

Twiggs County could be Middle Georgia's next industry hub

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

Twiggs County could be the next industry hub in Middle Georgia, officials say.

Terry Coleman, who Commission Chairman Ken Fowler introduced as the county's lobbyist in Atlanta, said that he thinks Twiggs County is "poised for growth."

Coleman spoke at a county commission meeting last Thursday where he told commissioners that Twiggs is "in just the right place" for industrial land development.

Nearby, Macon-Bibb County dominates industry in central Georgia, but Macon is beginning to run out of land to continue to grow.

Major Georgia cities like Atlanta

and Savannah are connected through I16, and in order to get from one to the other, you must travel through Twiggs County.

Both of these facts, according to Coleman, make Twiggs County prime real estate for upcoming industry.

Coleman explained that new industrial land development will start with infrastructure, and the water and sewer project currently being built on SR 96 is only the beginning. He suggested expanding the water and sewer project and potentially implement a water and sewer authority to help manage it.

He also discussed how the county might use grants to help expand industrial development, recommending the county create a plan to discuss how they will match those grants in

the future.

"You as leaders in the community and leaders of this county have to pick where you want to go and what you can afford to match," he told commissioners. "You get one good grant for a water and sewer project, then you can peel off and do other developments with that money."

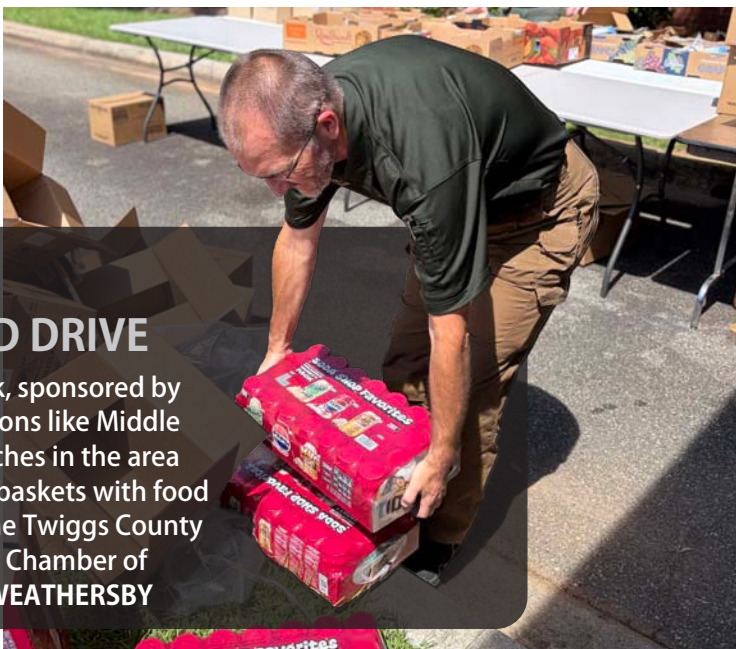
In other news, the county is planning to expand the water line project on Sgoda Road and Old Gordon Road after the county's engineer Tim Ingram discovered leftover funds.

According to Ingram, the county has \$190,000 left over from ARPA grant money from the Sgoda Road water project.

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The water tower on Old Gordon Road is currently in the process of being painted/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY



SNAPSHOTS:
TWIGGS CO. SENIOR CENTER FOOD DRIVE

Twiggs Co. Senior Center hosted a food drive last week, sponsored by the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. Organizations like Middle Georgia Community Action Agency and multiple churches in the area volunteered on Wednesday, handing out free bags or baskets with food inside. Other departments who volunteered include the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, Twiggs County Fire, Board of Elections, Chamber of Commerce and Jeffersonville City Council/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

Georgia Chamber of Commerce to counter 'misinformation' about data centers

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Data centers are a financial boon to communities, according to the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, which is pushing back on concerns about their impact on the environment, on utility bills and on their neighbors.

The pro-business organization is launching a messaging campaign that extols the jobs and property tax revenue that data centers provide while asserting that their impacts through water and energy use are not as significant as many believe. The Chamber's new Georgia Digital Infrastructure Alliance includes industry leaders, utility representatives, policymakers and community members.

Chris Clark, the Chamber president and CEO, said the group will begin briefing policymakers statewide in September. The goal, he said, is "to be transparent, to make sure that we have responsible development and that we show the benefits to communities because obviously there's a lot of backlash and a lot of negative PR right now."

Polling suggests the public is souring on data centers. The Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania found 61% of Americans opposed the construction of new data centers in their area this summer, up 12 percentage points from the spring. The summer survey found opposition across party lines, with 69% of Democrats and 54% of Republicans opposing new local data centers.

The rising negative sentiment comes less than three months ahead of an election that will determine control over the state and Congress.

Former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, the Democratic nominee for Georgia governor, said at a Georgia Chamber event in early August that "we need a pause" on new data centers.

Rick Jackson, her Republican opponent, said at that same event that data centers produce so much property tax revenue that they can eliminate property tax bills for everyone else in at least 70 counties. Communities should get to choose whether to let one be built, he said.

In early April, Macon news station 13WMAZ reported that Jackson said he understands data centers because

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No speed bump recommended after death prompts petition

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

The Georgia Department of Transportation has recommended that Twiggs County not install speed bumps suggested by residents earlier this month, say county commissioners.

Following the July 19 hit-and-run that killed Danville resident Gyriño Stanley, residents called on the county to implement safety measures on Cary Road, including reducing the speed limit and adding speed bumps to slow down passing motorists.

County Commission Chairman Ken Fowler told commissioners at an Aug. 20 meeting that he spoke with GDOT about the potential project.

"[GDOT] verbally recommended to me not to do it," Fowler told the board on Thursday, adding that he was told adding speed bumps along Cary would "do more damage than

it would good."

County Attorney Kerry Howell said that the county initially wanted to wait to act on the situation until the investigation into Stanley's death was closed.

As of Aug. 24, the investigation is still active, and without definitive proof, it's hard to say for certain whether speed was a factor in his death.

On July 19, 45-year-old Gyriño Stanley was walking along Cary Road around 3 a.m. when he was struck and killed by an unknown vehicle. The driver has still not been identified.

"I was waiting on the investigation to be completed so that facts would be known as opposed to allegations," Howell said. "We need to know what those facts are before we act on those facts."

Though GDOT has recommend-

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Georgia Department of Transportation has recommended Twiggs County not move forward with a speed bump project on Cary Road after a hit-and-run fatality prompted a petition /CAROLINE WEATHERSBY



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Based on the county’s grant contract, the money has to be spent by Oct. 31 or they lose it. Commissioners discussed their options to use the money to expand the water project on Old Gordon Road. Commissioner Keith Washington said he’d personally like to see the water line expand toward 129 when they decided to split the funds to go toward both projects. According to Ingram, with the leftover money, the county can lay an additional 1,840 feet of piping in total. Split 50/50 between two proj-

ects, Old Gordon Road and Sgoda Road will each receive around 920 feet. Ingram told the board he would have a concrete plan for commissioners to vote on at the next commission meeting on Sept. 3. Also during last week’s county commission meeting, commissioners approved funding for several projects throughout the county. One of those projects was to fix the leaking roof at the county’s health department, which needed to be replaced. KGA Roofing offered to complete the project for \$26,900, with a 4 year warranty on the workmanship and 30 year warranty on

the shingles. The other bid, Crosby Roofing, proved to be a better deal with the county paying a total of \$26,260 with a 10 year warranty on the workmanship and 40 year warranty on the shingles. Commissioners voted to award the contract to Crosby, however County Administrator Wilmarie Liz asked the county to wait to move forward with the project until September when they could build up the funds. After a short discussion, commissioners also approved payment for the Twiggs County Fire Station Carport at \$5,887.20. Commissioners also voted to patch over multiple areas on Field

Road in District 3. Affected areas will be covered with 2” of asphalt. Asphalt Specialty Services will complete the project for a total of \$4,995. Commissioners also approved sending funds to Allentown for the construction of a helicopter landing pad. Fowler said he spoke with the mayor of Allentown who told him Wilkinson, Laurens and Bleckley Counties all agreed to contribute \$300 each to cover the total cost. In the end, commissioners voted to join them. Commissioners also approved use of the county courthouse for a Christmas festival in December. During public comment, Sha-

ron Godwin, who started the Jingle Bell Bash in Jeffersonville last year, asked commissioners for permission to use the courthouse annually to carry on the tradition. Godwin said she needs approval from both county commissioners and Jeffersonville city council before the next bash can be made official. According to Howell, county commissioners can only approve contracts on a year-to-year basis and wouldn’t be able to give her a permanent “yes.” Commissioners then voted to approve Godwin’s request for the 2026 Jingle Bell Bash. The event is expected to take place some time in December.

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he invested in one in Texas. Elsewhere, Republicans who once championed data centers are beginning to see them as a political liability. Late last year, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, was touting data center investments. Then, in early August, he halted approvals for new data centers pending audits of their power and water use and their impact on neighbors. His Democratic opponent had been rising in the polls while attacking him on the issue, The Wall Street Journal reported last week. President Donald Trump has argued that more data centers are necessary to win an artificial intelligence race against China. But he also suggested recently that data centers need "a little public relations help," according to multiple news reports. Clark said the Georgia Chamber is pushing back with facts. Data centers use less water than a decade ago, he said, adding that in Georgia they are paying to build the energy infrastructure that will deliver power to them. He challenged a central premise about the data center boom: that it is driven by AI. "A lot of what we're building out right now is to handle your Facebook posts, your medical records, your bank transactions," he said. Yet "AI" is in the name of the company behind the largest data center announced for Georgia so far. Project Camellia near Savannah, which is expected to need 3.2 gigawatts from Georgia Power, is for OpenAI. The tech industry has been responding to concerns about water use. OpenAI says its new data center will

use a closed-loop cooling system, which reduces water consumption by reducing or eliminating discharge and evaporation. Other companies have announced similar systems. However, closed-loop systems require more energy, and energy generation involves water. Chris Manganiello, the water policy director for the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, said state records show significant water lost to evaporation at power plants. In 2023, for instance, Plant McDonough, a 2.5 gigawatt facility in Cobb County fueled primarily by natural gas, withdrew an average of 10 million gallons of water a day from the Chattahoochee River, he said. It returned a quarter of that water. Research indicates data centers are consuming a lot of water. "The exponential growth of artificial intelligence (AI) has driven the rapid global expansion of data centers, raising serious concerns about their environmental impact — particularly water use," said an academic article published earlier this year. Trade-secret protections and security concerns restrict what the public can know about data center water consumption, said the paper in AGU Advances, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Geophysical Union. But the paper added that available information suggests data centers rank among the top 10 water-consuming industrial or commercial sectors in the country. Many Georgians are concerned about more than water. Amy Sharma has been traveling around the state to attend town halls about proposed data centers. The executive director of Science for Georgia said she and others are concerned the AI boom will turn into a bust, leaving

communities on the hook for half-built or abandoned data centers. Local leaders should require developers to post a surety bond to pay for redevelopment should a project go bankrupt, she said. She disagreed with Clark’s sanguine outlook on protections for residential electricity ratepayers, pointing to a lack of legislation. Last year, the state Public Service Commission, which regulates Georgia Power, did agree to the utility’s plan for a rate freeze, but the plan excludes "reasonable and prudent" costs related to storm damage and will be in effect for only three years. Then, during Georgia’s legislative session earlier this year, Georgia Power opposed a bill that would have made it illegal for the company to pass on costs for expanding the power grid to serve data centers for the long term. The bill was then weakened by amendments and did not pass. And Sharma noted that a lawyer with the Southern Environmental Law Center told the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer in May that data centers are paying nothing toward the cost of new natural gas pipelines. Much of the additional generating capacity that Georgia Power is building to meet data center demand will be fueled by natural gas. Public opinion will likely influence how big a welcome mat Georgia lays out for data centers, especially this November when voters head to the polls. Sharma said she has witnessed growing opposition across ideological lines.

At one town hall, she listened as a man complained that the government first wanted to force everyone to take a COVID-19 vaccine and now was pushing data centers. She said she also heard someone wearing Bernie Sanders apparel complain about data centers. Clark said many people are simply misinformed. When communities have questions, they should get transparent and responsible responses, he said. "I think a lot of what we’re seeing right now is both misinformation, disinformation, old information, and just the fear of the unknown." Manganiello said the industry and local leaders have brought this on themselves. "Some data center developers and local leaders have not been entirely transparent about proposed projects," he said. "When residents can't get their basic questions answered, they go out looking to fill the holes." Manganiello welcomed an initiative by the Chamber to share more information before a project is approved. "The question will be whether or not that is actually what happens," he said. Sharma predicted that Clark’s initiative would ignite more opposition. "We’re advocating for a community’s right to choose the best path forward for themselves," she said, sounding like Clark. "But the best path forward must provide transparency, an open and democratic decision-making process, sufficient power and water, and a surety bond," she said. "So I guess we’re also advocating against data center misinformation."

