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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“Patients don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” - *Theodore Roosevelt*



Unveiled

By Bryant Jordan,
News Reporter

The new 2026 Kaolin Festival T-shirts celebrating the festival’s 70th anniversary were unveiled by Washington County Chamber of Commerce President Katie Moncus and members of The Guild of Washington Coun-

ty during the Chamber’s Business After Hours event, which took place at Rally Apparel on August 20. More information on this event will be featured in next week’s edition of The Georgian.

Since being founded in 1934, “The Guild of Washington Coun-

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“That is rural medicine. It is what you get to experience almost every single day”

Medical Students Finish Tour in WaCo (Part I in a III Series)

By Bryant Jordan,
News Reporter

Sixty-four new medical students in the inaugural University of Georgia School of Medicine cohort visited Washington County on July 30 as part of “The Georgia Road Trip.”



The students and their faculty were welcomed to Washington County, the final stop on this three-day tour across Georgia, with a special luncheon hosted by the University of Georgia Archway Partnership and Washington County at Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC). During the luncheon, students heard from representatives of the local medical community.

According to the University of Georgia School of Medicine, the three-day tour across

Georgia was part of the new medical students’ orientation process, serving as an immersive introduction to the communities, health systems and partners that shape health care across the state. As part of the tour, the students visited rural hospitals, including Washington County Regional Medical Center (WCRMC), met with community leaders and health care professionals, and gained firsthand insight into the challenges and opportunities facing rural health care in Georgia.

Prior to arriving in Washington County, stu-



dents visited Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin, where they “saw firsthand how

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East McCarty

“I am in favor, but with hardship”

By Bryant Jordan,
News Reporter

During its Aug. 17 regular meeting, the Sandersville City Council voted to approve and enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Washington County Board of Commissioners that places responsibility for maintaining approximately 8/10 of a mile of Highway 24E/East McCarty Street between the Sandersville city limits, just east of Franklin Haynes Drive, and Ridge Road.

The agreement is connected to the City of Sandersville’s efforts to develop workforce housing through a public-private partnership with Smith Douglas Homes. In a unanimous vote on July 6, the council authorized the mayor to execute a workforce housing letter of intent to establish a development agreement for the

partnership. The annexation of the property and the IGA are contingent on the city receiving a workforce housing grant from the OneGeorgia Authority. On Aug. 3, Sandersville City Manager Kandice Hartley presented the council with a draft of the IGA with the county in connection with the workforce housing project. Hartley explained that “the county requested that we enter into an IGA so that we would take over maintenance of the road from the city limits sign all the way out to Ridge Road.” Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey Smith noted that this section of road was 8/10 of a mile in length, while Mayor Jimmy Andrews added that “it has just been re-

done.” Smith stated that he knew that “saying it is just one of those things — I mean — I will concede to

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tinued efforts to reduce speeding while increasing safety, we wish all students, teachers and staff a prosperous school year.

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Chief Victor K. Cuyle



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WASHINGTON COUNTY

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Cloverleaf 4-H Camp at Rock Eagle

 **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**
EXTENSION

By **Cindy Sheram**
County Extension Agent
University of Georgia

Thirty-two fourth, fifth and sixth graders from Washington County spent June 29-July 3 at Rock Eagle Cloverleaf 4-H Camp in Eatonton. These 4-H'ers were among over 700 other fourth, fifth and sixth grade campers, teen leaders and adults from nineteen counties. During the week the campers were supervised by Extension Agents, Program Assistants, Camp Counselors and adult volunteer leaders. The adult leaders attending camp from Washington County were Cindy Sheram, WACO 4-H Agent, James Lanthrip, Alicia Smith, Tyra Stephens, Brook Usry and Dustan Usry.

Campers were: Serenity Adkins, Kodie Beal, Miracle Bell, Harper Brindell, Rodrick Brookins, James Brown, Kerri Flonnory, Aurora Gentry, Caroline Hodges, Conner Kelso, Dalton Lanthrip, Cole Marshall, Jada Orr, Ira'Yanna Robinson, Jay'Ven Robinson, Jade-lynn Smith, Lyric Stevens,



Jaxon Tanner, Journey Usry, Kaylun Veal, Tyonna Warthen, Tyquavious Watson, Demauri Wicker, Skye Woodard and Emily Wright.

Campers were able to enjoy the leadership of our very own Alyssa Maze as a Rock Eagle Summer Camp Counselor. Alyssa served in a leadership role at camp as the Thunderbird Flight Eagle. Alyssa is the daughter of Annie Gil-

bert-Gibbons and Walker Maze.

Campers attended educational classes including Canoeing, Health, Archery, Entomology, Forestry, Lake Ecology, Herpetology, Swimming, Wildlife, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Archery, Climbing Wall, and Sailing. Other activities included the counselor's variety show, flight meetings, trivia night, slide show and the

famous Rock Eagle Pageant. Campers also enjoyed basketball, dancing, swimming, visiting the canteen, crafts, renewing old acquaintances, and making new friends.

Numerous Washington County 4-H'ers were able to attend 4-H camp this year due to the generosity of the following individual citizens and businesses: McFerrin Bibb – The Clothing Project, Burgess Pigment, Howard Sheppard Inc., The Geo. D. Warthen Bank, May-Smith Services, LLC, Thiele Kolin, Queensborough National Bank & Trust, Citizens Bank of the South, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, and Washington County Farm Bureau.

4-H is the youth development program of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. For more informa-



Alyssa Maze pictured with Jackson Thigpen from Bulloch County

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LOCAL
MATTERS

City Council, County Commission Agree on East McCarty

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it — it was not one of the best ideas, in my opinion, but I understand what we are doing.”

Council Member Mayme Dennis, who participated via telephone, stated that she thought it was “bad dealing coming from the county, but the mere fact is the citizens of Sandersville really are the ones that paid for that — our county residents as well. So that road should have been included. So, I mean, you can nickel and dime us with that. When we start going back to agreements for the animal shelter and all that, we are going to have to put on our big-boy drawers with them because they are playing too many games.”

Smith stated that he agreed with Dennis.

Sandersville City Attorney Keenan Howard told the council that he had spoken with Brandon Bowen to get a second opinion. Howard noted that he had also spoken with Interim County Administrator Chris Hutchings, who had brought up the possibility that the mileage could be added to the agreement.

Howard noted that the mileage could be added to the agreement, explaining that it would count toward the city's mileage for DOT funding.

Smith said, “The whole thing is petty, so put it in there.”

Howard said he could add the provision to the IGA, explaining that “whatever DOT money we get is based on population and mileage, so we would be increasing our mileage by 8/10 of a mile.”

