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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The future depends on what we do in the present." — Mahatma Gandhi



State House Representative Candidate Trey Sheppard speaks at Business After Hours
Photo by Bryant Jordan

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By Bryant Jordan, News Reporter

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce held its Business After Hours on Oct. 10 on the square in downtown Sandersville, celebrating the 70th anniversary of the annual Kaolin Festival and the founding of the chamber.

"Welcome to our October Business After Hours," said Chamber President Katie Clark Moncus, who told those present, "We are excited that you were able to come out this evening. This is beautiful weather, isn't it, for today, and a great location, so we are excited to be right here in downtown Sandersville."

Moncus noted that the October Business After Hours typically occurs right before the annual Kaolin Festival, which usually takes place on the second



Saturday in October.

"In case you have not heard, the festival is going to be shifted a little bit. Nov. 7 is the new Kaolin Festival date, given the weather that we assume is coming in and all of that. We thought it was the safest bet to go ahead and shift that."

Moncus explained that in 2026, they were "celebrating 70 years of the festival and 70 years of the chamber. Both of these — the event and the organization — started in 1956, and the significant piece of that was that Sheppard is instrumental in both of those, so we asked if Howard Sheppard would be willing to partner with us to celebrate," said Moncus, who noted that they were very kind and willing to sponsor the evening's event. "So thank you, Howard Sheppard, for being able to do that."

Moncus then introduced Trey Sheppard, who spoke about the history of the Kaolin Festival, including its origins beginning in 1953.

"It is truly an honor to be here tonight as we celebrate 70 years of the Kaolin Festival, a tradition that has become such an important part of Washington County and our community's story."

Sheppard added that "for me personally, tonight is especially meaningful because my grandfather, Howard Sheppard,

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IMPORTANT KAOLIN FESTIVAL UPDATE

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After careful consideration of the anticipated weather conditions and with the safety of our vendors, participants, volunteers, and community in mind, the 70th Annual Kaolin Festival has been RESCHEDULED for Saturday, November 7.

While we are disappointed that we will not be able to celebrate together this weekend, we look forward to bringing everyone together on November 7 for the full Kaolin Festival experience in Downtown Sandersville!

The following events WILL CONTINUE AS PLANNED:

- Kaolin Mine Tour Friday, Oct. 9th 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM
- 70th Anniversary Business After Hours Thursday, Oct. 8th 5-6:30 PM - Glow Run @Sandersville Square Thursday, October 8th 7:30 PM Warm-Up / 8:00 PM Start
- Community Breakfast at First Christian Church Friday, Oct. 9th 6:30-9AM

Please help us spread the word about the new festival date. We greatly appreciate the patience, flexibility, and support of our community, sponsors, vendors, parade participants, volunteers, and partners.

Vendors/ Parade Participants: please check your email and we are also making calls.

Additional information and updates regarding the rescheduled festival will be shared as they become available.

We look forward to celebrating 70 years of the Kaolin Festival with you in November!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WASHINGTON COUNTY



Turf Field Bids for Kaolin Park

By Bryant Jordan, News Reporter

The Washington County Board of Commissioners voted on Sept. 10 to approve the low bid for the Recreation Department's turf fields as part of the overall redesign of Kaolin Park.

During the board's pre-meeting on Sept. 8, Recreation Department Director Aaron McCalvin explained that, "Matt Tanner and myself have been through this for the last several months, trying to work with different companies, trying to get some kind of bid tabulation for the big next phase of the park, of the multipurpose

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Sandersville City Council Awards Bids for Deepstep Road Pump Station and Force Main

By Bryant Jordan, News Reporter

The Sandersville City Council voted during its September 21 regular meeting to "award a bid to Popco, Inc. for the construction of the Deepstep Road Pump Station and Force Main in the amount of $1,970,148.25 and Turnipseed Engineering for engineering of the project in the amount of $352,772.53 for a total amount of $2,302,920.78." During the working session for this meeting, David Tyre of Turnipseed Engineers spoke to the council about the project.

In addition to Tyre, Tom Berry, an external management consultant for the city, also participated in the review by telephone. City Manager Kandice Hartley also took part in the discussion.

Tyre explained that "I am here to discuss the award of the infrastructure for the Deepstep Road Industrial Park as it is known, but of course it is the CleanSpark data center project that is moving forward right now." He noted that grading and other privately funded improvements were already underway at the site.

Tyre further explained that the project involved "the public infrastructure, water and sewer, to the park."

He told the council that he had spoken with the "CleanSpark folks, and I think we have an agreement in principle that hopefully we will have executed soon whereby the award of all the infrastructure improvements is going to be contingent upon payment of the full amount before award, payment of the full amount to the City of Sandersville."

Tyre stated that the plan was "apparently amenable to them," adding that he believed it was the best way for the city to protect itself.

"If anything happens, you have been paid in full," Tyre said, explaining that even if the project were "90% done and things fall apart, you are still 100% whole."

Council member Mayme Dennis then asked about the facility's water and sewer usage.

"Now when you talk about the water part, they want the city to supply the water and sewer, right? Now, I know when all of

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Speaker Earl Colvin *Photo submitted*

Major Mark Newman Camp 1602 SCV News

Submitted by : Adjutant Randy K. Hall

On October 6, the Major Mark Newman, camp 1602 Sons of Confederate veterans hosted a guest speaker Mr. Earl Colvin. Earl is a dedicated historian, reenactor and Cannonball House supporter from Macon Georgia.

Earl has authored several books on Georgia regiments of the War between the States and graciously presented a history of the 32nd Georgia infantry regiment. This regiment was created by Georgia Governor Brown in early 1861 for the War between the States, consisting of 30,000 men volunteering from middle and south Georgia.

Governor Brown feared a Union attack from the coast. Therefore, this rural farm boy regiment was stationed along the coast and along the River fronts. These areas brought about deaths not only from battle, but also from malaria and chickenpox. The regiment fought from the

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Top/ Earl and SCV members Bottom/ group with quilt *Photos submitted*



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– Governor Brian Kemp

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"BUT GOD" If You Never Go Through Anything You Will Never Know Who GOD Is



Shante' Dixon
Owner & Founder
BUT GOD Inc.

Sometimes, GOD will allow you to go through things that you never imagined or thought you could survive. There will sometimes be moments of pain, tears, disappointment, and uncertainty. But it is in those moments that you begin to discover and realize just how faithful GOD truly is!

You will never fully understand His healing until you need to be healed, His strength until you feel weak, or His peace until life becomes so overwhelming. Sometimes, you have to go "THROUGH" something to experience GOD's power.

So, don't let what you're going through make you forget WHO is bringing you through it. Your situation may be difficult, "BUT GOD" is still faithful! What was meant to break you can become the very testimony that reminds you and others of His power.