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ed against speed bumps, commissioners may still implement a speed reduction on Cary Road. What that might look like or when it could go into effect are up in the air. Fowler told the TJP that commissioners would discuss the possibility of reducing the speed limit during an executive session. Investigators with the Twiggs County Sheriff’s Office are still investigating Stanley’s death and are waiting for results to return from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation crime lab. Since Stanley’s death, residents have called on the county for answers. Resident Henry Simmons created a petition that was later signed by three dozen of his Cary Road neighbors, asking the county to implement safety features on Cary including speed bumps and a reduced speed limit from 45 miles per hour down to 25 miles per hour. Simmons presented the petition to county commissioners at their Aug. 6 meeting. During public comment, Simmons defended his petition, using two other fatal hit-and-runs that occurred within the county to support his position. One of those fatalities also happened on Cary Road in 2003.

One woman spoke out against the potential project, saying it was possible speed didn’t play a role in Stanley’s death. While the investigation remains ongoing, there’s still a possibility the driver was driving the posted speed limit. If speeding wasn’t a factor in Stanley’s death, then building speed bumps on Cary Road could add an unnecessary strain to motorists on their daily commutes. “I understand that we’re all reacting with ‘speed,’ but we don’t know speed was a factor,” she said. The TJP spoke with a resident of Cary Road who said he believed speeding did in fact contribute to Stanley’s death. After reviewing security footage from the night of Stanley’s death, the man said he believed he had the vehicle’s headlights on camera. He said he couldn’t make out the details of the vehicle, but based on the speed of the headlights, he estimated the driver was driving around 20 miles over the posted speed limit. The investigation into Stanley’s death is still ongoing. If you have any information about the July 19 hit-and-run that killed Gyrino Stanley, officials ask that you contact the Twiggs County Sheriff’s Office’s Criminal Investigations Unit at (478) 945-3357.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission and the City Council of the City of Cochran will conduct Public Hearings to consider a petition for rezoning submitted by **John Phillips** for the property located at:
121 First Avenue, Cochran, Georgia 31014 containing approximately 2.53 acres.
The petitioner is requesting that the property be **rezoned from A-1 (Agriculture District) to R-1 (Low Density Residential District)**.

The Public Hearing before the Planning Commission will be held:
Date: **September 14, 2026**
Time: **6:00 p.m.**
Location: **City Auditorium Conference Room
102 N. Second Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014**

The Public Hearing before the City Council will be held:
Date: **September 17, 2026**
Time: **5:30 p.m.**
Location: **City Auditorium
102 N. Second Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014**

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on the proposed rezoning request.

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Both candidates for state school superintendent say they will push for change

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia's longtime Republican state school superintendent is touting his experience to fend off his Democratic challenger, who calls herself a change agent.

Lydia Powell, an assistant high school principal in Henry County, wants to unseat Richard Woods, saying test scores indicate that schools need new leadership.

Woods, a former high school history teacher, is in his twelfth year in office, having served three terms alongside two governors. He said he needs more time to improve student performance.

As leader of the Georgia Department of Education, the state superintendent monitors academic performance and ensures school districts follow the law while spending state and federal funding that passes through the agency.

Woods and Powell answered questions from an expert panel convened by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education last week in Atlanta.

The urgent issues they discussed included the teacher workforce, state funding and literacy, the latter being a focus of state lawmakers.

This spring, Gov. Brian Kemp signed the Georgia Early Literacy Act into law. It requires new curricula and training with a focus on the phonics-based teaching methods that have been credited with accelerating reading skills in other Southern states.

The legislation also added \$70 million to the formula that drives state education spending, enough to hire a classroom literacy coach in more than 1,300 schools serving kindergarten through third grade.

Woods took some of the credit, saying he had previously advised the Legislature to spend the money.

"Several years ago, I said, 'We need reading coaches in the state of Georgia.' The General Assembly decided to wait, and I'm glad they finally followed up with the plan," Woods said, adding that he had already sent some literacy coaches to the lowest-performing schools using a limited fund controlled by the education department.

"I gave the General Assembly a number. They said, 'That's way too much,'" he said. "But lo and behold that's about the number that they funded this year with coaches."

Powell has been in education for a quarter century and is an adjunct professor in educational leadership at Thomas University, according to her biography on the website of Hampton High School, where she is assistant principal. She said she would improve third-grade literacy rates by expanding access to state-funded prekindergarten.

She pointed to English language arts scores from the 2024-25 Milestones tests that showed 35% of third-grade students scored at least proficient, meaning 65% did not. "We're asking teachers to continue to remediate," she said. "We can make some changes at that preschool level" to help them.

Georgia pre-K is not under the superintendent's purview. Rather, it is administered by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, whose commissioner is appointed by the governor.

But superintendents can use their position to try to influence the governor and lawmakers on policy, such as expansion of pre-K.

Another area that requires collaboration across government is the recruitment and retention of skilled teachers.

Woods said at least three times during the event at The Gathering Spot that he would bolster teaching ranks by pushing to increase pay for veteran teachers. A cap

on the automatic annual state-funded pay raises for teachers takes effect after their 21st year.

Rural schools tend to have more difficulty hiring teachers, so Powell said the state should help those rural communities pay for recruitment incentives, such as housing subsidies and childcare.

Powell also said she would push lawmakers to give more funding to schools with high concentrations of poverty, adding that she would make her presence known at the state Capitol.

"You have to be loud, you have to be obnoxious," she said.

Woods said his lobbying style had already proven effective. He noted the numerous failed attempts over the years to overhaul the state's education funding formula, largely unchanged since the 1980s. So, he said he advocated for smaller changes, working with lawmakers and the governor this year to increase funding for transportation.

The fiscal year 2027 budget includes \$38.5 million for new school buses.

Woods said his longevity in office has allowed him to cultivate valuable relationships, including with former superintendents from other states who, he said, now work at the U.S. Department of Education and will pick up the phone when he calls.

Powell pointed to performance measures, including test scores.

"We talk about being the number one place to do business, but we're ranked one of the lowest to educate children, and I want to be the change agent in that work. I've seen too many students be left behind, too many families continue to go through those cycles of poverty," she said. "Our eighth-grade math scores have gone down once again, and I know that we can make changes to that."

Woods said he had assembled a "great team" at the education department and that he wanted more time to build on that.

He said a strong foundation in math and reading is "not negotiable" but pushed back against critics who say Georgia is underperforming.

Woods said eighth-grade math scores "were down a little bit" but overall scores rose.

Indeed, scores on the math Milestones tests reached record highs last school year in fourth through sixth grades and in high school algebra. The increases came after the education department implemented new math standards during the 2023-24 school year.

Only eighth-grade students scored lower, with their proficiency rate falling by 1 percentage point to 46%.

But the gains came despite relatively low overall performance.

Students are placed in one of four categories based on their scores, from distinguished at the top to proficient, developing and beginning.

The highest percentage of students who scored proficient or distinguished in math was in fourth grade, at 50%. That means half were not proficient.

Woods said the percentage of third graders reading on grade level was higher than the 35% that lawmakers and others, including his opponent, have pointed to. The state education board adopted a more targeted score, called a Lexile measure, that is extracted from some Milestones test answers.

Based on that measure, 65% of third-grade students can read at or above grade level, he said.

"Yes, there does need to be change as you've heard today, but working together, we can make that — instead of just a dream — we can make that a reality," he said.

In that way, both Powell and Woods are campaigning as change agents.

Fall Flyway Festival returns

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

This September, Birds Georgia will host its annual Fall Flyway Festival. Timed to coincide with fall migration, this month-long festival celebrates the vital connection between native plants and the birds that depend on them.

Events include workshops, webinars, guided walks, habitat restoration workdays, and community events designed to help Georgians use native plants to create bird-friendly spaces and support wildlife.

The Fall Flyway Festival's signature event is the Round Robin on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens. The day begins with hands-on sessions ranging from live bird banding demonstrations to expert-led native plant walks. The program also includes a native plant sale, opportu-

nities to connect with community partners, and presentations from Heather Alley on the best Georgia native plants for birds and biologist Lauren Gingerella on restoring previously developed lands to support biodiversity.

Writer and biologist David George Haskell will deliver the Round Robin keynote address on Flowers, Birds, and Creative Symbiosis: Past and Future, exploring the ancient partnership between birds and flowering plants. Drawing from his book How Flowers Made Our World, Haskell will highlight how conservation can help sustain these vital relationships for generations to come.

In addition to Round Robin, Birds Georgia will host a number of virtual and in-person events to educate the public about the importance of native plants to birds, including:

Guided Birding and Plant Walks

Botany for the Birds at Henderson Park (Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.)
 Cochran Shoals with the Georgia Tech Birding Club (Sept. 12 at 8 a.m.)
 Exploring the Canopy of Lionel Hampton Park (Sept. 23 at 5 p.m.)
 Old Growth Forest Birding at Deepdene Park (Sept. 26 at 7:30 a.m.)
 Birds and Butterflies Walk on Jekyll Island (Sept. 26 at 8:30 a.m.)

Workdays and Workshops

Swann Nature Preserve Workday (Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.)
 Supporting Monarchs through Habitat Management (Sept. 4 at 9 a.m.)
 Workday at Discovery Park in Mableton with TPL (Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.)
 Workday at Deepdene Park (Sept. 26 at 9 a.m.)
 Wildlife Sanctuary 101 at Island Ford - CRNA (Sept. 28 at 9 a.m.)

Webinars

Building Better Backyards for Birds (Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.)
 The Making of Cumberland Dividings Bird Island (Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m.)
 Intro to Monarch Butterfly Conservation (Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.)
 Plants for Pollinators and Birds (Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.)

Registration is now open for all events and spaces are limited.
 Learn more and register at <https://www.birdsgeorgia.org/fall-flyway-festival.html>.

About Birds Georgia

Birds Georgia is building places where birds and people thrive. We create bird-friendly communities through conservation, education, and community engagement. Founded in 1926 as the Atlanta Bird Club, the organization became a chapter of National Audubon in 1973, and continues as an independent chapter of National Audubon Society. Birds Georgia is celebrating its Centennial in 2026. Learn more at <https://www.birdsgeorgia.org/>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

L & A Testing, Computation & Canvassing and Absentee Voting
For November 3, 2026, General Election

Pursuant to O.C.G.A & 21.2-379.6 (c) notice is hereby given that logic and accuracy testing on the voting equipment to be used on June 16, 2026, Runoff, in Wilkinson County will be publicly performed in the Old GED Building located at 8159 Ga Hwy 57, McIntyre, Ga. 31054. The testing on all voting equipment will begin on Monday, September 14, 2026, beginning at 10 am and will continue from day to day until it is completed. Members of the public are invited to observe the preparation and testing of all equipment to be used. The election supervisor and registrar/clerk and staff will conduct testing. Pursuant to O.C.G.A & 21-2-492 Computation, canvassing, and certification of election results will begin on Wednesday November 4, 2026, unless otherwise posted and will continue from day to day until complete.

The last date to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is October 23. Advance Voting (in-person) will begin on Monday October 13, 2026, through October 30, 2026, (Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Saturday Voting will be October 17 & 24 at the courthouse from 9-5. Election Day voting is November 3, 2026, from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m. at your assigned polling location. We’re located in the courthouse in the Elections & Registrar’s Office Rm# 133. For more information regarding testing and/or your voter registration status, contact the elections’ office at 478-946-2188.

Wilkinson County Board of Elections and Registration

Kelly S. Chatman, Election Superintendent

Public Notice

Wilkinson County Transit _____ is applying for funding assistance under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act pertaining to rural areas.

Wilkinson County Transit _____ will offer general public transportation to all citizens of _____ for any worthwhile purpose, including but not limited to shopping, medical treatment, social services, and other purposes.

Wilkinson County Transit _____ solicits private sector input and participation to assure that private for-profit transportation operators have a fair and timely opportunity to participate in the development of this program.

Wilkinson County Transit _____ also solicits comments and concerns from the general population on local rural public transportation services.

Wilkinson County Transit _____ also solicits comments and concerns from the elderly, low-income, and disabled population and their representatives to assure that issues relating to the disabled are addressed in the service design proposed during the planning process.

Interested persons are invited to request that a public hearing be held to discuss the services being offered or development of the application.

Written comments, requests for a public hearing and/or written notice of intent by private for- profit transportation operators to provide or participate in any or all of the above services should be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication to:

Commission Chairman/Mayor/Chief Executive of Applicant Organization:
Chairman Anthony Bentley

Address/City/State/Zip Code of Applicant:
100 Bacon St Irwinton, Georgia 31042

Phone Number of Applicant: 478 946-2236

If no response is received within the fifteen (15) days, _____ Wilkinson County Transit _____ will proceed with the application to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Public Hearing Notice

City of Cochran

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Hearings and Adoption

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON FY 2026-2027 BUDGET

A Public Hearing on FY 2026-2027 City Budget is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium in the Municipal Building located at 102 North Second Street Cochran, Georgia 31014. A second Public Hearing is scheduled to be held during the City Council Work Session on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium prior to the scheduled adoption of the budget. The public is invited to attend the hearings. At the public hearings, the Mayor and Council will receive public comments about the proposed Annual and Operating Capital Budget for the City of Cochran.

