MY HEART BELONGS TO SPARTA

The Sparta Ishmaelite

Wednesday November 18, 2026

★ ★ HONORING OUR VETERANS ★ ★



PFC. CHARLES S LANIER RETURNS HOME

Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Centennial Christian Church Cemetery, 4828 Centennial Road, White Plains, Ga 30678, with Rev. Alec Ward officiating.

Submitted by:
BECKY BAYSDEN

On April 28, 2026, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified the remains of U.S.Army Pfc. Charles S. Lanier, missing from World War II.

Lanier entered the service from Georgia and served with Company I of the 31st Infantry Regiment in the Philippines during World War II. He was captured following the American surrender of the Bataan Peninsula on April 9, 1942, and forced on the Bataan Death March. He was ultimately interned in the notorious Cabanatuan Prison Camp in Nuevo Ecija Province, where he died on Oct. 28, 1942. At its peak, Cabanatuan held approximately 8,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war who were captured during and after the fall Bataan. Conditions at the camp were poor, with food and water extremely limited, leading to widespread malnutrition and outbreaks of malaria and dysentery.

By the time the camp was liberated in early 1945, approximately 2,800 Americans had died at Cabanatuan. Lanier was buried at the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery along with other deceased American POWs.

Following the war, American Graves Registration Service personnel exhumed those buried at the Cabanatuan cemetery and relocated the remains to a temporary U.S. military mausoleum near Manila. The American Graves Registraton Service team designated the grave used for service members, like Lanier, who died on Oct. 28, 1942, as Common Grave 713. Two individuals were identified from that grave. The other sets of remains, which could not be identified at that time, were buried at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial as Unknowns. In 2019, as part of the Cabanatuan Project, the unidentified remains associated with Common Grave 713 were disinterred and sent to the DPAA lab-

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Annual Turkey Giveaway



BEHIND INGRAM BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME

One Turkey Per Car
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
UNTIL ALL GONE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
10AM

Celebrating Our Veterans- We Owe Them So Much





By Karen West, News Reporter

Veterans Day celebrates ALL veterans living and deceased who served in the American Armed Forces - Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, Reserves, and National Guard.

These Armed Forces are challenged with the monumental task of defending our Constitution, Bill of Rights, Amendments, and way of life against all exterior and internal threats, to deter war, and safeguard national interests across land, sea, air, space, and cyberspace.



Veterans Day is celebrated on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year for a very specific reason. The date originates from the 1918 armistice effectively ending World War I which happened at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.(See "A Brief History")

All around Sparta and Hancock County the festivities honoring our local veterans were in place. Large red, white, and blue Americans flags provided color to the Courthouse Memorial Square with its stark monuments honoring those who fought, served, and died. Thank you Rick Joslyn for getting those in place.

John Hancock Academy put on an event with history, songs, essays, flag waving, food, and much celebration befitting our nation's 250th anniversary. Quilt maker extraorinaire, Martie Dupree handed out three hand made quilts to veterans at the event. She also handed out fifteen

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VETERANS' DAY - A BRIEF HISTORY

By Karen West, News Reporter



1918 - On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11am "The Great War" experiences a cease fire in the "War to end all Wars" and peace in the years long worldwide conflict was declared - an armitice.

1919 - The Treaty of Versailles was signed seven months after the Armitice in France on June 28, 1919 officially ending WWI.

1919- On November 11, a celebration declared by President Woodrow Wilson was observed by a grateful nation. The original concept of the celebration was for a day observed with parades, public meetings, reflection, and a brief suspension of business to observe a moment of silence at 11 am.

1938- President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared Armitice Day a Federal holiday to be observed on the 11th day of the 11th month, dedicated to world peace and World War I veterans.

1947- After WWII, the holiday was expanded to include ALL American veterans - past and present.

1954- The name of the observance was changed to Veterans' Day, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, to reflect its purpose of honoring all veterans.

1958- The Veterans Administration was elevated to a position on the President's Cabinet as the Department of Veterans' Affairs, solidifying the importance of veterans to our nation.

1971- 1978- Under a 1968 law - the Uniform Monday Holiday Act - which lumped Veterans'Day into a group of other holidays - Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Columbus Day- that were to be observed on specific Mondays. This was an attempt to give Federal employees more "3 day weekends" in the hope that it would "encourage travel, recreational and cultutal activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production". Americans did not agree with the attempt to monetize the sacred observance and ignored the new date of the holiday, continuing to observe it on the 11th day of the 11th month.

