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Woman arrested on animal cruelty charges in Twiggs County

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

A woman was arrested in Twiggs County after an investigation uncovered four emaciated dogs and one deceased dog on her property, officials say.

According to the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, investigators with its Criminal Investigations Division executed a search warrant on the property on Nov. 13, leading to the discovery.

During the search, officials say they discovered one deceased dog in "a severely emaciated condition," and writing that its remains were found "still tethered to a post in the ground."

The four remaining dogs were also found on the property without access to food or water.

Following the execution of the search warrant, the homeowner, Quintina Cornelius was arrested and charged with one count of felony aggravated cruelty to animals and four counts of misdemeanor cruelty to animals.

If convicted, Cornelius could face up to nine years in prison and $19,000 in fines.

"Animals depend on people to provide basic care, food, water, and a safe environment," an official wrote. "When those responsibilities are neglected or abused, [the sheriff's office] will investigate and take appropriate action under the law."

After Cornelius's arrest, the four surviving dogs were placed into the care of Operation Humane, an animal welfare organization sponsored by the Atlanta Humane Society. While in its care, the dogs are expected to receive necessary medical attention and veterinary exams.

The sheriff's office reminds the public that the investigation is still active.

"All charges are accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law," an official wrote.



A Twiggs County woman was arrested after a search warrant executed on her property revealed four emaciated dogs and one deceased dog/SPECIAL PHOTO, courtesy of the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office

Coca-Cola returns to Dublin bringing 60 jobs in a $20 million capital investment

By PAYTON TOWNS III
GTLN

Coca-Cola is coming back to Dublin, Georgia.

A groundbreaking was held last week morning for the Coca-Cola news sales and distribution center, which will be located on 128 Innovation Way.

Coca-Cola officials and leaders from the city of Dublin and Laurens County used shovels to dig in dirt and shovel it following a short celebration. The new building will be a capital investment of $20 million, for a facility the size of approximately 33,000 square feet on roughly 10 acres. The office space was listed as 6,500 square feet for 60 associates.

The warehouse and support will be 18,500 square feet while the loading area will be 8,000 square feet.

Victor Ragland, vice president for the East region, said this new plant will serve 10 counties.

"This is especially meaningful to me to share this occasion with our associates and our customers, community partners and local leaders," said Fernandez Jordan, sales center manager, said. "We are proud to be a part of the Dublin community and excited to celebrate the next chapter."

Jordan thanked the local leaders and partners for this project. That support was instrumental to the groundbreaking Tuesday.

"I am proud to celebrate this milestone with you," Jordan said.

Ragland was glad to have people from the community gather to celebrate Coca-Cola United Dublin. He was proud to announce the $20 million investment.

"This investment reflects our confidence in Dublin and our long-term

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Coca-Cola officials and Dublin, Laurens County officials shovel dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new bottling plant/RODNEY MANLEY

Periodical — Mail Label

Commissioners hear proposal for a well-owner protection agreement amid data center concerns

BY CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

Twiggs County Commissioners may soon consider the adoption of a well-owners protection agreement, following growing concerns about the upcoming data center.

During a council meeting on Thursday, resident Norma Stone approached the board with a written statement asking commissioners to compile a well-owners protection agreement for potential buyers.

The proposed agreement would require the company using the center to financially back water safety testing and any repairs to resident wells broken or contaminated while the center is in operation. They would also need to agree to these terms before construction.

Stone read the statement aloud to the board.

"We need a binding perpetual guarantee held in an independent escrow account that the company, not the homeowner and not Twiggs County taxpayers, remains financially responsible for our water supply for the entire lifespan of the facility," she read.

Stone proposed multiple ideas for the agreement including regular third-party water quality testing, a maximum response time when well issues are identified and an "end-of-life" decommissioning bond, in the case the project is abandoned.

"The developer must post a dedicated decommissioning bond up front so that if the facility is ever abandoned or becomes obsolete, Twiggs County is not left with empty industrial complexes," she explained.

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Twiggs County resident Norma Stone is requesting commissioners compile a well-owners protection agreement before data center construction begins/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

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OBITUARY

Emily Emmons

Mrs. Emily Grace Kennedy Emmons, 45, passed away on Nov. 6, 2026. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026 at 2 p.m. in Freedom Church with Rev. Tim Thomas officiating. The family will receive friends at Freedom Church on Dec. 5, 2026 from 1 p.m. until the service time.

Mrs. Emmons was a native of Louisiana and had lived in Milledgeville prior to spending a number of years in Gwinnett County. She later moved back to Milledgeville where she worked as Manager of Mary Vinson Memorial Library for Middle Georgia Regional Library System. Emily had a love for reading, and really enjoyed puzzles. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dianne Bailes Hawks.

Emily is survived by her husband, Benjamin Emmons of Gordon; father, Jess Holland of Louisiana; brother, Jake Holland; sister, Krista Smith; half sister, Natalie Fontestad; niece, Lyla Emmons; nephews, Seth Smith, Jamey Smith, Charles Emmons; father in law and mother in law, Charles and Carol Emmons; brother in law Phillip Emmons (Mindy).

For those who wish, Memorial Contributions may be made to the Friends of Mary Vinson Memorial Library or to the Animal Rescue Foundation.

Express online condolences at www.williamsfuneral.net.

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It's official: Raffensperger certifies Nov. 3 election results

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The Democratic candidates who swept Republicans out of power on Nov. 3 no longer have an asterisk beside their names.

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger certified the election results on Friday, declaring the official winners, including his own successor, Penny Brown Reynolds, a Democrat.

"The November 3 General Election results are certified," Raffensperger posted on X, saying the results follow the largest statewide risk-limiting audit in Georgia history.

Georgia Democrats routed Republicans as part of an historic blue sweep across the nation.

Eight women, all of them Black Democrats, will be sworn in to statewide office in January after defeating Republicans, both incumbents and challengers for open seats.

When she is sworn into office, Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms, the former Atlanta mayor, will become the first Black woman governor of any state in the 250-year history of the nation.

