.

Avant replied that 68 homes were being proposed.

Jackson asked, "If everything goes according to plan, when would be the completion of the project?"

Avant then acknowledged Logan Clark of Moore Bass Consulting Inc., who ex-

plained that "the completion is required to happen within 30 months from the time of the grant to the last home being built. Thirty months is the timeframe for that."

Jackson also asked, "So, was the idea of this sort of aiming at the completion of that state prison down in Davisboro, where all of the work is going on — housing?"

Clark said that "the main goal with all of this is to provide affordable housing for the community."

Clark also noted that he has worked with Smith Douglas "quite a bit. They are doing several of these in other communities. The one that they are getting ready to start right now — homes are starting within the mid-[100s], and the state grant helps keep the home prices low."

Jackson said that "not only is housing needed, I am hoping as we continue to grow the Development

Authority, we will continue to bring in new streams of revenue and businesses here. I hope this is the beginning of something more."

"Needed," Simmons said.

Archer stated that he had heard about the

project and that it had both pros and cons. He noted that one of the cons is that "basically what we are going to have [is] a little island that is the City of Sandersville."

Archer then asked about county opposition to the annexation.

County Attorney Joseph Sumner explained that the annexation has to be consensual.

"Because this is not contiguous, the county has to agree to it," Hutchings said. Reading from OCGA Code Section 36-36-20(b), Sumner explained that "Notwithstanding the limitations of subsection (a) of this Code section, an area may be annexed by agreement between the municipal corporation and the governing body of the county in which the territory proposed to be annexed is located." He said this was "an affirmative requirement."

Sandersville City Manager Kandice Hartley explained that anyone familiar with the area going east on McCarthy and Anderson Drive would know that the area behind Sisters Church already includes houses that are annexed.

"So we kind of already — there is some contiguity there," she said, "but that road is already so spotty, and we already have the waterlines running down that road." Avant added that the area is continuous because of some Development Authority property, though he noted it was still

"kind of jagged."

Archer asked if the entire City Council was unanimously in favor of moving forward with the project. Andrews replied that they were and, "as a matter of fact, we approved the letter of intent last night for Smith Douglas to get started." He emphasized that "this project is something that can mean a lot to the whole community."

Hartley echoed those remarks, saying the project is very much needed. "We partner together with Linton Park — quality of life — and Jayson Johnston can vouch for that. That is something that has been on our radar for a while, improving the quality of life here in Sandersville, and I think Linton Park was a great addition to our community." Hartley noted that Recreation Department Director Aaron McCalvin has been "working hard at the rec department, building that, and you have to have a place for these families to come." She added that many families "drive from out of town to work here — we have no workforce housing."

Hartley said the houses will be offered for pre-sale and that Smith Douglas "will work with local realtors. They will work with local contractors to get this done within the 30 months." Buyers will be able to choose from a variety of finishes and floor plans. "You can

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# CHURCH NEWS

## You Are Invited!



Samuel Grove Baptist Church in Tennille, GA will have Homecoming Service Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Roy Grissom and the Georgia Grove and Piney Mount Missionary Baptist Church of Tennille and Warthen, GA and choirs are in charge of the service. Reverend Eric T. Adams, Pastor

**REVIVAL:**  
**Monday July 27 through Wednesday July 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. nightly**  
**Monday July 27th: Reverend Javon Jackson and the Mount Vernon Baptist Church and Choir of Augusta GA**  
**Tuesday July 28th : Reverend Perry Burden and the Robin Spring Missionary Baptist Church & Choir of Sandersville GA.**  
**Wednesday, July 29th: Reverend David Flowers and the Buckeye Baptist Church and Choir of Dublin GA.**

You are invited to come to worship with us any night of your choice!

### “Homecoming and Revival”

“Homecoming and Revival Services at Union Baptist Church (Warthen) will be July 26-29, 2026. Homecoming Sunday, the 182nd will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch being provided by brought covered dish following the service. Revival will begin at 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Homecoming speaker is Mr. Shannon S. Anderson. Shannon is married to Mrs. Dena Anderson and has two children, Sierra and Ben. He lived in Florida from age 9-18 before returning back to Washington County, Georgia. While in Florida, Shannon was a commercial fisherman and received training in being a ‘Fisher of Men’ from God. Leaving the commercial life behind, he is sold out for Jesus and the spreading of His Word.

