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Fire burns through 8 acres at Twiggs County solar farm, cause undetermined

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

A Sunday fire at a Twiggs County solar farm burned through roughly eight acres of land, says the Twiggs County Fire Department.

The cause has yet to be determined.

Fire Chief Shaun Hart told the TJP on Tuesday that the department received the call at 3:02 p.m. on Sunday. By the evening, before fire crews left, the fire was already contained.

According to Hart, the area burned was made up of mostly dry grass, and the fire had extended into the woodline. Because the fire burned through such a large area of land, he said, they had yet to determine the cause of the fire.

Hart told the TJP that he planned to return to the plant sometime on Tuesday to investigate further.

According to Hart, he has not ruled out the possibility of malfunctioning equipment, but at the moment, it was hard to determine a cause.

"It's just hard to determine right now," he said. "I cannot say 100%."

Following the fire, Chief Hart is reminding the community of the importance of being vigilant and speaking up

""If you see something, don't hesitate to call," he said.

The solar farm in Twiggs County is located at 7883 Hwy 129.



Twiggs County Fire Chief Shaun Hart said a fire at the solar plant was contained by Sunday evening/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY



The Cochran Fire Department was reimbursed $16,903.96 for their assistance during the Brantley County wildfires /CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

Cochran fire department reimbursed $16k for assistance during Brantley fires

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

The Cochran Fire Department has been reimbursed for their help during the historic Highway 82 fire in Brantley County back in April.

The department received a total of $16,903.96 in compensation, Fire Chief Brock Wilcher told Cochran City Council on Tuesday.

The department deployed to Brantley County back in April after a fire quickly spread through the county, tearing through thousands of acres of land and dozens of homes.

Georgia Forestry Commission Director Johnny Sabo called it the "worst home loss we've ever had from a single fire in this state."

"Upon initial deployment, through the request of the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG), we have seen the fire grow from 5,000 acres to over 22,000 acres," a Cochran Fire official wrote on May 1. "Over that span the City of Cochran deployed 2 apparatus and 10 different firefighters swapping out on deployment schedules, while never leaving the City of Cochran unprotected."

According to a document published by the Commission, the fire was started after a Mylar balloon became caught in a power line, causing the line to "arc and melt the balloon to the ground." Existing drought conditions and fallen wood left behind from Hurricane Helene contributed to the spread.

The Georgia Forestry Commission issued a burn ban in response, and on April 22, Governor Brian Kemp issued a State of Emergency.

While the fire burned through Brantley, one hundred fire departments across several states worked together to extinguish it, including the Cochran and Bleckley County Fire Departments. By mid-May, the fire was labeled "90% contained."

On June 11, Sabo reported that the fire was now "100% contained."

In total, the fire blazed through 22,419 acres of land, destroyed 110 homes and injured one person.

"We had the honor and privilege of helping citizens of Brantley County, firefighters from other departments, and other agencies from all over the State of Georgia, and the United States," a Cochran Fire official wrote. "This truly is and was a team effort!"

First Responder's Day at Tessie W. Norris Library







The Tessie W. Norris Library in Cochran celebrated First Responder's Day on Tuesday, Nov. 17, with presentations from the Department of Natural Resources, Cochran Police Department, Bleckley County Sheriff's Office, Cochran Fire Department and Heartland EMS/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

Periodical — Mail Label

Dublin ministry to hold live nativity in early December

By PAYTON TOWNS III
GTLN

A Dublin ministry recently began working on scenes to bring a live nativity drive-thru to the area in early December.

Sonny D. Wilkes Ministries will present "No Wonder They Call Him Savior" at City on a Hill, 2778 Ga. 257 from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5.

Wilkes and his wife, Joanie, spent 25 years in Tennessee where they did four similar events. This will be their first one like this in Laurens County.

"There will be nine scenes," Wilkes said. "People will drive through and look at each scene."

The free event will start with a welcome table for them to receive information. They will be able to scan a code and hear Wilkes talk about each scene and the scripture relative to it.

"This is a good location," he said. "There is plenty of room. We will have parking lot attendants to make sure people will go the right way. In Tennessee, we had hundreds come through and I am hoping for the same here. This will involve around 40 people and we may even have more. It's a big deal."

The birth of Jesus at the nativity is the first scene participants will drive up to. They will then see scenes of Jesus teaching in the temple, Jesus blessing the children, Jesus heals the blind

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Sonny D. Wilkes looks at the manger scene that was constructed in early November/PAYTON TOWNS III

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SNAPSHOTS: MORE FROM FIRST RESPONDER'S DAY









MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Nov. 30, 1876, Yale defeated Princeton with a score of 2-0, in Hoboken, New Jersey, in the first collegiate football game played on Thanksgiving. Nearly 1,000 fans watched as the teams played in cold and rainy weather, using a leather ball described by The New York Times as "similar to those used in Rugby Union rules." The Times also noted that "the friends of both colleges mustered in good force."

* On Dec. 1, 1945, Bette Midler, who later would also be known as "The Divine Miss M," was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. A multiple-award-winning actress, singer and comedian, one of her most memorable roles was that of the final guest on "The Tonight Show" with outgoing host Johnny Carson, where she brought tears to his eyes with an emotional rendition of "One for My Baby (And One More for the Road)."

* On Dec. 2, 1804, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Napoleon I, the first Frenchman to hold the title of emperor in a thousand years, in Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral. Pope Pius VII handed him the crown, which the 35-year-old conqueror placed upon his own head.

* On Dec. 3, 1989, 5-year-old Melissa Brannen vanished without a trace from a Christmas party in Fairfax, Virginia. The intensive investigation that followed eventually led to the arrest and conviction of party guest Caleb Hughes, using clothing fibers that matched those found in his car, but Melissa remains missing.

* On Dec. 4, 1997, the NBA suspended Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors for one year after he attacked their coach, P.J. Carlesimo, during a practice. Offended when Carlesimo told him to "put a little mustard" on a pass, Sprewell began choking him until several players and team officials pulled him away. Sprewell was instructed to leave but returned within 20 minutes and threw a punch at Carlesimo before again being pulled away.

* On Dec. 5, 2002, legendary television producer and executive Roone Arledge died in New York City at the age of 71.

* On Dec. 6, 1957, two months after Sputnik reached orbit, the first American attempt to launch a satellite came to a stunning halt when the rocket rose a mere 4 feet before crashing into the launch pad then exploding.

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CHURCH NEWS

- Mt. Olive Baptist Church Annual Men and Women Day Service will be held Sun Nov. 22 at 11 a.m. Pastor Christopher Glover and Piney Grove Baptist Church are the special guests. Everyone is Welcome.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Explaining radioactive thyroid cancer treatment

By DR. KEITH ROACH
King Features

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 74-year-old male who is in good health and works out. I recently had a thyroidectomy for thyroid cancer and had my entire thyroid removed. This month, I'm scheduled for a radioactive thyroid treatment. I understand this should cleanse any remaining cancer that was left around this area. I was told to drink plenty of fluids so that I can drain my bladder every 1.5 hours, so as not to damage my bladder.

My question is: How is this affecting the rest of my body? If it can negatively affect my bladder, what about my organs and, in particular, my heart and stomach? I take 24-hour Nexium twice a day for acid reflux. Should I cancel the treatment or be worried about it? -- J.P.

ANSWER: I hope that I can help your excess worry because I certainly don't think you should cancel the procedure. Iodine is a chemical element that's required for making thyroid hormone. (Chemically, it's called triiodothyronine, which emphasizes the necessary iodine within its chemical structure.) Iodine that's absorbed by the body is actively taken up by thyroid hormone-producing cells, which are found in normal thyroid tissue for most people.

However, iodine also gets taken up by most thyroid cancer cells, whether they are still in the neck or have spread elsewhere. The radioactive isotope (I-131) kills cells that are within about 0.6 mm, so it precisely targets the thyroid-producing cells. Because iodine gets taken up avidly by thyroid cells, the danger to your stomach and heart is minimal, as radioactive iodine passes through them very quickly.

I-131 reaches concentrations in the thyroid tissue that are 50 times higher than those in the blood. But when it's released, it's excreted through the bladder, which is why you want to "flush out" the bladder with water.

They're waiting at least four weeks (ideally 6-12 weeks) between surgery and the radiation treatment so that the thyroid cells will be very deficient. (You aren't being given thyroid hormone now, so any residual thyroid cells and thyroid cancer cells will be working hard to make the hormone. In the process, they'll take up I-131, which will kill them and their neighbors.)

I say "most" thyroid cancer cells take up iodine because some types of thyroid cancers have mutations that prevent them from taking up iodine, in which case radioactive iodine fails. Fortunately, this isn't the case with most thyroid cancer cases, which have a very high cure rate with combination treatment.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I was prescribed 800-mg tablets of ibuprofen. Isn't this the same thing as Motrin? -- A.S.Q.

ANSWER: Prescription medications require a prescription that's written by a doctor or another clinician. Over-the-counter medicines (Motrin is one of many brands for ibuprofen) don't require a prescription and are generally considered safe for most people at the recommended doses.

In the case of ibuprofen, the dose that's considered safe in OTC use is 1-2 tablets (the OTC strength is 200 mg), with at least 4-6 hours in between doses. The maximum dose is 1,200 mg.

At the prescription strengths, there's more of an anti-inflammatory effect, which is why it may be prescribed. There really isn't much more of a pain-relieving effect for most people at 800 mg compared to 400 mg. However, there's much more potential for harm with higher doses, especially in the stomach but also in the kidneys. Physicians don't recommend daily doses higher than 2,400 mg, as the risk becomes dramatically higher over this threshold.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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man, Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane, the last supper, the crucifixion, the empty tomb and Jesus' accession.

Wilkes said they are praying people will see the scenes and find out more about Jesus.

"That is my prayer," he said. "We are all praying for that. If people want to pray after seeing this, we will pray for them."

This event is something Wilkes has been working on all year.

"We've had meeting after meeting after meeting," he said.