BUT GOD!!! If you are going through anything right now, KEEP PRESSING! Don't give in, don't give up, and don't lose your faith. Even when you don't understand what GOD is doing, keep trusting Him in the process. Your tears are not wasted, your prayers are not in vain, and your current situation does not have the final say. Hold on to your faith, keep putting one foot in front of the other, and remember that GOD is still working behind the scenes.

BUT GOD!!! Keep the faith, trust the process, and watch GOD move!

Be blessed,

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Major Mark Newman Camp 1602 SCV News

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Georgia border of Florida, all the way up into North Carolina. As inland military issues arose, members of the regiment were shifted to those locations as well. By the end of the war there were less than 500 men of the original regiment of 30,000 that survived.

While visiting with us at the Chamber of Commerce building the SCV group was pictured with Earl and we were fortunate enough at the same time to get our picture made in front of the Washington County quilt.

The quilt hanging behind the group is made up of swatches from each state with a county named for our first president George Washington. As we understand Arkansas started this idea and to have the quilt shipped to be exhibited in each state for our 250th national celebration.

Attention Homeschool Parents, Private Schools, and Daycare Centers:

Washington County School System will hold a Child Find Meeting on October 28, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the Washington County Board of Education, 501 Industrial Drive, Sandersville, GA.

The meeting will provide information about identifying, locating, and evaluating children who may have a disability and need special education services.

For more information, contact Sherry Monroe, Director of Special Programs, at 478-552-3981, Ext. 1225.

LOCAL MATTERS

Do You Have Substance?



Rev. Tony Mimbs, Pastor

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.- Hebrews 11:1

Webster's defines the word faith this way: "a strong belief or trust in someone or something", or a firm belief even in the absence of proof." While the Bible verse above and this dictionary definition look very much alike, the word "substance" from the Bible verse seems to jump out to me. How can something that is "not seen" have substance?

At the risk of being too simplistic, shouldn't we take this literally enough to be able to define the "evidence of things not seen" to be the results of our works that spring from that faith? And what exactly would that "substance" look like?

Maybe it would look like that neighbor down the street who we told ourselves that we need to visit and tell him about Jesus, but we can't quite seem to get around to it, huh? Or maybe that young lady at the cash register of our neighborhood convenience store that we have been "meaning" to tell about Jesus and to invite to church, huh?

Or maybe that "substance" may be the hours that we have been planning to set aside to actively read that Bible of ours? Or maybe we can fill that much needed Sunday School Teacher slot at church, or even to volunteer to drive the church bus to pick up unchurched children on Sunday mornings?

So yes, there are a lot of things that we can do to "be seen", but they are not the real "substance" of our faith. The real substance is the Holy Spirit who lives within each surrendered believer in the Blood of Jesus Christ. Those "works" do not save us, but they are the "evidence of things not seen but hoped for" !

Do you have evidence of the "substance" of our Lord in your life? And remember, evidence is no good unless it is presented, confirmed and received. Sounds like we need to get busy, huh?

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

Tony Mimbs

Sunday Scaries and Dorveille: Two Short Dad Stories



By KYLE DOMINY

For a lot of folks Sunday is a day of rest. Whether taking a long nap after church or vegging out on the sofa watching football, most people spend the day relaxing.

This, of course, doesn't apply to retail workers whose schedule can creep into any day of the week, even nights; or the retired, depending on their health and mobility, who may be homebound. For example, my nonagenarian grandfather is probably taking a nap right now.

I have it on great authority that some of the rudest customers come to town on Sunday afternoons. You are just as likely to get a cussing from someone with Reverend in front of their name as from anyone else. Everyone has their bad days, but you can really get to know people standing in line at restaurants and grocery stores.

But Sundays can bring on other, more unpleasant emotions. Called the Sunday scaries, the slow paced afternoon of the Sabbath day can evoke feelings of anxiety and dread. Neck deep in the school year, the Sunday scaries are a real thing in my house.

Sunday afternoons are often met with an impending sense of doom, mainly from my son, as a new week creeps closer and closer. For some reason he thinks he must cram a lifetime's worth of relaxation and thrill seeking in one and half days and having to return to the classroom resets everything.

We're working on some coping mechanisms, because, as I've told him, it only gets worse as you get older. Many days I'd rather go back to school, as bad as I hated it, than go to work.

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In Colson Whitehead's famed crime novel "Harlem Shuffle," the main character is pulled between two worlds.

The protagonist is trying to be a legit businessman, running a furniture store in the historic New York neighborhood. However, making ends meet on the up and up isn't easy, and past connections and serendipitous encounters take him down shady paths.

These less than upright endeavors, as a lot of criminal activity does, occur after nightfall. To juggle his priorities, the character, Ray Carney, takes up the practice of dorveille, or second sleep. The idea comes from pre-electricity days, when people went to bed at dark. After a few hours of rest they got up and took care of tasks like record keeping, accounting and the like before going back to bed to rise with the sun and go back to work.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Date:
Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Time:
8:00AM

Location:
Development Authority of Washington County
603 S. Harris St.
Sandersville, Georgia 31082

BUSINESS AS USUAL

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had the privilege of serving as chairman of the very first Kaolin Festival."

He then explained that the festival actually began as part of a journalism class in 1953 at Sandersville High School. The students "began talking about ways to update the community's annual homecoming festivities, and their idea was to celebrate something that was uniquely important to this area — the kaolin industry."

"That idea grew, and in 1956, Washington County held its first Kaolin Festival," said Sheppard, who noted that his grandfather, who had served as the first festival chair, "urged full cooperation from the residents of Washington County and especially encouraged civic clubs to participate by entering floats in the parade, and participate they did."

Sheppard said the first festival had included "a golf tournament, a fishing tournament, rodeo, kaolin plant tours, a street dance and, of course, the parade."

"When you think about it," said Sheppard, "many of the things that made that first festival special are the same things that make it special today — it was about bringing people together. It was about celebrating an industry that has played an important role in Washington County, and it was about community pride."

Sheppard said, "I can only imagine whether my grandfather, Ms. Hazel, or those students sitting in the Sandersville High School journalism class in 1953, some of whom are still with us today, could have envisioned what their idea would become. Seventy years later, generations of families have attended this festival — children who once watched the parade from the sidewalks have returned with their own children and grandchildren."

He emphasized that many "businesses, civic organizations, schools, industries, churches, volunteers, and countless individuals all played a part in carrying on this tradition, and that may be the greatest legacy of the Kaolin Festival."

According to Sheppard, although the festival began with an idea, it has continued through these 70 years "because of a community that embraced it."