CITY PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON CITY WEBSITE AND AT CITY HALL: In advance of the Public Hearing on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium, the FY 2026-2027 proposed budget will be posted on the city website at www.cityofcochran.com beginning on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. The proposed budget will also be available in hard copy, beginning Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at City Hall upon request. To obtain a hard copy of the proposed budget from City Hall, please visit City Hall at 112 West Dykes Street, Cochran, Georgia between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or email Interim City Manager Angela Redding at aredding@cityofcochran.com.

BUDGET ADOPTION: The Mayor and Council of the City of Cochran are scheduled to consider adoption of the FY 2026-2027 Budget during their Work Session on Thursday, September 3, 2026. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium located at 102 North Second Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014 The public is invited to attend.

Labor Day goings on

For the first two weeks of September in Athens, Georgia, we can expect a transition to early fall weather, with an average daytime high of 84 degrees and nighttime lows dropping to a comfortable 60 to 65 degrees—all of which will be accompanied by sunshine, high humidity, and a chance of passing afternoon thunderstorms.

Athens is a place many Georgians will be on Labor Day—that pre-fall holiday that will be the focal point for tens of thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of fans watching on television when Georgia hosts Tennessee State in its opening game. And, of course, a sold-out Sanford Stadium of 93,033.

I grew up in the dreadful heat of summer without a ceiling fan. I have never liked hot weather. I have driven a tractor all day long during summer's peak heat, wearing nothing but a pair of shorts. I practiced and played football in stifling heat, but I could do without September games. So, I never took the position that growing up in the South that I got "used to the heat."

Georgia's victory over Yale on Oct. 12, 1929, the dedication of Sanford Stadium, was a hot and humid day, which heavily favored the Southern Bulldogs as they upset the Bulldogs of New Haven, Connecticut.

Yale unwittingly enhanced the UGA cause when the team dressed out in its



LORAN SMITH

traditional blue stockings that reached their knees. The team looked terrific in warmups, but when those heavy woolen stockings became sodden with perspiration, that heightened Georgia's advantage.

It can be hot during early October, but better weather—cooler temperatures—is what we all look forward to. In addition to football, there

is the magnificent change of the leaves, fall fly fishing, and the harvest scenes.

On occasion in falls past, owing to football travel, there have been opportunities to visit other states in the Southeast and the Midwest. Across America, there are harvest scenes like what we experience in our own backyard.

Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas are among the states that underscore the harvest scenes as we do. It is the same with New England. Agriculture and related industries contribute significantly to the U. S. gross domestic product, right at \$1.5 trillion dollars. I will always hold a soft spot in my life for farmers and agriculture.

A few facts about September:

The hottest recorded temperature on earth for our ninth month was 127 degrees Fahrenheit on Sept. 1, 2022, set at Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Park, California.

The summer is a great time to enjoy a hot dog. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans usually eat roughly 7 billion hotdogs, which would stretch from New York to London and back 25 times. If you haven't had a hot dog lately, there is time to help keep that statistic intact.

The first Labor Day parade took place in New York City on September 5, 1882, when 10,000 workers marched for better hours.

Most of us down South probably don't know about the "No White Rule." There once was a rule against wearing white after Labor Day for the wealthy elite to signal they were back in town from summer resorts

and a renewal of city life.

This day became a national law when President Grover Cleveland's stroke of the pen made it a federal law in 1894 following a major railway strike in Chicago.

For October for fly fishing advocates, it is a welcome month, as the trout return to the Chattahoochee. Standing in Georgia's most romantic river and seeing a three-pound trout take in a tiny fly, dart away with fluid alacrity, and leap out of the water, intent on making a fool out of you, and eventually succumbing to a dipnet is one of the richest experiences there is.

The good news is that there are many Georgians who can enjoy that opportunity with just a little effort. And not only is that a cool experience, but you are also cool and comfortable as you do it.

Beware of politicians bearing economic statistics

I try not to think about the fact that college was almost four decades ago. Like many, so much of what I learned in Athens occurred outside the classroom yet occasional lessons from coursework appear as flashbacks in reaction to the modern world's events all these years later.

My degrees, a B.B.A. from UGA and later a Master's from Georgia State are in Economics. There's currently an online debate about who gets to call themselves (and demand others refer to them as) an Economist.

I don't, and I never have. I've been a banker, a builder, held a finance role for a large auto dealership group, helped manage a phone system for the U.S. Army Reserve, sold a similar system/program to NASA, and more recently have been a consultant, writer, publisher, and lobbyist.

For a brief while in all those years I was also an adjunct professor of Economics and Small Business. It

was one of the endeavors I probably enjoyed the most. As someone trained in economics, I also understood the concept of opportunity cost.

Life decisions aren't all about what makes you the happiest, unfortunately. Fulfillment and enjoyment are certainly important.

Money isn't everything, either. I've turned down job opportunities and clients that would have paid very well. Each of those had high costs on my time, personal life, and/or morals and ethics.

Big life decisions have major opportunity costs. It's somewhat similar to the 1970's game show "Let's Make A Deal". When you pick one door, you give up what is behind others. This is opportunity cost.

The problem with economics is few wish to study it or make an effort to understand it. The reaction to the subject, to quote one of my sisters, is "Ewwwwww".

Yet many still wish to use the economic signals we get

every day not just for their own choices, but for others. Many a political argument ends after making an often errant point with "it's just Econ 101".

The problem with this line of reasoning is that foundational classes in Economics are meat to teach the most basic of concepts. There are many assumptions one must make to have the elemental "Marshallian Cross" lines of supply and demand actually work that some can miss why signals sometimes fail in the real world.

It's hard to blame the general public for this when they have so much help in misunderstanding the complexities of economic action and reaction. Few journalists have even a foundational course in Econ. Many of their stories begin with good intentions to inform, but their own industry's failures to understand markets and market reaction lead to poor reporting and thus greater public misunderstanding.

No better example of this is the coverage of the Federal Reserve setting a benchmark for short term interest rates. The Fed controls short term rates by buying and selling bonds to achieve a relatively stable price and thus interest rate on these instruments.

Too often the reporting of these decisions goes something like "The Fed raised interest rates today, so expect the cost of your mortgage to go up." The problem is, mortgage rates are long term rates, which the market sets generally based on long term inflation fears. Most of the time, a fed decision to raise or lower rates is to fight inflation, and thus the reaction between long and short term rates is like a see-saw.

Because raising short term rates shows the Fed is fighting inflation, mortgage rates will often actually come down when "interest rates are raised". Yet it's often reported as the opposite cause and effect.



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

Then there are politicians and their consultants. They want you to believe the slogans they put on bumper stickers which come from partisan dogma are long standing economic treatises.

Too many conservatives believe every time you cut taxes you get an increase in revenue. If this were true, we would have infinite revenues just by eliminating taxes. That's what happens if you just keep cutting according to this bumper sticker theory.

Too many progressives believe the government can

spend its way into prosperity, even if it means confiscating the wealth of the prosperous. The people who want to take profits out of our system don't seem to understand that our entire tax system is based on taking a percentage of profits – while leaving an incentive for private citizens to take risks and make profits so that they can keep at least some of it.

Each side comes loaded with their own out of context economic headlines to "prove their points", not unlike an atheist quoting out of context scripture to assert moral high ground. We are at this point of the campaign cycle and on the precipice of a Presidential race where these examples abound.

They have me harkening back not to one of my Economics courses, but to my intro to Statistics taught by Dr. Whitten at UGA in the 1980's. Beware, she cautioned at the beginning of the course, of what you're about to learn. In this world, there are lies, damned lies, and then there are statistics.

I am happy to be living in such a happy state of mind

Editor's Note: This column was originally published in the Sept. 18, 2024 edition of the Tri-County Connector.

Are you happy? If so, I am happy. But you and I might be exceptions. I just read a report by WalletHub, a personal finance company, that ranks the 50 states on a number of metrics to determine which states are the happiest. Georgia is listed as the 20th happy state.

The criteria for determining how happy we are include things like our emotional wellbeing, how much sleep we get, how many hours we work, whether or not we're depressed, how safe are we, rate of suicides, whether or not we volunteer, engage in sporting activities and number of divorces.

As usual, we beat Mississippi (42nd), Alabama (44th), West Virginia (48th), Arkansas (49th) and poor old Louisiana (50th out of 50) in being happy like we beat them in everything else. That makes me happy. Bless their hearts.

A number of the states in the Northeast were deemed happier than Georgia. WalletHub doesn't say why, but I think it is because many of their citizens got tired of living in a place where it snows ten months a year and all the buildings are rusted and decided to move South, which made those who stayed behind happy because they got tired of all the whining. It may also explain why we dropped to

20th because they settled here and we have to listen to them make fun of how we talk.

Before you ask, Hawaii rates No. 1 on the happiness scale. WalletHub says it is because Hawaiians enjoy great physical health, low unemployment, the longest life expectancy in the U.S. and the second-highest share of households with an annual income above \$75,000. That, in spite of the fact that U.S. Geological Survey says Hawaii experiences thousands of earthquakes every year. It was interesting to note also that Hawaiians ranked dead last in getting an adequate night's sleep. I guess worrying about thousands of earthquakes annually can do that to a person.

Maryland was the second happiest state. WalletHub says one big reason is Marylanders like what they do. A bunch of them are federal bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., which means they

have lifetime employment. Federal bureaucrats never get fired. What's not to like about that?

I must also note that New Jersey was rated the third happiest. The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name was born in New Jersey, even though she moved to Georgia when she was 4 years old and developed a classic Southern accent. When asked where she was born, she would say "Noowuk," roughly approximating "Newark."

According to WalletHub's analysis, New Jersey natives have "supportive relationships and love in their lives" and "happiness in their marriages." I can personally vouch for that, even those who moved from Noowuk when they were 4 years old.

The bigger question is why does the Great State of Georgia, home to the oldest-state chartered university in the nation and the possessor of the greatest

state song in the history of the world, "Georgia on my Mind" as sung by Ray Charles Robinson, of Albany, Georgia, rate only 20th in happiness?

I may be a part of the reason if my mail is any indication. I have opined on several occasions about the desire of an Alabama-based company, Twin Pines Minerals, to mine titanium dioxide in our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge so the world will never run short of toothpaste whiteners. No one seems to have mentioned that there is titanium dioxide available to be mined in – are you ready? – Alabama.

Knowing this has made a lot of you very unhappy. Having chemical giant Chemours rumored to be buying out Twin Pines seems to have made you even angrier, particularly when the company said in 2022 that it had no intention to buy the project from Twin Pines Minerals.



DICK YARBROUGH

Proponents of drag mining Trail Ridge aren't happy with me, either. Gummy-Moving Ox (I can't make

this stuff up) wrote and said he hopes my teeth rot out. A local timber baron is not real pleased with me, I understand, but not because of my mental hygiene.

I suspect Gov. Kemp, State Senate Majority Leader Steve Gooch and Rep. Lynn Smith aren't real happy with all the controversy but no one knows because they aren't talking.

But let us end on a happy note. At least we don't have thousands of earthquakes a year to keep us awake at night and there is a good chance we will never run out of toothpaste whiteners. I don't know about you, but I am happier already.



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Lawmakers call for closure of ICE detention center

By MAYA HOMAN
Georgia Recorder

LUMPKIN — Democrat-ic members of Congress are calling for an immigration detention center in south-west Georgia to be shut down after conducting an oversight visit this week, describing conditions that included overcrowded cells and lack of adequate medi-cal care.

Stewart Deten-tion Cen-ter, a facility run by the pri-vate prison company Core-Civic, is one of the largest detention centers in the country. At least two peo-ple have died after being detained at the facility this year, including a man with leukemia whose family said he waited eight days for medical treatment after he began coughing up blood. He was later transferred to a hospital, where he went into a coma and died.

Georgia Reps. Hank Johnson and Nikema Wil-liams toured the facility for roughly four hours recent-ly alongside Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington and North Carolina Reps. Val-erie Foushee and Deborah Ross, and spoke with three people detained in the cen-ter. U.S. Sen. Raphael War-nock also toured the facility in a separate visit.

Jayapal, who serves as ranking member of an im-migration enforcement subcommittee, called the facility “one of the worst in the country,” citing a 2023 government report detail-ing substandard conditions within the detention cen-ter after an unannounced inspection. She added that lawmakers were initially



Democratic members of Congress, including, from left, Rep. Nikema Williams of Georgia, Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washing-ton, Rep. Hank Johnson of Georgia and Rep. Deborah Ross of North Carolina, speak with reporters outside Stewart Deten-tion Center in Lumpkin/MAYA HOMAN, Georgia Recorder

obstructed from conducting oversight by the prison staff during the recent visit.

“We had to fight for ac-cess and for answers to be here,” she said while standing outside the facili-ty talking to reporters. “We are horrified by the situa-tion here at Stewart, and we believe this detention center should be shut down.”

Staff also was unwill-ing or unable to provide responses to many of the lawmakers’ questions, Jay-apal said, such as the facil-ity’s capacity or how many people were being detained without any criminal con-

victions on their record.

Johnson, who represents a metro Atlanta House dis-trict, also criticized the practice of having private, for-profit corporations run-ning immigration detention centers.