There will be a table set up where people can donate money to the Smokey Mountain Children's Home located in Sevierville, Tenn., an orphanage where parents have given up their children.

"I had three of my cousins who went there," Wilkes said. "Their family split up and they went to the Smokey Mountain Children's Home and it has been a special place in my heart. My ministry sends them a check every month. It is something we believe in."

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Does a baseball player, retired since 2001, still get a salary check for over $1 million each year from the New York Mets?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

In this column's home newspapers, one week from today is Thanksgiving.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday, and I hope you get to share the love and camaraderie of family as you enjoy your repast.

For dessert, I could suggest many things, but at the top of the list would be these little tidbits of trivia, designed to be served with or without whipped topping.

Happy Thanksgiving, my friends. See you again next week - delivered after the holiday, I would imagine.

Did you know ...

... you may have seen a drey? In fact, there's a very strong chance you have. A drey is another name for the nest of a squirrel. *Additional trivia note:* Dray (note changed spelling) is also the word used for a group of squirrels; it's a nod to the name for their nests. (Sounds squirrelly, I know, but go with it.)

... the first modern skyscraper was constructed in 1885? The ten-story Home Insurance Building was located in Chicago. Designed by William LeBaron Jenney (1832-1907), the building was the first the use a structural steel frame to support its weight. (Chicago. Of course.)

... one of the most dangerous movies ever made was produced in 1981? That year, *Roar* hit theaters. Produced by Noel Marshall (1931-2010), the film featured more than 130 live, wild animals. Among the roster were lions, tigers, and an elephant. Many members of the cast and crew suffered injuries related to the animals on set. Star Tippi Hedren (born 1930) was bitten by a lion on her head. She also fractured her ankle, and after an elephant picked her up with its trunk developed gangrene. Hedren's daughter and co-star, Melanie Griffith (born 1957), was mauled by a lioness. (Roar, indeed.)

... onions are a remedy for a blocked nose? The sulfur content in the average onion is thought to be enough to draw mucus out of the body. (Try it and let me know if it works.)

... the bridal bouquet can trace its roots to early Rome? During the period of the Roman Republic, which existed from 510 BC to 27 BC, brides carried bundles of herbs such as garlic and rosemary under their veils. The herbs were used to symbolize fertility and to ward off evil. The herb bundles survive today in the form of the modern bridal bouquet of flowers. (Now the bouquet wards off other suitors.)

... a retired baseball player still makes over one million dollars a year in salary? When Bobby Bonilla (born 1963) left the New York Mets in 1999, the team decided to defer the remaining $5.9 million on his contract instead of paying him off all at once. The contract added 8% interest, with the payments scheduled to begin in 2011. Bonilla retired in 2001, and ten years later, the cash flow began. He will be getting checks for $1,193,248.20 every July 1 until 2035. *Additional trivia note:* The reason for the deferment was the investment plan that the Mets made with Bernie Madoff (1938-2021), which they didn't know was part of Madoff's Ponzi scheme that cost his investors an estimated $65 billion. Because of the money they lost to Madoff, the Mets simply could not afford to pay Bonilla off all at once. And Bonilla is a double-dipper – he also has a second deferred contract with the Mets and Baltimore Orioles, paying him $250,000 a year for 25 years. Those payments began in 2004. (Smart cookie, that Bobby Bonilla.)

... the first talking motion picture ever made in England was directed by Alfred Hitchcock? The famous director (1899-1980) made *Blackmail* in 1929 – the first sound-on-film motion picture made in the United Kingdom. Originally planned as a silent movie, the producers gave Hitchcock the green light to make some parts of it with the new novelty of sound – but Hitchcock thought that idea was absurd and made the entire picture with sound. (Hitchcock was something of a visionary, it seems.)

... during World War II, very few new automobiles were made? In 1941, before the United States joined the war, more than three million cars were manufactured in this country. During the following four years, only 139 more new cars for consumer use were manufactured, after the government practically froze the sale of new such vehicles. All of the major auto manufacturers turned their plants into war production. (Wonder who got to buy those 139 new cars?)

... a Japanese man holds the record for the number of patents held by one person? Shunpei Yamazaki (born 1942) holds more than 1800 patents in his name – about 1100 more than Thomas Edison (1847-1931). Yamazaki was president of the Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd. (Everybody has to be known for something, right?)

... the shopping cart was invented in 1937? Sylvan Goldman (1898-1984), the owner of the Humpty Dumpty Stores and Standard Food Markets in Oklahoma, designed the device so that customers would be able to easily move more groceries. The first cart was based on a wooden folding chair with a basket on the seat and wheels on the legs. Goldman then asked one of his employees, a mechanic, to create the cart out of metal. The first cart was a metal frame with two wire baskets, and he introduced them to his stores on June 4, 1937. (See, that's the kind of invention we all need.)

... a rodent's teeth never stop growing? The rodent wears them down by gnawing on bark, leaves, and other vegetable matter, and if they don't do that, their teeth became so long that they are unable to eat. (That explains it.)

Now ... you know!

Dog fennel and its uses: Another tale from the land

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

The first frost should be coming soon. Maybe as early as next week if you believe what the dog fennels have to say.

This native perennial started blooming in my neck of the woods and the old wives' tale indicates that the initial cold snap will come about six weeks after. The problem comes when determining which plant to believe. I noticed some dog fennel patches in other parts of the area put out their blossoms later than mine did. In that case it could be cold by Thanksgiving.

Eupatorium capillifolium, if you prefer the scientific name, is a species specific to the southern and eastern United States. It is also found in Cuba. It spreads aggressively on over-foraged or unimproved lands. I have a piece of soil that is very much in need of some improvement.

Dog fennel isn't suitable for eating, though it is named after and resembles various kitchen herbs. Cows will eat away at it, you know, because it grows on over-forage fields, even though it contains a toxin that causes dehydration, so many folks consider it a nuisance weed.

When mowed down the plumes emit a strong, sickly sour scent. It's a very distinct odor, that, during my increasing time on planet earth, I've been unable to find a match to. When you hit a clump of dog fennel with a bush hog, you know it. So does anyone nearby.

A good portion of a recent Saturday afternoon was spent with pungent aroma following me through the air as I caught up on some land clearing I've been putting off. I suppose I could have waited for the frost but I can be very impatient. I've encountered worse smells in the woods - not to be gross, but skunk and a rotting deer carcass comes to mind.

There are certain smells that you just know what they are.

Dog fennel served many purposes for the people native to this patch of the planet we call home. Native Americans crafted dog fennel into medicine and used it as an insect repellant. That sickly sour scent has a use, and now that you mention it, I don't recall being stung or bitten by any pests while working that portion of the land. I did, however, stir up a snake, but that's a story for a different day.

There's even a bug, the scarlet bodied wasp moth that lives in coastal areas, that gorges on the plant to make itself, its mate and later its eggs predator proof. Who said romance is dead?

Every year I mow down this patch of dog fennel. Every year it grows back, seemingly thicker and more vibrant than before. Every year, I'm reminded of the smell. Maybe next year I'll burn it, see if I can finally get rid of it.

Or I can just wait for the frost to knock it down for me.

COUCH THEATRE

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features



Andrew Garfield, left, and Claire Foy star in "The Magic Faraway Tree"/SPECIAL PHOTO, Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

"The Odyssey" (R)

Four months after its theatrical release that led to a whopping $1.803 billion in the box office, the incredible epic fantasy film from Christopher Nolan ("Oppenheimer") will be available to rent starting Nov. 17. For anyone who had to read Homer's epic poem or watch the 1997 miniseries in their English classes, this film feels like an immersive experience that brings viewers directly alongside Odysseus as he faces a plethora of obstacles to get home to Ithaca. Matt Damon ("The Rip") gives arguably the best performance of his career, as he gives his all to the film's intense physical and emotional scenes. Anne Hathaway ("Verity") is absolutely breathtaking as Penelope, Odysseus' wife, and the rest of the star-studded cast each have their own captivating moments that make this film one of Nolan's best creations yet. (Fandango at Home)

"Sense and Sensibility" (PG)

Another film that's available to rent now following its recent theatrical release is this period romantic drama starring Daisy Edgar-Jones ("Twisters"). And this one's definitely for the yearners out there! Based on the novel by Jane Austen, the film follows the three Dashwood sisters and their mother who lose their estate to the sisters' half-brother John (Frank Dillane). As they deal with their economical circumstances and move into a cottage, the sisters deal with their fair share of romantic troubles as well. The oldest girls each find themselves head over heels for a man who is bound to another by honor or has other commitments. Will the Dashwood girls get their happy endings? Austen's readers surely know! (Amazon Prime Video)

"Heart of the Beast" (PG-13)

Brad Pitt ("F1") is keeping it chill this year, with only two major releases that feature him in a starring role. He's set to reprise his role as Cliff Booth in a Netflix film directed by David Fincher ("The Killer") and written by Quentin Tarantino ("Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"), but first up is this survival thriller film where Pitt plays retired Special Forces veteran James Belmont. James and his combat German Shepherd, Odin, crash-land in the Alaskan wilderness and face an arduous 58-mile trek to safety. Pitt still fills seats just fine on his own, earning this film $188.8 million in box-office grosses against an $82 million budget. And who could resist a film that features a dog as a supporting actor! Out now to rent. (YouTube)

"The Magic Faraway Tree" (PG)

This family-friendly fantasy film might've gone under the radar in the United States, but it's already been greenlit for two sequels, with production starting next year. Andrew Garfield ("The Uprising") and Claire Foy ("The Crown") play a married couple who decide to move their family to the countryside in an effort to get their technology-obsessed children to touch some grass. But one should be very careful what they wish for! As their children explore their new home, the youngest daughter finds an invitation to have tea at a "Magic Faraway Tree" in the woods. Once there, she's whisked away to a magical world where she's able to connect with her imagination like never before. Available to rent now. (Apple TV)

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NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS

The City of Danville is accepting sealed bids for cutting 2 trees one is located at 97 First Street and the 2nd is at 105 Ash Street . The Trees will be marked with orange marking tape.