Howard also noted that the IGA is set to last for 20 years and that an IGA can only last up to 50 years.

Smith stated that in 20 years, the IGA will have to be “renewed or taken away.”

Hartley said, “We will get this draft to the council and then they will execute it at their meeting.”

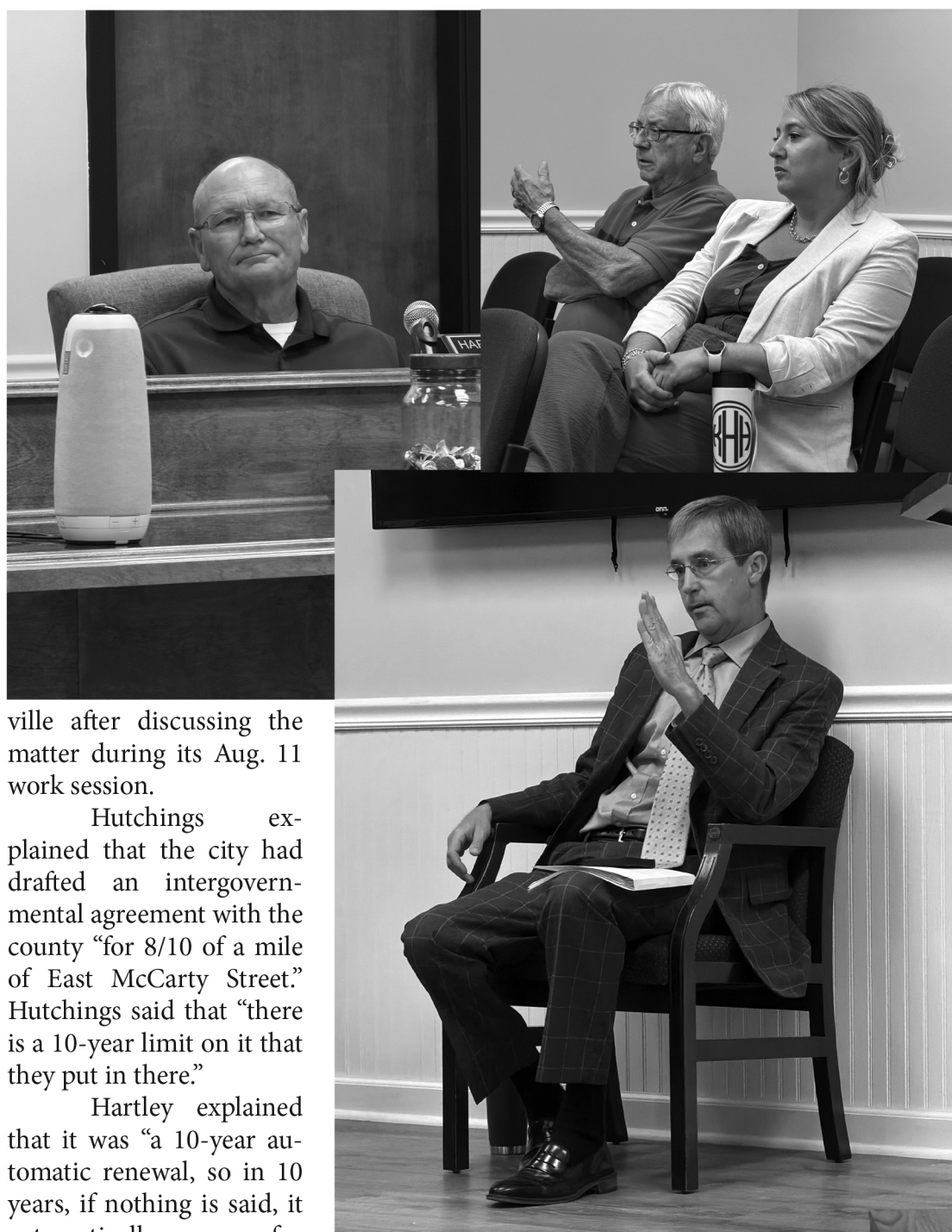
Howard also pointed out that the commissioners might have edits to the IGA that they wish to make. He said that he would speak with County Attorney Joseph Sumner and Hutchings to see if they had any edits.

Hartley said that the council would then officially adopt the IGA at its next meeting.

Howard noted that the city would not find out whether it was going to receive the grant for this project until September, and so he had made the IGA effective Jan. 1, 2027. Howard also emphasized that the IGA and the annexation of the property in question, known as the Stevie Martin property, are both contingent on the receipt of this grant.

“So there is a lot of — you have to wait and see what happens,” Howard said.

On Aug. 13, the Washington County Board of Commissioners voted to approve the proposed IGA with the City of Sanders-



ville after discussing the matter during its Aug. 11 work session.

Hutchings explained that the city had drafted an intergovernmental agreement with the county “for 8/10 of a mile of East McCarty Street.” Hutchings said that “there is a 10-year limit on it that they put in there.”

Hartley explained that it was “a 10-year automatic renewal, so in 10 years, if nothing is said, it automatically renews for another 10 years for a total of 20.”

Hutchings asked if either party could change the IGA after those 10 years. Hartley answered that both parties would have to agree on what changes would be made.

“Is that what it reads, both have to agree?” Hutchings asked. “Yes, both parties in writing,” Hartley said.

Hutchings stated that he had read it differently, explaining that “it says either side, Kandice, in paragraph five on page 4 — it says ‘the city and county agree that this agreement will automatically renew for one successive 10-year term unless either side elect to terminate the agreement.’”

Noting that the road is “a brand new road now,” Commissioner Harlan Archer said that “in 10 years from now, especially after all of this housing gets put up — you have got concrete trucks and this, that and the other going in, and then it is torn completely up, and then, you know, the city says, well, I don’t want to renew this thing, and then we are going to have to fix the road.” Hartley said, “I think in paragraph four it is talking about how the city and the county may modify the conditions when mutually acceptable to both parties in writing. But my logic behind that, of course I can’t speak from an attorney’s perspective, so I guess your attorney will chime in, but our attorney is, you know — in 20 years, you were talking about an automatic renewal in 10 years and then 20 years it would be the city and the county saying, yes, we can still take on all this maintenance because you have got to think we are doing the mowing, the storm drainage upkeep, everything.”

Hartley noted that

the city could handle those responsibilities for the foreseeable future, but that the issue might look different in 20 years’ time under another administration.

County Attorney Joseph Sumner then brought attention to the use of the word “completes” on page 3 of 9, where it reads, “if the workforce grant is awarded to the city and the developer completes the development of the property...”

Sumner recommended using the word “begins” rather than “completes” because “that is where the maintenance, I would think, in my recollection, because once that starts, the city agrees to take over.” Sumner asked if that made sense.