State Rep. Carolyn Hugley, D-Columbus, the state House minority leader, has already been nominated as speaker by her caucus, after the unofficial tally had Democrats flipping the chamber. For the first time in more than two decades, Democrats will hold a slim majority in the House when they meet in January and vote on the next speaker.

Democrats will swear in at least 92 House members when Republicans swear in at least 87. The caveat: Rep. Mike Cheokas, R-Americus, will face Democrat Ethan Wolfe in a Dec. 1 runoff after neither won a majority of the votes in a three-way race with an independent on Election Day. The result could widen or narrow the Democratic advantage, but it will not flip the House back to Republicans.

One mishap temporarily widened the Democrats' margin in the House.

In the days after Election Day, Nov. 3, incumbent Rep. Gerald Greene, R-Cuthbert, was trailing Democratic challenger Harry James by fewer than 100 votes, according to the unofficial tally.

But on Nov. 6, after additional votes were uploaded and included in Seminole County's totals, Greene moved ahead of James in the unofficial state tally. Greene is now the official winner and will be sworn in in January to a 45th year in office.

Democrats also made inroads in the state Senate. They didn't win enough seats to take control, leaving Republicans with a one-seat majority. But a Democrat will preside over the chamber after state Sen. Josh McLaurin, D-Sandy Springs, won the statewide race for lieutenant governor.

Georgia also played a part in handing control of Congress to Democrats by keeping Georgia seats in the party's hands. Voters sent U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff to Washington for another six years, and elected the party's candidates in five of the state's 14 U.S. House races: incumbents Lucy McBath, Sanford Bishop, Henry "Hank" Johnson Jr. and Nikema Williams won, along with newcomer Jasmine Clark, a state representative from Lilburn.

Board of Regents elects new leadership for 2027

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Two Bulldogs will take leadership roles at the Georgia Board of Regents next year, after the body elected Dr. Deep J. Shah, a primary care physician, as the incoming chair and retired real estate executive Mat Swift as the next vice chair.

Shah, the CEO of Gwinnett Clinic and the current vice chair, will succeed Chairman David B. Dove for a one-year term Jan. 1, when Swift will replace Shah as vice chair, the University System of Georgia announced Friday.

The regents made several significant decisions during Dove's tenure as chair, including the selection of former Southern Company president and CEO Thomas A. Fanning as the system's 15th chancellor, following Chancellor Sonny Perdue's announcement in April that he would retire.

On Tuesday, the regents named Timothy C. Lieuwen as the sole finalist for president of Georgia Tech, where he has studied, taught and led for more than three decades. Lieuwen has served as interim Tech president since former President Ángel Cabrera departed Oct. 31 to lead the Aspen Institute. A final vote is pending for Lieuwen's permanent appointment.

The board also backed the state's new DREAMS Scholarship, a need-based program funded with $325 million from the state budget and created by legislation Gov. Brian Kemp signed in May.

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commitment to the state of Georgia," Ragland said. "To my associates, this new facility represents an investment and the resources they need to succeed. To our customers, this will strengthen our ability to provide dependable service that they deserve from us every day."

Construction is anticipated to be completed by October of 2027.

"We are so grateful to the local leaders and the community partners that have made this possible," Ragland said. "We look forward to building on the relationship that we help take Dublin to the next phase."



Coca-Cola officials stand behind hard hats during a groundbreaking celebration for the new Dublin Coca-Cola Bottling company, 128 Innovation Way/**RODNEY MANLEY**

Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight thanked Coca-Cola for returning to the city. He reminded the crowd that the company has had a long history for the Dublin, Laurens County community when it had a bottling facility on East Jackson Street. Years ago, they moved out of that facility, and gave its old building to the city of Dublin who uses it for its gas department.

"Coca-Cola always brings their products to our city events," Kight said. "Coca-Cola wanted to contribute and that has happened multiple times, over and over again. This has happened multiple times. This is exactly the kind of quality growth we want. Coca-Cola is a tremendous partner in making this community strong."

Laurens County Commissioner Gerad Mathis was saddened when Coca-Cola left last time. He was glad they were returning.

"Coca-Cola has always been an amazing company to me," Mathis said. "There is not a gas station in America, or maybe other countries, where you won't see a Coca-Cola product. Very rarely can you go somewhere and not see Coca-Cola. We appreciate Coca-Cola and we appreciate you coming back to Dublin."

Roger Folsom, with the Dublin-Laurens Development Authority, was also glad Coca-Cola returned.

"We appreciate their investment and a chance to employ our own citizens," Folsom said. "It has been a great pleasure to work alongside this Coca-Cola team in this project. We appreciate the team who worked on this alongside Coca-Cola and we look forward to future growth.

"The relationship between Coca-Cola, the Dublin-Laurens Development Authority and the Dublin, Laurens County community, is like the old Coca-Cola slogan, "It's the real thing," he added.

Representative Matt Hatchett was the final local speaker to address the crowd. He said the previous speakers had "stolen all of my words."

"That read my speech," Hatchett said. "When you think of Georgia globally, you think of Coca-Cola. They are a staple of our state."

Hatchett recalled when Coca-Cola met with him years ago to say they were going to leave Dublin, he was not happy.

"But we moved on," he said. "This year, they asked to have another meeting with him. When they told me they were coming back to Dublin, it was a great day and I am thankful that y'all are coming back. We can't express how grateful we are to be riding down that road and we'll be able to see that bright red Coca-Cola emblem in the city and county again."

Jordan ended the event by leading everyone with holding up a Coca-Cola bottle for a toast.

"Thank you for being a part of Coca-Cola United," he said.

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According to Stone, these issues must be addressed before construction. If not, residents could be left high and dry with depleted or contaminated wells.

"We need your protection now more than ever," she told the board.

In September 2025, commissioners approved a rezoning request on Adams Park Road allowing for the construction of a 291.5 acre, multi-million dollar data center.