Bid Submission Information:

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All bids must be received by deadline. Sealed bids will be opened at the City Council meeting on December 7, 2026 @ 7:30pm.

The City of Danville appreciates your interest.

Thank you,
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The community of Culpeper



LORAN SMITH

CULPEPER, Va. – This cozy community of 20,000 plus is 70 miles west of the nation's capital and was laid out in 1749 by a young surveyor named George Washington.

It was, owing to its strategic position with the railroads, occupied by both Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War. The battle of Brandy Station, the largest calvary battle in U. S. history in 1863, took place near here, but a peaceful atmosphere hovers over this town, which has been recognized by Architectural Digest as the prettiest town in Virginia.

Virginia is a beautiful state, with Shenandoah Valley less than an hour away. I have accompanied Ted McMullan, a friend with close ties with the University of Georgia and who is the 8th generation of an Irishman who settled here in 1860 following the American Revolution. Ted has come to meet his 93-year-old cousin, Emily McMullan Williams, to record a conversation with her about their ancestor.

She is one of the foremost family historians, who spent years researching the history of John Francis McMullan, who emigrated from Tralee Londonderry in Northern Ireland and fought in the American Revolution.

A brand-new country could not pay its soldiers—there was no treasury—but there was plenty of land, which most people back then would have preferred. He was given a grant of land in this area following the Revolutionary War.

However, he must have gotten the itch to move again because he struck out in 1797 to the South, settling in what is Hart County, which at that time was Elbert County.

We are here to learn what we can from a conversation with Emily McMullan Williams, who was eager to share what she had gathered over the years.

A bonus on this excursion came about when Jenny Tucker Brinkley, who spends time in Middleburg, roughly an hour away, drove down to join us for lunch and provide local transportation. Jenny and her husband, Matt, are Athens residents, but her love of horses makes it a nice fit for periodic fox hunting outings and visiting her daughter, Matilda, who lives nearby.

Our agenda called for lunch, and Ted found a popular and historic restaurant on East Davis Street, "It's about Thyme," with a variety of options, including starters such as duck pate, bruschetta, smoked trout, soups and salads.

There were sandwiches, cheeseburgers, portobello mushrooms, pasta, and seven choices from the main courses, and of course there is a good wine list when you patronize this popular eatery.

While I am sure there are some blights, this is one area of the country that provides an environmental bonanza. Rolling fields dominate an attractive countryside, where there is no roadside trash and no billboards. The foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains are where Culpeper is located, so it should not come as a surprise that this is where the state looks its best.

"Thyme in Culpepper" is more than a popular restaurant. There are rooms for overnight stays and weekend getaways. Spend a night here and you might connect with visions of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, two of Virginia's most famous citizens.

Thyme's promotional materials are keen on relating to the past, suggesting you can enjoy a "little slice of Europe . . . with scenic murals and old-world ambiance and casual dining at its finest."

Harvest scenes are everywhere, a reminder that this time of the year, we have an opportunity to underscore humility, from the countryside to the storefronts of Culpepper, to say nothing the entire American landscape. I have never traveled to any part of the country during the harvest season when everybody isn't anxious to embrace Thanksgiving. However, it does feel a little different in Arizona and southern California.

What is so uplifting is that small-town America will always make your day, with inhabitants who enjoy being a good neighbor and who underscore faith, hope, and charity.

We don't know why the original John McMullan came to the New World or why he moved on to Georgia after the revolution. More than likely, more productive farmland had something to do with it.

Regarding that, what about these sobering statistics. The total land mass in the U. S. is 2.26 billion acres, with roughly 66-67 million acres being developed. Agricultural-related use is 1.2 billion. We do have room to grow, but let's not make everything metropolitan. Let's develop more small towns like Culpepper.

Georgia Is In A Time Of Transition



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

The reality and totality of the election results are still sinking in for many. It is the most dramatic change in power during one election for the state in a quarter century. It's only the second time since Reconstruction that the moving trucks at the Governor's mansion will represent different parties.

Thus, there are few precedents for what our state is about to undertake. Those of us who were around the last time this happened can somewhat recall some of the personal and personnel reactions to the changing of the guard, but that merely serves as a framework. The times, the parties, and this state are much different now.

For Republicans, it's a descent from a peak of power a dozen years ago with a supermajority in both legislative chambers and all statewide offices to holding only the slimmest of majorities possible in the State Senate. One could say the party here is in crisis.

The slimmest of comforts can be taken that a popular saying is that the Chinese write the word crisis by combining the symbols for danger and opportunity. The party is in danger of losing the Senate if current trends were to continue costing them two more seats. The opportunity is to rebound and in a couple of years retake a few of the House races lost by less than 1,000 votes, building towards rematches in statewide races four years from now.

The problem with this saying is that it isn't quite correct. The context for the "opportunity" symbol has a more literal interpretation of "crucial moment" or "turning point".

Republicans are where Democrats were 24 years ago. They're at the end of a steady declining trend in power and are barely holding on to one chamber. The next two years will clearly represent a crucial moment. Will there also be a turning point?

A turning point means there will be a conscious change in direction. For this to happen, there would have to be an honest discussion after thoughtful reflection on what went wrong.

There will be... let's be honest, there already are a lot of people pointing fingers. Those first out of the gate after political losses often do so to set a narrative in an effort to avoid blame. The blame game, however, isn't about what went wrong. It's about preserving the viability of an individual or organization and their proximity to power. This almost never leads to a turning point at a crucial moment.

Donald Trump wasn't on the ballot this year and won't be ever again, but he did tell voters to act like he was. A strong case can be made that they did.

Republicans' path back to majorities will begin with the Trump Administration having two years left on the meter. Candidates for office in 2028 will have to figure out how to rebuild a coalition of voters who previously supported the GOP without the President on the ballot but with him controlling partisan messages by action and by tweet.

Can or will the President discipline himself to act and message in such a way to demonstrate he and Republicans best understand the issues that matter most to voters and will act on them? Consider that his "closing argument" for this election was to muse that he might want to rename the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool after himself, and that his first remarks to reporters after the GOP drubbing was an unscheduled tour of the progress with the White House ballroom.

Meanwhile, the Democrats in Georgia's statewide offices will now begin to implement policies within the discretion given to the administrative branch and executive agencies. They will also have the Speaker's gavel in the House with which to pass legislation favoring changes they would like to make.

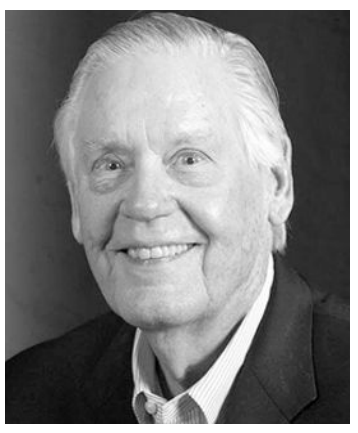
Both chambers have the opportunity to pass bills to appease their partisan bases. The slim majorities in each chamber will likely keep a bit of a check on some of the most extreme measures.

The partisan split between control of each chamber will likely limit many controversial bills from ever reaching Governor Bottoms' desk. It remains to be seen what topics will be chosen to find bipartisan consensus. The only actual requirement for this legislature is to pass a balanced budget. Anything else they choose to pass is up to the discretion of the majorities in both chambers.

Republicans will likely have a difficult time realizing how little power they maintain – and how to use that for their advantage. Democrats, meanwhile, will have two years to prove they can govern a state that has moved left, yet is still mostly centrist. They will have the same issues with the fringes of their base who won't understand why they can't get everything they want, immediately, now that their party won.

Both parties will have a couple of years to enjoy or "enjoy" the shoes they wore last year being on the other foot. They – and we – have yet to fully grasp what that ultimately is going to look like.

Some random thoughts on some random subjects



DICK YARBROUGH

According to the television commercials, it's Christmastime. Not sure what happened to Thanksgiving, which, according to my calendar, has yet to arrive. I'll have more to say about Thanksgiving next week, but this week, I give thanks that all the political ads are history. . . .

I was surprised at the amount of mail I received last week agreeing that the recent Democratic blowout was not so much an endorsement of Democrats as it was a repudiation of Donald Trump. We are in a Forever War with Iran that was supposed to last four or five weeks, gas prices and diesel fuel prices have skyrocketed along with groceries, and he is worrying about his ballroom and his arch and getting his name added to the Kennedy Center. Methinks Trump is out of touch with mainstream America. Me also thinks the election results should have convinced him of that. But I doubt it. . . .

As for the Democrats, if they believe We the Unwashed are ready to go back to open borders, tearing down statues, pushing socialist policies and encouraging boys to become girls in order to gain an unfair advantage in athletic competition, we'll send them to the sidelines in 2028 just like we did the Republicans this year. Just saying. . . .

A nod to Colin Kapperdoodle or whatever his name is. You remember the multi-millionaire NFL football player who made a big show of sitting and kneeling during the national anthem, and wearing socks comparing police to pigs, all with the acquiescence of team owners? Well, you should see the NFL today. They are so wrapped up in patriotism and the flag and saluting members of the military that you have to wonder if there wasn't a public backlash from his antics. It seems the NFL got the message that more of us love our country than care about what this guy thinks of it. . . .

It took Gov. Brian Kemp's personal intervention to get the field at Sanford Stadium rightfully named for the late legendary Hall of Fame football coach Vince Dooley. Now it is time to put Dooley's name on the field itself, as is the case with many other football fields I see on television, including the Southeastern Conference. Time is of the essence. Somehow, I don't think this will be a priority with our incoming governor. . . .

Speaking of our new governor, it will be interesting to see where Keisha Lance Bottoms comes down on the issue of mining our Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge for titanium dioxide in order that the world never runs out of toothpaste whitener. Despite the Conservation Fund's acquisition of nearly 8,000 acres of land and the designation of the Okefenokee as a World Heritage Site, the threat of mining still looms. The local timber barons and the chemical companies are not about to give up their efforts to mine the area. It is going to take legislation and a permanent ban on mining. Will it happen? Stay tuned. . .