Monday night’s Revival guest speaker is Mr. Andy Logue. He is a lifelong resident of Washington County, having graduated from WACO in 1991. He is the husband of Mrs. Ruthie Logue and daughter, Miss Andrea Logue. He is an ordained pastor and has an associate’s degree in Biblical Studies from Guido Bible College. His hobbies include fishing, boating, motorcycling and bicycling.

Tuesday night’s Revival guest speaker is Mr. Shannon Anderson, bio given under Homecoming.

Wednesday night’s Revival guest speaker is Miss Lakeshia Poole. Miss Lakeshia is a distinguished author, and speaker. She believes stories can help people encounter truth, hope and God in new ways. She has written several faith-based books, bible studies and fiction that explore identity, purpose, courage and the complicated places where faith meets real life. She has worked with businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, executives and community leaders. She is also the founder of Luemarie, an independent publishing company and helps others develop meaningful books and stories. Through her ministry, Miss Lakeshia encourages people to move beyond religious routine and cultivate a more honest, personal relationship with God. Her teaching combines Scripture, storytelling, practical reflection and a deep love for God and God’s people.

You are lovingly invited to return home to Union in our Homecoming and Revival services. Come and be blessed by the preaching of the Gospel during this time of celebration and refreshing.”

### HAND in HAND

Hand in Hand will be ministering in song at Oconee Church of God in Oconee GA.  
**Sunday August 2 @ 6 p.m.**  
 Oconee Church of God 62 Coxtown Road Tennille GA

### Annual Revivial

Smith Grove Baptist Church, Tennille GA  
 Annual Revivial will began on  
**Monday July 27, 2026 thru Friday July 31, 2026.**  
**Time 7:30 p.m.**  
 Rev. Michael Curry, Pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church Sparta GA. will be guest revivalist.  
 Rev. Willie Brown, Pastor\  
 Smith Grove Baptist Church Homecoming Services on  
**Sunday August 2, 2026 2:00 p.m.**  
 Guest Speaker will be Rev. Ted Stephens, Pastor of Green Grove Baptist Church, Sandersville GA.  
 Rev. Willie Brown, Pastor.  
 Dress down Sunday, wear your t-shirts.

Solomon Mobley Watkins “S. M.,” age 85 of Riddleville, passed away peacefully July 13, 2026, at Heritage Inn in Sandersville. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in May and Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend M.D. Cabe, Reverend Andy Carter and Reverend Mike Jones officiating. Burial followed at New Bethel Baptist Church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mark Cabe, Todd Cabe, Glenn Hawkins, Jon Alston Lewis, Carl Brooks, Sam Dell, and Tony Lewis. The family will receive friends and visitors from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home.

Mr. Watkins was born on December 22,1940 in Bartow, to the late Solomon Watkins, Sr. and the late Sally Belle Rushin Watkins. He graduated from Sandersville High School in 1960. His life work included jobs at Lewis’ Lake,



S. M. Watkins

Dec 22, 1940 —  
 Jul 13, 2026  
 Riddleville GA

Carr and Boatright and a long career in the kaolin industry from which he retired. Mr. Watkins loved farming, livestock, gardening, including hay production and shared his harvest with family, friends and neighbors, as well as his family BBQ sauce. He also spent many years involved in the dove business. His love for the mountains was evidenced by the cherished “Mountain House” in Helen, GA. Mr. Watkins was

a good father, Christian man and member of New Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of almost 40 years, Nadine Cochran Watkins; sister, Frances Frost; and three brothers, Ray Watkins, Donald Watkins and Jack Watkins.

Mr. Watkins is survived by his daughter, Melissa Watkins Chrismer (Robbie) of St. James City, FL; sons, Dwayne Watkins of Milledgeville, and Russell Meeks (Deborah) and Neil Meeks (Becky); sister, Fannie Belle Hawkins of Sandersville; seven granddaughters, Alica Henderson (Mike) and Amy Stewart of Milledgeville, Hayle Moon (Bobby) of Deepstep, Hilary Meeks Amerson (Alan) of Tennille, Courtney Finken (Kayla) of Orangeburg, South Carolina, Megan Meeks of Sandersville and Melanie Meeks Maddox (Jordan) of Valdosta; and

twelve great grandchildren. The family will be at the home of Russell and Deborah Meeks on Spring Lake Road in Sandersville. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Gideons, P. O. Box 891, Sandersville GA 31082 or the Parkinson’s Foundation at support.apdaparkinson.org.