1975- President Gerald Ford returned the celebration of Veterans' Day to its original observation date of November 11th and in 1978 it was once again officially celebrated on that date. The law preserves the historical significance of the date and helps focus on the importance of it.

2026- On Veterans' Day the U.S.House of Representatives passed the "Take Care of American Vetetans Act"(HB 9237) said to expand support of veterans' benefits, those of surviving spouses and caregivers. A controversial vote being passed by a voice vote without a recorded roll call, the bill is being called a "mixed bag at best" by a number of veterans' organizations because of its altering of disability criteria, in effect cutting benefits for many veterans.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

CHURCH NEWS

Tabernacle Baptist Church Pastor Terry Boone
New St. Sparta, Ga. 706-833-8747

Shivers Grove Community Church
347 Shivers Grove Road Sparta, Ga. 31087

Services every 3rd Sunday Sunday School starts @ 11:00 AM
Church Worship @ 12:00 Noon
Reverend Marion Hargrove, Pastor Sister Mary Leslie, Secretary

THE HANCOCK/BALDWIN COMMUNITY CHOIR

"Two Counties, One Sound"
Edna R. Hough, Founder/Directress
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT
The Hancock/Baldwin Community Choir will present its Annual Christmas/Gospel Celebration on Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 4:00 P.M at The Flagg Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 300 West Franklin Street, Milledgeville, Georgia.
The special guest will be Musician Extraordinaire Randy Cooper of Eastman, Georgia, Charles Strowbridge and The Spears Grove Baptist Church Gospel Choir of Wadley, Georgia, Minister Allen Banks and The Anointed Sounds of Praise of Macon, Georgia and The Brothers Children of Milledgeville, Georgia. Come and enjoy this ministry of music. All are invited to attend.
Frank T. Edwards (706)-444-3286 Twin922@yahoo.com

Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Inc
4933 Hickory Grove Church Road/Post Office Box 402 Sparta, Georgia 31087
www.hickorygrovembc.org Reverend Michael Curry, Pastor

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT
The First Family Support Ministry of The Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Sparta, Georgia will sponsor A Shoe Rally on Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM during regular worship service. Each attendee is asked to pay the amount of their shoe size to support this event. Pastor Michael Curry will deliver the message. All are invited to attend. Frank T. Edwards Publicity Chair (706)-444-3286 Twin922@yahoo.com

ZEBULON COMMUNITY CHURCH
7266 BROWN CHAPEL RD. 31087
PASTOR BRO. BILLY CARROLL PHONE 706-829-4403
SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY 11:00--------SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00

PRAY IN GOD'S WILL

"And what so every do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto man." (Colossians 3;23) --- Prayer is more than words spoken from our lips. True prayer comes from the heart filled with sincerity, faith and good will toward God and others. Many people pray only when trouble comes, but God desire that we approach Him with a willing spirit and a loving heart every day. To pray in good will means to pray with the right attitude. It means come before God honestly, humble, and with a desire for His will to be done instead of our selfish desires, Pray should never be with bitterness, pride or hatred. Jesu thought that before we came to the altar. We should forgive others and seek peace in our heart. A heart filled with anger cannot fully enjoy the sweetness of the fellowship with God.

Good Will in prayer also means praying for others, not just us. It is easy to pray for the people we love, but God also calls us to pray for the people who hurt us or miss understand us. Jesus prayed for the people who crucified Him, saying, "Father forgive them." What kind of prayer reviles a heart controlled by God's love. Sometimes we may not feel joyful when we pray. Life can bring sorrow, disappointing sickness, and burdens that weigh heavily on us. Yet even in hard times, we can pray with good will by trusting God's wisdom and believing He is working for our good, Praying is not about changing God's heart. Often it changes ours. It softens us, strengths us, and brings us closer to Him. When we pray with good will, we also learn to thank God in every season of life. Gratitude opens the door to peace. Instead of complaining, we begin to see God's blessings more clearly. Even small Blessings come reminding of His faithfulness. God hears prayers that comes from a sincere heart. He is not impressed by fancy words and long speeches. He listens to simple prayers spoken with faith, love, and humility.
A willing heart is precious in His sight.