Congratulations to Wesley Christiansen, of Jefferson, Georgia, and Nayela Vilton, from Lithonia. Both are enrolled in the Wellstar School of Nursing at Kennesaw State University, and both are recipients of the Jane J. Yarbrough Endowed Nursing Scholarships awarded to second-career nursing students. My family and I established the scholarships in memory of The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name and who was herself a second-career student at KSU, if you count raising two kids as a career while her husband focused all his time on scrambling up the corporate ladder. She became an RN at the age of 46 and enjoyed a satisfying career as an occupational nurse at Delta Air Lines before we lost her. I have no role in selecting the recipients, but I will remind them that they are representing a very special person. . . .

Finally, being a modest-yet-much-beloved columnist is not as easy as it looks, thanks to readers who don't cut me a lot of slack. I recently talked – actually whined a lot – about mangling my toe which required surgery and pins to put it back together and a longer than expected hospital stay. If I was expecting an outpouring of sympathy, I should have known better. Several wrote and asked me if I had called for a toe truck. A toe truck? Ouch.

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LEGALS

BLECKLEY CO. LEGALS

C26-125
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE LITTLE, SR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2024P70
NOTICE
IN RE: THE PETITION TO PROBATE WILL (AND CODICIL(S)) IN SOLEMN FORM IN THE ABOVE- REFERENCED ESTATE HAVING BEEN DULY FILED.
TO: ADAM LITTLE, AARON LITTLE, AND ANGEL LITTLE
THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO THE PETITION TO PROBATE WILL IN SOLEMN FORM, IN THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 14, 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.
JONATHAN R. FORDHAM
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY: JENNIFER KNIGHT
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
112 N SECOND STREET
COCHRAN, GA 31014
478-934-3200 OPT. 4
NOVEMBER 12, 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 2026

C26-122
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LAFELLIS BUTLER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P59
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
AZOIA TIEKEYJIA MINCEY AND ASIA LORIYONNA WHITEHEAD HAVE PETITIONED TO BE APPOINTED ADMINISTRATORS OF THE ESTATE OF LAFELLIS BUTLER, DECEASED, OF BLECKLEY COUNTY. (THE PETITIONERS HAVE ALSO APPLIED FOR WAIVER OF BOND, WAIVER OF REPORTS, AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS CONTAINED IN O.C.G.A. G 53-12-261.) A11 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 30, 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.
JONATHAN R. FORDHAM
JUDGE THE PROBATE COURT
BY:
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BLECKLEY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
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COCHRAN, GA 31014
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OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 2026

C26-127
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET CHRISTINA MAHAFFEE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
JAMES HAROLD MAHAFFEE HAS PETITIONED FOR JAMES HAROLD MAHAFFEE TO BE APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR(S) OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET CHRISTINA MAHAFFEE DECEASED, OF SAID COUNTY. (THE PETITIONER HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR WAIVER OF BOND, WAIVER OF REPORTS, WAIVER OF STATEMENTS, AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS CONTAINED IN O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS, AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT ON OR BEFORE DEC. 21, 2026
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS. ALL OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SWORN TO BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC OR BEFORE A PROBATE COURT CLERK, AND FILING FEES MUST BE TENDERED WITH YOUR OBJECTIONS, UNLESS YOU QUALIFY TO FILE AS AN INDIGENT PARTY. CONTACT PROBATE COURT PERSONNEL FOR THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF FILING FEES. IF ANY OBJECTIONS ARE FILED, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED, THE PETITION MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT A HEARING.
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NOVEMBER 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 2026

C26-124
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: CHARLOTTE NOELLE WESTFAUL AND MINOR CHILD(REN)
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2026V-01905W
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AMARIS TAYLOR RIBAR THE UNDERSIGNED, FILED THIS PETITION TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY GEORGIA ON THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026 PRAYING FOR A CHANGE IN THE NAME OF MINOR CHILD(REN) FROM CHARLOTTE NOELLE WESTFAUL TO CHARLOTTE NOELLE RIBAR.
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 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER
AMARIS TAYLOR RIBAR
PETITIONER PRO SE
NOVEMBER 12, 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 2026

C26-126
STATE OF GEORGIA
BLECKLEY COUNTY
OCTOBER TERM 2026
GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS
TO THE HONORABLE C. MICHAEL JOHNSON JUDGE, BLECKLEY SUPERIOR COURT
THE GRAND JURY CONVENED ON OCTOBER 26, 2026 WITH 23 MEMBERS. JEFFREY WILLIAM WATSON WAS ELECTED FOREPERSON AND WILLIAM KENNETH RODGERS, JR. WAS ELECTED CLERK. ROGER MOORE WAS SELECTED AS BAILIFF.
TERMS.
THE GRAND JURY CONSIDERED 29 CASES AND RETURNED 29 TRUE BILLS. JUROR AND BAILIFF PAY IS RECOMMENDED TO REMAIN AT THE CURRENT RATE FOR 2027.
THE GRAND JURY HEREBY APPOINTS THE FOLLOWING TO THE BOARD OF TAX EQUALIZATION FOR THE FOLLOWING
PRIMARY MEMBERS
1. DALE FORDHAM 1-1-27/12-31-29
2. BILL GRANT 1-1-26/12-31-28
3. WILLIE FARROW 1-1-25/12-31-27
ALTERNATE MEMBERS
1. ROBERT HURLEY 1-1-27/12-31-29
2. KEN BROOKS 1-1-26/12-31-28
3. SUSAN KROESSER THOMPSON 1-1-25/12-31-27
THE GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS THAT THESE PRESENTMENTS BE SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES OF THE COURT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE LEGAL ORGAN OF BLECKLEY COUNTY TO BE PAID FOR AT THE LAWFUL RATE,
RESPECTFULLY, SUBMITTED THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.
JEFFREY WILLIAM WATSON, FOREPERSON
WILLIAM KENNETH RODGERS, JR. CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT
BLECKLEY COUNTY
OCTOBER TERM 2026
RE: PRESENTMENTS OF THE GRAND JURY, OCTOBER TERM, 202
ORDER
THE FOREGOING PRESENTMENTS, HAVING BEEN RECEIVED IN OPEN COURT, DULY CONSTITUTED, IT IS ORDERED THAT THE SAME BE SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES OF THE COURT AND PUBLISHED IN THE LEGAL ORGAN OF BLECKLEY COUNTY AND PAID FOR AT THE LAWFUL RATE.
SO ORDERED, THIS 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.
C. MICHAEL JOHNSON, JUDGE OCONEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
TIMOTHY G. VAUGHN DISTRICT ATTORNEY
NOVEMBER 19, 2026

TWIGGS CO. LEGALS

T26-078
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
PETITIONER: MARY ANN MIXON
RESPONDENTS: A TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS 195 WIMBERLY DRIVE, JEFFERSONVILLE, GA31044,
MAP & PARCEL NO. JV08C 022; AND, AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS MAY BE OR APPEAR: MAE OLA MCBRAYER; FORREST MCBRAYER, JR.; GARY MCBRAYER; DANNY ROBERSON; NJLIE DAVIS; EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ESTATES, HEIRS ASSIGNS, SUCCESSORS, OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AS THE CASE MAY BE; AND ALL THE WORLD
CIVIL ACTION NO: 2026-V-147
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SERVICE
RE: PETITION TO QUIET TITLE FOR A TRACT OF LAND KNOWN BY THE TWIGGS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AS 195 WIMBERLY DRIVE, JEFFERSONVILLE, GA 31044, MAP & PARCEL NO. JV08C 022, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION FILED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CASE (THE "PROPERTY").
ACTION FILED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2026.
TO: RESPONDENTS, ANY OCCUPANT OR PARTY IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY, AND ANY PARTY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHO MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE INTEREST OR CLAIM IN THE PROPERTY, OR ALL THE WORLD.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT PETITIONER HAS FILED A PETITION TO QUIET TITLE IN THE TWIGGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO ESTABLISH AND QUIET TITLE AGAINST ALL THE WORLD AS TO THE PROPERTY, TO, INTER ALIA, REMOVE CLOUDS ON TITLE CAUSED BY EQUITIES OF REDEMPTION FOLLOWING TAX SALES, WITH ALL OTHER PARTICULARS OF PETITIONER'S PRAYER FOR RELIEF BEING DESCRIBED AND CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL PETITION, TO WHICH ANY INTERESTED PARTY IS HEREBY REFERRED.
YOU ARE FURTHER HEREBY NOTICED AND COMMANDED TO BE AND APPEAR AT THE TWIGGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION. YOU ARE FURTHER HEREBY NOTICED AND COMMANDED TO FILE ANY RESPONSE OR CLAIM TO THE PETITION WITH THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THIRTY (30) DAYS AND TO SERVE A COPY OF THE SAME UPON THE PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS: COLE POITER, KIGHT LAW, LLC, 306 ACADEMY AVENUE, SUITE 200, DUBLIN, GA 31021.
WITNESS, THE HON. JON F. HELTON, CHIEF JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA
DATE: 11/9/2026
BY:DOTHA COLEY
NOVEMBER 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 2026

T26-080
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: ROBERT HARRISON FLOYD, DECEASED
ALL DEBTORS/CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT HARRISON FLOYD, DECEASED, OF TWIGGS COUNTY, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO LAW, AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT TO THE UNDERSIGNED.
THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.
THELMA LEE FLOYD
131 OLD PROSPECT CHURCH ROAD
JEFFERSONVILLE, GEORGIA 31044
NOVEMBER 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 2026