"As we celebrate this 70th anniversary, I am incredibly proud of the role my grandfather played in its beginning," said Sheppard. "But I also know that this celebration belongs to every person who has volunteered, organized, sponsored, participated, marched in the parade, built a float, opened their doors for a plant tour or simply showed up year after year to celebrate Washington County. Seventy years is quite a milestone, and tonight we have the opportunity to not only look back with gratitude but also look forward to the generations who will continue this tradition and tell the story of kaolin in Washington County for years to come."

Sheppard thanked everyone for remembering the individuals who had helped start the festival, as well as those who "helped keep this vision alive."

"Here's to 70 years of the Kaolin Festival and many more years of celebrating the people, the industry and the community at the center of our world," concluded Sheppard.

Moncus then noted that Kayla Jackson of the Washington County Historical Society had provided much of the information and photographs on display at the event, along with much more from "stacks and stacks" of newspapers dating from 1956 to the present. Moncus said that "it has been very neat and fun to look back at that history."

In addition to the 70th anniversary of the Kaolin Festival, Moncus again noted that they were also celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. She explained that in 1956, more than 100 men had gathered to learn how to establish a chamber of commerce from the director of the Macon Chamber of Commerce.

"They listened and moved pretty quickly, and so by October, they had elected officers, bylaws were in place, and the first Chamber of Commerce was starting to take place. The first home, you ask, and why are we here tonight? Because it is right here. So from 1956 all the way to the mid-'80s, it was right in this building."

Moncus indicated the bandstand behind her on the square, noting that at the time, it had been enclosed. "Obviously, it had walls, and it looked a bit different," said Moncus, who noted that the structure had actually housed the chamber until 1988.

"That was the first official office of the chamber, so we wanted to come and celebrate here."

Stating that countless men and women had answered the call to volunteer for the chamber by serving on the board, Moncus then recognized everyone present who had served the chamber in any capacity, including on the Board of Directors, as an ambassador or as a Kaolin Festival volunteer.

Moncus said the chamber had been fortunate to continue growing. It had been able to add countless board members, countless ambassadors and even more programming than it probably had when it first started. She again thanked everyone who had been willing to serve in multiple capacities.

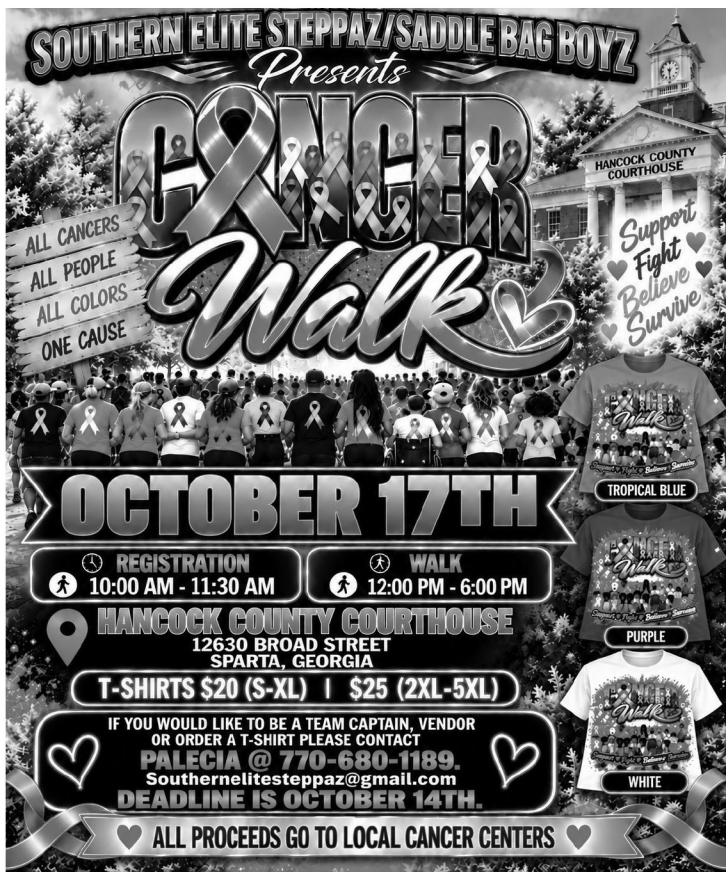
"But I also want to thank especially those who started the board."

Moncus then listed all 15 of the original Washington County Chamber of Commerce board members, including Howard Sheppard, Tom Carr, Hugh Tarbutton, Maurice Friedman, Thomas Hutcheson, Dr. Osgood Bateman, Paul Thiele, Walter C. McMillan, Clifford Bell, Charles McMichael, R.W. Morris, J.E. Rhoades, David Holmes, Dr. William Rawlings and George Thomas Walker.





Southern Elite Steppaz and Saddle Bag Boyz would like to invite any and all cancer survivors, supporters and sponsors to 2nd Annual Cancer Walk event on October 17, 2026 at Hancock County Courthouse Square 12630 Broad Street, Sparta, Ga. 31087 from 10am-6pm. Registration is from 10:30am -11:30am. The walk and entertainment starts at 12pm-6pm!!! Please come and enjoy this kid freely event. There will be food vendors, arts and crafts, bouncer for the kids, performers, etc. If you are interested in being a vendor, sponsor or donor please call 770-680-1189 or email southernelitesteppaz@gmail.com for more information. The registration fee (includes free T-shirt) $20-$25 and the link is attached. All proceeds go to local cancer organizations.





A Float at the First Kaolin Festival Parade, 1956. First row, l-r: Marianne Evans, Chris Irwin. Second row: Ella Marie Hudson, Gordon Garbutt, Charles Jordan. Third row: Warren Newman, Byrdie Newman, and Baby. V Ga. C



Members of the journalism class who published the *San Hill Scraps* school newspaper were l-r) (with their married names) Palma Frazier Veal, Melba Josey May, Martha Lou Josey Woodard, June McCaskill Knight, Earl Brown (deceased), Betty Ruth Walker Garner, Betty Jane Robinson Hartley, Shirley Mills McConnell, Willa Glover Davis, Jo Newsom Cummings, Barbara Jean Avant Holmes and Marilyn Davis Daniel. Hazel Bedgood Metts, class teacher and advisor, is at the right.

The 70th Anniversary of the Kaolin Festival

History of the Kaolin Festival and Parade

Washington County Historical Society Program
October 26, 2026, Monday, 7 PM
Chamber of Commerce meeting room,
603 S. Harris St. (rear entrance)

In this year of anniversaries, we have yet another, the 70th Anniversary of the Kaolin Festival! The attached photo, made famous in our history book Cotton to Kaolin, shows some of our fine citizens in the first Kaolin Parade in 1956. They became journalists, historians, preservationists, bankers and such, who helped build our community.