Condolences may be made online at mayand-smithfuneraldirectors.com

May and Smith Funeral Directors has charge of these arrangements.



### "BUT GOD" Inspirations What Are You Thankful For

What Are YOU Thankful For?

Sometimes we're so focused on what we don't have that we forget to thank GOD for what we do have.

I ask that you take a moment today to reflect. What has God brought you through? What prayers has He answered? What strength has He given you



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to keep going?  
 You see gratitude

shifts our perspective. It reminds us that even in the middle of life's challenges, GOD is still faithful, still providing, still protecting, and still working behind the scenes.

Today, don't just count your blessings, thank the One who gave them. "Give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever." (Psalms 107:1).

Be blessed,

Please share your Success Stories, Testimonies, or Words of Inspirations to butgod316@yahoo.com or Facebook BuTGoD.

### Technical College System of Georgia Appoints Rosemary Selby as Interim President of Oconee Fall Line Technical College

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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 August 1, 2026.

About the Technical College System of Georgia

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



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 Thurs. Sept. 17 @ 8AM - 7PM

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

may be more convenient for their schedules.”

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**Government-issued photo ID (such as a valid driver’s license or military ID)**  
**2025 tax return**

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



# ARABELLA’S CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF WELLNESS AND BEAUTY

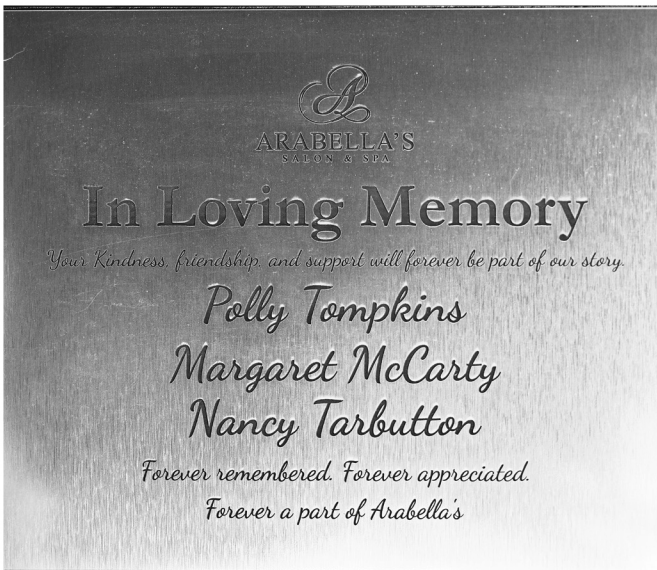
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a number of spas that are similar — this is without a doubt one of the very best. It is certainly a world-class spa. It is run by professionals. It is a spa that produces results — you will feel better, you will look better — in fact, it generally improves your life.”

He added that while some may hesitate to spend money on such services, “this is some of the best money that you will spend. It is very, very positive — that’s why I enjoy coming here now and since they first opened.” Rawlings emphasized that, “the person that needs the credit is Donna and her husband Kenny. They are very innovative people. They are bright, and they know how to treat people properly. They think the way people should think to really produce a good product — and this certainly is.”

Owner and licensed esthetician and laser practitioner Donna Masters told The Georgian that it had always been her dream to open her own spa. That dream came true 10 years ago when she and her husband, Kenny, purchased the building from Chris Gibbie and Tom Siette, who had used it for their nationally known antique and home-decorating business, Halsey Dean.

The building, originally constructed in 1890, was then renovated by Kenny, a retired builder from Florida, into the relaxing, luxurious facility that is seen today. Masters noted that Gibbie and Siette were also instrumental in sourcing the light fixtures that are now featured throughout the salon and spa.



Masters thanked all those who have supported her and Arabella’s throughout the past decade. She paid special tribute to Polly Tompkins, Margaret McCarty and Nancy Tarbutton. A plaque inscribed with their names placed near the entrance to Arabella’s reads, “Your kindness, friendship and support will forever be a part of our story.”

Masters said she loves being here and prays every day that both she and Arabella’s will always be a light in the community.

In addition to Masters, a team of licensed and certified health, wellness and beauty experts serve Arabella’s clientele. Board-certified internal medicine physician Dr. DeAnn Bing, MD serves as the Medical Director. As noted on Arabella’s social media, Dr. Bing has been “an integral part of our team for eight years, helping us provide safe, professional and high-quality medical aesthetic services. Your safety, trust and results will always be our top priorities.”