“This whole racket is tak-ing money directly from the taxpayers, the people, the wage earners of this country — those who don’t have the tax breaks that the wealthy have — and putting it di-rectly into the hands and pockets and pocketbooks of these ultra wealthy peo-ple,” Johnson said. “They are profiting off of human

misery.”

In a separate statement following his visit, War-nock echoed many of the lawmaker’s concerns about the conditions in Stewart Detention Center, citing a recent investigation into increases in 911 calls made from the facility to treat detainees suffering from medical emergencies such as head injuries, suicide at-tempts and pregnancy com-plexions.

“Regardless of your poli-tics, we should all be able to agree on this, that everyone deserves to be treated with basic human dignity and

respect,” Warnock said in a statement. “As a member of Congress, I thought it was important for me, as a voice for Georgia, to spend time speaking directly to those in the facility.”

Ryan Gustin, CoreCivic’s senior director of public af-fairs, disputed lawmakers’ description of the facility, arguing the facility is main-tained to the standards set forth by the federal govern-ment. He added that medi-cal providers onsite provide the “highest standards of care,” which he said is avail-able to detainees 24/7.

“The safety, health and

well-being of the individ-uals entrusted to our care and our dedicated staff at all our facilities, including Stewart Detention Center, is our top priority,” Gustin said in a statement.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Alexandra Smolyar, an immigration attorney with Asian Americans Advanc-ing Justice-Atlanta, said the lawmakers’ concerns mirror what she’s heard from cli-ents who were detained at Stewart. Recent changes to immigration enforcement under the Trump adminis-tration, including the prac-tice of detaining people during routine immigration check-ins, may also con-tribute to a rise in immi-gration-related arrests and detentions.

“People who had period-ic check-in requirements, who may well have been living peacefully in the com-munity without incident for many, many years, for de-cades even, are just being indiscriminately detained at their ICE check-ins,” she said. “That is, to my under-standing, unprecedented.”

She added that the de-tention center’s location in Lumpkin — a town of about 900 people that sits about 45 minutes south of Colum-bus — might play a role in limiting public awareness about what conditions are like for detainees.

“These are places that are out of public scrutiny, where many, many peo-ple are detained,” she said. “And I think that that allows conditions, in some ways, to fester.”

Rick Jackson reveals affordability plan while defending business dealings

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Facing re-newed pressure over his business dealings as he runs for Georgia governor, Republican Rick Jackson pledged to end his health-care contracting with the state by Dec. 31 if he wins the election against Demo-crat Keisha Lance Bottoms.

Appearing at an Atlanta barbershop with a hand-ful of supporters Thursday, Jackson also pledged to cut taxes and the state budget during an event billed as a partial reveal of his afford-ability agenda.

If elected, he said he would eliminate state taxes on the electricity and natu-ral gas delivered to residenc-es. He said he would gradu-ally cut the state income tax in half and also eliminate the state income tax on tips, building on the limited ex-emption passed into law by the General Assembly this year. He said he would sign onto a federal tax credit pro-gram that reimburses tax-payers for donations toward private school scholarships as Gov. Brian Kemp did ear-lier this year. And he said that sudden spikes in gaso-line prices caused by inter-national conflicts, natural disasters or other emergen-cies would trigger elimina-tions of the state motor fuel tax for at least 60 days.

"Government should not collect a windfall when families are being hit [by an] emergency," said Jack-son, speaking at a lectern at Tommy's Barbershop in Atlanta.

"Earn More. Pay Less," said a sign affixed to the lec-tern.

Jackson said he knew about economic distress, having been raised by an al-coholic mother who waited tables for a living. He said he had never met his father and

had been on welfare at one point, according to a live video of the event provided through a partnership with C-SPAN.

Jackson pledged to freeze the rising home valuations that are driving up property tax bills.

Property taxes fund local governments and schools rather than the state, but Jackson also said he would cut billions from the state budget, as well.

"There's not a business in the world that I can't cut 10% out of," he said. "You can find waste everywhere."

He said he would balance the cuts with increased revenue from economic growth and by updating software at state agencies to reduce waste.

"If I can't do it, it can't be done, but I'm going to get it done," said Jackson, who founded and runs Jackson Healthcare, a staffing and workforce company based in Alpharetta.

Jackson has grown his business into a financial jug-ernaut that allowed him to pour more than \$100 mil-lion of his own money into his campaign.

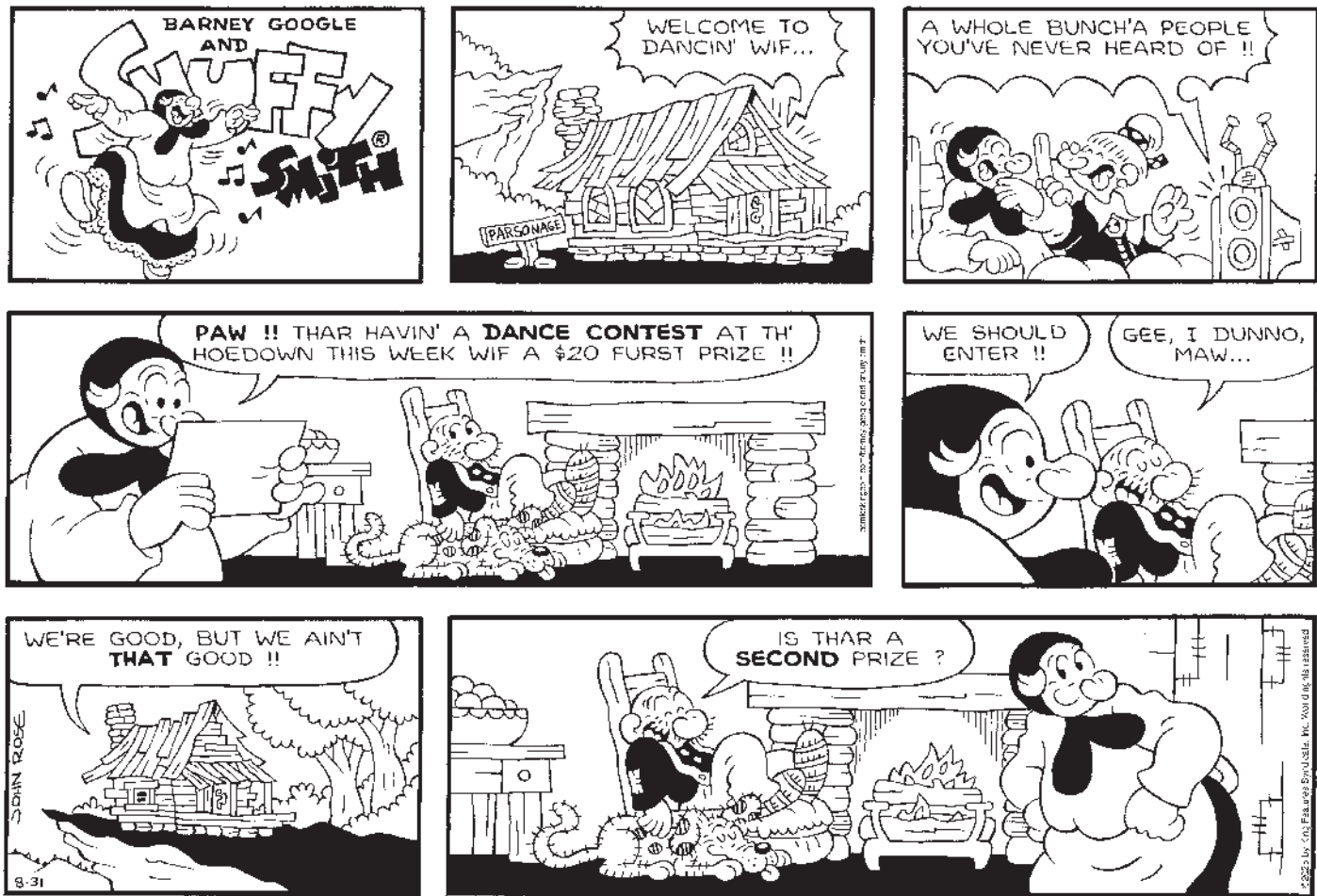
Some of that wealth came from doing business with the state.

The Bottoms campaign pointed to reporting Tues-day by 11Alive that said a subsidiary of Jackson's company had renewed a multimillion-dollar contract to provide health services to a state agency. The contract signed by Jackson expires next summer, 11Alive re-ported, six months into the term of the next governor.

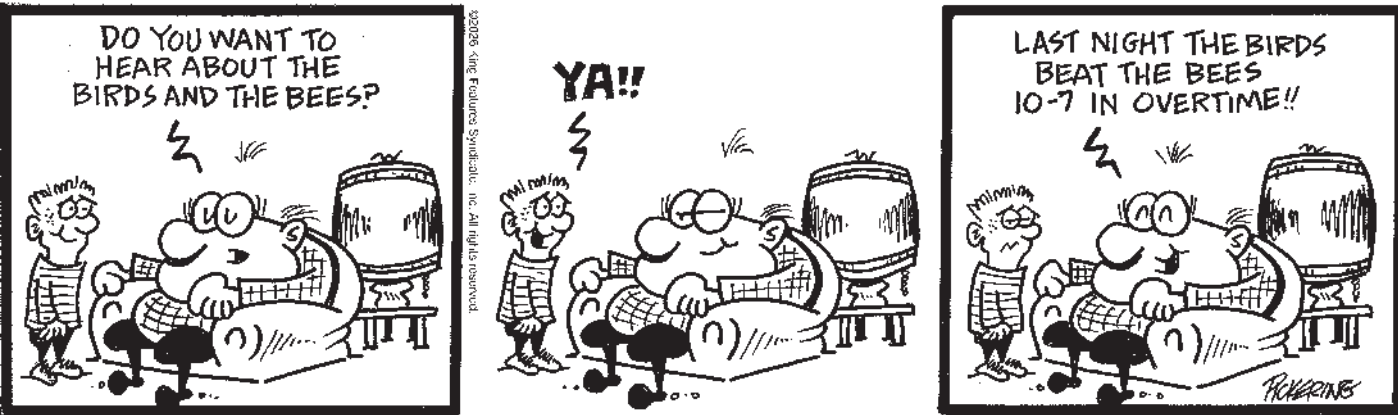
“Rick Jackson promised to unwind his state contracts at the same time he was cut-ting a secret new deal to make millions of dollars off of taxpayers into 2027," the Bottoms campaign said in a statement the next day.

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CURRENT PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY							
BOARD OF EDUCATION		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
VAL UE	Real & Personal	349,898,451	366,919,926	374,715,898	378,228,041	379,996,677	452,285,381
	Motor Vehicles	3,605,720	3,331,840	3,422,190	3,085,500	2,987,910	2,836,120
	Mobile Homes	4,858,659	5,879,273	5,497,694	5,012,187	4,571,809	4,511,355
	Timber - 100%	5,410,423	8,614,528	13,634,111	11,402,584	6,872,300	5,523,322
	Heavy Duty Equipment						
	Gross Digest	363,773,253	384,745,567	397,269,893	397,728,312	394,428,696	465,156,178
	Less Exemptions	82,864,583	93,122,165	93,024,211	92,190,488	95,111,756	91,760,412
	NET DIGEST VALUE	280,908,670	291,623,402	304,245,682	305,537,824	299,316,940	373,395,766
RAT E	MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)	16.5900	16.4500	16.4200	17.9200	17.9200	17.9200
TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$4,660,275	\$4,797,205	\$4,995,714	\$5,475,238	\$5,363,760	\$6,691,252
	Net Tax \$ Increase		\$136,930	\$198,509	\$479,524	(\$111,478)	\$1,327,493
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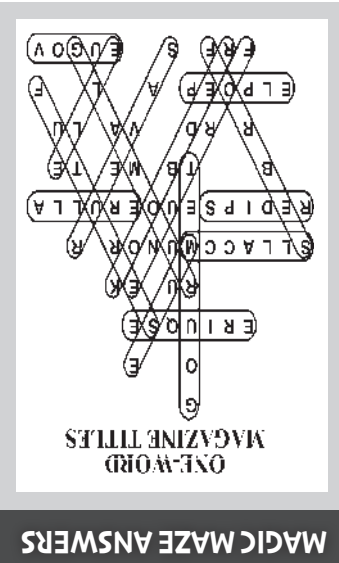
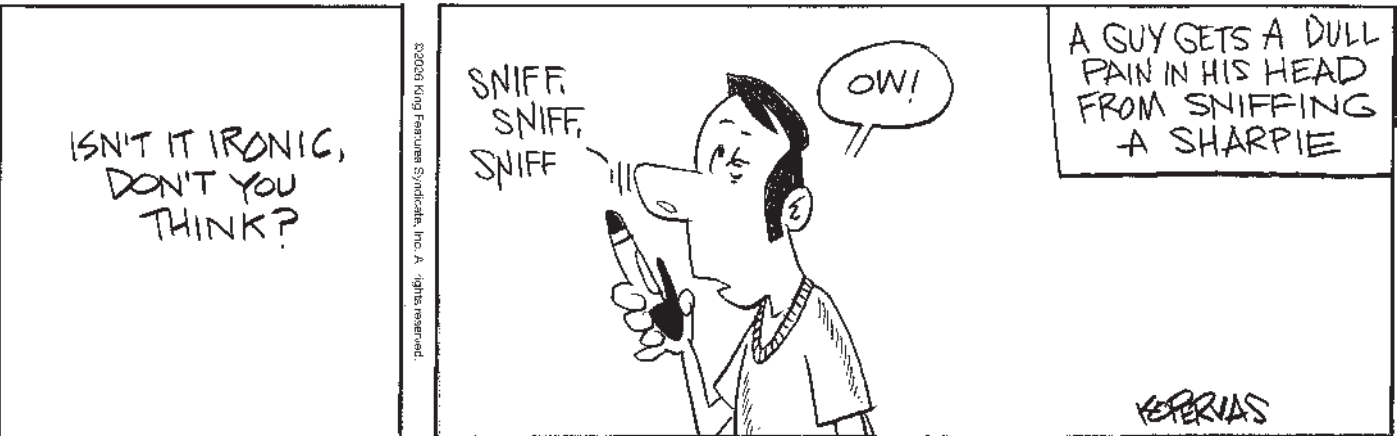
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	RATE	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	21.3500	21.2200	21.1900	21.1100	21.2900	22.1400
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	1.7500	1.7900	1.8000	1.7200	1.9000	2.7500
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	19.6000	19.4300	19.3900	19.3900	19.3900	19.3900
	TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$5,505,810	\$5,666,243	\$5,899,324	\$5,924,378	\$5,803,755	\$7,240,144
		Net Tax \$ Increase		\$160,433	\$233,081	\$25,055	(\$120,623)	\$1,436,388
		Net Tax % Increase		2.91%	4.11%	0.42%	-2.04%	24.75%