T26-075
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROY STERN SCHOLFIELD, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-26-060
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
BETH HAMMETT AND SONNY SCHOFIELD HAS PETITIONED TO BE APPOINTED ADMINISTRATORS OF THE ESTATE OF ROY STERN SCHOFIELD, DECEASED, OF SAID COUNTY. (THE PETITIONER HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR WAIVER OF BOND, WAIVER OF REPORTS, WAIVER OF STATEMENTS, AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS CONTAINED IN O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS, AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 23, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS. ALL OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SWORN TO BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC OR BEFORE A PROBATE COURT CLERK, AND FILING FEES MUST BE TENDERED WITH YOUR OBJECTIONS, UNLESS YOU QUALIFY TO FILE AS AN INDIGENT PARTY. CONTACT PROBATE COURT PERSONNEL FOR THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF FILING FEES. IF ANY OBJECTIONS ARE FILED, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED, THE PETITION MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT A HEARING.
GARY NOBLES, JR.
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY: DIANE H. ROBINSON
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
TWIGGS COUNTY PROBATE COURT
425 RAILROAD ST. N P. O BOX 186
JEFFERSONVILLE, GEORGIA 31044
478-945-3390
OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 5,12, 19, 2026

T26-079
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF AMARI KYMONI PONDER MINOR
ESTATE NO. P-26-062
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT TASHA TIARA MORALES HAS FILED A PETITION SEEKING TO BE APPOINTED TEMPORARY GUARDIAN OF THE ABOVE-NAMED MINOR. ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY GUARDIAN OR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PETITIONER AS TEMPORARY GUARDIAN, MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS, AND BE FILED WITH THIS COURT NO LATER THAN DAYS TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE SECOND PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IF YOU ARE SERVED BY PUBLICATION. ALL OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SWORN TO BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC OR GEORGIA 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.
NOTE: IF A NATURAL GUARDIAN FILES A TIMELY OBJECTION TO THE CREATION OF THE TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP, THE PETITION WILL BE DISMISSED. IF A NATURAL GUARDIAN FILES AN OBJECTION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PETITIONER(S) AS GUARDIAN(S), OR IF A PARENT WHO IS NOT A NATURAL GUARDIAN FILES AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION, A HEARING ON THE MATTER SHALL BE SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE. IF NO OBJECTION IS FILED, THE PETITION MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT A HEARING.
GARY NOBLES, JR. JUDGE OF THE PROBATE BY: DIANE H. ROBINSON
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
P.O. BOX 186 425 RAILROAD STREET NORTH
JEFFERSONVILLE, GEORGIA 31044
478-945-3390
NOVEMBER 19, 26, 2026

T26-077
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BIBB
UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE CONTAINED IN THAT CERTAIN DEED TO SECURE DEBT FROM CLAY DRAGON ENTERPRISES, LLC (THE "GRANTOR") TO REED CLARK LAND & TIMBER, INC. (THE "LENDER"), DATED JANUARY 12, 2016, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 11760, PAGES 114-117, CLERK'S OFFICE, TWIGGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, (SAID DEED TO SECURE DEBT IS HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "SECURITY DEED), SAID SECURITY DEED HAVING BEEN GIVEN TO SECURE THAT CERTAIN PROMISSORY NOTE DATED JANUARY 12, 2016, EXECUTED BY GRANTOR IN FAVOR OF REED CLARK LAND & TIMBER, INC, IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($72,000.00), TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON AS SET FORTH THEREIN AND TOGETHER WITH ALL EXTENSIONS OR RENEWALS THEREOF AND ALL OTHER INDEBTEDNESS OR OBLIGATIONS OF GRANTOR TO LENDER (THE "NOTE"), THERE WILL BE A SALE AT PUBLIC OUTCRY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH BEFORE THE COURTHOUSE DOOR OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, WITHIN THE LEGAL HOURS OF SALE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF DECEMBER, 2026, (DECEMBER 1, 2026), THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY (THE "PROPERTY"), TOGETHER WITH ALL FIXTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS, MEMBERS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 67 OF THE 28TH LAND DISTRICT OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON BOUNDARY SURVEY FOR REED CLARK TIMBER & LAND, PREPARED BY COLLINS & COMPANY, DATED MAY 5, 2004, AS TRACT "1-C", CONTAINING 62.03 ACRES, SAID SURVEY BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 597, CLERK'S OFFICE, TWIGGS SUPERIOR COURT. SAID TRACT HAS SUCH LOCATION, SIZE, SHAPE, METES, BOUNDS AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT WHICH BY REFERENCE THERETO IS MADE A PART HEREOF IN AID OF A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION.
DEED REFERENCE: DEED BOOK 5-T, PAGE 622, TWIGGS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 465 REED CLARK RD, DRY BRANCH, GEORGIA
THE DEBT SECURED BY THE SECURITY DEED HAS BEEN AND IS HEREBY DECLARED DUE BECAUSE OF, AMONG OTHER POSSIBLE EVENTS OF DEFAULT, THE FAILURE TO PAY THE INDEBTEDNESS AS AND WHEN DUE AND IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THE NOTE. THE DEBT REMAINING IN DEFAULT, THIS SALE WILL BE MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE SAME AND ALL EXPENSES OF THIS SALE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES.
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS THE PROPERTY OF CLAY DRAGON ENTERPRISES, LLC, SUBJECT TO ALL ZONING ORDINANCES; MATTERS WHICH WOULD BE DISCLOSED BY AN ACCURATE SURVEY OR BY AN INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY; ANY OUTSTANDING TAXES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AD VALOREM TAXES WHICH CONSTITUTE LIENS UPON SAID PROPERTY; SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; ALL OUTSTANDING BILLS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES WHICH CONSTITUTE LIENS UPON SAID PROPERTY; AND ALL MATTERS OF RECORD SUPERIOR TO SAID SECURITY DEED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY FEDERAL TAX LIENS.
THIS SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED SUBJECT TO (1) CONFIRMATION THAT THE SALE IS NOT PROHIBITED UNDER THE U.S. BANKRUPTCY CODE, (2) THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. SECTION 9-13-172.1 WHICH PERMITS THE RESCISSION OF JUDICIAL AND NONJUDICIAL SALES IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, AND (3) FINAL CONFIRMATION AND AUDIT OF THE STATUS OF THE LOANS WITH THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY DEED.
NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN OF INTENTION TO COLLECT ATTORNEY'S FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE NOTE SECURED BY SAID SECURITY DEED. NOTICE HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN, IN WRITING AND BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO GRANTOR, OF THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY WHO SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE, AMEND, AND MODIFY ALL TERMS OF THE SECURITY DEED AND THE NOTE THEREBY SECURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. SECTION 44-14-162.2(A).
TO THE BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE UNDERSIGNED, THE PARTIES IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY ARE CLAY DRAGON ENTERPRISES, LLC, OR TENANT OR TENANTS, AND THE PROCEEDS OF SAID SALE WILL BE APPLIED TO THE PAYMENT OF SAID INDEBTEDNESS AND THE EXPENSES OF SAID SALE.
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
REED CLARK LAND & TIMBER, INC, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR CLAY DRAGON ENTERPRISES, LLC
T. BARON GIBSON II
MARTIN SNOW, LLP
4025 VINEVILLE AVE.
MACON, GEORGIA 31210
(478) 749-1715
FILE NO: G0439.66331
NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

T26-074
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: LAWRENCE FRANKLIN WILDER, DECEASED
ALL DEBTORS/CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE FRANKLIN WILDER, DECEASED, OF TWIGGS COUNTY, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO LAW, AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT TO THE UNDERSIGNED.
THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.
FRANKLIN LAMAR WILDER
1330 TOLEDORO STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70115
OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 2026

T26-081
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: RHONDA WARREN, DECEASED
ALL DEBTORS/CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF RHONDA WARREN, DECEASED, OF TWIGGS COUNTY, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO LAW, AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT TO THE UNDERSIGNED.
THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.
SHEILA MCALLISTER
1283 MAIN STREET
JEFFERSONVILLE, GEORGIA 31044
NOVEMBER 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 2026

T26-076
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE CONTAINED IN THAT CERTAIN SECURITY DEED EXECUTED BY MARK D. THOMPSON AND TONYA K. THOMPSON TO VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., DATED JULY 17, 2012, FILED FOR RECORD JULY 25, 2012, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 9-D, PAGE 648, TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS (THE "SECURITY DEED"), CONVEYING THE AFTER-DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO SECURE A NOTE IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $35,778.13, THERE WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH BEFORE THE COURTHOUSE DOOR OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, WITHIN THE LEGAL HOURS OF SALE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN DECEMBER 2026, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
1119 PHILLIPS ROAD, DANVILLE, GEORGIA 31017
TAX PARCEL ID: T121-027