According to Washington County Chamber of Commerce President Katie Moncus, “celebrating Arabella’s Salon & Spa’s 10-year anniversary is about much more than just recognizing a successful business — it’s about celebrating a decade of investment in our downtown, offering exceptional services and a commitment to our community.”

She emphasized that, “small businesses like Arabella’s are the heart of Washington County’s economy, creating jobs, attracting visitors and helping our downtown continue to thrive. The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is

honored to celebrate this milestone and congratulates the entire Arabella’s team on 10 remarkable years. We look forward to seeing their continued success for many years to come.”

Arabella’s now offers a wide variety of services, including facials, laser hair removal, massage therapy, permanent makeup, body sculpting, Botox and filler treatments. The spa also features gourmet gifts and a fresh bistro with homemade casseroles, salads, pizzas and desserts.

Since celebrating this milestone anniversary, Arabella’s has continued to grow. It was recently an-

nounced that Emmy’s on Main will be moving to Arabella’s. Carson Daley, owner of the well-known clothing store, explained, “After three wonderful years in our downtown storefront, Emmy’s on Main is beginning an exciting new chapter. We’re thrilled to be joining Arabella’s, where our customers will continue to find the same styles they love in a beautiful new space. We’re incredibly grateful for the support our community has shown us and can’t wait to continue serving you in this next season.”

## Commissioners Approve Annexation

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pick out your own home from \$149,000 to \$290,000, which is the limit,” she said. “So I think it will be a great development for the working class in Sandersville — I really do.”

Archer then asked about “who owns what” on East McCarty. Hutchings stated that in that particular area, “this is a county road.” He explained that “once you pass the city limits, it is county road from that point to Sisters Church.” Archer suggested that the city annex that portion of the road. “It is all but a tenth of a mile, but we will be happy to,” Hartley said. “There are two houses and a tenth of a mile of pavement, but do not forget you will still get your county taxes, so the residents in this neighborhood will be paying county and city taxes.” Hutchings added that the road was “freshly paved.”

Sumner asked if there were any drawbacks if the developers failed to meet the requirements of the grant. Avant noted that “if we do not meet the requirements for the grant, we are on the hook for \$2.5 million on the infrastructure.” Jayson Johnston,

executive director of the Development Authority of Washington County, explained that the grant was “driven by DCA because it is a DCA grant.”

Hutchings asked if there were any “relaxations in the regulations for this to happen.” Hartley said the square footage would be set at 1,000 square feet. “And your ordinance is 1,200, so you are giving a variance or a waiver,” Hutchings said. Avant explained that asking for a variance did not mean the City Council was automatically going to award it. According to Hutchings, “you hear from other people that that needs to be relaxed anyway, across everywhere in the City of Sandersville.”

Hartley noted that the council had recently relaxed it by approving a variance for 800 square feet. Hutchings said that by not putting this relaxation directly into the ordinance, people may not know to ask for it.

**Part II**  
**“housing is the key”**  
**July 29th Edition**



### OFTC Foundation hosts successful 12th annual golf tournament

The Oconee Fall Line Technical College Foundation hosted its 12th annual golf tournament Saturday, May 30, at Twin City Country Club in Tennille. The event brought together 20 teams and 80 participants for a day of friendly competition, community engagement and support for student scholarships.

Golfers competed in an 18-hole, four-man scramble, with teams vying for the tournament’s top prize: a round of golf for four at one of four premier courses at Reynolds Lake Oconee in Greensboro.

The tournament began with a welcome from OFTC Foundation Vice Chair Jeff Brown, followed by instructions from Trustee Allen Haywood before the 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament concluded with a rare three-way tie. Each of the top teams finished with a score of 57, or

15 under par. Tournament officials used the regression method to determine the final standings.

First place and the Reynolds Lake Oconee golf package were awarded to the First State Bank team of Drew Cooper, Joey Kaney, Randy Johnson and Don Wren. Second place and a \$100 cash prize for each team member went to the Southern Company/Georgia Power of Dublin team of Casey Woods, Matthew Waller, Tyler Rhodes and Kyle Hammock. Third place and a \$75 cash prize for each team member went to Team McCaskill, represented by Samuel McCaskill, Max Corder, Jackson Smith and Walker Smith.