Today ask yourself, is my heart right when I pray? Am I praying with faith, forgiveness, love? Bring every burden to the Lord, but nring a willing spirit that desires His purpose above everything else. When we pray in good will, we experience a deeper peace and a closer walk with God.

Explaining The Memory Verse

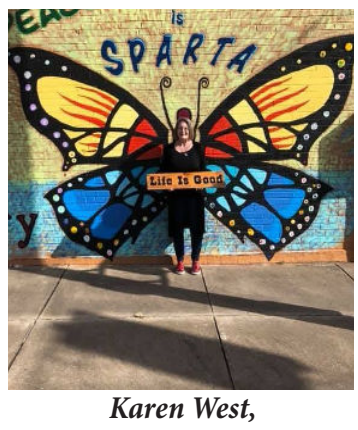
"David Anointed as King"
Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 16:1–13 Background Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE
"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).
Some people might care about when others look pretty or handsome, but God doesn't care about that at all. In this lesson, God reminds us that He created us for more important things than that. We should care about loving others the way God loves us more than anything else!
TELLING HOW TO LIVE
People might treat us unfairly because of the way we look, but God never will. He will never care about the way we look on the outside. He does want us to take care of ourselves, but what He really cares about is our hearts and the way we treat ourselves and others. As long as our hearts are beautiful, we will be blessed!
PRAYER
Dear God, our heavenly Father, please help us not to care so much about what we want or what other people look like. Remind us to always care about what makes You happy! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

References: Minister Minnie Harmon-Boone(DDiv, ECE,AH) HB: NIV, ESV
Jesus Is All Ministries Golden Universal Outreach Ministries
Email and Phone Number goldenenterprises59@gmail. com
706-833-8747

Abbie - girl





Karen West,
News Reporter

A friend has a needlepoint pillow that says-
"I'm trying to be the person my dog thinks I am"
- and that really sums up our relationship. Our dogs look at us with such unconditional love, eagerness to please, and just a deep desire to be near us as if we are the most wonderful things in the world. They read our moods, make us laugh, provide silent support, and heartfelt loyalty like no other being on earth.

Our special dog came into our lives as a tiny puppy - "possibly daucshound or corgi" said the nice lady at the adoption event. The only one out of her litter of eight that got adopted that day, some may have called her lucky, but we were truly the lucky ones.

Naming her did not take long at all. My favorite First Lady has always been Abigail Adams and the name Abigail is extremely special. When we found out the the Hebrew meaning of the name was "Father's joy" and that in the 17th century the name was given to special caretakers or companions, it seemed like the perfect name for our happy little companion puppy. Abigail was dlightly diffivult for Craig to say afyer his stroke so it often came out as "Abbie- girl" or just Abbie.

My husband was finally home after suffering a massive stroke that left him partially paralyzed and we had spent a year and a half in hospitals and rehab therapy facilities. A friend suggested we get a companion dog for him that we could train to help make his days a bit easier. We weren't sure about being able to train a new puppy properly but we shouldn't have worried, Abbie was the one who trained us, instead.

Her exuburence for life and goofy corgi grins made us laugh every day, all through the day. She was curious about EVERYTHING and viewed life as a wonderful adventure with amazing new things to be discovered, enjoyed, and shared. She loved food and readily learned a load of tricks quickly just for the tasty rewards- and to make Craig laugh. She could charm Craig out of the darkest depressions by preforming her many tricks for him.Those tricks also got her unauthorized treats and snacks when she would sneak out of our fenced yard through an undiscovered hole and "entertain" the workmen who ate their lunch sitting on the wall at the convenience store next door. Who can resist giving a bit of your ham sandwich or a cookie to a grinning corgi doing "bunny hops" for your entertainment? When she had GAINED three pounds while on a strict diet we soon found out her secret and patched her escape hole.

She was a constant companion to Craig, napping with him in the big recliner, retrieving the ball that he would throw down the long central hall of our old house, picking up things he dropped and sitting up on her "monkey butt" to give them back to him. If he started coughing or tried to get out of his chair without assistance she would bark to get my immediate attention to come running. She had a whole series of barks that meant different things, so I always knew what the situation was before walking into the room, thanks to Abbie.