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ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN LAND LOT 36 OF THE 24TH LAND DISTRICT OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY REFERENCE TO A PROPERTY SURVEY FOR TONYA THOMPSON BY RONNY BARRON GRLS NO. 2532, ON MAY 22, 2012, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, ON PAGE 153, IN THE REAL ESTATE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF TWIGGS SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND THERETO HEREIN INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.
THE DEBT SECURED BY THE SECURITY DEED HAS BEEN AND IS HEREBY DECLARED DUE BECAUSE OF, AMONG OTHER POSSIBLE EVENTS OF DEFAULT, FAILURE TO PAY THE INDEBTEDNESS AS AND WHEN DUE AND IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THE NOTE AND SECURITY DEED. THE DEBT REMAINING IN DEFAULT, THIS SALE WILL BE MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE SAME AND ALL EXPENSES OF THIS SALE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, IF APPLICABLE, AS PROVIDED IN THE SECURITY DEED AND BY LAW.
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL MATTERS OF RECORD SUPERIOR TO THE SECURITY DEED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, OUTSTANDING AD VALOREM TAXES (INCLUDING TAXES THAT ARE A LIEN, WHETHER OR NOT NOW DUE AND PAYABLE), EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS TO WHICH THE SECURITY DEED IS SUBORDINATE, AND SUBJECT TO ANY MATTERS WHICH AN ACCURATE SURVEY OR INSPECTION WOULD DISCLOSE.
TO THE BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE UNDERSIGNED, THE PARTY IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY IS MARK D. THOMPSON AND TONYA K. THOMPSON OR A TENANT OR TENANTS, AND THE PROPERTY IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1119 PHILLIPS ROAD, DANVILLE, GEORGIA 31017.
PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE, AMEND, AND MODIFY ALL TERMS OF THE MORTGAGE WITH THE DEBTOR (PROVIDED SUCH AUTHORITY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE SECURED CREDITOR):
JASON GODWIN
GODWIN LAW GROUP
3985 STEVE REYNOLDS BLVD., BLDG. D
NORCROSS, GEORGIA 30093
TELEPHONE: 470-427-2683
JGODWIN@GODWINLAWGROUP.COM
THE FOREGOING NOTWITHSTANDING, NOTHING IN THIS NOTICE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE SECURED CREDITOR TO NEGOTIATE, AMEND, OR MODIFY THE TERMS OF THE MORTGAGE.
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.
AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR MARK D. THOMPSON AND TONYA K. THOMPSON
GODWIN LAW GROUP
3985 STEVE REYNOLDS BLVD., BLDG. D
NORCROSS, GEORGIA 30093
470-427-2683
ATTORNEY REVIEW NOTES — NOT FOR PUBLICATION
TITLE REPORT EXAMINED AUGUST 14, 2026; CERTIFICATION COVERS RECORDS THROUGH JULY 31, 2026. OBTAIN AN UPDATED SEARCH THROUGH PUBLICATION/SALE.
CONFIRM THE CURRENT HOLDER OF THE SECURITY DEED, OUTSTANDING DEBT, ACCELERATION, DEFAULT, FORECLOSURE AUTHORITY, AND STATUTORY NOTICE COMPLIANCE.
CONFIRM JASON GODWIN IS ACTUALLY AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE, AMEND, AND MODIFY ALL MORTGAGE TERMS BEFORE NAMING HIM UNDER O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2.
THE REPORT NOTES A MANUFACTURED HOME, BUT DOES NOT CERTIFY TITLE CANCELLATION, PERMANENT AFFIXATION, OR UCC STATUS. DETERMINE WHETHER AND HOW THE HOME IS INCLUDED IN THE FORECLOSURE.
VERIFY LEGAL DESCRIPTION AGAINST THE RECORDED SECURITY DEED AND RECORDED PLAT. THE REPORT LISTS AN OVERHEAD UTILITY EASEMENT AT DEED BOOK 9-G, PAGE 276.
VERIFY OCCUPANCY, BANKRUPTCY, TAXES, MILITARY-SERVICE IMPLICATIONS IF RELEVANT, AND ALL NOTICES AND PUBLICATION DEADLINES.

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

WILKINSON CO. LEGALS

W26-103
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DANNIE LEE DAY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 390
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: JOSEPH CLINT DAY AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
JOSEPH CLINT DAY HAS PETITIONED FOR JOSEPH CLINT DAY TO BE APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR(S) OF THE ESTATE OF DANNIE LEE DAY DECEASED, OF SAID COUNTY. (THE PETITIONER HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR WAIVER OF BOND, WAIVER OF REPORTS, WAIVER OF STATEMENTS, AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS CONTAINED IN O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS, AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 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, SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED, THE PETITION MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT A HEARING.
BRADASIA A. MIMS
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY: CAROL HODNETT
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
WILKINSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
100 BACON ST
IRWINTON, GA 31042
478-946-2222

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-104
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS NOTICE
GEORGIA, WILKINSON COUNTY.
ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF IRWIN LARRY HATFIELD, DECEASED, LATE OF WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, 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 THE UNDERSIGNED.
THIS 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.
/S/BETH B. HATFIELD AND TARA CROOMS
BETH B. HATFIELD AND TARA CROOMS
CO-ADMINISTRATORS OF THE ESTATE OF
IRWIN LARRY HATFIELD
P.O. BOX 1110
MILLEDGEVILLE, GA 31059

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-099
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF WILKINSON
PURSUANT TO A POWER OF SALE CONTAINED IN A CERTAIN SECURITY DEED EXECUTED BY NAOMI H HOWELL, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS GRANTOR, TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2004, AND RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 17, 2004 IN DEED BOOK 293, BEGINNING AT PAGE 424, AND RE-RECORDED ON MAY 4, 2005 IN DEED BOOK 297, BEGINNING AT PAGE 317, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, 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 WILKINSON 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 THE FIRST TUESDAY IN DECEMBER, 2026, ALL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SAID SECURITY DEED INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF IRWINTON, WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, CONTAINING 0.515 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AND DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY BY WALKER MCKNIGHT, GRLS. SAID PLAT, DATED AUGUST 1971, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 119, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.
SAID PROPERTY MAY MORE COMMONLY BE KNOWN AS 201 BACON ST, IRWINTON, GA 31042
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. 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. MLG 26-06708 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 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: P.O. BOX 66889, ST. LOUIS, MO 63166
PHONE: 1-800-414-1226
TO THE BEST OF THE UNDERSIGNED'S KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE PARTY IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY IS BELIEVED TO BE NAOMI H HOWELL, OR TENANT(S).
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 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,
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.
16415 ADDISON ROAD, SUITE 725
ADDISON, TX 75001
(401) 234-9200
(401) 398-2594
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
A-4888655

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-101
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF GENOVA SMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 389
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ERICA S. BURNEY AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
ERICA S. BURNEY HAS PETITIONED FOR ERICA S. BURNEY TO BE APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR(S) OF THE ESTATE OF GENOVA SMITH DECEASED, OF SAID COUNTY. (THE PETITIONER HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR WAIVER OF BOND, WAIVER OF REPORTS, WAIVER OF STATEMENTS, AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS CONTAINED IN O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS, AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2026.
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BRADASIA A. MINS
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY: CAROL HODNETT
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
WILKINSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
100 BACON ST
IRWINTON, GA 31042
478-946-2222

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-102
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID ALEXANDER BAIN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 381
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: CINDY LEE BAIN AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
CINDY LEE BAIN HAS PETITIONED FOR CINDY LEE BAIN TO BE APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR(S) OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID ALEXANDER BAIN DECEASED, OF SAID COUNTY. (THE PETITIONER HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR WAIVER OF BOND, WAIVER OF REPORTS, WAIVER OF STATEMENTS, AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS CONTAINED IN O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PETITION MUST BE IN WRITING, SETTING FORTH THE GROUNDS OF ANY SUCH OBJECTIONS, AND MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 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.
BRADASIA A. MIMS
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT,
BY: CAROL HODNETT
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
WILKINSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
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NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-105
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANK TALMADGE MICKLER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 367
NOTICE
IN RE: THE PETITION TO PROBATE WILL (AND CODICIL(S)) IN SOLEMN FORM IN THE ABOVE- REFERENCED ESTATE HAVING BEEN DULY FILED.
TO: RITA DEMPSEY, DONNA MICKLER
THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TO FILE OBJECTION, IF THERE IS ANY, TO THE PETITION TO PROBATE WILL IN SOLEMN FORM, IN THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 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.
SARAH A. HOLDER
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY: BRADASIA MIMS
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
100 BACON STREET
IRWINTON, GA 31042
14781-946-2222

NOVEMBER 12, 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 2026

W26-106
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LETCHER DEAN HASH, DECEASED.
ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF LETCHER DEAN HASH, DECEASED, LATE OF WILKINSON COUNTY, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO LAW AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT TO ME.
THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.
SHELLY DENEAN BRACKETT, EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF LETCHER DEAN HASH
JOHN D. NEWBERRY
NEWBERRY & NEWBERRY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
P.O. BOX 844
GRAY, GA 31032
(478) 986-5141

NOVEMBER 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 2026

W26-107
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT
VEHICLE MAKE: HYUNDAI
YEAR: 2010
MODEL: SONATA
VEHICLE ID#: 5NPET4AC6AH637430
VEHICLE LICENSE #:
STATE
PRESENT LOCATION OF VEHICLE: 125 MOUNT CARMEL ROAD, MCINTYRE, GA 31054
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A PETITION WAS FILED IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY TO FORECLOSE A LIEN FOR ALL AMOUNTS OWED. IF THE LIEN IS FORECLOSED, A COURT SHALL ORDER THE SALE OF THE VEHICLE TO SATISFY THE DEBT.
ANYONE WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THIS VEHICLE SHOULD CONTACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IMMEDIATELY.
IMPOUND DATE: 7/25/2026
FLEMING WRECKER SERVICE
125 MOUNT CARMEL ROAD
MCINTYRE, GA 31054

NOVEMBER 19, 26, 2026





BLECKLEY COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

BLECKLEY COUNTY TIRE AMNESTY EVENT

DECEMBER 8TH, 2026 – DECEMBER 18th, 2026

THE BLECKLEY COUNTY TRANSFER STATION WILL BE ACCEPTING SCRAP TIRES DURING THE STATED DATES ABOVE.

TIRES ACCEPTED: car, truck, off road, tractor and personal tires only

NO BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL OR OUT OF TOWN TIRES ACCEPTED

YOU MUST LOAD TIRES IN DESIGNATED TRAILER

****PERSONNEL WILL BE MONITORING CLOSELY****

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENT

WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA
PUBLIC WORKS / ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Wilkinson County is seeking a qualified, dependable, and experienced individual to lead and manage its Public Works/Road Department and associated building and code enforcement responsibilities.

This position offers an opportunity to serve the citizens of Wilkinson County by overseeing county road maintenance, public infrastructure, building permitting, building inspections, and county ordinance enforcement.

Primary responsibilities will include, but will not be limited to, managing daily road department operations, supervise road department staff, and work with engineers to oversee road repairs and maintenance. Selected candidate will also be responsible for issuing building permits, reviewing and helping to enforce county ordinances, and performing inspections for maintenance on county buildings.

A successful candidate will possess at least a high school diploma or equivalent, 5 years supervisory and leadership experience, ability to multi-task, strong communication and organizational skills, and computer skills. An ideal candidate will have knowledge of road maintenance and heavy equipment operation along with knowledge of building permitting, building inspections, and code enforcement.