“The day before the event, the forecast called for thunder, lightning and heavy rain — certainly not ideal conditions for a golf tournament,” said Kathy Aaron, executive director

of the OFTC Foundation. “Fortunately, the weather cleared, and we enjoyed a wonderful day on the course. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our community. The success of this event directly impacts the scholarship recipients the Foundation serves, and that means so much to our students and their families.” The OFTC Foundation extends its appreciation to all golfers, sponsors,



volunteers and supporters who helped make this year’s tournament a success. Their generosity and participation continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of OFTC students. For more information about the OFTC Foundation, visit OFTC.edu.

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DEBTORS/CREDITORS

G26-071  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY BERYL SPRY  
All creditors of the estate of deceased, late of Washington 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 13th day of July, 2026.  
s/ Charles Henry Spry, Executor  
c/o John A. Dana, Attorney  
P.O. Box 29  
Sandersville GA 31082  
Ph: 478/552-6031  
Prepared by:  
John A. Dana, Attorney at Law  
119 W. Haynes Street  
Sandersville, Georgia 31082  
478-552-6031

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2026

G26-072  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Ruth B. Dollar, deceased late of Washington County, 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 us.

Sharon D. Kent/Co-Executor  
2751 Breezy Hill Rd.  
Davisboro, Ga 31018  
Michael T. Dollar/Co-Executor  
1975 Sunhill-Grange Rd.  
Sandersville, Ga 31082  
This 15th day of July, 2026.

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2026

G26-073  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Abraham Benjamin Watson, Jr., deceased late of Washington County, 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 us.

Tangela King/Administrator  
307 Crestview Drive  
Dublin, Ga 31027  
This 14th day of July, 2026.

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2026

G26-074  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Albert G. Cason, deceased late of Washington County, 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 us.

Carol Boyer/Executrix  
c/o Scott B. Thompson/Attorney for Estate  
1306 Bellevue Ave.  
Dublin, Ga 31021  
This 10th day of July, 2026.

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2026

G26-068  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Algie Brown, deceased late of Washington County, 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 us.

Alan Brown / Administrator With Will Annexed  
5585 Crooked Creek Rd  
Eatonton, Ga  
This 10th day of July, 2026.

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

G26-069  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Donald Edward Lindsey, deceased late of Washington County, 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 us.

Gloria Davis Lindsey/Executrix  
c/o Jason H. Davis/Attorney for Estate  
318 S. Harris St, Suite A Sandersville, Ga 31082  
This 9th day of July, 2026.

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

G26-070  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Wesley Daniel Anderson, deceased

late of Washington County, 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 us.  
Danielle Lynn Garrett/Co-Executrix  
145 Smith Pond Rd  
Tennille, Ga 31089  
Donna Faye Daniel/Co-Executrix  
1770 Joiner Rd  
Tennille, Ga 31089  
This 10th day of July, 2026.

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

G26-061  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of GERALD WENDELL BOWEN, deceased late of Washington County, 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 us.  
Bobby Dean Williford  
570 Wommack Rd  
Tennille, Ga 31089  
This 30th day of June 2026.

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

G26-067  
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHINGTON STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN ANDREWS, Deceased  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION  
NOTICE

To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Terrence Andrews has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Dorothy Jean Andrews, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O. C. G. A. 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. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel at the following address/telephone number 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.  
Russell A. Sheppard  
Probate Judge  
By: Shelia Evans/  
Chief Clerk of Probate Court  
132 West Haynes Street  
Sandersville, GA 31082  
478-552-3304

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2026

G26-062  
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHINGTON STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT CHARLES FITZGERALD  
Deceased  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION  
NOTICE

To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Andrea Blair Fitzgerald Register has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Robert Charles Fitzgerald, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O. C. G. A. 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 3, 2026. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel at the following address/telephone number 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.  
Russell A. Sheppard  
Probate Judge  
By: Shelia Evans/  
Chief Clerk of Probate Court  
132 West Haynes Street  
Sandersville, GA 31082  
478-552-3304

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

PETITION TO PROBATE WILL IN SOLEMN FORM

G26-041

IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHINGTON STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GERALD WENDELL BOWEN, Deceased  
ESTATE NO. 2026-WS-024  
NOTICE  
TO: ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS  
BOBBY WILLIFORD has filed a petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form of Gerald Wendell Bowen, deceased, of said county. 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 June 29, 2026. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If 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.  
Russell A. Sheppard  
Probate Judge  
By: Shelia Evans/  
Chief Clerk of Probate Court  
132 West Haynes Street  
Sandersville, GA 31082  
478-552-3304