The Spats



Out on a Limb



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8 Beach crawler

12 Pizza cooker

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14 — Martin (cognac)

15 Bread sellers

17 Sheltered

18 Hogwash

19 Thespians

21 Sheriff's star

24 Hold sway

25 Jealousy

26 Stalks for soups

30 Finale

31 Give it a go

32 Man-mouse link

33 Sets of prayer beads

35 Big gulp

36 Eyeglass frames

37 Lake flock

38 Hoi —

41 Enjoy Aspen

42 Mayberry

43 Officials with seals

48 Ivy in Philly

49 Literary collection

50 Corporate symbol

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2 Eggs

3 Shatner's " — War"

4 Vigor

5 Slightly

6 Regret

7 Military attacks

8 Moon cavity

9 Move, in Realtor lingo

10 Pt. of U.S.A.

11 Tournament passes

16 Caviar base

20 "Pinocchio" fish

21 "Cheers" order

22 Part of A.D.

23 Film formats

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27 "The Music Man" setting

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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Just Like Cats & Dogs



HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glass is larger. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Mug is reversed. 5. Arm is longer. 6. Lipel is missing.

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Did the first mission to land on the moon carry a piece of aviation history?

By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

Here we are again, enjoying the “dog days” of summer. I know I’ve mentioned this many times, but for those who came in late: We call this time the “dog days” because Sirius, the brightest star in the sky beside the sun, is visible in the Northern Hemisphere. “So what?” you may be asking. Well, ancient people believed that in addition to light from Sirius, we also received heat, and that added to the sweltering temperatures August normally contains. We don’t, of course; it’s too far away.

It’s “dog days” because Sirius is the main star in the constellation Canis Majoris, or the Big Dog. Sirius is also called the “dog star.” Yes, I’m Sirius about that. Just as I am about trivia... so let’s enjoy some, right now!

Did you know...

... dreams are very important? Research into sleep has shown that when people are deprived of dreams, they experience marked changes in their personalities. Some of the changes include becoming irritable and disoriented, experiencing hallucinations, and even showing signs of psychosis. Also, the first chance they get to actually dream, they do so excessively. This is called the “REM Rebound” for the rapid eye movement which denotes when a person is dreaming. (Life is, indeed, but a dream.)

... you may know someone with hyperthymesia? If you do, the two words you’ll never hear them say are, “I forgot.” A person with hyperthymesia, or Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory, can remember every detail about every day of their lives. Perhaps the best-known person with this condition is actress Marilu Henner (born 1952), one of the stars of the 1980s series Taxi. Henner remembers everything about every day of her life, including things she’d probably prefer to forget such as embarrassments, conflicts, and losses. (With what I would have to remember it would be something of a curse.)

... the first mission to land on the Moon carried a piece of aviation history? Apollo 11, launched on July 16, 1969, carried three astronauts – Neil Armstrong (1930-2012), Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin (born 1930), and Michael Collins (1930-2021) – and also had with it small bits of the wood and fabric that made up the Wright Flyer, the first heavier-than-air powered aircraft. Those small bits went down to the surface of the Moon with Armstrong and Aldrin, then were brought back to Earth. The Wright Flyer was first flown at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 14, 1903, by Orville (1871-1948) and Wilbur Wright (1867-1912). Additional trivia note: Small pieces of the Wright Flyer were also aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger when it was destroyed in a 1986 explosion; the pieces were recovered from the wreckage. Another small piece of Wright Flyer fabric is on Mars, attached to the unmanned helicopter Ingenuity. (That old plane sure gets around!)

... no one knew what the far side of the moon looked like until 1959? Due to the fact that the moon is tidally locked in its orbit around the Earth, it always presents the same side to us. Because of a “wobble” in its rotation, we actually see about 59% of the moon’s surface, depending on the time of month we look at it. But the far side was hidden from our view until 1959, when the Soviet space probe Lunik 3 took a photograph of it and sent it back to Earth. Additional trivia note: You will sometimes hear the far side called the “dark side” of the moon, but this is a misnomer. The far side gets as much sunlight as the near side gets, just two weeks later than the near side.

... corn is produced on every continent but one? The only place on Earth where corn is not grown is, not surprisingly, Antarctica. Additional trivia note: some corny numbers for you – one ear of corn averages 16 rows with 800 kernels. One pound of dried corn has about 1,300 kernels. And 100 bushels of corn? That’s about 7,280,000 kernels. (With that many kernels, there’s a whole lot of saluting.)

... bone china really does involve bones? Some china is called bone china because powdered animal bone is mixed with the clay used in firing the pieces. The bone gives the china more strength, whiteness and translucency. (That ought to keep you up at night.)

... the siege of Leningrad by the Nazis during World War II was very costly to the Russians? Lasting from September 8, 1941 to January 27, 1944 – 872 days – more Russians (civilian and military) were killed than the combined numbers of British and American soldiers during the entire war. A total of 1,565,415 Russians died during the siege alone. The combined total of British and American military deaths during the entire war was 791,000.

... one of the hardest products to find in a store in Korea is deodorant? That’s because the Korean people lack a particular gene, the ABCC11 gene, which is the natural cause of armpit odor. Only about 0.006% of the Korean population has the gene, and nobody is sure of why.

... tablecloths were originally supposed to be used as towels? The original intent of a cloth covering for a table was for the diners to wipe their hands and mouths after eating. Napkins, which now serve that purpose, were developed later, and the tablecloth became something to protect the surface of the table rather than clean the diners. (Oh, to have had the laundry concession back then!)

Now... you know!

Unplugged: An old-fashioned solution for a modern problem

Mornings are hectic once again in my home.

I am a morning person. I love to ease into my day in the quiet darkness of the pre-dawn hours, with a cup of coffee and some light reading. People who sleep to the last possible moment before they have to jump out of bed to the noise of a blaring alarm clock and rush off to work are, quite frankly, insane.

The summertime months provide the best opportunity for such beginnings. With only my own schedule to account for, I am master of my time and my daily commute.

With the start of school, those days are over for now. I, along with countless other parents, am at mercy of carpool lines and dismissal bells once again, cramming my own responsibilities to fit the desires of the schoolhouse.

But alas, such is life, and I know I’d better enjoy these fleeting years while I can. But I’m still going to complain a little bit.

As precious as every passing minute is, especially under a tight schedule, there are many distractions that seek our attention. None are as difficult to avoid like the allure of a smartphone.

Like the song of siren calling out to the Greek sailors of old (I haven’t seen the newest blockbuster rendition of “The Odyssey,” but I know how the story goes), a smartphone draws in the strongest of warriors and robs them of their most valuable asset.

Perhaps that is a touch too dramatic, but the best complainers have to have a flair for exaggeration.



By KYLE DOMINY

On a recent moment when it was time to be heading out of the door, I went searching for my children. Lo and behold what do I find? My one-and-only precious girl child glued to a screen.

Now, most of you reading this are doing so in a newspaper and that I greatly appreciate. Technology should have stopped with the Gutenberg press, maybe Linotype.

“It’s time to go,” I bellowed, that’s what fathers do when they’re aggravated with their offspring, at her.

“I still have to brush my teeth,” she answered, frantically shoving the phone into her pocket as if I didn’t have eyes and could see her.

“You are addicted to that phone,” I said.

“I am not,” was her retort. Just what a screen junkie would say.

I’ve heard of a new trend of people “going analog,” not just stepping away from things like social media, but disconnecting from the internet as much as possible. There have been spikes in the sale of books, magazines and even newspapers (I may make a decent living out of this yet). MP3 players that have to be loaded with a curated list of songs are popular again.

And it’s not people my age and older doing this, people who remember when devices did not hog our attention, but young people tasting digital-less freedom for the first time.

There’ll be some mandatory analog time in my house for a few days.

COUCH THEATER



Aiysha Hart, left, and Anthony Mackie star in "Desert Warrior"/Photo courtesy of MovieStillsDB

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

The Whisper Man (R)

Based on the novel by Alex North, this crime thriller film, premiering Aug. 28, was produced by the Russo Brothers ("Avengers: Endgame") and stars Robert De Niro ("The Alto Knights"), Michelle Monaghan ("The White Lotus"), and Adam Scott ("Severance"). Although it's deemed a crime thriller, it's got the tone of a full-on horror flick, and with the dark subject matter at hand, it's sure to keep the hairs on your arms standing. Scott portrays Tom, a widowed father to an 8-year-old son, who decides to move his family to a quiet town named Featherbank to start anew. Featherbank, however, used to be tormented by a serial killer named the Whisper Man, and somehow, the killer has escaped. Tom's son is subsequently taken, leaving him with no choice but to reach out to his estranged father, a detective named Pete (De Niro), to help find the missing boy. (Netflix)

The Last Sunrise (R)

Maia Reficco from the rebooted "Pretty Little Liars" series leads this steamy romantic drama premiering Aug. 26! Based on the 2025 novel of the same name, "The Last Sunrise" follows Ry, a young American woman who accompanies her mother, Isolde (Eva Longoria), on a business trip to Majorca, Spain. With health issues weighing her down mentally, Ry isn't expecting much out of this trip ... until she meets a local boy named Julian (Fernando Lindez). A passionate affair between the two is inevitable, but their romance gets threatened when Isolde reveals to Ry that she needs to buy out Julian's family's docks to bring her business deal to fruition. (Amazon Prime Video)

Girls Like Girls (R)

Actress and singer Hayley Kiyoko got her start in the 2011 film "Lemonade Mouth," a Disney Channel original film. Since then, she's had a steady career in music, film and TV. In 2015, she released the song "Girls Like Girls" with a music video that's somewhat of a sneak peek of the new "Girls Like Girls" film, which just released on Peacock. This coming-of-age drama film is directed by Kiyoko and stars Maya da Costa ("Descendants: Wicked Wonderland") and Myra Molloy ("He's All That"). Da Costa plays 17-year-old Coley, who begins a new chapter of her life in rural Oregon with her estranged father, Curtis (Zach Braff). Soon after she moves, Coley meets another girl named Sonya (Molloy), and they form a deep emotional connection that's bound to leave one girl heartbroken. (Peacock)

Desert Warrior (R)

AGC Studios made an interesting choice in producing a \$150-million historical-action film led by Anthony Mackie ("Captain America: Brave New World"). While Mackie is incredibly talented, his latest "Captain America" installment didn't fill theater seats like Chris Evans' previous three films, and "Desert Warrior" didn't even make \$1 million at the box office. Still, this film could be a great choice for those who enjoy period-piece action films. Mackie takes on the role of Hanzala, a legendary bandit in 7th-century Asia who agrees to assist an exiled princess in her revolution against a tyrannical empire. Not only must he unite tribes against Emperor Kisra (Ben Kingsley), but he must also face the emperor's ruthless soldier Jalabzeen (Sharlto Copley) in direct combat. Premieres Aug. 28. (Hulu) (c) 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

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 293 Winding Way Drive, Jeffersonville, GA 31044. Aug. 28–30. Tons of tools, shop & outdoor equipment, home-improvement supplies, new-in-box items, RV/tiny-home appliances & furnishings, lawn equipment, trailer, scrap metal, PVC & much more! PLUS 4 school buses, large backhoe, storage buildings, vintage Ford F-250 4x4 & project vehicles. Vehicles and buses are non-running and sold as-is. Come ready to hunt and dig! Fri. 12–5, Sat. 9–2, Sun. 11–2. Search “THE BIG DIG” on EstateSales.net for photos & details.