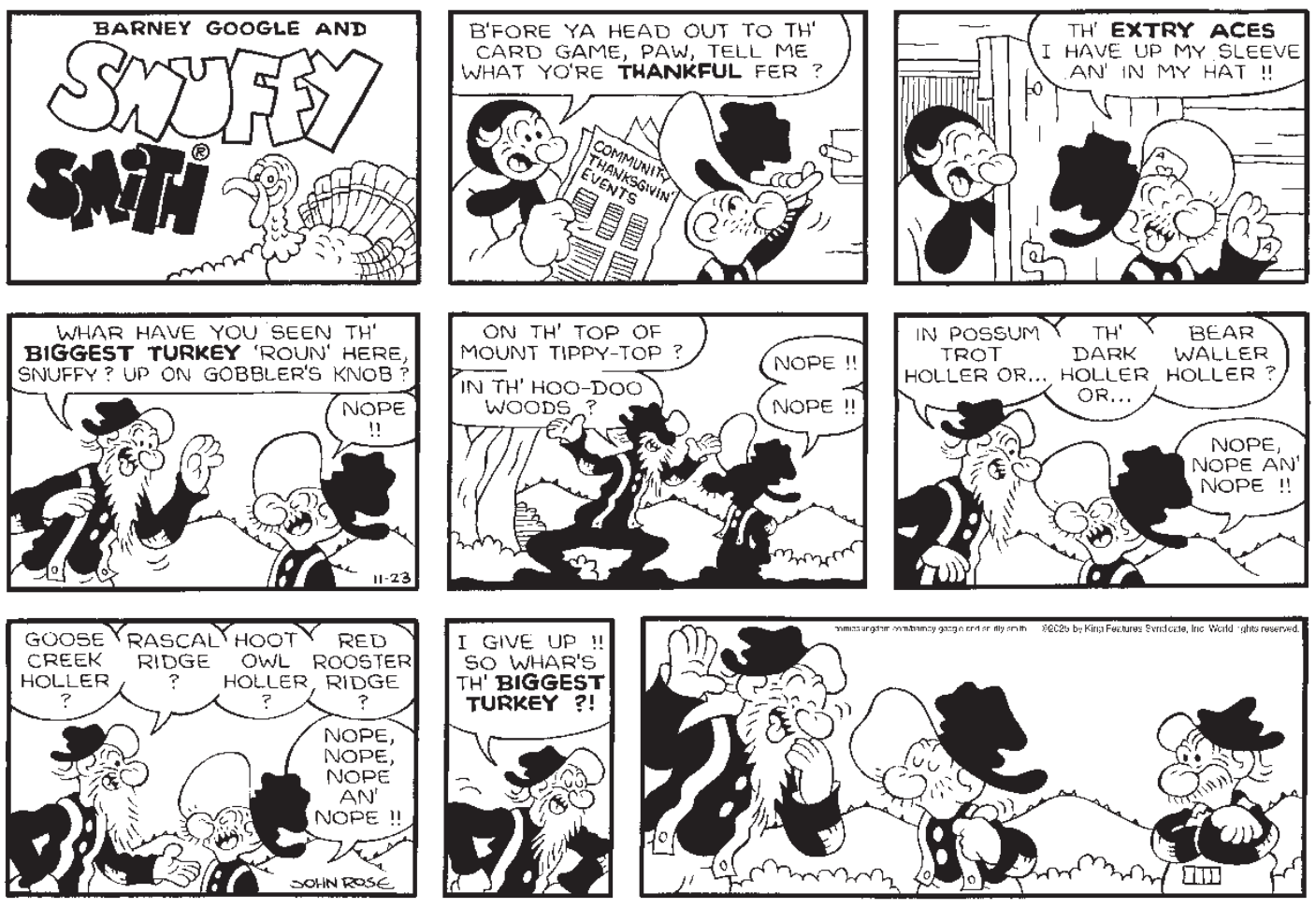
Wilkinson County is looking for someone who is dependable, organized, professional, and willing to take responsibility for multiple areas of county operations. The successful candidate must be able to manage employees, oversee road maintenance, work with contractors and property owners, issue permits, conduct inspections within their qualifications, and ensure compliance with county ordinances.

Salary range is $78,000 to $80,000. Benefits will be provided in accordance with Wilkinson County employment policies.

Applications may be obtained from the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners' office or on the county website at www.wilkinsoncounty.net. All applications should be returned to the commissioners' office by close of business on Friday December 11, 2026 to be considered.

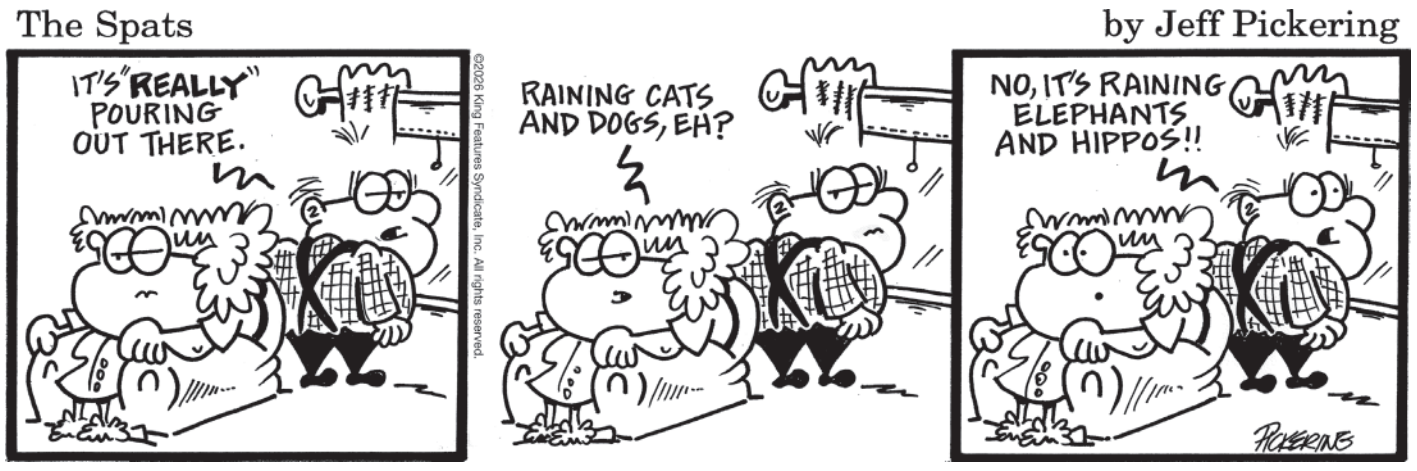
For additional information, contact the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners' Office at 478-946-2236 or the county manager at tstrange@wilkinsoncounty.net.

**WILKINSON COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. **
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. MAINTAINING OUR ROADS. PROTECTING OUR COUNTY'S STANDARDS.



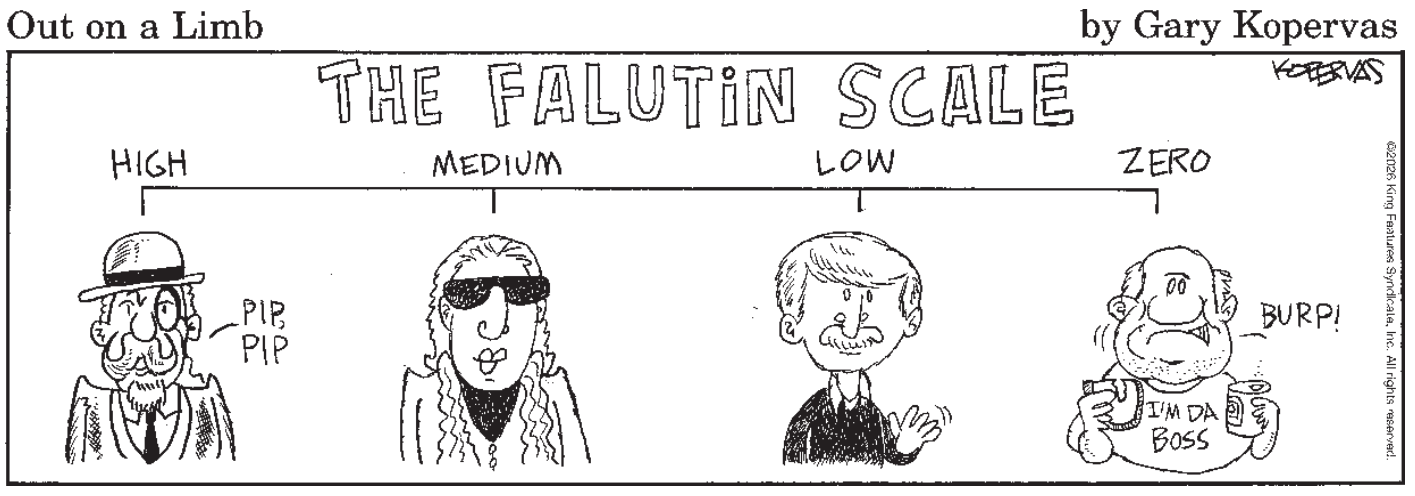
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas





"We've had a few minor problems ... misdemeanors, mostly."