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

FORECLOSURE

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, WASHINGTON COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Ernestine Jenkins Brantley to New Century Mortgage Corporation dated 6/27/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 14-S Page 777 Washington County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-HE5 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE5, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$120,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Washington County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in City of Sandersville, Washington County, Georgia, and being more particularly shown on a plat of survey prepared by Southern Surveying Associates, dated May, 25 2005, and recorded in Plat Book 2-E, Page 200, in the Office of the Clerk of Washington County Superior Court. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated herein for a more complete description. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 519 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, Sandersville, GA 31082 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Estate and /or Heirs of Ernestine Jenkins Brantley or tenant or tenants. Onity Mortgage Corporation is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Onity Mortgage Corporation 1661 Worthington Rd Suite 100 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 (800) 750-2518 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether

due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006HE5 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE5 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Ernestine Jenkins Brantley Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1017-6755A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-6755A

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G26-063  
GA2600295148  
Notice Of Foreclosure Sale Under Power  
Washington County, Georgia Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Christopher Bernard Braddy, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Rocket Mortgage, LLC, dated 02/25/2025 and recorded 02/26/2025 in, in Book 96, Page 648, Washington County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nexus Nova LLC by assignment recorded on 05/07/2026 Deed Book: 00115 Page: 0741 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Washington Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$ 68,000.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Washington County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 08/04/2026, the following described property: All That Lot Or Parcel Of Land Lying, Situate And Being In The Town Of Harrison, Washington County, Georgia, Beginning At A Point Along A Public Road Leading From Harrison To The Home Of W. A. Grubbs Where Land Of J. W. Franklin And M. H. Landers Intersect; Thence North For A Distance Of 100 Feet; Thence East For A Distance Of 175 Feet; Thence South For A Distance Of 175 Feet Along A Public Road To The Point Of Beginning. Said Lot Of Land Being Bounded On The North And East By Lands Of M. H. Landers; On The South By A County Public Road; And On The West By Lands Of J. W. Franklin. Tax ID Number (H01-108) This conveyance is made subject to all zoning ordinances, easements and restrictions of record affecting said bargained premises. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fee having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Nexus Nova LLC they can be contacted at 866-978-2622 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to Nexus Nova LLC 9726 Old Baires Rd Ste 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707 to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold on "as-is" basis and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning or-

finances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Christopher Bernard Braddy, A Single Man or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 329 Oak St, Harrison, GA 31035. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. Nexus Nova LLC as Attorney in Fact for Christopher Bernard Braddy, A Single Man. Sokolof Remtulla, LLP c/o First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving TX 75063 866-429-5179 GA2600295148

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

G26-064  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
IN SECURITY DEED  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt in the amount of \$58,665.00 from Naomi Perez and Yaasameen Perez to Brashear Development Corporation, A Georgia Corporation, dated August 6, 2021 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia on September 7, 2021 in Deed Book 52, pages 562-568, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in Washington County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, the following described property, to wit: All that lot, tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Washington, 92nd GMD, situate on State Highway 242 and containing 20.37 acres, more or less, and being further known and designated as Tract 1 on a plat of survey prepared for Brashear Development Corporation by Steve Barger and Associates, LLC, dated April 5, 2021 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia in Plat Book 2021, page 31, and said plat being referred to for a more complete description as to metes, courses and bounds.

Said property is a part of a larger tract conveyed to Brashear Development Corporation by Warranty Deed from J. Dudley Gunn dated October 9, 2020, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia in Deed Book 38, page 443-444.

Default has been made in the installments due for December, 2025 and all subsequent thereto. Brashear Development Corporation declared the entire unpaid indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Note, and the same has not been paid.