For the next society program on October 26th, 2026, our much-appreciated Chair of the Chamber of Commerce, Katie Moncus, will present the history of the festival. Honored guest will be our own Marilyn Daniel, who is qualified to reminisce about the actual birth of the concept of the festival in 1952. Miss Marilyn was in the journalism class of beloved educator Mrs. Hazel Metts, when they conceived of a homecoming for alumni of past classes as well as graduates. Shortly after, Principal Charles Cates suggested that the county's flourishing kaolin industry be honored within the homecoming activities.

By 1956, a full-blown plan for the festival exploded with prominent leaders taking part. First, Mr. Howard Sheppard met with the students to develop ideas. Mr. Sheppard became the Chair of the Festival. As Alumni Chair, Maurice Friedman invited graduates of classes who graduated in the previous decades ending in 6, 1946,1936,1926, and earlier. The list of chairmen will be familiar to those who are old enough and have lived here for a long time. If they are not, then file them in your brain in the compartment for the history of Washington County. Clifford Bell was the parade chair, E.A. Bivins was head of publicity, Jake Perling organized the golf tournament, Sam Lang III ran the banquet, Dusty Rhodes arranged kaolin mine tours, and Minus Goodrich offered an essay contest. Not at all last or least – guess who the first Grand Marshall of the Parade was! Mrs. Hazel Metts of course! The Sandersville Progress reported that the first parade was a "giant procession of 54 floats!"

Come and learn about the subsequent years of the festival, the senators and a governor who traveled here to address the crowd, and famous people who came to play in the golf tournament or provide music for the street dance. There were activities that were practiced but have been lost (maybe we should get them back!). Learn why there were a couple of periods when sadly the festival was not held. There are some beautiful passages published by festival chairs, like Maurice Friedman and Oliver Wilson. They appealed for support by all in the community, inspiring cooperation, and expressing the value of our presentation as a community to the world. We could take some lessons from them and try to recapture some of those feelings.

Please join us in the meeting room of the Chamber of Commerce at 603 S. Harris St. on Monday evening, October 26, 2026, at 7 PM. All are welcome! A huge thank is extended to Kayla Jackson, Chair of the Genealogy Research Center! She researched and printed scores of articles from our newspaper database in order to provide information for this article and for the presentation.



ADVANCE/EARLY VOTING

For November 3, 2026 General/Special Election

The Washington County Board of Elections and Registration would like to announce that the deadline for Registering to Vote for the November 3, 2026 General/Special Election is October 5, 2026. You can register to vote online at http://mvp.sos.ga.gov or come by the Elections office at 150 Riddleville Road, Sandersville, Ga. 31082.

Early Voting will Begin October 13th-October 30th.

MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING will be October 17th and October 24th.

The last day to request or submit an absentee ballot application for the November 3, 2026 General/Special Election is October 23, 2026.

Hours for Early Voting will be Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. TIL 5:00 P.M..

ELECTION DAY is November 3, 2026

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM.

All Polling Locations in Washington County will be open on Election Day.

Office phone: 478-552-5239

Fax Number: 478-209-1300



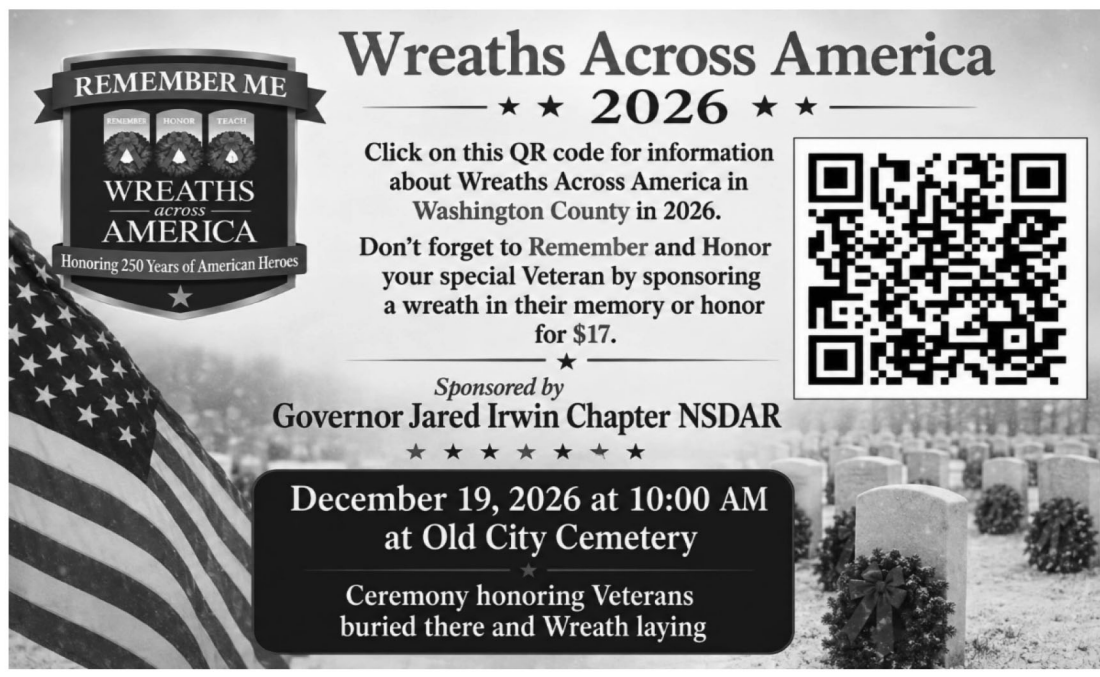
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Top : Shonda Reaves, middle left, stands with OFTC Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Saketha Q. Adams, middle right, and other OFTC Student Affairs staff at the 2026 TCSG Student Affairs Summit in Atlanta. Right Photo: Shonda Reaves is pictured with TCSG state staff after being named a recipient of this year's Student Affairs Impact Award.

OFTC's Shonda Reaves Receives State Student Affairs Impact Award

Emily G. Raley
Director of Marketing & PR

Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) is proud to announce that Shonda Reaves, OFTC Retention Specialist, was honored with the Student Affairs Impact Award at the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) Student Affairs Summit in Atlanta on Wednesday, October 7.

Reaves was recognized for her relentless dedication, genuine compassion, and unmatched commitment to putting students first. In her role as Retention Specialist, she goes above and beyond to ensure students remain on track, enrolled, and fully supported throughout their educational journey.