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Furnace fuel
5 Arles buddy
8 Grouch
12 Words said with a sigh
13 A Bobbsey twin
14 Corridor
15 Subsequently
16 Small orchestra
18 Tennis category
20 Like a gorilla
21 Up to
22 "Ben- —"
23 Marina boat
26 "My Way" singer Frank
30 Rock producer Brian
31 Monk's title
32 "Big Blue"
33 Tricky baseball pitches
36 Old photo tint
38 Hosp. hookups
39 Lincoln or Ford
40 Savory taste
43 Winding
47 "The Jungle" author
49 Haydn nickname
50 Essence
51 Joan of —
52 Not that
53 Spanish ayes
54 Salty expanse
55 Phoenix cagers

DOWN
1 Felines
2 Surprised greeting
3 "So be it"
4 Duration
5 Photographer Adams
6 French "but"
7 Hostel
8 "Quantum Healing" author Deepak
9 Hindu royal
10 Famed boxing family
11 Humdrum
17 Mythic goatman
19 Tipsy
22 That fellow
23 "Certainly!"
24 Singer DiFranco
25 Bamboozle
26 "Help!"
27 Bit of advice
28 Slugger's stat
29 Med. group
31 ER workers
34 Korean cabbage dish
35 Wicked
36 — Diego
37 Blows one's top
39 About, datewise
40 Priority Mail org.
41 1003, in old Rome
42 Pantry pests
43 Beget
44 Diamond Head locale
45 — arms
46 Back talk
48 Remote batteries, often

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

MAGIC MAZE ANSWERS

THE —: UK PUB NAMES

MAGIC MAZE ● THE —: UK PUB NAMES

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E C A Z X U S Q B F N L J G E
C K I N G S H E A D K Z X V T
R P N L C J E E N A W S H E A
C A Y W V H H U O E N T R P I
N L K I I S O L G H G W X E R
C B Z V T H A R G S X W O U O
S R E A Y Y O U P L O M F R T
L J E E O E O I G L L E D A C
B H R R G L A Y X U W E U T I
W G T S P I H S Q B P O B S V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: HONEY-MAKER'S HOME

Anchor	Fox	Plough	Swan
Bell	George	Royal Oak	Victoria
Bulls head	Greyhound	Ship	Wheatsheaf
Crown	King's Head	Star	

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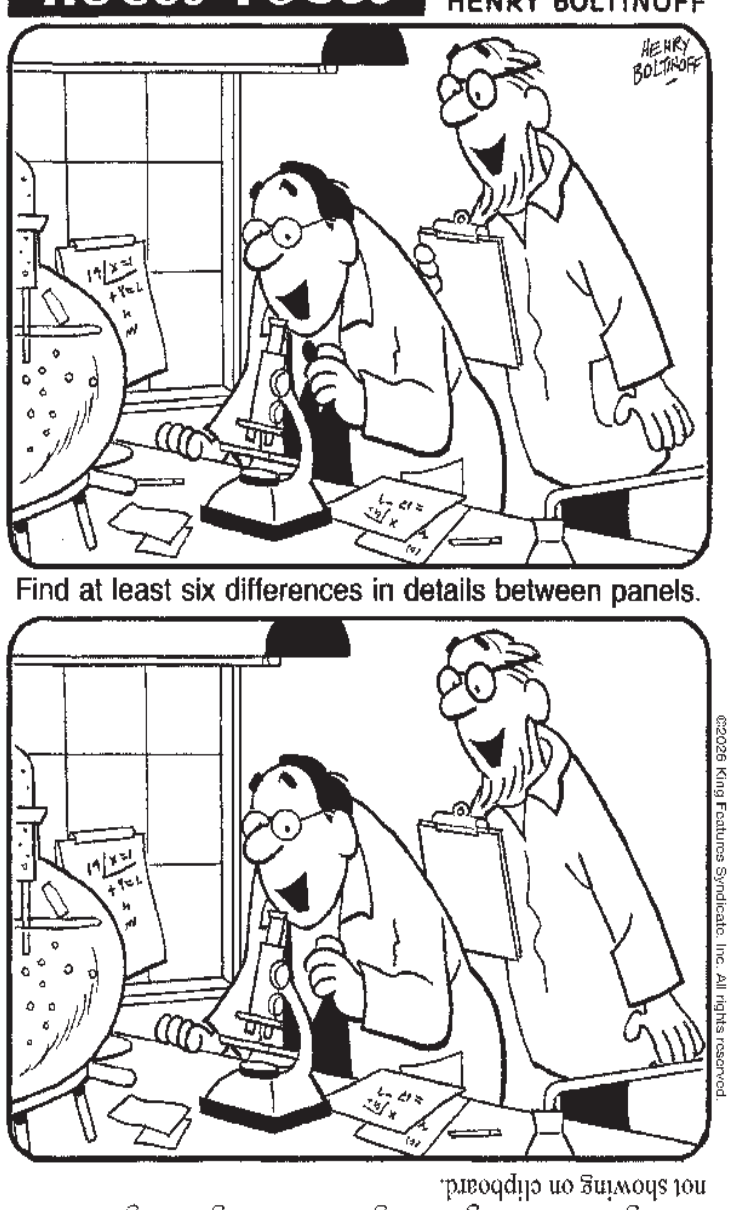
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Pencil is missing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Pocket is missing. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Light is not as long. 6. Fingers are not showing on clipboard.

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Republicans in the Georgia House of Representatives met at the Capitol in Atlanta to pick new leaders for their caucus, on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026/**SPECIAL PHOTO, TY TAGAMI**

Republicans pick minority leadership for House for first time in a generation

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia Republicans elected new leadership in the state House Monday after their losses on Election Day cost them the speakership.

Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, won in his district but lost control of the House after Democrats took a slim majority of the chamber, currently at 92 seats to Republicans' 87.

One three-way race on Election Day is headed to a runoff. A GOP win will not be enough to flip the House back. So, Republicans for the first time in a generation elected minority House leaders on Monday.

Rep. Todd Jones, R-South Forsyth, will serve as minority leader.

"We have to pivot and make sure that we are serving 11 million Georgians," Jones said after the caucus vote at the Capitol. "We need to be together on that, and I can assure you we will be 100% united."

Last week, Democrats nominated Rep. Carolyn Hugley, D-Columbus, for speaker, and named new majority leaders, as they prepared to lead the chamber for the first time since 2004.

Hugley cannot assume the role until the full House meets to vote in January, when the chamber will formally shift to Democratic control.

Jones said Republicans would look for opportunities to compromise with Democrats.

He did not offer examples, but he noted his work on mental health legislation.

Jones carried House Bill 1013 for Burns' predecessor as speaker, Rep. David Ralston, R-Blue Ridge, who died in office.

The Mental Health Parity Act passed both the House and Senate unanimously in 2022 and was signed into law by Gov. Brian Kemp. It requires insurers to provide equal coverage and accountability for mental health and substance use disorders.

One of Jones' sons was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder.

"Mental health will always be a top policy matter for me," said Jones, who will begin his sixth term in the House in January.

Among the other minority leaders selected by House Republicans Monday were Rep. James Burchett, R-Waycross, who will shift from majority whip to minority whip, and Rep. Rob Leverett, R-Elberton, who remains as chief deputy whip but now for the minority caucus.

New faces in leadership include Rep. Josh Bonner, R-Fayetteville, as minority chairman, and Rep. Chas Cannon, R-Moultrie, as minority vice chairman.

While House Republicans were picking their leaders, Senate Democrats were doing the same thing, in a chamber that remains, just barely, in Republican hands, by 29-27.

Sen. Harold Jones II, D-Augusta, will remain as minority leader, and Sen. Kim Jackson, D-Stone Mountain, will still be minority whip.

New selections included Sen. Derek Mallow, D-Savannah, as minority chair, and Sen. Jaha Howard, D-Smyrna, as vice chair.

For the first time in a generation a Democrat will preside over the Senate after voters elected Sen. Josh McLaurin, D-Sandy Springs, as lieutenant governor.

Georgia tax collections nearly flat in October

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia's net tax collections in October rose marginally over the same month last year, up $6.7 million, for an increase of 0.2%, according to Gov. Brian Kemp's office.

Total net collections in October were $2.71 billion.

The nearly flat change comes after three months of year-over-year gains of 2.3% to 3.5%.

The biggest drop was in net individual income tax collections, which fell $115.1 million, or 8.6%, from October 2025 to about $1.22 billion. Withholding payments fell $106.6, also 8.6%.

Kemp has raised the possibility of another special legislative session this year, this time to address the budget.

"I will not be calling a special session of the Georgia General Assembly in order to curtail executive branch powers or debate redistricting changes," Kemp said in a statement on Nov. 4, the day after the election.

"There are, however, budgetary issues that may need to be addressed before the convening of the regular session in January."

Individual income taxes aside, some other revenue categories grew in October.

Corporate income tax collections climbed $29.7 million, or 48.7%.

Gross sales and use tax collections rose $135.3 million year over year, or 8.5%.

But motor fuel tax collections fell for a seventh straight month, dropping $8.3 million or 4.3% from October of last year because of Kemp's executive order to suspend the tax through Nov. 30.

That is more than the $422,000 year-over-year decline in September and the $6.6 million drop in August but a bit less than the $10.6 million drop in July.

It is far less than the $73.3 million decline in April and the more than $196 million drops in both May and June.

Kemp has suspended the 33.3 cent-a-gallon excise tax on gasoline (37.3 cents for diesel) repeatedly since March to help Georgians cope with rising prices.

CITY OF JEFFERSONVILLE GEORGIA
FISCAL YEAR 2027 (FY27) BUDGETS
PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL, PUBLIC HEARING, REVIEW, AND ADOPTION

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY27 BUDGET: A public hearing on the FY27 General Fund and Water Fund budgets is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall located at 18 N Church Street, Jeffersonville, GA 30144. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the budgets for the City of Jeffersonville, Georgia. Persons with special needs related to handicapped accessibility or foreign language shall contact Shakela Height, City Clerk, at (478) 945-3191, by November 30, 2026.

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGETS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: The FY27 Mayor's Recommended General Fund and Water Fund budgets will be available for public inspection during normal office hours on weekdays at Jeffersonville City Hall at 18 N Church Street, Jeffersonville, GA 30144 from November 19, 2026 until December 3, 2026.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: The Mayor and Council of the City of Jeffersonville are scheduled to review the FY27 Recommended Budgets on the following date:

Thursday, December 3, 2026 at the Jeffersonville City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

BUDGET ADOPTION: The Mayor and Council of the City of Jeffersonville are scheduled to adopt the FY27 budgets at the regular council meeting on December 14, 2026. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Jeffersonville City Hall.