In the following months, two lawsuits were filed against Twiggs County and the land owner, Weyerhaeuser Forest Holding, by residents, citing environmental concerns including well depletion. In February, however, both suits were dismissed.

"Like my neighbors, my home and land rely entirely on well water," Stone said. "We trust you, and we need you."

Following Stone's presentation, Chairman Ken Fowler agreed to put the issue on the next meeting agenda, when County Attorney Kerry Howell could be present.

The next county commission meeting is currently scheduled for Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.


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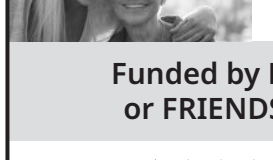

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Was the voice of a beloved Disney animated character provided by a U.S. Marine Corps Drill Instructor?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

Today is Thanksgiving.

Well, today is actually Thursday as listed on the front page, but knowing the newspaper business as I do, I also know you probably are getting your newspaper the day after Thanksgiving.

So how was the meal? I hope you had a very happy time with family and friends and lots of love and great food.

May I offer some dessert? This trivia is great, and very low in calories, too. Enjoy!

Did you know ...

... you can tell if a Nazi eagle is political or governmental by looking at it? Most people assume that the *Reichsadler*, the "national eagle" of Nazi Germany, was the same everywhere. It wasn't. If the eagle clutching the swastika was looking over its right shoulder, it was a governmental emblem. However, if the eagle is looking over its left shoulder, it was symbolic of the Nazi party. (Nowadays, the Nazi eagle looks ... dead.)

... plastic grocery bags were originally meant to be used repeatedly? Created by Sten Gustaf Thulin (1914-2006), a Swedish engineer, they were meant to be a reusable, eco-friendly alternative to paper grocery bags. Thulin felt that the production of the paper bags contributed to deforestation. However, our "throwaway" society has basically reduced the bags to one-use, just like the paper bags had been. (The best-laid plans of mice and men ...)

... how much the most expensive edible fungus in the world costs? Known as *Tuber magnatum pico*, the pungent white truffle can sell for as much as $3,000 per kilogram. (For that price, they can come up with a better name than "pungent white truffle." I'm just saying.)

... the voice of a beloved Disney animated character belonged to a decorated Marine drill instructor? The 1942 classic animated film *Bambi* featured the voice of Donnie Dunagan (1934-2026) as the title character. Dunagan was a child actor who had played the *son of Baron Frankenstein* in 1939's Son of Frankenstein. When he turned 18, Dunagan joined the U.S. Marine Corps and, after serving as the youngest drill instructor in the history of the Corps, he rose to the rank of major and earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart in Vietnam. No one in the Corps knew that he had been the voice of the beloved movie character. *Additional trivia note:* Dunagan came out of an 80-year retirement from movies for a role in the 2026 film *Sub Rosa*. (Imagine Bambi calling you to attention. Just imagine it.)

... a river in Minnesota was at one time believed to drain into nothingness? Minnesota's Judge C.R. Magney State Park, located near Lake Superior, has within it the Brule River, half the water of which flows into the lake and the other half tumbles over Devil's Kettle Falls ... and apparently vanishes. For decades, scientists tried to figure out where the water went, using everything from ping pong balls to GPS trackers. Finally, in 2017, hydrologists with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources said they had solved the mystery. Measuring the water flow above and below the falls and finding it identical, they concluded that the "missing" water actually emerges directly into the river downstream, rather than flowing into Lake Superior as the other half of the river's water does. (I always wondered about that.)

... a kind of cactus grows very large, but takes its time to do so? The Saguaro cactus, found in the U.S. southwest, can grow to be more than forty feet tall. Impressive, right? What's even more impressive is that it can take up to a decade to grow a mere one inch in height. (So it takes its time. So what?)

Sick days: Confessions of a recovering germaphobe

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Howard Hughes was an eccentric man to say the least.

One of the most famous wealthy figures in American history, Hughes was just as known for his odd behavior as he was his business dealings. He made movies and was a savvy investor on top of building and flying airplanes. Accidents and near death experiences while testing some of his flying machines are credited with worsening his obsessive compulsive behavior. Trauma does have a way of bringing out the worst in people.

But even before his life took its bizarre, tragic turn, Hughes was widely known as a germaphobe. He went through great lengths to avoid getting sick, going as far as burning his suits if he suspected he had encountered some sort of contaminate or, shudder at the thought, an ill person.

That proves the old adage, you can't hide money. With most suits being dry clean only, you can count on most people wearing dirty suits. I did, however, keep a suit tucked away in the corner of my closet for about a decade after a funeral turned into an illness spreading event. It was a miserable ride home from the cemetery, but I'll spare you the gross details.

I finally tossed the garment away with the trash recently. It's a shame, it was a nice suit. A black three piece with a faint blue pinstripe. Fit like a glove too.

But I digress.

As Hughes' mental state deteriorated over the years, so did his mysophobia. He became more and more irrational. He isolated himself for weeks on end, allegedly wearing tissue boxes on his feet to avoid contact with any surface. His hair and fingernails grew long. He avoided bathing and performing basic hygiene tasks. - a counterintuitive measure that somehow played into his delusion.

When he died he was a mere shell of the former dapper business tycoon. His body was so unrecognizable that the FBI had to be called in to analyze his finger prints.

It is a good thing that he didn't have kids.

This is being written on a sick day, pulling double duty as many parents must during cold and flu season, squeezing in a little work as a sick child rests in the other room. This is after spending the morning in the urgent care waiting room with other people exhibiting symptoms that make you want to burn your clothes. I was recently in an elementary school, visiting to read a story to a class of second graders and the halls echoed with a seemingly non-stop chorus of coughs and sniffles.

My grandmother always said that you can't run from being sick. You don't catch it as much as it catches you.

Admittedly, I'm a recovering germaphobe. There was a time in my life when I would have avoided crowds during flu season. A time when my hands couldn't possibly be cleaner but I'd wash them again.