After Craig broke his hip and had to get care and rehab therapy at Sparta Rehab, Abbie would go with me to visit him. Her jaunty little short legged walk, corgi grin, and eagerness to make people laugh soon made her a favorite among patients and staff alike - and she loved the attention. But she never forgot who her " main human" was, and made sure Craig got the lion's share of her attention.

When Craig passed away, Abbie made herself my constant companion, patient and nonjudgemental. She was often the only reason that I could drag myself out of bed some days and get out of the house into the sunshine, even if just for a few minutes. She understood her assignment and fulfilled it diligently with love, kisses, snuggles, and quiet acceptance. She was my best grief counselor.

She never met a stranger, matching her mood to theirs, being quiet, or playful, or inquisitive as the situation called for. But let someone of dubious character come near her Mama and she was 36 pounds of teeth and solid battering ram body on 4 inch legs. She was fierceness itself, but she never bit a single person, despite her protective persona. She was an infallible judge of character and occassionally I wished I'd listened to her sooner.

As the days got closer and closer to her twentieth birthday she slowed down noticably and required more and more naps on "her " side of the bed with her favorite blanket. The playfulness made fewer appearances but the grin and snuggles and love were always there without even having to ask.

Old bones and joints had seriously cut down on playtime and required more rest and arthritis medicines that she took well like the good girl she was. Yesterday she asked for more meds, something she rarely did, and wanted me to stay beside her, whining if I got up while she was awake. She woke periodically often giving me a sweet doggie kiss for no apparent reason, I didn't realize she was saying goodbye. Earlier today she took her last breath.

Needless to say my heart is shattered and the keyboard is hard to see through the tears, but I know without a doubt that this good girl Abbie is happily and chasing balls with her beloved Papa in heaven.

We definitely don't deserve dogs be we can all strive to be the people they think we are.

And if we can do that, the world will definitely be a better place.



HANCOCK COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

H26-051
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF PRESTON E. ELLIOTT, SR., DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Preston E. Elliott, Sr., late of Hancock County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned representative of the estate according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned representative of the Estate.
This the 20th day of October, 2026.
Preston E. Elliott, Jr., as Executor
270 Falls Crossing Covington, GA 30016
By: Adams, Jordan & Herrington, PC
October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2026

H26-056
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
IN RE: ESTATE OF Kathy Lynn Mobley, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Kathy Lynn Mobley, DECEASED late of Hancock County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Rebecca E. Fisher
Executor of Kathy Lynn Mobley, deceased
215 Lakeview Circle, Sparta, GA 31087
O.C.G.A § 53-7-41 states: "...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2026

PETITION TO BE APPOINTED

H26-054
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CALVIN CHATMAN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. E-26-066

NOTICE
To Whom It May Concern:
DEANTA S. CHATMAN have petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of CALVIN CHATMAN deceased, of said County. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted by filing an objection.
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 30, 2026.
In addition, all objections must be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk. Filing fees must be tendered with your objection 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.
Sabrina M. Lamar
Judge of the Probate Court
Jasmine J. Stokes
Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
12630 Broad Street, Sparta, GA 31087
706-444-5343
November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

H26-057
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDE HARPER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. E-26-069

NOTICE
To Whom It May Concern:
CATHERINE HARPER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of CLAUDE HARPER deceased, of said County. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted by filing an objection.
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 DECEMBER 7, 2026. In addition, all objections must be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk. Filing fees must be tendered with your objection 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.
Sabrina M. Lamar
Judge of the Probate Court
Jasmine J. Stokes
Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
12630 Broad Street, Sparta, GA 31087
706-444-5343
November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2026

H26-058
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DEVINCEY RAYSHUN HOLSEY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. E-26-063
NOTICE
To Whom It May Concern:
LONNIE HOLSEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of DEVINCEY R. HOLSEY deceased, of said County. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted by filing an objection.
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 DECEMBER 7, 2026. In addition, all objections must be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk. Filing fees must be tendered with your objection 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.
Sabrina M. Lamar
Judge of the Probate Court
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November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2026

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

H26-053
SUPERIOR COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
Civil Action Filing No. 2026-SU-CV-099
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, Hancock County
Notice is hereby given that Princess Curry, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Hancock, County, Georgia on the 22nd day of October 2026, praying for a name change from Princess Curry to Princess Copeland. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
This 22nd day of October 2026. /s/Princess Curry
Petitioner
October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2026