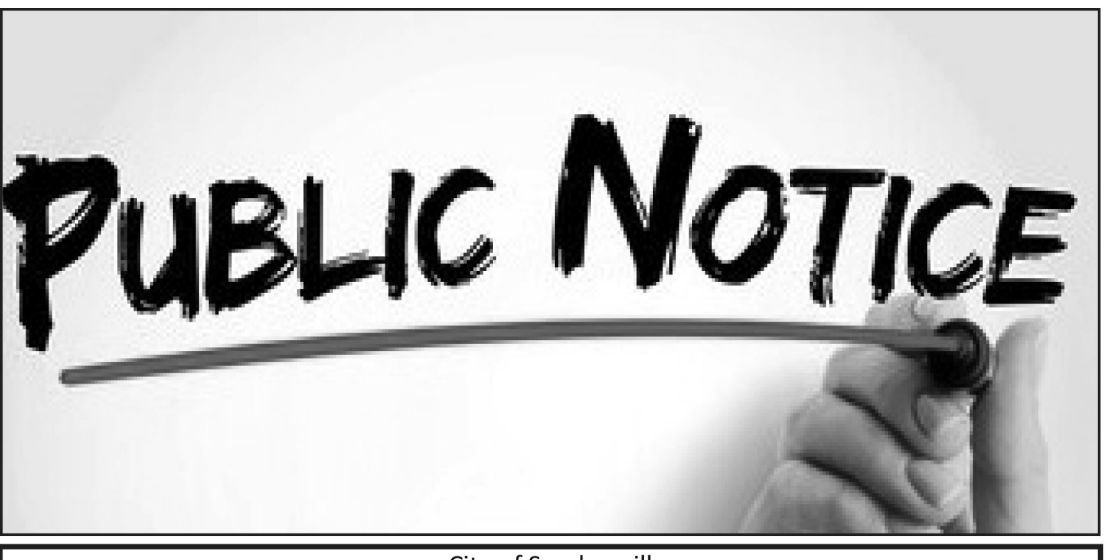
"Retention is not just a job title for Shonda; it is a personal mission," said Dr. Saketha Q. Adams, OFTC's Vice President for Student Affairs. "Whether it takes persistent encouragement to get a student to complete an assignment, personal outreach to improve attendance, or stepping in to remove complex life barriers, Shonda handles every situation with remarkable grace."

"She builds meaningful, trusting relationships across all departments, connecting staff, faculty, and administrative support to ensure no student slips through the cracks," she added.

In an age of automated forms and impersonal reminders, Reaves brings an extraordinary high-touch approach to student engagement, Adams shared, explaining how she personally makes videos and audio text messages for students who need extra support, ensuring every student feels seen, heard, and valued. During critical retention reviews and enrollment deadlines, Reaves consistently reaches, re-engages, and retains students across OFTC's service delivery area.

Beyond her formal responsibilities, Reaves embodies the vibrant spirit of OFTC in everything she does—even stepping into the college's beloved mascot costume when called upon to elevate campus culture and community engagement.

"Shonda Reaves is the heartbeat of our retention efforts and a champion for student success," added Adams. "Her unmatched drive, creative outreach, and deep care for our student body make her exceptionally deserving of this honor."



City of Sandersville
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission on October 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. and by the Mayor and Council on November 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 134 Malone Street to receive public input regarding request #2026- 16; Request is a Special Exception request to allow a manufactured home to be placed in an R-3 zone (Multi - Family Residence). The property is located at 309 West Floyd Street., Sandersville, GA 31082, parcel #S13 132, owned by Eugene Poole

Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language should contact Ben Avant prior to the above date at 478-552-2525, or 141 West Haynes Street, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

Turf Field Bids for Kaolin Park

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fields at Kaolin Park."

As previously reported in The Georgian, Tanner is a graduate of Washington County High School and an owner and vice president of engineering at Breedlove Land Planning (BLP), the "holistic firm of site design professionals" in charge of designing the Kaolin Park expansion.

McCalvin further explained that they had received three bids through Sourcewell, "a cooperative purchasing agreement that we started using a couple of years ago."

Enumerating the three bids, McCalvin said Sports Turf Company. Inc. had come in at "just over $7.5 million," Fields Inc. came in "just below $10 million," and Advanced Sports Group had come in at $7.3 million — "that is, I believe, with all the owner's allowance in that and everything else, so that would be the firm price on any of those things — there is not an owner's allowance that would be added."

He noted that Advanced Sports Group had previously installed "the original turf that has already been done, and they are the group that did the fields in Dublin. They are as local as they come, I guess, for sports turf groups, and they are in the state of Georgia."

McCalvin said that Advanced Sports Group was the recommended bid for the project.

Commissioner Harlan Archer asked how the numbers "compared to the original scope of this thing — I mean, is it kind of close to where we think we are?"

McCalvin responded that this number was "pretty close to what we originally thought it would be in that price range — I think Matt had put on there about 7.2, and so we are pretty close."

"To me, that would be a good thing to know as we are approving these bids," said Archer. "On these big items, how does that compare to what we are really thinking to start with?"

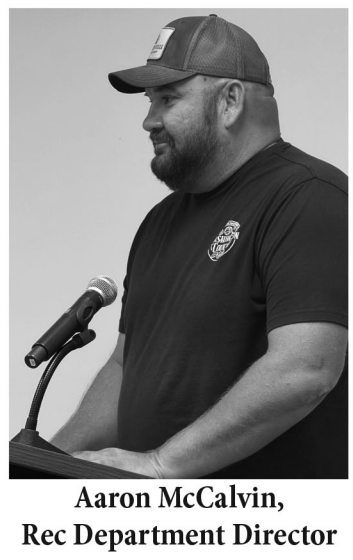
Hutchings added that he had "asked for that about a hundred thousand times."

Archer said, "This is a large portion of the overall project right here, right? So for it to be this close is good."

McCalvin agreed, saying this was the biggest portion of the overall project "as far as what we had originally planned with the scope and everything else — we have talked about the idea of adding some other things at some point later on, but this is the major part of the project, and it did come in pretty close to what Matt Tanner had originally put in there."

He then added, "But that is including all the concrete paving, the fence work, I mean, all that stuff to get these four fields completely done."

Board Chair Mel Warthen RV Park.



Aaron McCalvin, Rec Department Director

Daniel asked when McCalvin thought the project would be completed.

McCalvin replied, "Well, they say September of next year."

Daniel asked if they would "line up tournaments for a year in advance."

McCalvin responded that "when we get a firm date of when it will be, then we can start going to these bigger organizations."

Daniel then asked about places where participants and spectators for these tournaments would stay while they are in the county.

McCalvin said, "That is always an issue."

Daniel noted that the new hotel would eventually be coming.

"We are getting a new hotel," said McCalvin. "I know when we have hosted multi-day tournaments like the state tournament, we have hosted — things like that, people will stay at the Quality Inn and then everybody else is going to Milledgeville."

Archer then asked if they were "pretty much where we need to be" in terms of the project timeline.

McCalvin said that he thought getting this part of the project under contract and "keeping them firm to these prices would be a big part of that." He noted that Sikes Brothers Inc., which is handling the pavement at the park, had stated they would be done by March.