Having children changed that. Kids are natural dirty bombs, innocently spreading whatever contaminates picked up throughout the day. Besides, getting a little sick every now and then is good for you. It helps the immune system fight off worse conditions.

But if you see me wearing Kleenex boxes on my feet, just know I need a little help.

COUCH THEATRE

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

"The Social Reckoning" (R)

The sequel to "The Social Network" (2010), which put Oscar nominee Jesse Eisenberg ("A Real Pain") on the map, is officially available to rent starting Nov. 24! This sequel jumps from the original events of the first film that took place in 2003-2004 to 2019, with Jeremy Strong ("Succession") replacing Eisenberg as Meta Platforms CEO Mark Zuckerberg. "The Social Reckoning" touches on the 2021 Facebook leak and the overall threat against user safety that the social media platform presented at the time. Oscar winner Mikey Madison ("Anora") portrays Frances Haugen, the whistleblower who leaked the company's internal documents, while "The Bear's" Jeremy Allen White takes on the role of Wall Street Journal reporter Jeff Horwitz, who was heavily involved in breaking the news to the public. With mixed reviews from critics, the film unfortunately bombed at the box office, only earning $18.1 million against a budget of $42 million. (Amazon Prime Video)

"The Altruists" (TV-MA)

This series out now to binge is led by Julia Garner ("Weapons"), who looks almost unrecognizable without her signature blonde hair, and Anthony Boyle ("House of Guiness"). In just eight episodes, the series delves into the cryptocurrency exchange FTX, as well as its founders Sam Bankman-Fried (Boyle) and Caroline Ellison (Garner), emphasizing the fact that Bankman-Fried and Ellison were incredibly intelligent and hopeful with their company. But going "all in" on their dream results in a $36 billion fraudulent scheme that quickly turns their lives into a nightmare. Look out for comedian Matt Rife, who seems to be doing well after his recent controversies, Hudson Williams from "Heated Rivalry," and Jennifer Grey from "Dirty Dancing." (Netflix)

"12 12 12" (TV-MA)

Anthony Mackie ("Desert Warrior") trades his Captain America suit for an FBI badge in this heist series that co-stars Jamie Dornan ("The Tourist"). The series' title nods to its storytelling format, which is broken up into three stages: the 12 months of planning leading up to a huge banking heist in Zurich, the 12 hours executing the heist itself, and the 12 days following the heist. Paul (Dornan), the criminal mastermind behind the heist, obviously has his motivations for planning it, but what Paul doesn't know is that the FBI agent tasked with finding him also has personal reasons of his own. The first three episodes are out now, with subsequent episodes premiering every Friday. (Apple TV)

"Runner" (PG-13)

This action-comedy film features Alan Ritchson ("War Machine") and Owen Wilson ("Focker-in-Law") in roles that aren't much different from anything else we've ever seen them in. Wilson plays a medical courier named Ben, who enlists the help of a runner/smuggler named Hank (Ritchson) to transport an organ for a little girl in a hospital. The problem? The organ donor has an extremely rare blood type, and the leader of a Colombian cartel also needs this specific organ for his dying mother. Luckily, Ben enlists the right person to help him complete his mission, because Hank's past as a soldier turns out to be quite useful to kick cartel butt! Premieres Nov. 27. (Hulu)

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Twiggs County Board of Commissioners, 425 Railroad Street, PO Box 500, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044, LAS Permit No. GAJ040068, for the Twiggs County Industrial Park Water Pollution Control Plant located at 1600 Hill Dale Road, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044. Up to 0.03 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied on a dedicated site in Twiggs County in the Ocmulgee River Basin. Furthermore, the permit includes language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to a third party for further treatment and ultimate disposal.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below, or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "LAS permit reissuance – Twiggs County Industrial Park Water Pollution Control Plant – GAJ040068 (Twiggs County)" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division.

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A copy of the fact sheet or the draft permit is also available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Suite 1462, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ken Fowler, Chairman – Twiggs County Board of Commissioners
11-19-26

Pheasant Hunting



LORAN SMITH

This is the time of the year that I have traveled to South Dakota for pheasant hunting, a wonderful experience that I miss very much. Although I am getting long in the tooth, I still believe I could knock down a cock pheasant or two if I had the opportunity to return to the "Mt. Rushmore State."

However, I am now pretty much confined to reminiscing.

Several years ago, an executive with Coca-Cola called with the news that his friend, George Mickleson, governor of South Dakota, was a big golf fan.

He wanted to know if I could get someone to host the governor and his party for dinner while they were in Augusta during Masters week. That was an easy assignment. I eagerly signed up for the opportunity.

At dinner the night before his party returned home to South Dakota, the governor expressed thanks for the hospitality and then asked. "Is there anything we can do for you?"

"Well," I said, "I've always wanted to go pheasant hunting in South Dakota." He responded with a generous laugh and then grinned, "Why didn't you ask for something difficult!"

That was the beginning of many years of the most delightful fall pilgrimages where the hunting was spectacular, the people as remarkable as the landscape, and warm hospitality enraptured you from the time you disembarked at the Pierre Regional Airport in the capital city of the state until you returned home.

Gov. Mickelson and his state treasurer, Homer Harding, were delightful hosts, who offered encouragement to bring friends for a few days of hunting pheasant and Canada geese. I never had a more enriching experience, which was followed by encore after encore.

I began taking friends who were all overwhelmed by the South Dakota pheasant hunting experience. The landscape is different but pleasantly appealing with the grain fields, prairie dunes, and the Missouri River dominating.

One morning, I killed a rooster while hunting near that great body of water and suddenly the scene brought pause to my day. I stood in awe of the river when I realized that Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea once came near where we were hunting.

If you don't get an emotional high with the ringneck pheasant experience, then there is something wrong with your system. South Dakota maintains an average population of 7.4 million ringnecks annually. Hunters are allowed to kill only three pheasants per day.

Pheasant hunting is not only fun for hunters but also an economic driver for the state of South Dakota. It is worth 500 to 700 million dollars to the state's economy annually. I am happy to have contributed to the South Dakota economy in the past and recommend that, assuming you enjoy such outdoor exercise, you do the same. You won't regret making a modest contribution.