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

H26-052
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]
TO:
ALVESTER ALLEN and his Unknown Heirs at Law
EDITH ALLEN and her Unknown Heirs at Law
MICHAEL ALLEN
RANDY ALLEN
JOANETTE ALLEN
Occupant 111 MAYFIELD CHURCH LN, Hancock County, Georgia.
RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)
Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on December 10, 2026, or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 112TH GMD OF HANCOCK COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN THE VILLAGE OF MAYFIELD, CONTAINING 2.63 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY T. LARRY RACHELS, R.L.S. #1730, DATED OCTOBER 21, 1981, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 62, OFFICE OF HANCOCK COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, THE METES, BOUNDS, COURSES, AND DISTANCES OF SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY SPECIFIC REFERENCES FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

That property known as 111 MAYFIELD CHURCH LN, according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number 249016.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated December 5, 2023, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hancock County, Georgia in Deed Book 606 Page 63.

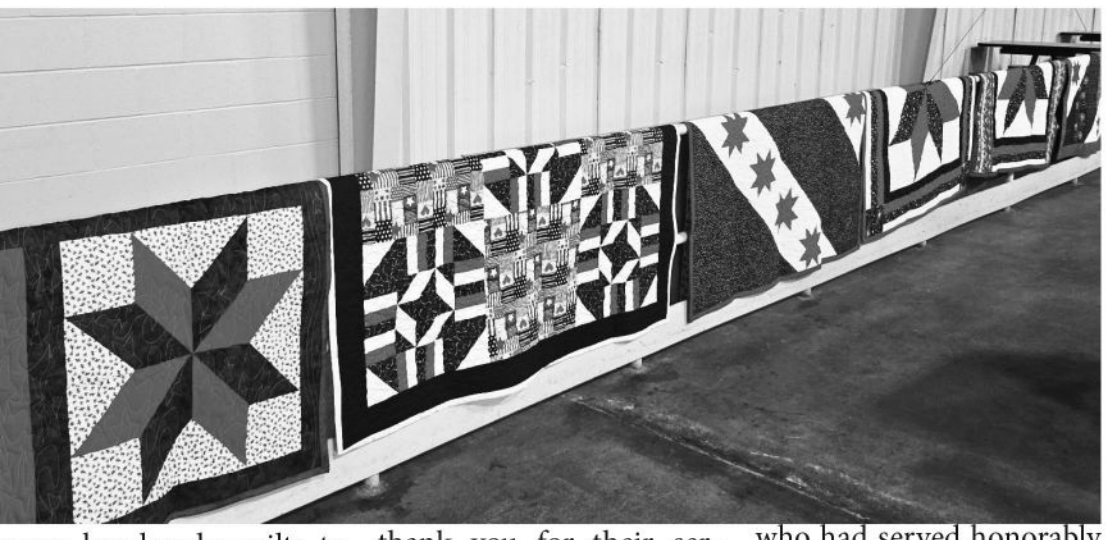
The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
RAYAN GRANT
c/o John Ayoub Esq.
Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC
675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 301
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404.892.2599
Please be governed accordingly.
October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 2026

H26-055
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA HANCOCK COUNTY Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by, Amos Chatman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., dated 4/26/2010, and recorded on 5/21/2010, in Book 400, Page 203, Hancock County, Georgia Records, as last assigned to as last assignment to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment recorded 9/1/2023 as Instrument No. in book 00600, Page 00033, conveying the after described property securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $116,415.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 2/2/2027 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash: During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Hancock County, Georgia., the following described property situated in Hancock County, Georgia, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 102ND DISTRICT, G.M. OF HANCOCK COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.97 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 30 OF SCHOOL ACRES SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON PLAT BY T. LARRY RACHELS, R.L.S, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1998, OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGES 60-61, HANCOCK COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK'S RECORDS. PARCEL ID#007-017Y Tax Parcel ID: 164C 030 Being real property commonly known as 271 SCHOOL HOUSE ACRES SPARTA, GA 31087 The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is'. The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to 1) confirmation and audit of the status of the loan by the holder of the security deed, 2) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 3) procedures for rescission of sale under O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, whereby 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 above. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 & 1400 Orange, CA 92868 , Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a deed under power will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5 Carrington Mortgage Services,LLC as Attorney in Fact for Amos Chatman For Foreclosure sale information please contact Vylla Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 3309, Anaheim, California 92803, Phone:9888)-313-1969 TS #26-43284 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTION ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
November 11,18,25, December 2,9,16,23,30,2026 January 6,13,20,27

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Celebrating Our Veterans- We Owe Them So Much

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more handmade quilts to veterans at the American Legion event at the skating rink/Youth Center. They are given out starting with the oldest veterans.