Hartley replied, “Yes, I do not see that being a problem.”

Sumner also discussed the 10-year renewal provision. He said, “As far as the 10-year term goes, I mean, it is not an automatic renewal. It is an automatic renewal unless either side objects, so you have got only a 10-year guaranteed term.”

Hartley replied, “I think the city council’s feelings on it is that they would still like to discuss it as we go along because it is still city/county, no matter how you look at it, right? And so, as a partnership, you probably just want to rediscuss it — if needed, leave that door open.”

Sumner responded that they “could probably come up with some language that might set a condition in which it would be up to a certain standard to where it could be — you would not be in a position to have it in really bad shape, like mentioned, and turn it back over for the county to maintain. If it was in decent shape, no problem. But if it was in really bad shape, there probably could be a standard

put in there.”

“My wheels are spinning,” said Archer, who also suggested including in the IGA “some language in there that basically says, yeah, we will do it, provided the road is still in good shape. Else, it needs to be placed back in good shape, then we will take it back over.”

As Howard had previously noted, Sumner pointed out that an intergovernmental agreement cannot last indefinitely and can only last up to 50 years.

Hartley added that “not only are we talking about the road here, we are talking about staffing of Public Works staff and tractors doing the right of way, too. So it is not even just the condition of the road. You have a lot of maintenance on the right of way, too, that we are taking over, so I think that would be something that administration would want to revisit every so often.” She also noted that the property in question, which the city hopes to get the grant for as part of this project, had a full tax bill of \$1,000 this past year. Hartley said that “just the county portion will be \$24,000 if only 40 homes were built. So again, that tax revenue, even if only 40 homes out of the 60 sell, you know, that is going to be a valuable property for the county, no matter which way you look at it.”

Hutchings stated that at Thursday’s meeting, the commissioners would “consider this or maybe table it or alter it.” Hartley requested that the changes be made between the two attorneys before the Thursday meeting. Sumner said that he would contact Howard.

“We do need to kind of move on with this,” said Mayor Andrews. During Thursday’s meeting, Board Chair Mel Daniel stated that the commissioners “had the re-

vised IGA in your folders for East McCarty Street maintenance — that is the extension out towards the bypass — it now requires both county and city to agree to extend it 10 to 20 years, and it also requires the city to return the road in substantially the same condition as it is today.”

Daniel asked Andrews and Hartley, who were in attendance, if they were “in agreement with that.”

Daniel then asked, “Do I have a motion?”

Commissioner Frank Simmons responded, “Motion.”

The motion by Simmons was seconded by Commissioner Bobby Jackson and unanimously approved by the commissioners.

On Aug. 17, the agreement returned to the city council, where Howard explained that he had spoken with Sumner and made “just a few changes with the county to the IGA,” including maintaining the 8/10 of a mile.

He then noted the county’s requests, explaining that initially “we had it where we could terminate the agreement with 60 days’ notice prior to the end of any term — essentially a 20-year deal — 10 and 10. They wanted to change that to mutual — I get why, but each side elects to terminate by mutual consent.”

Howard also explained that the county’s “other concern was that they just milled and resurfaced this road, so it looks good right now. So at the end of the 20-year term, whatever happens — if it goes back to the county’s maintenance or if the city continues to maintain it — that it will be in substantially the same condition that it is on the day of the signing of the agreement.”

He said, “They are turning it over to us in good condition, which is fair — if we turn it back over to them in 20 years, it is in substantially the same condition.”

According to Dennis, they were “still double dipping on the taxpayers.” She stated that “everybody in this county pays county taxes, only city residents pay city

taxes. So what I am saying is, to me, it does not make any sense what they are requesting. That is their role — they should maintain it for the citizens of Sandersville who pay taxes to the county and not double dip on the taxpayers.”

Howard said, “I understand that, but remember this is an annexation by mutual consent — you cannot do it without their consent, and this is one of their concessions that they have asked for.”

Howard reminded the council that they had originally discussed the possibility of annexing the road itself, “but rather than trying to go back and reinvent the wheel, like I brought up last time, we decided to go with the IGA.”

He noted that it had also been added to the IGA that the mileage would count toward the LMIG.

Council Member Danny Brown said, “We are going to increase our roadage by 8/10 of a mile.”

Howard said, “It is not nothing, it is something.”

Council Member Ben Salter added, “It will pave a street somewhere.”

“I am not saying I am against it. I am just saying the principle of it is not right,” Dennis stated.

Howard again noted that both sides agreed that the East McCarty Street segment, as it is defined, was milled and resurfaced in 2026 and that it is going to be in a similar condition at the end of the term.

Howard added that he thought the agreement was fair, and Salter agreed. Mayor Andrews called for “a motion to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the road maintenance of East McCarty Street.”

The motion was made by Salter and seconded by Brown. Andrews then asked if everyone was in favor of the motion.

Dennis replied, “I am in favor, but with hardship.”

The motion was then unanimously approved by the council.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The TOWN OF TENNILLE has tentatively adopted a 2026 millage rate which will require an increase in property tax by 100%.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on the tax increase to be held at the TENNILLE FIRE HOUSE, 110 PARK ST TENNILLE, GA. ON THE 3RD OF SEPTEMBER AT 9 AM AND 5:30 PM.

The time and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at TENNILLE FIRE HOUSE, 110 PARK ST. TENNILLE, GA. ON THE 10TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 5:30 PM WITH A CALLED MEETING AT 6PM TO SET MILLAGE RATE.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 5.00 mills, an increase of 5.00 mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 0.00 mills. The proposed tax increase for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$50,000.00 is approximately \$100.00 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000.00 is approximately \$200.00.

Obituaries



Jessie Elizabeth Cochran

Jul 21, 1963 —
Aug 17, 2026
Midville, GA

Jessie Elizabeth Cochran, age 63, of Midville passed away on Monday, August 17th following an extended illness. A graveside memorial service celebrating her life was held on Thursday, August 20th at 11:00 a.m. in Zeta Cemetery, in Tennille. Reverend Randy Carnley officiated. Her family received friends following the graveside service.

Jessie was born and raised in Washington County, daughter of the late Wilbur Jessie Tompkins and the late Ida Elizabeth Sellars. She began her working career in the grocery store business, first working in the deli and later as a dairy manager. She later worked for the Villa South restaurant as a hostess. Jessie live throughout middle Georgia and most recently resided in Midville, where she worked in custodial work at Georgia Southern University and lastly, she worked again in food service at Swainsboro Elementary School. One of Jessie's favorite pastimes was sitting on the dock and fishing. She loved animals, especially her dog Betty Jean. Jessie spent lots of time keeping up with friends on Facebook and watching old tv shows. In addition to her parents, she is also predeceased by her sister, Kathy Lynn Brantley.