The debt secured by said instrument having been declared due because of default in payment this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said debts and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees, notice having been given. This property will be sold as the property of Naomi Perez and Yaasameen Perez and is subject to any outstanding easements, restrictions, taxes, and assessments appearing of record and is subject to verification that this sale is not contrary to federal or state law or prevented by any bankruptcy court.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Naomi Perez and Yaasameen Perez  
By and through their Attorney-in-Fact, Brashear Development Corporation  
513 Broad Street  
Augusta, Georgia 30901  
Kelly Brashear Kitchens  
Claeys, McElroy-Magruder & Associates  
512 Telfair Street  
Augusta, Georgia 30901  
(706) 724-6000

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

G26-065  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
IN SECURITY DEED  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt in the amount of \$37,497.60 from Maria A. Balan to Brashear Development Corporation, A Georgia Corporation, dated December 15, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of

Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia on March 31, 2023 in Deed Book 00074, pages 00087-00093, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in Washington County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, the following described property, to wit: All that lot, tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Washington, 92nd GMD, situate on Georgia Highway 242 and containing 9.92 acres, more or less, and being further known and designated as Tract 12 on a plat of survey prepared for Brashear Development Corporation by Steve Barger and Associates, LLC, dated April 5, 2021 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia in Plat Book 2021, page 31, and said plat being referred to for a more complete description as to metes, courses and bounds.

Said property is a part of a larger tract conveyed to Brashear Development Corporation by Warranty Deed from J. Dudley Gunn dated October 9, 2020 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia in Deed Book 38, page 443-444.

Default has been made in the installments due for January, 2026 and all subsequent thereto. Brashear Development Corporation declared the entire unpaid indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Note, and the same has not been paid.

The debt secured by said instrument having been declared due because of default in payment this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said debts and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees, notice having been given. This property will be sold as the property of Maria A. Balan and is subject to any outstanding easements, restrictions, taxes, and assessments appearing of record and is subject to verification that this sale is not contrary to federal or state law or prevented by any bankruptcy court.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Maria A. Balan  
By and through her Attorney-in-Fact, Brashear Development Corporation  
513 Broad Street  
Augusta, Georgia 30901  
Kelly Brashear Kitchens  
Claeys, McElroy-Magruder & Associates  
512 Telfair Street  
Augusta, Georgia 30901  
(706) 724-6000

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

G26-051  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Angelio Amon Bowen to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Flagstar Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns. dated May 23, 2024, recorded in Deed Book 87, Page 286, Washington County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 101, Page 212, Washington County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 117, Page 26, Washington County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$166,920.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Washington County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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



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

Rocket Mortgage, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, (888) 480-2432. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as 9870 Old Savannah Road, Sandersville, GA 31082. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

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

Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

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

Rocket Mortgage, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Angelio Amon Bowen McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
1544 Old Alabama Rd  
Roswell, GA 30076  
www.foreclosurehotline.net  
EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.95 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1253RD G.M. DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, ON STATE ROUTE 242 AND OLD SAVANNAH ROAD BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "SURVEY FOR D.L. HITCHCOCK" BY CAREY E. TREADWELL, GRLS#1538, DATED AUGUST 19, 2003, OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 2-B, PAGE 182, WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS. SAID PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AS PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.  
KR September 1, 2026  
Our file no. 26-22730GA

June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

G26-056  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
In re the name change of: Kaycee Alan Rodriguez Gonzalez  
Civil Action File No. SUCV2026000127  
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
GEORGIA, Washington County Notice is hereby given that Kaycee Alan Rodriguez Gonzalez, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia on the 23 day of June, 2026, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner from Kaycee Alan Rodriguez Gonzalez

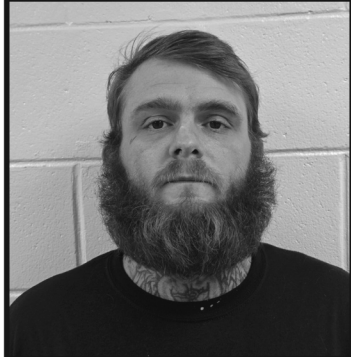
to Kaycee Alan Gonzalez. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.  
This 23 day of June, 2026  
Oscar Gonzalez  
Petitioner

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G26-057  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
In re the name change of: Oscar Gonzalez Rodriguez  
Civil Action File No. SUCV2026000128  
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
GEORGIA, Washington County Notice is hereby given that Oscar Gonzalez Rodriguez, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia on the 23 day of June, 2026, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner from Oscar Gonzalez Rodriguez to Oscar Gonzalez Rodriguez. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.  
This 23 day of June, 2026  
Oscar Gonzalez  
Petitioner

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NEW SEX OFFENDER PUBLICATION