Legals

Bleckley Co. Legals

C26-091
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 RE: ESTATE OF JEREMIAH DOUGLAS NESMITH, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Jeremiah Douglas NeSmith, 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 Administrator. This 17 day of August, 2026.
 Jerry McNair, Administrator
 269 Devoe Smith Road
 Cochran, GA 31014
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

C26-092
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 RE: ESTATE OF STEVEN L. LITTLE, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Steven L. Little, 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 Administrator. This 20 day of August, 2026.
 Cody Len Little, Administrator
 67 Rogers Cemetery Road
 Cochran, GA 31014
 August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

C26-087
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TONY LAMAR SANDERS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P26
NOTICE
 IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed. TO: KEITH LAMAR SANDERS AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 21, 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.
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By:
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 112 N SECOND ST
 COCHRAN, GA 31014
 478-934-3200, OPT 4
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

C26-088
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 RE: ESTATE OF LINDA W. RALEY, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Linda W. Raley, 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 Executors. This 14 day of August, 2026.
 Burton D. Tedders
 338 Milan Cemetery Road
 Milan, GA 31060
 Robert W. Reeves, Jr.
 404 Klondike Road
 Hawkinsville, GA 31036
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

C26-082
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDETTE WESTBROOK ROLLINS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 2026P35
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 Andrea Darlene Attaway has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of CLAUDETTE WESTBROOK ROLLINS, 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. 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. 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
 By:
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 Bleckley County Probate Court
 112 North Second Street
 Cochran, GA 31014
 478-934-3200 EXT. 4
 August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

C26-082
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDETTE WESTBROOK ROLLINS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 2026P35
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 Notice is hereby given that the governing authority of Bleckley County intends to abandon (close) a portion of Clyde English Drive, also known as English Drive and County Road No. 98 described as follows: That portion of Clyde English Drive located in Land Lot 130 of the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia particularly described as follows: Begin at a point marked by an iron pipe on the Northwest right of way line of Georgia Hwy 26 and being the East Corner of a 5.69 acre tract of land shown by plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 3 Page 308 Bleckley County Records, owned now or formerly by JBB Cherokee Holdings LLC, from said point thence run Northwestly in a 30 foot wide pattern more or less along the centerline of Clyde English Drive a distance of 644.2 feet to a point located in the centerline of Clyde English Drive and being the North corner of the 5.69 acre lot shown on aforementioned plat of survey.
 A sketch of the English Drive being abandoned is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. A public hearing will be held on this matter on 9th day of September, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in the Bleckley County Courthouse at Cochran, Georgia.
 A copy of the Resolution of intent to abandon the foregoing described Clyde English Drive (County Road No. 98) adopted by the governing authority of Bleckley County on August 20, 2026, along with Exhibits showing aerial/sketch of said road to be abandoned and Notice may be examined at the County Commissioner’s Office at the Bleckley County Courthouse in Cochran, Georgia.
 Brian W County Attorney
 August 27, September 3, 2026

C26-080
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: BRIANA Y. BATES
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2026V-01045FW
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 Georgia, Bleckley County
 Notice is hereby given that Briana Y Bates, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 7th day of July, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Briana Yvette Bates to Briana Yvette Bowen.
 August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

C26-081
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFFREY STEVEN FORDHAM, DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 2026P34
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to law for any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file an objection to said name change. Objections must be filed within said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition.
 This 7th day of July, 2026.
 Briana Bates
 Petitioner
 August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

Ronald E. Fordham has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JEFFREY STEVEN FORDHAM, 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. 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. 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
 By:
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 Bleckley County Probate Court
 112 North Second Street
 Cochran, GA 31014
 478-934-3200 Ext. 4
 August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

C26-083
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
 Devric Johnson
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 Deshanti Williams,
 Defendant
 Civil Action File No. 2026V-0057CMJ
NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 TO: Deshanti Williams, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Petition of Divorce was filed against you in said court on April 9, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on April 10, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Devric Johnson, Plaintiff, whose address is 206 N. 2nd St, Cochran, GA 31014, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable, C. Michael Johnson, Judge of said Court.
 This the 3rd day of August, 2026.
 Carol Evans
 CLERK of Superior Court
 Bleckley County
 August 13, 20, 27 September 3, 2026

C26-090
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: A'Zalin Ates
Civil Action File No. 2026V-01135FW
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that Amiyah Roberts, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia on the 31st day of July, 2026, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from A'Zalin Ates to A'Zalin Baker. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to said name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
 This 31st day of July, 2026.
 Amiyah Roberts
 Petitioner pro se
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

C26-086
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE S. KIGHT, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of George S. Kight, 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 11th day of August, 2026.
 George S. Kight, Jr., Executor
 268 Vernon Road
 Cochran, GA 31014
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

C26-093
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD NO.98 KNOWN AS CLYDE ENGLISH DRIVE
 GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that the governing authority of Bleckley County intends to abandon (close) a portion of Clyde English Drive, also known as English Drive and County Road No. 98 described as follows: That portion of Clyde English Drive located in Land Lot 130 of the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia particularly described as follows: Begin at a point marked by an iron pipe on the Northwest right of way line of Georgia Hwy 26 and being the East Corner of a 5.69 acre tract of land shown by plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 3 Page 308 Bleckley County Records, owned now or formerly by JBB Cherokee Holdings LLC, from said point thence run Northwestly in a 30 foot wide pattern more or less along the centerline of Clyde English Drive a distance of 644.2 feet to a point located in the centerline of Clyde English Drive and being the North corner of the 5.69 acre lot shown on aforementioned plat of survey.
 A sketch of the English Drive being abandoned is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. A public hearing will be held on this matter on 9th day of September, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in the Bleckley County Courthouse at Cochran, Georgia.
 A copy of the Resolution of intent to abandon the foregoing described Clyde English Drive (County Road No. 98) adopted by the governing authority of Bleckley County on August 20, 2026, along with Exhibits showing aerial/sketch of said road to be abandoned and Notice may be examined at the County Commissioner’s Office at the Bleckley County Courthouse in Cochran, Georgia.
 Brian W County Attorney
 August 27, September 3, 2026

C26-080
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: BRIANA Y. BATES
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2026V-01045FW
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 Georgia, Bleckley County
 Notice is hereby given that Briana Y Bates, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 7th day of July, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Briana Yvette Bates to Briana Yvette Bowen.
 August 27, September 3, 2026

C26-080
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: BRIANA Y. BATES
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2026V-01045FW
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 Georgia, Bleckley County
 Notice is hereby given that Briana Y Bates, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 7th day of July, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Briana Yvette Bates to Briana Yvette Bowen.
 August 27, September 3, 2026

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law for any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file an objection to said name change. Objections must be filed within said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition.
 This 7th day of July, 2026.
 Briana Bates
 Petitioner
 August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

C26-085
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
 David Burkes
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 Tina Barfield,
 Defendant
 Civil Action File No. 2026V-0109HCK
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
 TO: Tina Barfield, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Petition for Legitimation, custody, and/or visitation was filed against you in said court on July 30, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on August 5, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon David Burkes, Plaintiff, whose address is 138 Pearidge Rd. Montrose, GA 31065, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable, Howard C. Kaufola Jr., Judge of said Court.
 This the 7th day of August, 2026.
 Carol Evans
 CLERK of Superior Court
 Bleckley County
 August 13, 20, 27 September 3, 2026

Twiggs Co. Legals

T26-056
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF GREGORY GLOVER DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-26-046
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
 TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Ideal Glover has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **Gregory 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 **September 21, 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.
Gary Nobles, Jr.
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
Twiggs County Probate Court
425 Railroad St. N. P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390
 August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

T26-052
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Aria J'Lyah Jenkins
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2026-V-118
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 Georgia, Twiggs County
 Notice is hereby given that Rodriquez Maurice Coley, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Twiggs County, Georgia on the 26th day of June, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Aria J'Lyah Jenkins to Aria J'Lyah Coley.
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to law for any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file an objection to said name change. Objections must be filed within said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition.
 This 26th day of June, 2026.
 Rodriguez M. Coley
 Petitioner
 August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

T26-055
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES F. LORD. All creditors of the estate of James F. Lord, 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 12th day of August 2026 to Justin James Lord, c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

T26-054
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 IN RE: ESTATE OF EMELIE Y. LORD. All creditors of the estate of Emelie Y. Lord, 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 12th day of August 2026 to Justin James Lord, c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

T26-051
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
 GEORGIA, TWIGGS COUNTY
 Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Luella Redd to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC dated July 7, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 7F, Page 209, Twiggs County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 11H, Page 776, Twiggs County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$66,525.00), 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 Twiggs 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:
 August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

SEE EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney’s fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).
 Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an “as-is” basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW2 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032.
 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 **217 Strawberry Lane, Macon, GA 31217**. 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.
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 BEGINNING at an iron pin on the north-westerly right of way of Latson Road, where said right of way is intersected by the line dividing the within described property from Lot 6 of Block B of the Wade Bell Estate; said beginning point being the southernmost point of the within described property as shown on a plat prepared by T. Jerry Peacock Sr., GRLS NO. 2132, dated September 28, 2000; and running thence North 47 degrees 28 minutes 45 seconds west a distance of 200 feet to an iron pin; running thence North 45 degrees 20 minutes 02 seconds east a distance of 217.275 feet to a point; running thence South 47 degrees 28 minutes 45 seconds east a distance of 201.01 feet to a proposed road extension, as shown on said plat; and running thence along said proposed road extension and along said right of way Latson Road a distance of 217.28 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 Included and made a part of the real property is a 2004 Fleetwood Mobile Home, Serial Number 8435AB69300BH11, 56 X 24.
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DEED BOOK: MINERAL RIGHTS 225/468 AND 470 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING MINERAL RIGHTS ONLY ON 8.17 ACRES, LOCATED IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. HWY 18

MAP AND PARCEL: 037 014
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: CRISWELL DALLAS & ROBIN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2024
DEED BOOK: 407/501
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 4TH DISTRICT, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 40.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 131. 598 WHITE SPRINGS CHURCH ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 617
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DAME FRANKLIN D & NESMITH MARY LOU
ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: 214/501
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT T-71, SECTION 15, TRACT D, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 71. MAGNOLIA DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 233
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DAVIS BARRY H ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: 262/724(PORITION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT C-15, SECTION 13, TRACT E, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 215. PEACH ORCHARD DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 531
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DAVIS BARRY H ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: 262/724 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1505TH GMD, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.21 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT C-7, SECTION 12, TRACT E, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 59. WOODSIDE DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: T03 045
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DAVIS CLARA LEWIS
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 252/265
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF TOOMSBORO, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 139, PAGE 711. 105 MANSON STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: G05 115
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DAVIS JOE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 408/326
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 202, 27TH DISTRICT, 331ST GMD, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND CONSISTING OF 0.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 2, BLOCK E, OF JB STEVENS JR SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 29. 106 D C HARDIE ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: G13 159
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DE LA ROSA CARLOS
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 423/434
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. 114 COLLEGE ST

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 521
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DEKLE MARCUS R DDS
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 260/106

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT T53, TRACT E, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 64. PINE BLUFF DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 636
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DIXON BILLY EDWARD JR & JESSICA RAE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 402/582 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOTS W-2, W-3 AND W-4, TRACT B, SECTION 15, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 23, AND LOT T95, SECTION 15, TRACT C IN PLAT BOOK 8 PAGE 88. 133 COUNTRY CLUB RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 008 007A
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DIXON WILLIE IRA & LILLIAN ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 217/8
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 167, 23RD DISTRICT, 353RD (TURKEY CREEK) GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.69 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 317. 9123 HWY 96

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 008
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: DURDEN MARIE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: 126/733 & 384/147
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT TW15, TRACT E, SECTION 8, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 158. 187 LAKESHORE DR N

MAP AND PARCEL: 025 024 MR
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EAST COAST TRADING CO INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: MINERAL RIGHTS 205/161 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING MINERAL RIGHTS ONLY, LOCATED IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

MAP AND PARCEL: 027 022 MR
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EAST COAST TRADING CO INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: MINERAL RIGHTS 205/161 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING MINERAL RIGHTS ONLY, LOCATED IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. J R SIMS RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 038 050 MR
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EAST COAST TRADING CO INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: MINERAL RIGHTS 205/161 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING MINERAL RIGHTS ONLY, LOCATED IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. CLAYMONT RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 048 006 MR
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EAST COAST TRADING CO INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: MINERAL RIGHTS 205/61 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING MINERAL RIGHTS ONLY, LOCATED IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. CLAYMONT RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 048 016 MR
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EAST COAST TRADING CO INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: MINERAL RIGHTS - NOT FOUND
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING MINERAL RIGHTS ONLY, LOCATED IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. CLAYMONT RD

MAP AND PARCEL: M06 039
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EDMOND FRANK W JR ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 257/628

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 128, 4TH DISTRICT, 327TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 39, OF NORTH WIND SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 31. 30 NORTHWIND COURT

MAP AND PARCEL: 106 170A
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EVANS RODNEY (VIA TAX DEED) AND KNIGHT ROOSEVELT ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 255/221 AND 424/450
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF IRWINTON , WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND CONSISTING OF 2.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACTS 1 AND 2. KNIGHT LANE