"Last year, our oldest attending veteran was 96, but this year the oldest was 75. We gave out 15 handmade quilts as a heartfelt thank you for their service", said Mrs. Dupree.

Johnnie Gilbert, American Legion Commander and organizer of the event, related that this is eighth year for the celebration. Nine years ago he noticed that nothing much was going on locally to celebrate the men and women who had served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces. He got together with other American Legion posts, the Ladies Auxillaries, and the motorcycle group - the American Legion Riders, as well as his brothers and sisters - in intent, name, and family.

Veterans from Millegeville were escourted by the Legion Riders to the county line where the escort was picked up by the Hancock County Sheriffs Office to bring the veterans to the event. Over 120 veterans attended with more than 80 more from Hancock County. Volunteers went above and beyond to make the dinner a true celebration with entertainment, speeches, songs, and poems by a variety of other veterans and family members.

But more is needed. Suicide among our veterans is on the rise and the biggest reason is a feeling of isolation.

"It's the smallest gestures that can mean the most" shared Commander Johnnie Gilbert, "a smile, time spent listening, a small token of gratitude to honor their service-making them feel seen and heard".

Volunteers can help the Legion with their many projects in partnership with the VA in Millegeville- birthday celebrations, Bingo parties, visiting the veterans in the hospital and home, wrapping the Christmas gifts they give out for most the requested items of socks, t-shirts, sweats, and blankets.

If you'd like to help, donate monetarily, or volunteer your time, contact Johnnie Gilbert at 478-456-6528.

"The volunteers giving their time and attention to our veterans of all ages touches my heart very much" said Commander Gilbert, "because without our veterans we don't know where our nation would be. We owe them so much".

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ENGINEERING SERVICES

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Procedures for the selection of an individual/firm will be in accordance with the RFQ package and local procurement requirements, as well as the requirements of the Uniform Administration Requirements ("the common rule") 24 CFR Part 85.36 and the Georgia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Recipients Manual. This agreement is for services related to a project that is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. 177-58.

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Interested parties are invited to secure a Request for Qualifications packet by calling Nicee D. Long, Director Center for Community Development, 706-651-7301 or emailing nlong@csrarc.ga.gov.

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R. Allen Haywood
Mayor

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Adrick Ingram
Chairman

PFC. CHARLES S LANIER RETURNS HOME

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oratory for scientific analysis. There, the laboratory analysis and total circumstantial evidence available identified one set of of these unknown remains as those of Lanier. He is memorialized on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines.

Following his return to the United States, graveside services with full military honors will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Centennial Christian Church Cemetery, 4828 Centennial Road, White Plains, Ga 30678, with Rev. Alec Ward officiating.

The public is invited to welcome Pfc. Charles S. Lanier home and honor his service to this great country.

HANCOCK COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUMMONS & EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

H26-059
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
N.-B. S. M. SEX: F AGE: 4M DOB: 06/19/2026
CASE#: 2026-JU-0076
Child Under 18 Years of Age.
NOTICE OF SUMMONS & EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN Sethanon Garrett Murphy, legal father of N.-B. S. M., minor child born to Nestoria Blanchard Murphy.

Georgia law provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A court hearing for your case has been scheduled for the 8th day of February, 2027 at 8:30 a.m., at the Putnam County Courthouse, Eatonton, Georgia. A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Putnam County Courthouse, Eatonton, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester – parents or alleged parents only. The general nature of the allegations are abandonment and failure to comply with your reunification case plan.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interest of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending the rights to your child. If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings of property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else. Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.
This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire and attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing in your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone of the clerk's office which is (706) 485-4501.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE KELLI C. RUTHERFORD, Judge of said Juvenile Court.
This 2nd day of November, 2026.
/s/ Jennifer Parmele
DEPUTY CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

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November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2026