"So if they complete their portion by March, then that definitely puts us in the right scope to have everything done by September."

McCalvin also noted that there could be unforeseen effects on the project brought about by weather conditions.

"That is going to be the kicker, I guess. I mean, if we get two weeks of rain and it slows them down for three weeks or a month, then I don't know."

He again stated that the scheduled completion date was September 2027.

McCalvin said, "I hear they are breaking ground on the hotel."

He added that in the past, people have also stayed at SanWar and at the Warthen RV Park.

Daniel, who owns SanWar, joked, "Don't let them stay at my place. That might be a conflict of interest. They can't stay there!"

McCalvin said that "baseball and softball folks travel in RVs and campers, so they are going to fill those places up. It is just part of it, but the hotel space is definitely an issue right now for us and people are going to Milledgeville and that hurts us because that means less tax dollars here."

"We need them to stay here," said Daniel.

"It won't be long," said Commissioner Frank Simmons.

"It is coming," added McCalvin. "That is what they tell me."

In addition to the vote on bids for the installation of turf at Kaolin Park, the commissioners also voted to approve a resolution supporting an application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Recreation Department.

McCalvin explained that "we are working with Nicee Long right now on the Land and Water grant." Long serves as director of the Center for Community Development at the CSRA Regional Commission in Georgia.

He noted that the grant is "a matching grant. Basically it can be for anything active in recreation, so it can't be for a walking trail, but pretty much anything else out at the park."

McCalvin stated that the grant provides up to $750,000 and would require a county match.

"We have $19.1 million to match the $750,000, so I think we are OK," McCalvin said.

During the board's regular monthly meeting held on Sept. 10, Daniel explained that "Mr. McCalvin from the Recreation Department presented the bid results for turfing the new multipurpose fields at Kaolin Park. Advanced Sports Group was the low bidder at $7,346,550.20 and is recommended as the one to approve. We talked about this on Tuesday."

Daniel then called for a motion to approve the bid. The motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Archer and unanimously approved by the board.

Daniel also stated that "we have an option for applying for a Land and Water Conservation grant for the Recreation Department. This is a 50% match grant. We have to come up with 50% of it, and we will use the funds already appropriated from the recreation bond proceeds as our match, up to $750,000."

Daniel said the grant would be used to help fund grass sports fields.

He then called for a motion to approve the submission of a grant application. The motion was made by Simmons, seconded by Commissioner James Hitchcock, and passed unanimously.

Deepstep Road Pump Station and Force Main

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this started kicking up and people were having a fit, it was that they were going to get city water, but they were going to have some kind of reservoir that they would hold the water so it would not be a constant run of water, so what is that for?" Dennis asked.

Mayor Jimmy Andrews responded that they would be using a closed-loop system.

Tyre stated that it was "in principle correct." He explained that it was his understanding that "the water was basically for heating and cooling — I guess just for cooling really."

Tyre added that there would be a reservoir and that "before they turn on the plant, they are going to have a 400,000-gallon usage of city water which is not a huge amount, but it is significant."

He explained that the water would then be recycled throughout the system and would only need to be replenished as water evaporated or was otherwise lost. He added that the facility would also use domestic water for break rooms and bathrooms.

"So it is pretty low," he said.

Tyre explained that they had discussed a maximum usage of 5,000 gallons of water per day and 5,000 gallons of sewer per day.

He added that CleanSpark anticipated using "much less than that" amount.

Dennis asked what would happen if usage exceeded those amounts.

City Attorney Keenan Howard explained that there would be a separate agreement governing those matters and that a draft was still being prepared. Hartley stated that "the rate and cost recovery of this capital improvement and the usage thresholds and all that, that is going to be in a separate agreement that we are still working on."

Howard added that it would be similar to the current electric agreement.

Dennis said, "So, what it will do is basically if they go over that, their rate will be different on the overage."

Howard responded that "I have not gotten too far into the weeds on that, but it could be subject to even cut off or something like that."

Tyre said, "Well, I think it is a great conversation to have."

Hartley then asked Berry if he remembered what had been included in the agreement so far. Berry explained that usage on that line was so low, both for sewer and water on a daily basis, that they were considering adding a capital recovery fee. The fee would be subject to approval by the council and Keenan so that, at the end of a specified term, an improvement could be made to the line.

According to Berry, "Normally, your rates would recover that, but this usage is so low that I do not think that it will recover it, so we are adding another level of charge in there."

Hartley also asked Berry about disconnection, asking whether the facility would be disconnected like any other customer who did not pay its bill. Berry responded that "the volume metric rate would be the same as any other customer, but it is a low usage."

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey Smith stated that the arrangement would "give the public assurance that they are not going to turn around and be some huge water user." He asked, "How do you get around the fact that they need to charge the system with 300,000 gallons, or what if there was a rupture to their system and they need to replenish or recharge that?"

Hartley responded that this type of situation would be "spelled out" in a separate agreement. She explained that Tyre was presenting the actual cost to get the infrastructure to the site, adding, "That is what we are doing right now, making sure we can start the process, and they are going to pay 100% of that."

She told the council that the agreement would address usage limits, the closed-loop system, how many gallons would be needed to recharge it, when it could be recharged and the need to notify the city when recharging would take place. She also noted that Howard and Tyre would be taking part in that agreement.

Smith stated that he was "not aware of any expansion of our system in the past — and y'all can correct me if I am wrong — where the customer has paid for infrastructure, and usually that is us."

He added, "I even remember when Walmart came and we even talked about the impact fees, and we did not have anything set — you know, situated on impact, because that is the way cities usually recoup that."

Smith explained that when a customer needed additional infrastructure, such as a lift station, the city could pass those costs along to the customer. However, he noted that the city did not have impact fees in place when Walmart came to the area, adding that CleanSpark's willingness to pay for the infrastructure was another advantage.

Tyre agreed, saying, "If they use more water, they will be paying for more water at the rate."

Dennis then asked Tyre if there could be any chemicals or metals in the water when it was recycled. Tyre responded that there could be, and Dennis asked if the water would be filtered.

Tyre explained that the water would be pumped to the wastewater treatment plant and that there was a possibility that metals or other substances could eventually cause a problem.





"It is always possible that in the future that those metals or whatever else is in there could cause a problem that the EPD says you, the City of Sandersville, you have to treat for this," Tyre said.

Dennis then asked Tyre, "Why won't you be proactive since you know that it is a possibility of requesting a filter to be put where that water is going to be discharged?"

Tyre responded, "Even if there are some metals in there, it is going to be a low quantity and it probably will not register on the wastewater plant discharge." He added that, in his opinion, "it probably does not rise to the level of having to impose anything."