Survivors include her husband Charles Cochran of Midville; children, Bryan Hodges and his wife Mary of Oconee and Lisa Sinclair and her husband James of Portal and grandchildren, John Taylor Hodges, Kira Taylor, Caroline Hodges, Mac Hodges, Mary Calhoun, Nathan Calhoun, Hannah Calhoun and Hunter Sinclair and her sister, Ruth Sellars.

Donations may be made to the Cochran Support Fund, P.O. Box 1016, Sandersville, GA. 31082.

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Mary Grace Averett Kay

Jan 6, 1939 — Aug 18, 2026
SANDERSVILLE, GA

Mrs. Mary Grace Kay, age 87, of West 2nd Ave in Sandersville passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. A memorial service celebrating her life was held on Friday, August 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Sandersville Methodist Church. Reverend Jared Middleton and Reverend Jimmy Cason will officiate. Mrs. Kay's family will greeted friends prior to the memorial service beginning at 10:00 in Heritage Hall at the church.

Mary Grace was born January 6, 1939 in Gainesville, Georgia to the late Edward Tarver Averett and Nell McKinney Averett. She graduated from Sandersville High School in 1957 and Wesleyan College in Macon in 1961 with a Bachelor of Music Degree. She married the love of her life, William Benjamin Kay (Billy) in June 1960. They shared a life rooted in faith, love and devotion to their family. They enjoyed singing together, whether it be in the Sandersville Methodist Church Choir, Sandersville Music Club productions, or with the Bell-Kay Quartet. They could also dance a "mean" jitterbug on the dance floor. Mary Grace loved sharing her talent by singing at numerous weddings and funerals.

A faithful member of Sandersville Methodist Church her entire life, Mary Grace lived her life with dignity, fortitude, poise, grace and lots of laughter. She valued diversity and respected the human spirit from all walks of life. She began singing solos in church at the age of 14. Her last solo, "The Holy City", was sung at age 80. Mary Grace was a former director of music at Sandersville Methodist Church and would fill in as needed up until the age of 85. She cherished her role in the adult choir for over 50 years and was affectionately referred to as "Mother Mary" by other choir members. She was co-owner of Karol's Gifts downtown Sandersville for many years. She was Choral Director, Literary Music Coach and taught Music Appreciation at Washington County High School before her retirement in 2002. Upon retirement, Mary Grace worked with the Washington County Registrar's Office and Washington County Historical Society.

Mary Grace was a former member of the

Washington County Concert Association, The 20th Century Club, Sandersville Community Theater, and honorary member of the Transylvania Club and Sandersville Music Club. She was a soprano soloist for Messiah by Handel, Mass in G, by Shubert, Gloria by Vivaldi and Christmas Oratorio by Saint Sebastian Bach. She played the following roles with Sandersville Community Theatre: Mother Abbess in Sound of Music (2006), Rose in Hello Dolly (2004), and The Reverend Mother in Nunsense (2009).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 60 years, Billy Kay, her brothers Edward Tarver Averett, III, Lloyd Adrian Payne, and grandchild, Mary Isabella Smith.

She is survived by her loving daughter and sons, Adrienne Kay Smith (Phil), Benjamin Kay (Charlene) and Thomas Kay; her cherished grandchildren, Daniel Kay (Hannah), Natalie Kay Smith, Erica Kay Russell (Jack), Davis Kay and Sophie Kay. Her sister's in-law, Jane Payne, Joan Averett, and many extended family members, dear friends and church family. She will be greatly missed, but we are comforted knowing she has taken her place in the Heavenly Choir and will forever sing the songs of the Lord.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Washington County High School Fine Arts Department, 420 Riddleville Rd. Sandersville, GA 31082.

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Diane Rowell Taylor

Jun 4, 1943 — Aug 19, 2026
Davisboro, GA

Mrs. Diane R. Taylor, age 83, of Davisboro, passed away Wednesday, August 19, 2026. A memorial service celebrating her life was held Saturday, August 22, at 2:00 p.m. at Davisboro United Methodist Church, with Reverend Jay Reppert and Reverend Ron Dixon officiating. The family received friends, Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Taylor home on North Main Street in Davisboro.

Diane was born and raised in Thomaston, Georgia, the daughter of the late Jacob McKenzie Rowell and Annie Lois Long Rowell. She graduated from

Robert E. Lee High School, where she excelled in athletics, especially basketball and softball. Following high school, she attended Georgia College for Women in Milledgeville, where she pursued a degree in education.

After marrying Jack B. Taylor Jr., Diane made Davisboro her home and devoted herself to raising their family. She later returned to Georgia College to earn her nursing degree, beginning a career that reflected what came most naturally to her—caring for others. She began as an intensive care nurse at Memorial Hospital of Washington County before transitioning to geriatric care at Glendale Nursing Home in Wadley. She later served as Director of Nursing at Heritage Inn of Sandersville. Retirement did little to diminish her desire to serve others, and she continued sharing her compassion and nursing skills as a hospice nurse.

Diane's caring spirit extended far beyond her profession. She was an active and devoted member of Davisboro United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school and participated in the United Methodist Women's group. Her faith was reflected not only in her involvement with the church, but also in the countless ways she cared for her family, friends, neighbors, and those in need.

Cooking was one of Diane's favorite ways to show her love. Whether preparing a meal for family and friends or taking food to someone who needed a little extra care, she found great joy in serving others. That gift of hospitality was especially evident each Fourth of July, one of her favorite times of the year, when the Taylor home in Davisboro became affectionately known as "Grand Central Station." Family and friends gathered in abundance, and Diane was happiest with a house full of people she loved.

She also knew how to enjoy life's simple pleasures. Diane was a talented and longtime bridge player, an avid Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Braves fan, and an enthusiastic reader. She loved searching for treasures while antiquing and thrift shopping and was a great supporter of the fine arts. She regularly attended Washington County Concert Association performances and especial-

ly treasured watching her grandchildren perform at the high school. On quieter days, one of her favorite pastimes was simply sitting on her front porch and watching the birds.

At the heart of Diane's life was her family. She deeply cherished the time spent with those she loved and took great pride in her children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter. She is survived by her husband, Jack B. Taylor Jr.; her children, Kim T. Bost of Lake Tillery, North Carolina, Kelly T. Severance (Sammy) of Davisboro, and Jack B. Taylor III (Meredith) of Sandersville; her grandchildren, Zachary Bost (Alex), Taylor A. Bost, Emma Grace Bost, Bethany S. Williams (Ben), Caleb Severance (Peyton), Payton Severance, Jack B. Taylor IV, and Nell Taylor; her great-granddaughter, Leyton Angelia Severance; and her sister, Vickie Mo-

ses (Heshy) of Sebastian, Florida.