NAME: RICHARD BENSON EHRET  
AGE: 33  
ADDRESS: 7885 NEWS BRIDGE RD, HARRISON, GA  
REGISTERED IN WASHINGTON CO: JULY 2026  
OFFENSE: SEXUAL BATTERY  
INITIAL OFFENSE OCCURRED: PASCO COUNTY, FL  
OFFENSE OCCURRED: 2008

STAY UPDATED

- \* By reading our legal advertisements each week for information you may need to know!
- \* All legals are required to be e-mailed each week prior to run date by 12 PM on Friday's.
- \* Documents are accepted in doc. Or docx. format only.
- \* For Additional Information, please call our Office at 478/552-3161 or email wacolegals@gmail.com

INVITATION TO BID  
2026-0025 (Washington County)  
2026 LMIG/LRA (Jefferson County)

Sealed bids will be received by the WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, Washington County, Georgia, at the Washington County Commissioner's Office, P.O. Box 271 / 119 Jones Street, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, until 2:00 p.m. local time, **Thursday, August 13, 2026**, for:

RESURFACING ON VARIOUS ROADS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND RESURFACING ON NOAH STATION ROAD IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. ALSO INCLUDES RESTRIPING ON TWO ROADS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

This project consists of resurfacing and striping various roads in Washington & Jefferson Counties.

Bids received after the stated time will not be accepted.

At 2:00 p.m. local time on the above date, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents may be purchased at:

Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC.  
Attn: Julian Archer  
616 South Harris Street  
Sandersville, Georgia 31082  
Phone (943) 269-6263  
julian.archer@oneatlas.com

Bid packages are \$25 per copy. (non-refundable). You may pay by credit card or check.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program or activity of WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Government should be directed to Keri Sumner, County Clerk, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, P.O. Box 271 / 119 Jones Street, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, (478) 552-2325.

Questions regarding Bidding Documents, Drawings and Specifications should be directed to Julian Archer, Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC at julian.archer@oneatlas.com no later than **Wednesday, August 5, 2026**. All questions must be sent via e-mail; no verbal responses will be given to oral questions.

Washington County Board of Commissioners is seeking bids for painting services and repair of the exterior of the Genealogy Jail Museum at 129 Jones St., Sandersville.

Scope of work includes

- . pressure washing the complete exterior or the building
- . Preparation of building before painting: scraping peeled paint, repairing and replacing rotten wood and repairing any other damaged areas.
- . labor and materials to apply two coats of Sherwin Williams Loxon XP waterproof masonry paint on all wall surfaces.
- . paint two coats of Loxon XP on all trim surfaces and wood surrounds.
- . Paint two coats of Loxon XP on the block around the base of the building

Contractor to supply all labor, materials and equipment to complete the project. Bid should quote the cost of materials and labor separately.

Any questions should be directed to: boc@washingtoncountygga.gov

Sealed bids to be delivered to Board of Commissioners office. 119 Jones St, Sandersville. by Thursday August 6th, 2026, when the bids will be opened. Envelope must be clearly marked with "Genealogy Jail Paint Bid" and the name of the bidding company.

The winning bidder must provide the appropriate insurance coverage certificate within 14 days of being awarded the contract and complete all other documents in compliance with local and state laws otherwise the contract will be terminated

\*The Washington County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids\*

Notice of Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the City of Tennille has developed its Public Housing Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Tennille Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 @ 10:00 A.M. in the Community Room located at 300 East Church Street, Tennille, GA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the THA's Agency Plan and to invite public comment regarding the plan. A draft copy of the plan will be available for review prior to the meeting at the above address. A draft copy may be requested via email at [tharent@yahoo.com](mailto:tharent@yahoo.com). The Housing Authority hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday through Thursday. For additional information concerning the public hearing please call 478-552-0026.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of the City of Sandersville has developed its Public Housing Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Sandersville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing September 8, 2026 at 10 a.m. at the Community Room at the Office of the Housing Authority located at 419 Morningside Dr., Sandersville, GA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the FY2027 Agency Plan and the FY2027 Capital Fund Program and FY2027-FY2031 Five Year Capital Fund Plan. The public is invited to comment regarding the plan and schedule. A draft copy of the plan is available for review prior to the meeting at the above address. The Housing Authority hours are 7:00a.m. To 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For additional information concerning the public hearing please call 478-552-6955. Persons with hearing or speech impairment may access via TTY by calling 478-552-6955. Should any housing resident require transportation or special accommodations in order to attend this meeting, please contact the Housing Authority.

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