MAP AND PARCEL: 035 009B
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EVANS, RODNEY (VIA TAX DEED) AND SIMMONS, EDWARD CHARLES ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2024
DEED BOOK: 340/328 AND 384/140
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 331ST GMD, 27TH DISTRICT, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 195, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 8. 158 HART ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: G05 014
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: EVANS, RODNEY (VIA TAX DEED) SOLOMON SHEILA ESTATE & DOUGLAS AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 333/382 & 418/497
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 331ST GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 639A. MILLER ST

MAP AND PARCEL: 076 013P
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: FGI 2020 LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 394/614
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 3.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. OLD BALLS FERRY ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: T01 009
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: FORDHAM REGINALD (VIA TAX DEED INTEREST) AND FORDHAM REVIES JR & JACQUELYN W
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 397/270 & 140/336
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.46 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 3, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 212. 162 RAILROAD ST S

MAP AND PARCEL: 073 012 MR
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GENERAL REFRACTORIES CO
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2024
DEED BOOK: 50/331
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING MINERAL RIGHTS ONLY, LOCATED ON 197.5 ACRES, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. C T LORD HWY

MAP AND PARCEL: G05 015
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GREENE FRED W ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (VIA TAX DEED) AND REESE TIMMY
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 302/63 & 237/146
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MAP AND PARCEL: G15 022A
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GRIFFIN JIMMY W ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: 150/284
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF GORDON, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .02 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. HARBISON WALKER ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: 023 022
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HARGIS ENTERPRISES INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2024
DEED BOOK: 185/305 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING TRACTS A AND B, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 27. BALLPARK RD

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 113
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HARPER ROMANA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 372/551 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT M16, SECTION 6, OF HOLIDAY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 219. 113 HIGH POINT ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 114
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HARPER ROMANA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 372/551 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT M15, SECTION 6, OF HOLIDAY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 219. 117 HIGH POINT ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 115
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HARPER ROMANA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 372/551 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT M14, SECTION 6, OF HOLIDAY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 219. HIGH POINT ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: 064 009
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HARRISON KEARY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 261/368
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 3RD DISTRICT, 330TH GMD IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 2.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 50. 2574 POPLAR SPRINGS CH RD

MAP AND PARCEL: D01 011
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HART LORENE SIMMONS ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 213/172
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF DANVILLE, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK 1. FIRST STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 397
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HATCHER BETTY ANNE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2021-2024
DEED BOOK: 281/600
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT M45, TRACT B, SECTION 11, OF HOLIDAY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 26. EVERGREEN CIRCLE

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 411
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HELMER RUTH P ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN

DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 224/534
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 55, 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT M-34, SECTION 11, TRACT D, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 35. 107 EVERGREEN CIR

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 340
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HEMBERGER ORVILLE J ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: NOT FOUND
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. ROLLING HILLS RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 035 022
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HERRIN EVA JO ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 234/558 AND 277/127
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 3, 5TH DISTRICT, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 58.8 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACTS B-1 AND B-2, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 224. KNOB HILL RD

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 325
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: HERRIN EVA JO ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 128/8
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT C-6, SECTION 12, TRACT B, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 130. WOODSIDE DR

MAP AND PARCEL: M03 017
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: JACKSON DIANNE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 208/274
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 116 THIRD ST

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 237
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: JACKSON JEREMY A (VIA TAX DEED), HARPOS LOGISTICS INC (VIA TAX DEED) AND FRUITTICHER B.E. AND MAXINE L ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 323/453 & 210/767 & 392/514
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT C19, TRACT E, SECTION 13, OF HOLIDAY HILLS, LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 215. PEACH ORCHARD DR

MAP AND PARCEL: I04 107
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: JOHN-SON, TONY LAVAD (VIA TAX DEED) AND SHINHOLSTER, ELBERT E, SR
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2024
DEED BOOK: 375/449 AND 380/480
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 327TH GMD, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 9, OF LINGO LANE SUBDIVISION. 356 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR RD

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Sealed bids, for Bleckley County TIA – Brodhead Road Phase I, II, & III (HG-Bleckley-001; GDOT PI #0018453, HG-Bleckley-002; GDOT PI #0018454, HG-Bleckley-003; GDOT PI #0018455) Project, will be received by Bleckley County Commission at 112 North Second Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014 Attn: County Clerk, until **Friday, September 4, 2026**, at 1:00 p.m. local time. Late bids will not be considered and will not be returned. Bid packages will be made available at the above address.

The OWNER of the project is Bleckley County. The ENGINEER for the project is Andrew Johnson, PE of Construction Materials Services, Inc.

Project Scope: Brodhead Road – Grade, Drain, Base, Pave Project

This project as described herein and as shown on the project plan consists of two distinct sections of the same roadway, separated by Longstreet Road, with each having specific construction needs.

Broadhead Rd. (HG-Bleckley-001-003; GDOT PI #0018453, 0018454, 0018455) - Part A: This section of the project consists of 0.20 miles of resurfacing beginning at GA SR 87 (Station #00+30.00) and ending at Station #11+28.00 and 1.64 miles of GRADE, DRAIN, BASE, PAVE (GDBP) construction beginning on Brodhead Road at existing edge of pavement (Station #11+28.00) and ending at Longstreet Road (Station #98+20.00). **This section will require the full Typical section minus 6” of special subgrade.**

Broadhead Rd. (HG-Bleckley-001-003; GDOT PI #0018453, 0018454, 0018455) - Part B: This section of the project consists of 1.53 miles of grading and GDBP beginning at Longstreet Road (Station 98+40.00) and ending at SR 112 (Station #178+95.00). **This section requires the full design Typical Section as shown on page C-1 of project plans.**

(The project scope is shown on the plans/cross-sections/maps as prepared by Construction Materials Services, Inc.)

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. The Bid Bond may be in the form of a surety issued bond or cashier's check made payable to Bleckley County. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to Bleckley County as liquidated damages if the bidder fails to execute the Contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within fifteen (15) days after being notified that he has been awarded the Contract. Surety and insurance companies must have an AM Best rating of A-6 or greater, be listed in the Federal Registry of Companies holding Certificates of Authority and Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds, be licensed by the Georgia Insurance Department and the Georgia Secretary of State to do business in the State of Georgia.

Each bid must be submitted in a SEALED ENVELOPE, addressed to the OWNER.

Each sealed envelope, containing a bid, must be plainly marked on the outside of envelope:

**Bleckley County TIA – Brodhead Road Phase I, II, & III
Brodhead Rd. (HG-Bleckley-001; GDOT PI #0018453)
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If bid is forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Bid must be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope to the attention of the OWNER at the address given above. Bids may not be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the time and date set for closing, except as allowed by O.C.G.A. Bleckley County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any technicalities.

Engineer Contact Info:

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Construction Materials Services, Inc.
105 Park 42 Drive, Suite A
Locust Grove, GA 30248-2545
(770) 914-1744

Owner Contact Info:

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The position of Recreation Director is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing recreational programs and activities in Twiggs County, educating staff members on how to lead newly developed activities and events, and overseeing the employees in the recreation department. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in sports management, turf management, public administration, or a related field or at least three years of progressive related experience.

The Twiggs County Board of Commissioners' office will be receiving all application materials and will conduct the initial screening for these positions. Positions will remain open until filled. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three (3) references by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2026, to:

Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Wilmarie Liz
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wliz@twiggscounty.us
kharris@twiggscounty.us

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MAP AND PARCEL: G11 168
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: TOLBERT
BRANDON
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 352/407
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT
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WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA. 209
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MAP AND PARCEL: V01 466
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: TURNER ERIC LEE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 272/176 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT M-6, SECTION 4, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 221. 182 ALKESHORE DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 467
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: TURNER ERIC LEE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 272/176 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505 GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT M-5, SECTION 4, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 221. LAKESHORE DR N

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 329
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: UNASH DEBIE ESTATE & TRACIE EDGE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2020-2024
DEED BOOK: 133/189
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1505TH GMD, IN THE WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT C-2, TRACT B, SECTION 12, OF HOLIDAY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 130. WOODSIDE DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 093
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: USSERY WILLIAM D & JEAN ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 181/346 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING LOT M-7, SECTION 6, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 219. LAKESHORE DRIVE N

MAP AND PARCEL: V02 119
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: VILLEGAS KERISSA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 292/631
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 4TH AND 5TH DISTRICT, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .41 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOTS M-17 & M-36, SECTION 10, TRACT 3 OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 7 PAGES 215 & 216. 107 HOPE AVENUE

MAP AND PARCEL: V02 139
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: VILLEGAS KERISSA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 325/742
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .41 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOTS M-16 & M-37, SECTION 10, TRACT E OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 7 PAGE 216. 105 HOPE AVE

MAP AND PARCEL: G15 007
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: VILLEGAS KERISSA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 372/913
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 1 OF DIETRICH PLACE SUBDIVISION. 126 ELM STREET EXT

MAP AND PARCEL: V02 112
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WADE TONI JEAN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 235/100
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT M11 AND M12, OF HOLIDAY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 35. 105 TASHA ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: G10 019
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WADE-REESE SHONDEL
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 421/100
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN 331ST GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 2.11 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT B, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 4. 136 BURNEY RD

MAP AND PARCEL: M05 051
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WARREN EDDIE L
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: NOT FOUND
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.44 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. WILCO DR

MAP AND PARCEL: G05 022
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WASHINGTON OPHELIA J
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022, 2024
DEED BOOK: 237/85 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 331ST GMD, IN THE CITY OF GORDON, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.01 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 108 GREEN ST

MAP AND PARCEL: T05 023
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WATSON MABEL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: NOT FOUND
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

MAP AND PARCEL: G11 143
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILCHER CALLIE J
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 113/530

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF GORDON, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.22 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 24, OF GOOD MILLER PROPERTY, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 158. 126 HOLLY STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: G11 144
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILCHER CALLIE J
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 179/531 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF GORDON, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.22 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 23, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 158, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 179, PAGE 531. 128 HOLLY ST

MAP AND PARCEL: G11 147
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILCHER CALLIE J
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 179/531 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .11 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 20, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGE 158. 115 POWELL STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: G13 106A
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILCHER CALLIE J
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 195/4
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE CITY OF GORDON, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.27 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING 1/2 OF LOT 23 AND 24, BLOCK C. BAUXITE AVE

MAP AND PARCEL: G11 148
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILCHER ERNEST BELL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 213/551
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 19 OF GOOD MILLER PROPERTY SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 158. 113 POWELL ST

MAP AND PARCEL: I04 030
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILKINSON COUNTY COMMUNITY HELPERS
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 408/400
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 327TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .75 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOTS 2-A OF OLD ASBELL HOME PLACE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 7 PAGE 45. MLK JR ROAD

MAP AND PARCEL: 035 057
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WILKINSON COUNTY DEV CORP
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 247/606 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 331ST GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 14.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT B, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 474. PINE STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 247
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WISEMAN CAROLYN E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2024
DEED BOOK: 162/613
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, AND 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING LOT C-7, SECTION 13, TRACT F, OF HOLIDAY HILLS LAKE TCHUKOLAHO DEVELOPMENT, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 6 PAGE 212. HILLSIDE DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: M03 050
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WOODARD ANTHONY
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 253/451
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .36 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 1, BLOCK C OF PINE CREST SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 31. 112 RAINBOW DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: T03 066
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WOODARD LISA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2024
DEED BOOK: 233/97 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 119 PAGE 210. 115 BUD DUPREE DR

MAP AND PARCEL: V01 354
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WOODARD PHILLIP S & AUDREA CAMERON
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2020-2024
DEED BOOK: 324/463
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, 1505TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT M32, OF HOLIDAY HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 22. PINE HILL WAY

MAP AND PARCEL: 083 006
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: WOODARD ULYSSESS & ANTHONY
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023-2024
DEED BOOK: 171/379
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 243, 4TH DISTRICT, 328TH GMD, IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 12 PAGE 181. 324132 HWY 112

"Deed Book: Refers to Deed Records located in the Wilkinson County Courthouse, Clerk of Superior Court's Office where property is more fully described.