Much of the fun of the hunt comes from stalking pheasants in the grain and corn fields. A cock pheasant can really accelerate on foot, but when you close in on them, they rise like a helicopter straight up, cackling as they take flight, and before you know it, you have missed an opportunity. The good news is that after that first trip, I can't remember not getting my limit.

You walk the fields, enjoy the hunt and the environment, and relax by a fire in the hotel lobby. Next, you find a nice steak restaurant for dinner—there seems to be one on every corner—and you are as fulfilled as you could be.

There is more good news. You get to do it again the next day and the next. As your trip comes to an end, you are filled with regret that you didn't stay longer.

For years, I had pheasants smoked in Pierre and shipped to my home address. I shared smoked pheasant with my friends, which was always a nice holiday treat for them.

During the Christmas season, I would enjoy smoked pheasant by a fire with a glass of red wine and raise a toast to pheasant hunting in South Dakota, one of the most emotionally rewarding experiences possible.

Thanks for the food and for the memories



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

Last week I found myself back home. I continue to travel to or near the Atlanta area a couple of times per month, and this trip provided the window to join my mother for lunch, at Judy's Restaurant in Fairburn.

While I grew up in Fayette County, this South Fulton city was in the family's mailing address for the decades our house was on acreage on Hwy 92, about halfway between Fairburn and Fayetteville. Much of my childhood was spent with a run to "town" meaning Fairburn before school assignments pivoted us to Fayetteville.

Groceries were bought from Mrs. Lillian at the Twilight Food Palace. Our shoes were bought from Gordon's. "Mr. Harold" ran the barbershop where Dad and I got our haircuts, and the rest of the men in town hung out to solve all the world's problems. Shannon Mall didn't exist yet. Nor does it now.

My Grandfather had a small gas station and an ice cream parlor there once upon a time. It and he were gone before I came along.

My church also stood at the halfway point between the towns in the community of Fife. You could literally see the county line sign from the back steps.

On one side you had a county that was experiencing the first waves of suburban growth. On the other, part of a county that had to be absorbed by Fulton during the Depression and was experiencing outmigration. The central place that kept me grounded had one foot planted on each side, paradoxically going in opposite directions at the same time.

Dad used to call Fairburn "a dying little town." Somewhere along the way, it seemed to find its stride again.

Despite some of the main downtown buildings burning down in a few separate incidents, new shops began to fill the old storefronts. Amos' Pharmacy has given way to a pizza place. And then there's Judy's, where I found myself dining with Mom last week.

Judy's was originally in a spot in an older shopping center before they recently moved to a new (to them) freestanding building. The cafeteria menu and food remains largely the same. Wednesday is still "catfish day." Thursday offers an excellent turkey and dressing option. Fried chicken is a daily staple.

When we arrived mom noted a plaque above the serving line that read "Meals and memories are made here." She read it aloud. The connections immediately landed.

Judy's was introduced to our world by "Big" Frank Flanders, or as he was known in our house, "Uncle Frank." I don't recall my first visit, but I do remember it was after weeks of Dad raving about this new place where he and his lifelong friend had quickly become regulars.

The last time I took Dad to a UGA football game, we arrived late - just before kickoff and without a parking spot because he "needed" to have breakfast with Uncle Frank before we could leave. The walk from the East Campus lot to the stadium caused blisters that almost cost him his diabetic foot. But the man had priorities, and a good breakfast with his friend to solve some of those problems that weren't solved decades earlier at the barber shop was chief among them.

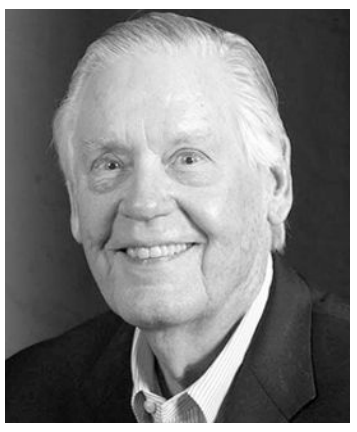
Mom and I had a good visit. We talked about some of those memories in Judy's old location decades ago – about Dad, Uncle Frank and many others no longer with us. We talked a bit about the future. But mostly, we were present – with one foot honoring the past, one looking ahead to what's next for us and the rest of our loved ones. Being present with a parent is the best grounding exercise ever invented.

We'll gather again this week, on Thursday. Judy's will be closed but Turkey will again be on the menu. The number at the table will be larger. It will be at "home" in Sharpsburg, a dozen miles and a county away from the old house on Hwy 92. There will be an entire generation there that never got to meet their granddad, an unfortunate family tradition. But there will be stories and memories, bound together by food from recipes that are largely the same as they were decades ago.

This week we'll give honest thanks. For the food. For those around the table. For those who came before us, and those no longer with us.

And then there's the memories. There are those that we treasure. There will be those that we'll share. And most of all, there will be those that we make, present and together.

Reflections on birthdays past, present and future



DICK YARBROUGH

If I seem a bit slower than usual today, I have a good excuse. I have just had another birthday. Another in a long line of birthdays. A very long line. The first thing I did this morning was to check the obituaries and be sure my name wasn't listed. At my age, one can never be too sure.

As has been the custom for the past 17 years, I celebrate the occasion at the annual Birthday Bash with great grandson, Cameron Charles Yarbrough, whose birthday is a couple of days before mine. When we began this tradition, Cameron Charles was in a highchair. Today, he is taller than his great grandfather. Times have changed but not the Birthday Bash. It remains a cherished family tradition.

Birthdays seem to be coming around faster than they used to. And everyone draws me closer to the end of my time on this earth. I used to think time was plentiful. Now, I wondered what happened to all the days past. And how many I squandered because I knew there would be another one awaiting me to get things right. I don't think that way anymore. Time is precious. Life is short.