According to Howard, the infrastructure would become "part of our water system." He explained that because the city was bidding out the work, the property owner would provide an easement once the project was built, allowing the city to own and maintain the system.

"Then they will give us easement for this so that we will own this system, and of course they're going to want that anyway because who wants to fix it if it breaks?" said Howard.

Dennis stated that the matter should definitely be included in the second agreement. Hartley also noted that "some of that" was included in capital improvement, "so if something happens to our system going on, we've got a healthy recovery rate in there."

Berry agreed with Howard, stating that "this is the construction agreement, then we will get together and craft the operations agreement that will cover rates in usage and making sure they meet the city, sewer, ordinance, and all of those [kind of things]."

Dennis reiterated her concerns about the possibility of metals getting into the public water system.

"For it to get into the water system for the general public can be very dangerous, so that is why I said if you go ahead and put a filter on and make sure that filter be a requirement, it is more safe," Dennis said.

Tyre responded that "the existing civil ordinance protects the city from that, from anything that is detrimental to the operation of the wastewater plant or to the citizens."

He emphasized that there was "really no chance that it will get into the drinking water because all of the drinking water is on a well, you know." He also noted that the city currently had four wells.

"It would come into play with our treatment," Howard said, explaining that "once it comes back into the system, that is where the issue would be, and so we are going to deal with it either way just like we would deal with the PIFAs or whatever else."

Mayor Andrews stated that the situation was "no different than all the other discharges from other industrial customers."

"And that is correct," agreed Tyre.

Smith noted that the city had previously gone "out of compliance" over what he believed was copper. He added that "the EPD was coming down," but that the problem at the time had been "hard to source."

Smith said that with the CleanSpark project, identifying the source would be "pretty easy right there," adding that samples would be monitored. He said that if a problem were detected, the city would address it.

Tyre added that "a lot of times the copper comes from the homes that have copper piping."

Andrews said that "it would be no connection at all."

"No, there won't," agreed Tyre, who explained that "by the time it gets down that far in the groundwater, it will be south of us, which you know obviously we don't want to put anything bad."

Andrews stated that the discharge would be handled like that from the kaolin companies.

"It is all treated — anything that goes to the treatment plant is treated before it is discharged into the creek down there," Andrews said.

Dennis then told the council, "All I am saying is that, you know, if it is a possibility, we need to be proactive and do what we need to do with that."

Tyre replied that, for the time being, he did not think it would be a possibility, but that they could "anticipate in the operation agreement."

Howard then explained that the construction agreement was primarily intended to establish funding for the project. He emphasized that the city needed to get CleanSpark to sign the agreement and secure the funding. The two main components, he said, were obtaining the money and making sure the city received the easement for the infrastructure.

Tyre then explained that bids had been received on three separate contracts for the project, with three different low bidders. He said he had spoken with both Hartley and Howard, and he proposed that "the city award all three to one contractor and to a contractor that has done good work for the city in the past, and that is Popco."

Tyre said the difference between awarding the contracts to the lowest bidders and awarding all three to Popco was $113,000. He explained that for a $1.9 million project, he would normally recommend preserving that money. However, because CleanSpark was paying for the work and preferred that Popco complete all three contracts, he supported the proposal.

Howard added, "You don't want three cooks in the kitchen on this."

"That is right," said Dennis.

"It is also they are paying for it," said Council Member Danny Brown.

"That is right," said Tyre, "and they wanted that."

Tyre explained that the award would be contingent on the agreement the city would sign with CleanSpark. He said the construction contract with Popco would be separate from the funding agreement with CleanSpark, as well as from the agreement with Turnipseed Engineers.

He added that another agreement would address operations, rates and protections for the city.

Howard clarified that once the bid was awarded, the construction contract would be between the city, Popco and Turnipseed Engineers. The city would pay the contractors but would receive the funding upfront to cover the initial costs, while CleanSpark would remain responsible for the full cost, including any additions.

Howard said the city would technically be responsible for the project if something went wrong. However, he estimated that CleanSpark would provide approximately 95% of the construction funding, leaving the city with relatively little financial risk if it received the money upfront. He explained that if something happened midway through construction, the city would handle the project like any other, holding back money and making payments as construction progressed.

Dennis asked whether the city would determine how much of the project had been completed if construction were interrupted. Howard responded that payments would be made on a pro rata basis.

Howard said his primary concern was ensuring that the city received the money upfront before proceeding. He added that the city would retain some control over the project because it was handling the bidding process.

Hartley noted that the council would be approving the resolution and authorizing the construction.

During the council's regular session, Andrews reiterated that construction would not proceed until CleanSpark paid for the project.

"Nothing is going to be done until CleanSpark pays for it," Andrews said, adding that the award was contingent upon execution of the funding agreement.

Andrews then called for a motion to approve a resolution awarding the Deepstep Road Pump Station and Force Main contracts to Popco, Inc. The resolution listed $857,116 for Division One — Waterline, and $420,719.25 for Division Two — Force Main and Appurtenances.

Hartley clarified that the resolution did not include engineering fees, although those fees were included in the overall construction agreement and would be recovered by the city.

Dennis confirmed that CleanSpark would also pay the engineering fees. She stated that the council should "go ahead and make a motion on it if they are going to pay it all at one time."

Howard said the award would remain contingent on CleanSpark signing the agreement and paying the full amount, which he described as approximately $2.3 million, including engineering costs.

"Yes," said Hartley, "it is just your resolution does not have that."

Andrews called for a mo tion to approve the resolution. Smith made the motion, Dennis then seconded it, and the council unanimously approved it.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

DEBTORS/CREDITORS

G26-119
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Thomas Lee Jackson, 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.
Ramona Kay Jackson/Executrix
2852 New Tennille Rd.
Harrison, Ga 31035
This 24th day of September, 2026
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

G26-120
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of John Thomas Duggan, Jr., deceased late of Washington County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
Shane Duggan/Executor
1810 Thompson Rd.
Tennille, Ga 31089
This 2nd day of October, 2026
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

G26-121
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Phyllis Poole, 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.
Joshua Nolan/Executor
c/o Patrick C. Smith, Jr./Attorney for Estate
349 Margie Drive, Suite 120
Warner Robins, Ga 31088
This 1st day of October, 2026
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

G26-109
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Maitland Smith Henry, 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.
Susan Henry Whittle/Executrix
575 Stembridge Rd.
Milledgeville, Ga 31061
This 14th day of September, 2026
September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2026

G26-110
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Edwin Tracy Jackson, 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. Joseph Kerry Jackson/Executor
114 The Peninsula
Sandersville, Ga 31082
This 14th day of September, 2026
September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2026