Diane's life was defined by a genuine love for people and a remarkable gift for caring for them. Whether through her nursing career, her church, a home-cooked meal, a welcoming front door, or simply being there when someone needed her, she gave generously of herself. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, compassion, hospitality, and devotion to family—a legacy that will continue in the lives of the many people who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

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Washington County has been supporting and serving women and children in Washington County." According to the Guild's website, "with money raised through sales of the official Kaolin Festival T-shirt, the Guild has been able to partner with our local schools and community on a number of projects," including making contributions to organizations such as First Love Kids, the Boys and Girls Club, the Christian Life Center, the Sunshine House, the Rape Crisis Center, Bread of Life and ABC Women's Clinic. The Guild has also awarded scholarships to local high school seniors, been a major source of support for the Washington County Youth Leadership Program, and "provided Christmas gifts for children in Washington County's foster care system and vital toiletries/over-

the-counter medicines for underprivileged patients at Children's Healthcare of Washington County."

The 2026 Kaolin Festival T-shirts are available with both short and long sleeves in toddler, youth and adult sizes for \$25. Long-sleeve adult T-shirts are \$30.

These new T-shirts officially went on sale August 21. They can be purchased from members of the Guild, at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and through the Guild's website, theguildofwaco.org.

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Notice of Public Hearing – Monday 1st September 5pm

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The Washington County Board of Commissioners has received a request to close an unpaved portion of News Bridge Road. The portion requested to be closed is from GA State Route Hwy 231 section ending at Wrightsville Riddleville Rd.

This request will be considered at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Thursday September 13th 9am. Any questions, concerns, or objections must be made at the Public Hearing at The Washington County Board of Commissioners office, located at 119 Jones Street, Sandersville, Georgia.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

DEBTORS/CREDITORS

G26-090
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Dorothy Jean Andrews, deceased of Washington County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.

Terrence Andrews/Administrator
c/o Jason Davis/Attorney for Estate
318 S Harris Street, Ste. A
Sandersville, Ga 31082
This 11th day of August, 2026

August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2026

G26-086
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of George Allen Wilson, deceased of Washington County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.

Emma Johnson Wilson/Executrix
553 Browns Crossing Rd
Milledgeville, Ga 31061
This 4th day of August, 2026

August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2026

G26-087
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Robert Charles Fitzgerald, deceased of Washington County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.

Andrea Blair Fitzgerald Register
592 Stembriage Rd., SE
Milledgeville, Ga 31061
This 4th day of August, 2026

August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2026

G26-088
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Randall Carlton Waters deceased late of Washington County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.

Amber Waters Stephens/Administrator
c/o E. Allen Smith/Attorney for Estate
P. O. Box 6142
Sandersville, Ga 31082

This 4th day of August, 2026

August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2026

G26-089
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of Jacqueline Ann Lawson deceased of Washington County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.

Nicolas Alan Lawson/Executor
462 Holton Rd.
Davisboro, Ga 31018
This 7th day of August, 2026

August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2026

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

G26-092
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM EARL LONG, Deceased
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Melanie Kaye Harris has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of William Earl Long, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O. C. G. A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before September 14, 2026. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, objections, unless you qualify to act as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel at the following

address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Russell A. Sheppard
Probate Judge
By: Shelia Evans/
Chief Clerk of Probate Court
132 West Haynes Street
Sandersville, GA 31082
478-552-3304

August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2026

FORECLOSURE

G26-082
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, WASHINGTON COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Ricky Fann to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns dated 11/30/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 19y Page 469 and modified at Deed Book 60 Page 335 Washington County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$232,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Washington County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on September 1, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THOSE CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND CONTAINING 0.48 ACRE AND 4.52 ACRES, ALONG WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING IN THE 136TH GM DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID TRACT LYING ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF STATE ROUTE 15 BETWEEN SANDERSVILLE AND WARTHEN AND SHOWN AS PARCELS "B" AND "D", RESPECTIVELY, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT OF SURVEY FOR PAT WOLFE AND BETTY N. YOUNG" BY BARKER & ASSOCIATES, DATED 02-22-97, OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 1-X, PAGE 203, WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS. SAID PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AS PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 5381 GA Highway 15 N, Warthen, GA 31094 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Ricky Fann or tenant or tenants. LoanCare, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. LoanCare, LLC Attention: Loss Mitigation Department 3637 Sentara Way Virginia Beach, VA 23452 800-909-9525 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security

Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Ricky Fann Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 1154-973A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1154-973A

August 5, 12, 19, 22, 2026

G26-083
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Miranda D. Scott A/K/A Miranda D. Gladden to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC dated May 5, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 14-D, Page 622, Washington County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to LNV Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 15-W, Page 179, Washington County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$59,500.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Washington County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

LNV Corporation 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: LNV Corporation, 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 8475507300. 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 8 Oakmont Drive, Tennesse, GA 31089. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control. ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation

about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. *This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable. *The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

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

LNV Corporation
as Attorney in Fact for
Miranda D. Scott A/K/A Miranda D. Gladden
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land together with all improvements attached thereto lying and being in the 1488th GM District of Washington County, Georgia, described as Lot 3 of Southwinds Subdivision, Phase I, containing 1.11 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described according to a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, GRLS, dated September 9, 1999 recorded in Deed Book 1-Z, page 92, Washington County land records. Said plat of survey and the record thereof are by reference made a part hereof for a more accurate description of said property.

The APN for the above described property is #113A-003. The property address is: 8 Oakmont Drive, Tennesse, GA 31089 MA September 1, 2026 Our file no. 23-12610GA 23-12610GA

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

G26-084

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of Power of Sale contained in Deed to Secure Debt from Deed to Secure Debt from Savannah C. Perkins to FirstBank, dated November 22, 2019, filed for record December 2, 2019, recorded at Deed Book 27, Page 638, Washington County, Georgia Records, in the original principal amount of \$76,296.52 aforesaid records, to secure the obligations of Grantor to Lender as set forth in a Promissory Note ("Note") of even date as amended, modified, or revised from time to time, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold, by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse Door at WASHINGTON COUNTY, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land containing 1.56 acres, more or less, lying and being in the 1488th G.M.D., Washington County, Georgia, and designated as Parcel "B" on a Plat of Survey entitled "Survey for Dreyton Crawford" prepared by James M. Boyd, of Boyd Surveying and Land Investments, LLC, RLS #3036, Plat dated 04-30-2019, and of record in Plat Book 2019, Page 28, Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia, which plat and the record thereof are by this reference made a part hereof in aid of this description.