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

W26-069
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF WILKINSON
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNA S. Simcox, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Donna S. Simcox, DECEASED late of Wilkinson County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Manley J. Brown
Executor of Donna S. Simcox, deceased

112 Lakeview Drive S, Ivey, GA 31031
O.C.G.A § 53-7-41 states:
"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

W26-071
Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Toombsboro, Wilkinson County, Georgia, fronting on Pineview Street a distance of 70 feet and running back from said street a distance of 135 feet and being known as Lot Number 7 and being now or formerly bounded as follows: on the North a distance of 70 feet by lands of Guytian Mullis; on the East a distance of 135 feet by lands of Jacob S Bache; on South a distance of 70 feet by Pineview St (also known as Church Street) and on the West a distance of 135 feet by lands of Jacob S Bache. Said property being known as **161 Pineview St Toombsboro, Georgia 31090.**
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 3rd day of May of 2022 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkinson County, Georgia, and in Deed Book 405 at Page 630.
The property may be redeemed at any time before 4th day of September 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address P O Box 173 McIntyre, GA 31054
Please be governed accordingly
August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

W26-077
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME
Notice is hereby given that the business operated at 139 Railroad Street McIntyre, Georgia 31054 in the trade name of Brewer Supply Co. is owned and carried on by McIntyre Building Supply, Inc., whose address is 139 Railroad Street McIntyre, Georgia 31054 and the statement relating thereto required by O.C.G.A. § 10-1-490 et seq., has been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkinson County, Georgia.
August 27, September 3, 2026

W26-074
Name: Leesa Green
Address: 104 Jackson Road Ivey, GA 31031
Phone: 931-644-1184
478-454-7020
Name of Business: Ivey general Store LLC
Residential or Commercial: Commercial
Type of Business: Convenience Store
If renewal, are there any changes from last year: Request to Sell beer on Sundays.
Does this business requires storage or removal of hazardous waste: No
Hour of operation: 5AM to 10:00PM
August 20, 27, 2026

W26-076
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
ESCALANTE ESTELA MARTINEZ,
Plaintiff,
v.
LUIS DARINAL ROLDAN,
Defendant.
Civil Action No. 2026-CV-0120
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
By Order for service by publication dated the 12th day of August, 2026, you are hereby notified that on the 31st day of July, 2026, ESCALANTE ESTELA MARTINEZ filed suit against you for Complaint for Divorce.
You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney G. Morris Carr, Post Office Box 836, Macon, Georgia 31202-0836 an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for publication.
WITNESS, the Honorable Amanda S. Petty, Judge of the Superior Court.
This 19 day of August, 2026.
Kim Bentley
Clerk, Superior Court of Wilkinson County
August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2026

This is personal.



My mother died of colon cancer when she was only 56.

Terrence Howard, actor/musician

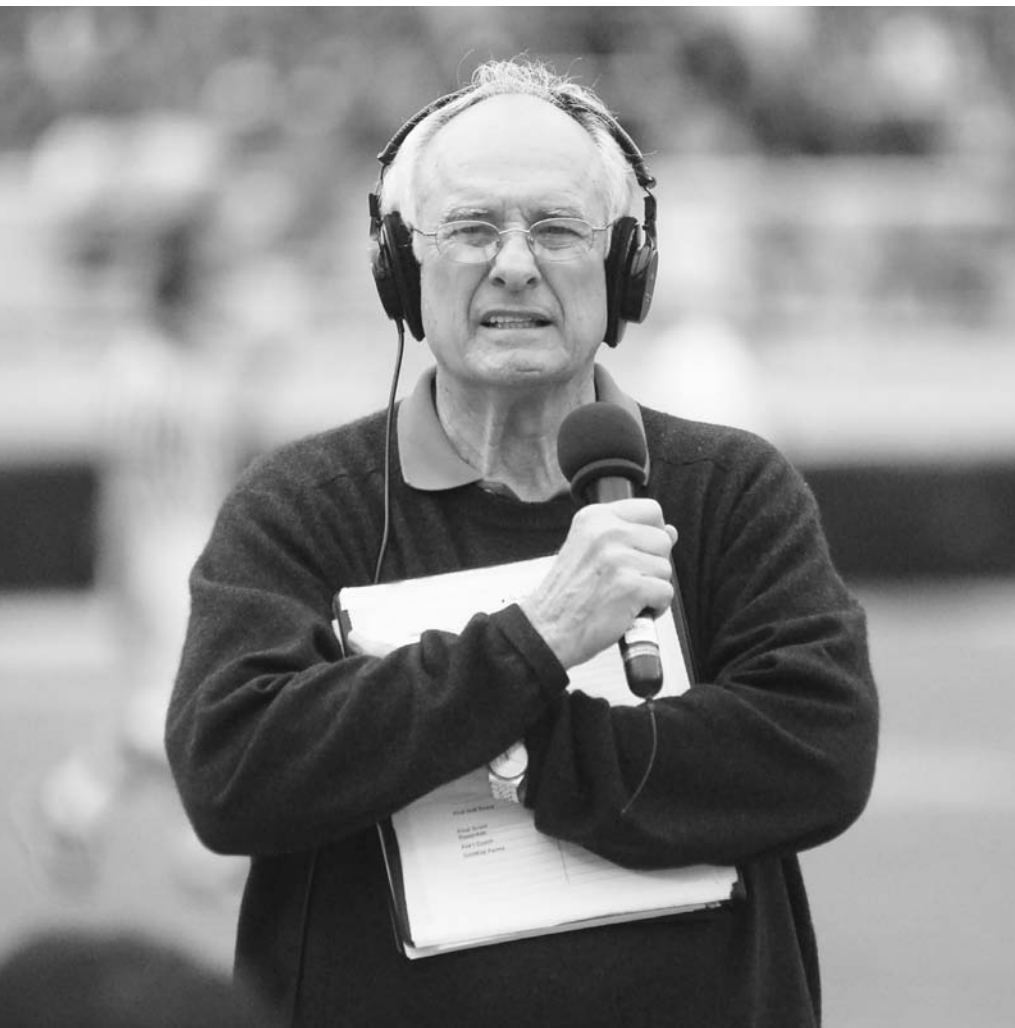


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Local columnist, Loran Smith, was recently inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame/SPECIAL PHOTO

Wrightsville columnist inducted into Georgia Radio Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES JOURNAL POST

During his more than 60-year association with University of Georgia Athletics, Wrightsville native Loran Smith has proved to be perhaps the most versatile member of the Bulldog staff.

Across that time span, he has worked as Assistant Sports Information Director, Business Manager of Athletics, executive director of the Georgia Bulldogs Club, fund-raiser extraordinaire, editor of the Georgia football game program, radio host, columnist, accomplished book author, and Bulldog historian. Legendary Dan Magill once dubbed Smith “a mighty man is he” referencing Longfellow’s poetic tribute to the village blacksmith, penned over a century ago.

Smith was inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame on Saturday, Aug. 22, at the organization’s annual banquet and awards ceremony in Atlanta. The Hall of Fame recognizes broadcasters in Georgia for their contributions to radio and sports broadcasting.

Smith originated the football coaches’ locker room show in the 1970s. It was the first live locker room show in the SEC. In 1974, he became Georgia’s first sideline announcer and served in that role until 2010. He also originated the popular football pre-game Tailgate Show in 1984 and still serves as co-host of that three-hour program that precedes every Bulldog game. Smith was also executive producer of the football coach’s weekly TV for over 35 years.

His weekly radio show, “Sports Conversations,” currently runs on over 47 stations in Georgia and his daily radio show, “Two Minute Drill,” runs on over 30 shows in the state. He has served as a columnist for the Athens Banner-Herald and his current weekly column is syndicated in more than 20 papers in the state of Georgia.

He has authored or co-authored 17 books including: “Glory, Glory” with Lewis Grizzard; “Dooley’s Dawgs” with Vince Dooley; “Fifty Years on the Fifty,” the story of the Orange Bowl’s first 50 years; “Between the Hedges,” the story of Georgia’s first 100 years of football; “Let a Dead Horse Rest,” a collection of humorous sports stories; “Finish the Drill,” the inside story of Georgia’s 2002 SEC championship season; “Beloved Dawgs,” the four magical years of the careers of David Greene and David Pollack; “Wally’s Boys,” the story of the Wallace Butts years as Bulldog head coach; “The Athens Sketch Book,” a brief history of Athens and the University; “The Georgia Football Vault (I and II), history of Georgia football; “The Georgia-Florida Rivalry Vault (with Norm Carlson), history of Georgia-Florida game; “Let the Big Dawg Eat (I and II),” tailgate recipe book with wife Myrna; “Fifty Great Memories in Georgia Football History,” “Whaddaya got, Loran?,” dispatches from Georgia; “Welcome to Unicoi Outfitters,” fly fishing book; “Spread Formation,” college football tailgating book with celebrity coaches and player recipes; “Letter to Larry,” memories of radio announcer Larry Munson; “Return to Glory: A History of the Georgia Bulldogs;” and “How ‘Bout Them Dawgs!: The Inside story of Georgia Football’s 2021 National Championship Season;” with head coach Kir-

by Smart.
Among his many radio show guest interviews are Red Grange, Satchel Paige, Stan Musial, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, T. Boone Pickens, Herschel Walker, Aaron Boone, Lee Trevino, Nick Saban, Dan Reeves, and Keith Jackson.

He also wrote the first five Masters Annuals, an official publication of the Augusta National Golf Club.

A past chairman of the State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, he was elected to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. He is former publicity director of the Coaches All-America game and former Secretary of the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association and Executive Director of the Georgia High School All-Star games.

In 2017 a gift from a long-time University of Georgia supporter honored him by creating the Loran Smith Senior Associate Athletic Director for Sports Communications endowed position at UGA.

Also in 2017, a new lobby at one of the entrances to the William Porter Payne and Porter Otis Payne Indoor Athletic Facility was dedicated to Loran and Myrna Smith. The lobby features a collage of photos commemorating Loran’s association with UGA which has spanned more than 50 years. Also included is a large plaque which includes the text:

Loran and Myrna
“Georgia’s most gracious ambassadors for over 50 years, Loran Smith, the Southern gentleman, and Myrna, the Southern Lady, welcomed guests from all over the world onto the UGA campus and into their home always carrying the banner of the University of Georgia.

“A career Bulldog, Loran hailed from Wrightsville, captained the 1960 Bulldog track team while earning his journalism degree, and never left. The most versatile of all Bulldogs, he served as Assistant Sports Information Director, Business Manager, Executive Director of the Georgia Bulldog Club, accomplished author of more than 20 books, syndicated columnist and radio host, founder of the pre-game football Tailgate Show, the Bulldogs’ first in-game sideline reporter, and Georgia’s most accomplished fund raiser in the name of athletics. Loran served as chairman of the State of Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1997. Myrna came to Athens from Covington and received two degrees from UGA.

“Exhibiting the essence of grace and hospitality, none have been greater standard bearers for the Georgia Bulldogs than Loran and Myrna Smith.”

Smith is a native of Wrightsville, Ga., where he participated in track and football at Wrightsville High. He’s a 1962 Grady College of Journalism graduate of the University of Georgia where he captained the 1960 Bulldog track team. He was named MVP his senior year.

He is married to the former Myrna Warren of Covington, Ga. They have two children, Camille and Kent, who are both Georgia graduates. They have four grandchildren: Alex and Zoe Smith of Dallas, Texas, and Sophie and Penny Martin of Charlotte, NC.

Key lawmaker exploring legislation to curb camera misuse

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Growing public concern about license plate reader systems has led a key state senator to consider legislation to limit abuses by police.

After nearly weekly news reports of law enforcement officers accused of misusing license plate reader data for personal purposes, such as spying on friends and family, Sen. John Albers, R-Roswell, said on Tuesday that he was joining a new task force to explore whether legislation is needed.

He said other lawmakers also were invited to join.

"Like every citizen in our state, we're concerned about the abuses that have taken place," said Albers, who, as chairman of the Senate Public Safety Committee, has influence over law enforcement legislation.

News reports about police misuse of the camera systems in Georgia increased this year, as more local departments started auditing use and reporting potential abuses to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

As recently as last week, three former officers in Savannah were charged with misuse of a license plate reader system and violation of oath of office, WSB-TV reported Monday, noting that a fourth employee also was charged with misuse of the system.

In separate Georgia cases, former law enforcement employees also have been charged with misuse, as well as stalking and computer invasion of privacy.

Atlanta-based Flock Safety is one of the leading companies in the license plate reader industry. The company told Atlanta News First in 2023 that its cameras were watching in at least 70% of Georgia's cities.

The proliferation of its cameras has been accompanied by concerns about privacy.

At least 30 localities across the country had deactivated their Flock cameras or canceled their contracts with the company since the beginning of 2025, NPR reported

in February. That report noted that Flock CEO Garrett Langley had criticized DeFlock, a crowdsourced mapping project.

As of Tuesday, DeFlock's website reported that more than 130 cities had canceled Flock contracts, deactivated their cameras or otherwise rejected the systems. But the website said there were still at least 135,000 license plate readers in use.

In mid-August, Flock announced new accountability and privacy measures. The company said it was reducing its recommended default data retention period from 30 days to seven. It also said it was letting cities control the types of offenses that external law enforcement agencies could search their data for.

Flock's network stitches together law enforcement across the country. Last week, the Utah News Dispatch reported that 10 Flock cameras in one county had been searched more than five million times between February 2022 and July, nearly 97% of the searches coming from law enforcement in 45 other states.

Flock has said its technology helped locate 10,000 missing persons in 2025, adding that the cameras contributed "significantly" to the recovery of stolen vehicles.

Police in Cobb County credited inter-agency access to the Flock network for the capture of the suspect in a deadly Midtown Atlanta shooting in 2023, according to Atlanta News First.

Albers said the new task force was formed by the Georgia Association of Sheriffs and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Speaking to reporters at the Capitol, he said he was unsure whether any legislation would emerge from their discussions. He noted the distinction of legislating Flock cameras on public versus private property, and he emphasized their value to police work.

"People have concerns and public trust is paramount," he said.

He also called the cameras "an invaluable crime-fighting tool."

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