My birthday always falls just before, just after or smack dab on Thanksgiving Day. That makes me a Sagittarius for whatever that's worth. We Sagittarians are supposed to be humorous. I suspect there are one or two of you reading this who might disagree with that, maybe even a Sagittarian or two. We are also known to be blunt which can come across as tactless or harsh. Guilty as charged. I'll try to do better in the future. But no promises.

There have been some memorable birthdays, like when The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name hired an airplane to fly over Sanford Stadium on a football weekend with a banner proclaiming, "Nifty. Nifty. Dick Yarbrough is 50" to the cheers and jeers of 76,000 of my closest friends. Not sure what precipitated her doing that except perhaps for the surprise (to her) mock funeral lamenting the passing of her youth on her 40th birthday. The woman obviously had a long memory.

Birthday or no birthday, Thanksgiving is a time to take stock of my life and to give thanks for what I have been given. And I have been abundantly blessed. My family. My friends. Anything and everything about the University of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the nation and home of my beloved Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

I am thankful for my church and all within it who labor daily to save my sorry soul. My breakfast buddies, Dale and Mary Jane. Lois and Linda. Dora, Paul and Caryl. We haven't solved all the world's problems yet but we are working on it. These things take time.

I am thankful that God gave me the ability to paint a lick but didn't let me know it until later in life. It has given me something to look forward to in my old age besides aching knees and doctor visits.

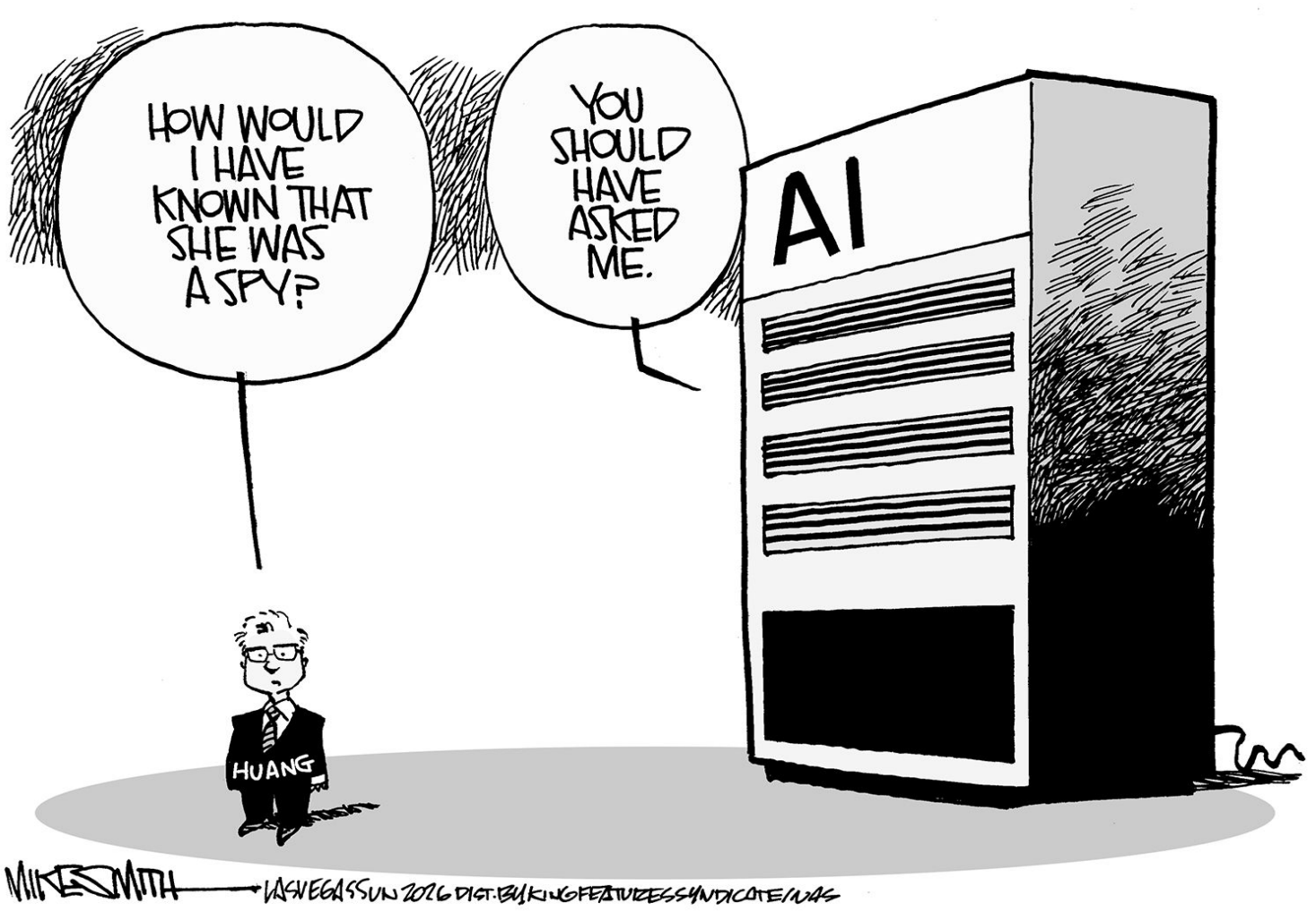
I am thankful that I had 63-and-a-half years with The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name and that her legacy will live on in supporting the efforts of deserving second-career nursing students at Kennesaw State University to get their degree and to enter the nursing profession and who might not otherwise have had the opportunity.

I am thankful for Regina who cuts my hair and has being doing so for the past ten years; for Olivia, the greatest retail clerk in the history of the world, who makes me feel special every time I walk in the store; for Melissa, Alina and James who have taken care of me since my mangled toe surgery; for Philip, who drives me wherever I need to go. Little things mean a lot.

I am thankful for the opportunity to chat with you each week and to the editors for giving me the chance to do so. I don't take myself seriously but I take this job very seriously. It is a privilege and I must never forget that.