Grantor (Dreyton Crawford) reserves a 20 foot ingress-egress easement across Parcel "B" as shown on said plat. Prior Deed Reference: This is a portion of "Tract One" which was conveyed by Warranty Deed dated July 22, 1999 from Candace L. Huff f/k/a Candace L. Brown, Grantor, to Dreyton Crawford, Grantee, of record in Deed Book 11-P, Page 704 Washington County, Georgia records, AND, further unto Savannah Crawford Perkins by Warranty Deed of Dreyton Crawford dated May 15, 2019, recorded in DB 22, PG 166, said Clerk's records.

Said legal description is controlling however, the property is commonly known as 3006 Georgia Highway 15 South, Tennesse, Georgia 31089.

Map and Parcel # 097-053B. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note, including, but not limited to, the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees and other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; and all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Savannah C. Perkins, and/or tenant(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the United States Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. First Bank, and its counsel are acting as debt collectors. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

FIRST BANK, as Attorney-in-Fact for Savannah C. Perkins. Contact: Jason Godwin
Godwin Law Group
3985 Steve Reynolds Blvd,
Bldg D
Norcross, GA 30093
Phone: 470-427-2683
Email:

jgodwin@godwinlawgroup.com

August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

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

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

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

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

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

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

*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

G26-093
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: THOMAS PARKER, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT The Petition of VICKIE D. PARKER, for year's support from the estate of THOMAS PARKER, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before September 14, 2026, why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections.



REQUEST FOR BIDS

WATER DEPT BREAKROOM & BATHROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of Sandersville Waste Water Department is seeking bids for a new mobile office.

All Bids must be sealed and clearly marked

"WATER DEPT BREAKROOM & BATHROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT", for bid packages and questions, please contact Travis Fort, Purchasing Agent at (478) 552-2525.

Please Mail Your Responses to:

City of Sandersville
Attn: Travis Fort, Purchasing Agent
P.O. Box 71
141 W. Haynes Street
Sandersville, GA 31082

Deadline to submit bids will be **Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 at 3:00 PM** at which time the bid opening will take place – City Hall, 141 West Haynes Street, Sandersville, GA 31082.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked

"WATER DEPT BREAKROOM & BATHROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT".

The City of Sandersville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and act in the best interest of the City of Sandersville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the Petition may be granted without a hearing. Judge of the Probate Court
By: Shelia Evans
Chief Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 669
Sandersville, Ga 31082
478-552-3304

August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2026

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

G26-095
NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION: A Notice of Intent to Dissolve B & D Hardware and Auto Parts, Inc., a Georgia corporation with registered office at 220 Creekwood Ct, Sandersville GA 31082, has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing

in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Georgia Business Corporation Code.

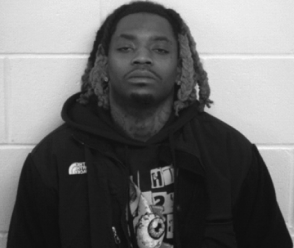
August 26, September 2, 2026

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

G26-096
WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
PERSONNALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT:
Leanne Gutierrez
1006 New Tennille Road, Harrison, GA 30135
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA., UNDER THE NAME OF:
Peachy Thrift
1006 New Tennille Road, Harrison, GA 30135
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH ADDRESS IS:
Clothing, retail, online
Leanne Gutierrez
Person making declaration
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 17th DAY OF August, 2026.
Lisa Johnson Bertoch
NOTARY PUBLIC

August 26, September 2, 2026

SANDERSVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT



Offender: Haslem, Omar
Devon
Conviction : 2nd D.U.I.
Date: 08/10/26
Disposition: 72 Hours
Confinement – Credit Time
Served
240 Hours Community Service
RRP within 120 days
\$25 Publication Fee
VIP
Clinical Evaluation
12 months' probation consecutive to all cases
\$1,579.75 Fine
Judge: Honorable Jason Davis



ARRESTS REPORTS -

AUGUST 6, 2026



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GRANT, ETHAN ALEXANDER 24 WASHINGTON COUNTY SO POSSESSION OF DRUG RELATED OBJECTS POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE POSSESSION OF FIREARM DURING THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME



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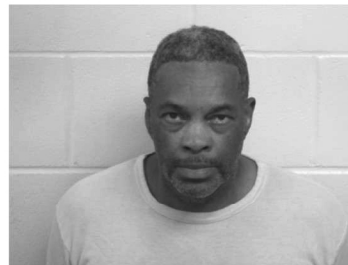
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HEATH, LANDON 22 WASHINGTON COUNTY SO DUI - DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OPERATING LOW-SPEED VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS OPERATION OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLE OR VEHICLE WITHOUT CURRENT LICENSE PLATE, REVALIDATION DECAL, OR COUNTY DECAL NO INSURANCE



JAMES, MELVIN GREGORY 63 WASHINGTON COUNTY SO PROBATION VIOLATION (WHEN PROBATION TERMS ARE ALTERED) FOR FINGERPRINTABLE CHARGE –FELONY



MORRIS, JOVANI RHONDEL 22 WASHINGTON COUNTY SO POSSESSION OF A SCHEDULE I OR II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE TRAFFICKING IN MDMA PURCHASE, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF MARIJUANA TRADING WITH INMATES WITHOUT CONSENT OF WARDEN OR SUPERINTENDENT TRADING WITH INMATES WITHOUT CONSENT OF WARDEN OR SUPERINTENDENT TRADING WITH INMATES WITHOUT CONSENT OF WARDEN OR SUPERINTENDENT TRADING WITH INMATES WITHOUT CONSENT OF WARDEN OR SUPERINTENDENT TRADING WITH INMATES WITHOUT CONSENT OF WARDEN OR SUPERINTENDENT GIVING INMATES LIQUOR, DRUGS, WEAPONS ETC., WITHOUT CONSENT OF WARDEN POSSESSION OF TOOLS FOR COMMISSION OF A CRIME ILLEGAL USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT PRISON DROP CASE