G26-111
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Vernell Salter, 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.
Bernestine Salter/Executrix
504 Elm St.
Sandersville, Ga 31082
This 16th day of September, 2026
September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2026

G26-112
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Mary Jones Hall, deceased late of Washington County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
Gloria Elizabeth Holley/Administrator
c/o Ian M. McMullen/Attorney for Estate
54 Marshall Road
Milledgeville, Ga 31061
This 10th day of August, 2026
September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2026

FORECLOSURE

G26-117
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by AMBER ST JOHN and WALTER REESE, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as grantee, as nominee for PLATINUM HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION, its successors and assigns, dated June 13, 2026, and recorded on June 23, 2026 in Deed Book 76, beginning at page 670, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia, last transferred to Planet Home Lending, LLC by assignment to be recorded in the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia, to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $200,427.00, and with interest there on as set forth therein, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at public outcry before the door of the courthouse in Washington County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on November 3, 2026, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land, with improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the 136th G.M.D. of Washington County, Georgia, containing 1.75 acres, more or less, being more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by Alfred D. Bellew, GRLS #2255, with said plat dated September 19, 1994, and recorded in Plat Book 2B, Page 18. Washington County Superior Court Records. Said plat and the reference nee thereof are herein incorporated in aid of a more definite description.Tax ID: 092010 Said property may more commonly be known as 590 BUSSELL RD, WARTHEN, GA 31094 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and hereby accelerated and declared due and payable because of default having been made on the terms of the Note and Security Deed. Said property will be sold on an ""as-is"" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. This sale is subject to any post-foreclosure lien(s) rights the United States may retain against this property related to the junior lien(s) on record in favor of a United States entity pursuant to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in Show Me State Premium Homes, LLC v. George L. McDonnell, et al (No. 22-1894; 8th Cir. 2023). The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Planet Home Lending, LLC is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed, and it may be contacted at: Address: 321 Research Parkway, Suite 303, Meriden, CT 06450 Phone: 866-882-8187 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be AMBER ST JOHN and WALTER REESE, or tenant(s). Planet Home Lending, LLC, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor Please note that if any borrower or obligor has received a discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under Title 11 of the United States Code, no personal liability will arise from this foreclosure action against that individual. This foreclosure action is being pursued solely against the real property to enforce the lien created by the Security Instrument. Respectfully, Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 4020 Old Milton Parkway, Suite 210 Alpharetta, GA 30005 (914) 219-5787 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS NOTICE

G26-108
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Washington COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Vernell Salter
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-P1-001
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER
OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS
NOTICE
Bernestine Salter has/have petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. 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 October 19, 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
Shelia Evans/Chief Clerk
PO Box 669 Sandersville, Ga 31082
Address
478-552-3304
September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

G26-114
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Tylor Parker, Petitioner
CIVIL ACTION NO. SUCV2026000135
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, Washington County
Notice is hereby given that Shamica Parker, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Washington County, Georgia on the 6th day of July, 2026, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Tylor Keondrea Parker to Tylor Keondrea Dixon. 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 6th day of July, 2026.
Shamica Parker, Petitioner
September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

G26-115
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Under O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 4
By reason of default of a Self Storage Lease(s) by and between Self Storage Secure, LLC and the undersigned Occupant(s), the following personal property will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder:
Name: Charlotte Ross
Unit No. 2029
Contents: Two large mirrors, rolling suitcase, lamp, crafting cart with bins and items, metal racks, small heater/fireplace, plastic bins, large stuffed frog, wall hanging pictures, books, boxes, items unseen due to stacking, various miscellaneous items, etc…
Owner has complied with all terms of said lease and of O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 4. Said sale will take place October 17, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. at 500 M. Friedman Drive, Sandersville, Georgia. Sales can be made with cash, check or card (there is a 3% convenience fee added to all card transactions). Successful bidders must take possession of any purchases at the time of sale.
September 30, October 7, 14, 2026

G26-116
GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Under O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 4
By reason of default on a Self-Storage Lease(s) by and between Self Storage Secure, LLC and the undersigned Occupant(s), the following personal property will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder:
Name: Byron Robinson
Unit No. 0053
Contents: Crib, toddler bed, bikes, kids' battery ride on cars, wagon, Ficus tree, Christmas tree, folding table, cooler, coffee table, dining chair, tire, lots of misc. items, too much to see due to stacking, etc....
Owner has complied with all terms of said lease and of O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 4. Said sale will take place October 17, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m. at 211 South Harris Street, Sandersville, Georgia. All sales are in cash or credit card. Successful bidders must take possession of any purchases at the time of sale.
September 30, October 7, 14, 2026

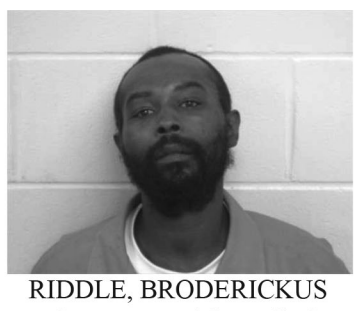
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

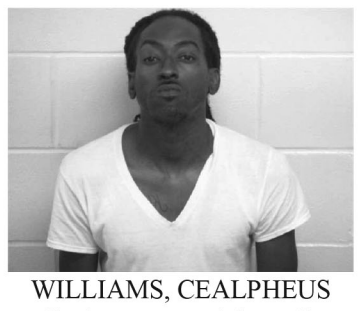
G26-122
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RANDY PEAVY, Deceased
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Sherry Elaine Peavy has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Randy Peavy, deceased of said county. (The 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 November 2, 2026. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Russell A. Sheppard
Probate Judge
By: Shelia Evans/
Chief Clerk of Probate Court
132 West Haynes Street
Sandersville, GA 31082
478-552-3304
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

G26-123
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DEBRA A. STOREY, Deceased
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Martha Livatt has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Debra A. Storey, 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 November 2, 2026. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Russell A. Sheppard
Probate Judge
By: Shelia Evans/
Chief Clerk of Probate Court
132 West Haynes Street
Sandersville, GA 31082
478-552-3304
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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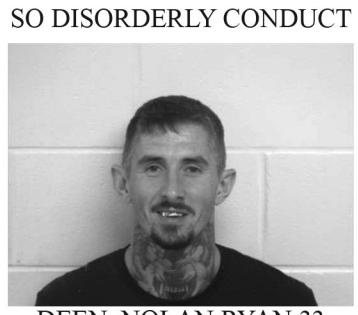

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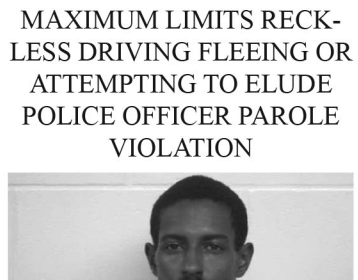

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