So, another birthday come and gone. What now? The Welsh singer Shirley Bassey says you don't get older, you get better. That is my birthday wish for us all. Older and better. And may we continue this journey together. Thank you.

You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.



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LEGALS

BLECKLEY CO. LEGALS

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

C26-125
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

C26-127
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.
JONATHAN R. FORDHAM
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT
BY:
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NOVEMBER 19, 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 2026

TWIGGS CO. LEGALS

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 NATU RAL 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

T26-078
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

T26-077
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 MAT TERS 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

T26-081
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

T26-082
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
COUNTY OF TWIGGS
IN RE: HELEN L. MARTIN, DECEASED
ALL DEBTORS/CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN L. MARTIN 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 18TH DAY OF MAY 2026.
JAMES J. MARTIN, II
7 WILBRAVIEW DRIVE
WILBRAHAM, MA 01095
NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 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
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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF COCHRAN, GEORGIA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cochran will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a petition for rezoning submitted by **D & D Development Partners, LLC** for the property located at:
Lots adjacent to the left and right of 150 S Fourth Street Cochran, Georgia 31014. Lot 5 consisting of .51 acres and Lot 7 consisting of .53 acres
The petitioner is requesting that the property be **rezoned from R-1 (Low Density Residential District) to R-3 (High Density Residential District).**

The Public Hearing before the City Council will be held:
Date: **December 3, 2026**
Time: **6:00 p.m.**
Location: **City Auditorium**
102 N. Second Street, Cochran, Georgia 31014

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

For further information, please contact:

City of Cochran Attn: Angela Redding, City Manager at (478) 934-6346, aredding@cityofcochran.com.

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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

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

WILKINSON CO. LEGALS

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

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

W26-101
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.
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. 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.
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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

W26-103
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.
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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

W26-099
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

W26-106
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

W26-104
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

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On Dec. 7, 1909, Belgian-born chemist LEO Baekeland was granted a patent for "a method of making insoluble products of phenol and formaldehyde"-- the first synthetic plastic, which was dubbed Bakelite in his honor. It went on to be advertised as "the material of 1,000 uses."

* On Dec. 8, 1542, the future Mary, Queen of Scots was born in Linlithgow Palace in Scotland to the country's dying king, James V. His only surviving child, she took the throne when he passed away only six days later.

* On Dec. 9, 1869, Uriah Smith Stephens founded a secret order of tailors in Philadelphia called the Noble and Holy Order of the Knights of Labor, which became America's first major national labor organization.

* On Dec. 10, 1922, the Canton Bulldogs beat the Toledo Maroons by 19-0 and were declared the first champion of the newly renamed National Football League. The league champion is determined by best regular-season record.

* On Dec. 11, 1961, the ferry carrier USNS Core arrived in Saigon with the first American helicopter unit, assigned to airlift South Vietnamese Army troops into combat and including 33 Vertol H-21C Shawnee helicopters and 400 air and ground crewmen to operate and maintain them.

* On Dec. 12, 1997, 14-year-old Michael Carneal was indicted as an adult on three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder after shooting his classmates at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky. On Dec. 1, the boy had taken out a pistol and fired 11 shots into a group of students in the school's lobby. He would later claim he'd been inspired by the movie "The Basketball Diaries," starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Following a plea of guilty but mentally ill, Carneal was sentenced to life in prison with a possibility of parole in 25 years.

* On Dec. 13, 1992, Manon Rheaume became the first woman to play in a regular-season professional hockey game, entering at the start of the second period with the score tied at 1 in the International Hockey League contest. In almost six minutes, she stopped four shots and allowed one goal before being replaced by the Atlanta Knights' starter.

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Do I Qualify to be a Foster Parent?

Do I have to be married, rich or have any particular religion to qualify as a foster parent? These are some of the common questions asked by those individuals interested in fostering. The answer is "No". You do not have to be married, you must be able to support your own family, but you certainly do not have to be rich, nor have a particular religious belief to foster. If you are one of the individuals wanting answers to your question, please call Anna Stone at 478-275-6747. Open your heart to a child in need of a home and a little happiness.

"Be A Foster Parent"



The Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners is seeking quotes cleaning services at the Wilkinson County Courthouse. Services will include an initial deep clean followed by janitorial services 3 days per week. Full RFQ can be obtained from the Board of Commissioners' office or on the county website at www.wilkinsoncounty.net.

Quotes should be received by the Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners at 100 Bacon Street, Room 242, Irwinton, GA by Monday December 21, 2026 at 2pm. All questions should be directed to Tracy Strange at 478-946-2236 or tstrange@wilkinsoncounty.net.

WILKINSON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT
JOB OPENING
PART TIME
Wilkinson County Road Department is seeking a Heavy Equipment Operations Trainer.
HOURS: Monday – Wednesday 7am to 3:30pm

Successful applicant will have 10 to 15 years of experience operating a backhoe, motor grader, skid steerer, and front end loader. Trainer will provide one on one training to current and new employees on the proper operation of said equipment. Possession of a CDL license is preferred but not required. Successful applicant must pass a BACKGROUND CHECK and DRUG SCREEN.

Applications are available at the Wilkinson County Commissioners Office or on the county website at www.wilkinsoncounty.net under the jobs tab. Application may be emailed to lbenefield@wilkinsoncounty.net, mailed to Wilkinson County Commissioners Office ATTN: Lindsey Benefield PO Box 161 Irwinton, Ga 31042 or submitted to Wilkinson County Commissioners Office at 100 Bacon Street Irwinton, GA 31042.