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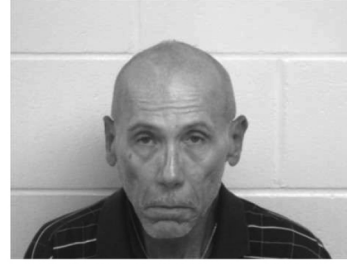
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NOTICE								
The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Commissioner's Board Room on September 10, 2026 9:00 A.M. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.								
CURRENT 2026 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY								
C o u n t y w i d e A r e a	COUNTY WIDE		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	V A L U E	Real & Personal	709,638,719	738,981,574	754,412,307	1,049,905,931	1,026,039,300	1,060,986,133
		Motor Vehicles	17,821,050	13,800,680	13,585,040	15,484,510	16,316,150	16,798,550
		Mobile Homes	10,373,320	11,704,054	13,036,511	13,277,618	13,315,568	13,586,251
		Timber - 100%	21,494,480	25,252,753	24,796,046	22,475,851	15,205,619	14,389,263
		Heavy Duty Equipment	930,354	234,939	203,308	598,773	1,627,759	314,221
		Gross Digest	760,257,923	789,974,000	806,033,212	1,101,742,683	1,072,504,396	1,106,074,417
		Less Exemptions	84,978,862	89,567,496	88,128,146	162,818,473	171,658,108	167,171,618
		NET DIGEST VALUE	675,279,061	700,406,504	717,905,066	938,924,210	900,846,288	938,902,799
	R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	12.0080	12.1360	12.6750	9.7027	10.1630	7.3750
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	2.3290	2.4740	3.0210	2.3120	2.7450	3.9740
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	9.6790	9.6620	9.6540	7.3907	7.4180	3.4010
	TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$6,536,026	\$6,767,328	\$6,930,656	\$6,939,307	\$6,682,478	\$3,193,208
		Net Tax \$ Increase	\$136,228	\$231,302	\$163,328	\$8,652	(\$256,829)	(\$3,489,269)
		Net Tax % Increase	2.13%	3.54%	2.41%	0.12%	-3.70%	-109.27%

The current year’s levy reflects reductions resulting from Property Tax Relief Local Option Sales Tax (PTRLOST, also known FLOST) proceeds applied to offset property taxes. As a result, the taxes levied are lower than they otherwise would have been absent these proceeds.

NOTICE								
The CITY OF TENNILLE does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at 110 Park St.(FIREHOUSE) on September 3,2026 AT 9:00 A.M. and 5:30 p.m.. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.								
CURRENT 2026 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY								
C o u n t y w i d e A r e a	TENNILLE		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	V A L U E	Real & Personal	21,974,479	21,817,544	22,271,939	29,649,635	29,521,101	29,452,982
		Motor Vehicles	358,930	302,300	311,720	328,890	280,010	270,060
		Mobile Homes	397,522	398,575	428,587	422,656	428,534	435,225
		Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Gross Digest	22,730,931	22,518,419	23,012,246	30,401,181	30,229,645	30,158,267
		Less Exemptions	233,593	273,302	3,162,016	726,570	974,405	977,309
	NET DIGEST VALUE	22,497,338	22,245,117	19,850,230	29,674,611	29,255,240	29,180,958	
	R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	22.4770	23.6980	28.1000	20.5170	22.0770	14.7300
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	10.2700	11.4430	15.9870	10.7300	12.3440	9.7300
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	12.2070	12.2550	12.1130	9.7870	9.7330	5.0000
	TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$274,625	\$272,614	\$240,505	\$290,425	\$284,741	\$145,905
		Net Tax \$ Increase	\$1,073	(\$2,011)	(\$32,109)	\$49,920	(\$5,684)	(\$138,836)
		Net Tax % Increase	0.39%	-0.73%	-11.78%	20.76%	-1.96%	-48.76%

The current year’s levy reflects reductions resulting from Property Tax Relief Local Option Sales Tax (PTRLOST, also known FLOST) proceeds applied to offset property taxes. As a result, the taxes levied are lower than they otherwise would have been absent these proceeds.

NOTICE							
The Washington County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the 501 Industrial Dr on SEPTEMBER 3 ,2026 AT 5:30 P.M.. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.							
CURRENT 2026 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY							
BOARD OF EDUCATION		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
V A L U E	Real & Personal	709,638,719	738,981,574	754,412,307	1,049,905,931	1,026,039,300	1,060,986,132
	Motor Vehicles	17,821,050	13,800,680	13,585,040	15,484,510	16,316,150	16,798,550
	Mobile Homes	10,373,320	11,704,054	13,036,511	13,277,618	13,315,568	13,586,251
	Timber - 100%	21,494,480	25,252,753	24,796,046	22,475,851	15,205,619	14,389,263
	Heavy Duty Equipment	930,354	234,939	203,308	598,773	1,627,759	314,221
	Gross Digest	760,257,923	789,974,000	806,033,212	1,101,742,683	1,072,504,396	1,106,074,417
	Less Exemptions	85,291,881	89,908,018	88,520,563	163,232,207	165,913,121	165,831,781
	NET DIGEST VALUE	674,966,042	700,065,982	717,512,649	938,510,476	906,591,275	940,242,636
R A T E	MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)	16.7930	16.9990	15.9860	13.4490	13.3980	13.4010
TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$11,334,705	\$11,200,356	\$11,470,157	\$12,622,027	\$12,146,510	\$12,600,192
	Net Tax \$ Increase	\$70,752	(\$134,349)	\$269,801	\$1,151,870	(\$475,517)	\$453,682
	Net Tax % Increase	63.00%	-1.19%	2.41%	10.04%	-3.77%	3.74%



Georgia Farm Bureau

Accepting Entries for Hay Contest & Hay Directory

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Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) is accepting entries of dry Bermudagrass hay, any variety, until Oct. 30 for its 35th Annual GFB Quality Hay Contest. Hay entered in the contest will be tested at a University of Georgia lab using the Relative Forage Quality (RFQ) Test, which provides an analysis of the nutritional value of the hay. Winners will be determined by the RFQ analysis.

Winners will be announced at the GFB convention in December. Prizes will be presented to the top five producers. The first-place winner will receive the free use of a Vermeer wheel rake for one year, courtesy of the Vermeer Corporation. The winner will have the option to purchase the rake at a reduced price at the end of the year.

“If you grow any variety of Bermudagrass hay, entering this contest is a great way to have the nutritional quality of your hay analyzed,” said Washington County Farm Bureau President Harlan Archer. “Everyone who enters hay samples in this contest will benefit from learning what management adjustments they can make to their hay fields to improve the quality of their hay.”

Contest rules, applications and instructions for submitting samples are available at the Washington County Farm Bureau office or may be downloaded at www.gfb.ag/HayContest.

All hay entered must have been grown in Georgia on a field with at least 25 days of maturity or regrowth. Hay samples should be naturally dried in the field. Any sample with moisture above 18% will be disqualified. Any samples with nitrates above 4,500 parts per million will be disqualified.

Fill a one-gallon, zip-lock bag with hay taken from the center of at least five different bales (rolls or squares) that come from the same field and cut under uniform conditions. Hay samples should be taken with a hay probe. Contact your county UGA Extension office if you need a probe or assistance taking samples.

Contestants must be a Georgia Farm Bureau member to enter the contest and have their own membership number. If you aren't a Farm Bureau

member, you may join at the county Farm Bureau office of your choice or at <https://www.gfb.org/join/join-today>.

There is a \$25 entry fee for each sample entered in the contest to cover the cost of the lab analysis. Hay producers may enter more than one sample and will receive RFQ analysis for all samples submitted. Contestants submitting multiple samples, however, may only place in the contest's top five for their sample with the highest RFQ score.

Checks to cover the entry fee should be made payable to Georgia Farm Bureau. Entry fees, forms and samples should be sent to the GFB Public Policy Department 1620 Bass Road Macon, Ga., 31210. Entry fees, forms and samples may also be taken to your county Farm Bureau office.

Previous first-place winners of the GFB Hay Contest may enter their samples for the purpose of having them officially analyzed but are not eligible to win any prizes in the contest for five years after winning.

GFB is also accepting listings for its online hay directory. Farm Bureau members with hay for sale or who offer custom harvesting or custom sprigging services are invited to list their hay and/or services in the GFB Quality Hay Directory published on the GFB website. Hay for sale or services can be listed or removed from the directory throughout the year.

To be included in GFB's online hay directory, complete a submission form by visiting your county Farm Bureau office or online at www.gfb.ag/hay. Hay producers who enter the GFB Quality Hay Contest receive a free listing in the GFB Hay Directory. Hay producers who don't enter the hay contest but would like to list their hay for sale should send a \$10 check made payable to Georgia Farm Bureau for each listing of hay, custom harvesting or custom sprigging. Multiple listings are allowed. Hay directory forms and payment should be sent to the address provided above for contest entries.

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Medical Students Finish Tour in WaCo (Part I in a III Series)

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community partnerships and innovation can transform rural healthcare,” according to the UGA Archway Partnership. The tour concluded with a luncheon at OFTC, followed by a tour of Washington Regional Medical Center, “a hospital that was once at risk of closing and is now ranked among the nation's Top 100 rural medical centers.”

During the luncheon, Washington County Archway Professional Conni Fennel Burley spoke about the importance of rural health care. Burley said these hospitals are critical.

“We need our bigger communities, our bigger hospitals. We need Atlanta and The Emorys, but for people that live out in the state of Georgia, the local hospitals and health-care providers are our first stop for survival. If your mama is not breathing or your baby's not breathing, you want to be able to go 5 to 10 minutes and not have to drive an hour and a half to get to a big hospital.

“They provide incredible care here. We are able to stabilize, and if somebody needs to be transferred out for whatever purpose, they do that as well. So we are super thankful for our healthcare team. We are super thankful for y'all coming around to visit.

“We are so excited for y'all to be the first cohort. You realize you are legendary forever.”

Burley also recognized some of the community members who were present for the luncheon, beginning with UGA faculty, Archway executive committee members and those who are part of Archway, as well as local members of the health care community. She also recognized Chamber of Commerce President Katie Moncus, Sandersville Main Street Program and Downtown Development Director Carson Daley, Washington County Public Schools Superintendent Timothy May and county commissioners.

Burley then introduced OFTC Interim President Rosemary Selby, who welcomed the UGA students and faculty to the campus. Selby noted that OFTC has main campuses in Sandersville as well as in Dublin and that the college serves many rural communities.

Selby likewise spoke about the importance of rural health care, sharing that she has a child with complex medical needs.

“Even though our local hospital cannot meet all of his needs, they can certainly stabilize him and get him out of the county, and we have had to do that several times. So I echo what Conni says, that rural medicine is very important.”

Noting that she appreciated the students' visit, Selby said being part of the inaugural class was an honor and “an awesome legacy.”

Following an invo-



cation from County Commissioner Bobby Jackson, guests were treated to a meal consisting of salad, fried chicken, casseroles, and “cookie delight” for dessert, provided by Chester Deans.

Before the invocation, Burley noted that in addition to serving as a county commissioner, Jackson “leads an incredible program here called First Love Kids. It has been around 26, 27 years and serves the most underserved children in our community.”

Jackson then prayed:

“Father, we are so grateful to have this opportunity to be here in this place this morning. Father, we are so honored to have these students here, and Father, we ask that you bless them, you lead and guide, Lord, as they are the next generation. Father, we are so honored. Father, we ask blessings upon their lives and their future. We ask, Father, for blessings continually upon our nation and our state and especially in our community.”

After the invocation, Burley recognized Archway Partnership Operations Coordinator Sharon Liggett, noting that “it takes a lot to plan a bus tour for 64 students and faculty and staff around this great state.”

As the meal began to wind down, Burley thanked Chester Deans for providing the food for the luncheon. She also thanked Dr. Michelle Elliot, director

of the Archway Partnership; Ashley Garin, director of community outreach for Washington County Regional Medical Center; and Kim David, vice president for economic devel-



opment at OFTC.

Burley told the students, “While this has truly been a rural-focused trip, I hope that you can value that, especially if that is new to you.”

Noting that she has worked with UGA students for 11 years, Burley said that many of the students who come to Washington County are visiting rural Georgia for the first time. She acknowledged that she did not expect all of these students to return to rural Georgia to practice medicine, but she hoped their visit would give them a greater understanding and appreciation of rural communities across the state.

She reminded the students that regardless of where they may end up practicing medicine among Georgia's 159 counties, they will likely care for patients from rural Georgia and encouraged them to understand those communities a little better.

Burley added, “If you want to be a hero and be loved and appreciated, you may want to consider rural Georgia because it is an incredible way of life.”

Burley then introduced Carla Belcher, CEO



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of Community Health Care Systems, noting that CHCS currently has 23 offices throughout the state. Belcher congratulated the students on being the inaugural medical school class at UGA, and she explained the role of community health centers as federally qualified, nonprofit organizations that are “very much entrenched in our communities.” She noted that CHCS serves as a safety-net provider, caring for uninsured and underinsured patients and providing services on a sliding scale.

Belcher also spoke about the importance of encouraging medical students to practice in rural communities. She said that she had recently met with Sen. Raphael Warnock and was scheduled to meet with Congressman Mike Collins to advocate for loan repayment programs for medical students who commit to serving rural communities.

“If you're willing to commit to serve a rural community like this, then you would qualify for some of that funding, and so it is really important to make sure that our legislators and people up in Washington continue to support programs that bring people back to communities,” Belcher said.

Belcher encouraged the students to consider rural medicine, adding, “Once you come to a rural community and you become invested in it, there is a good chance that you are going to stay because the quality of life just cannot be beat, and I know that my colleagues here will echo that.”

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