Wilkinson County is an equal opportunity employer.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
DECEMBER 18, 2026

CITY OF DANVILLE
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:

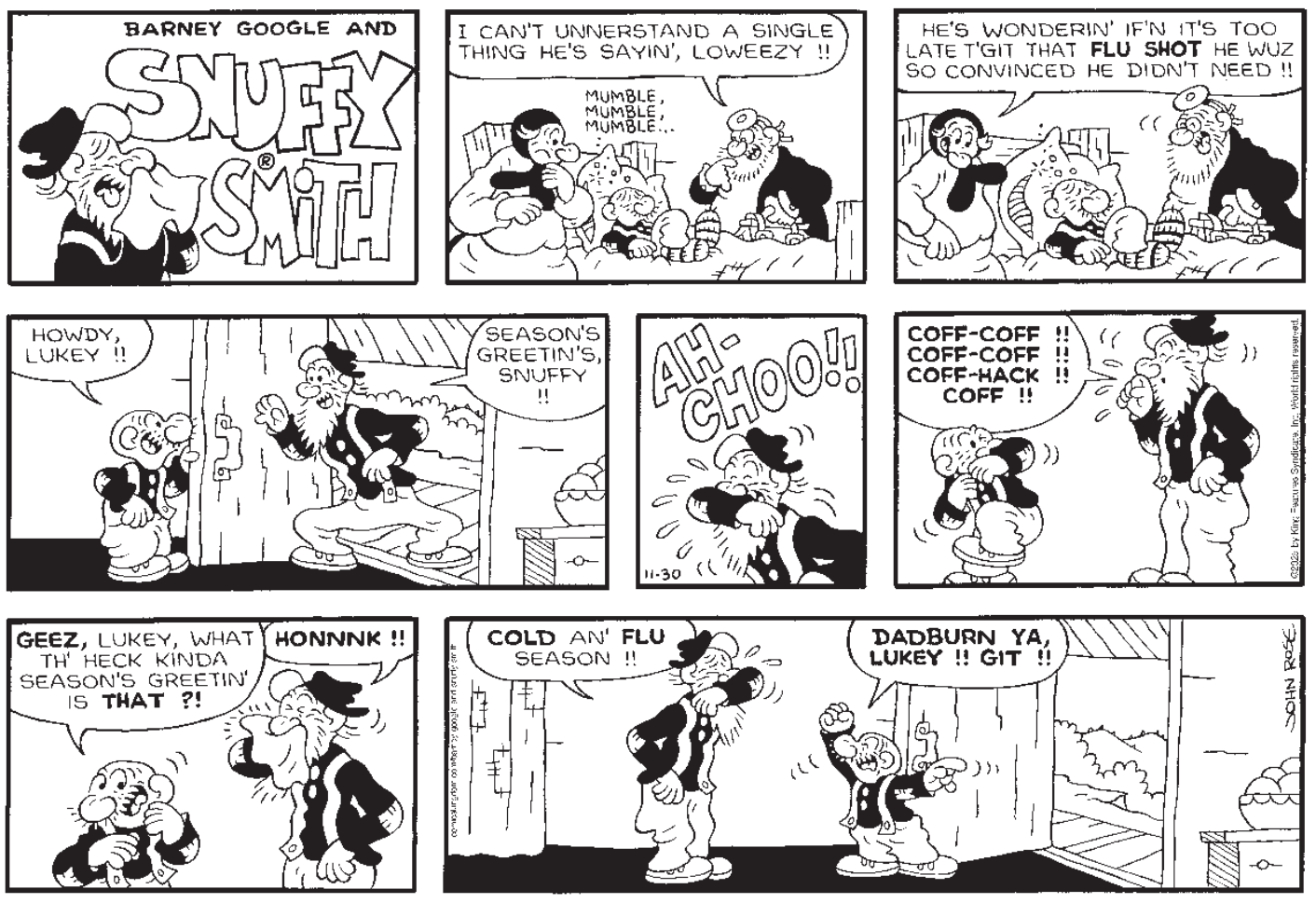
Bids must be sealed and may be mailed to City of Danville P O BOX 1157 Danville, GA 31017 or placed in the drop box at Danville City Hall 169 Second Street Danville, GA 31017.

Deadline for Bids: December 7,2026 7:00pm

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

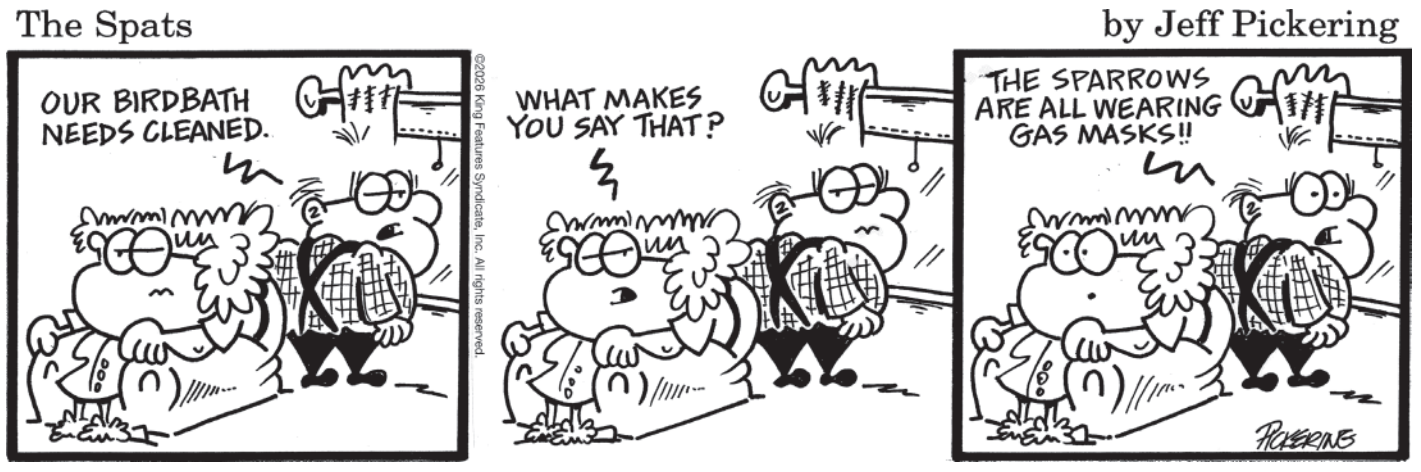
The City of Danville appreciates your interest.

Thank you,
Mayor & Council



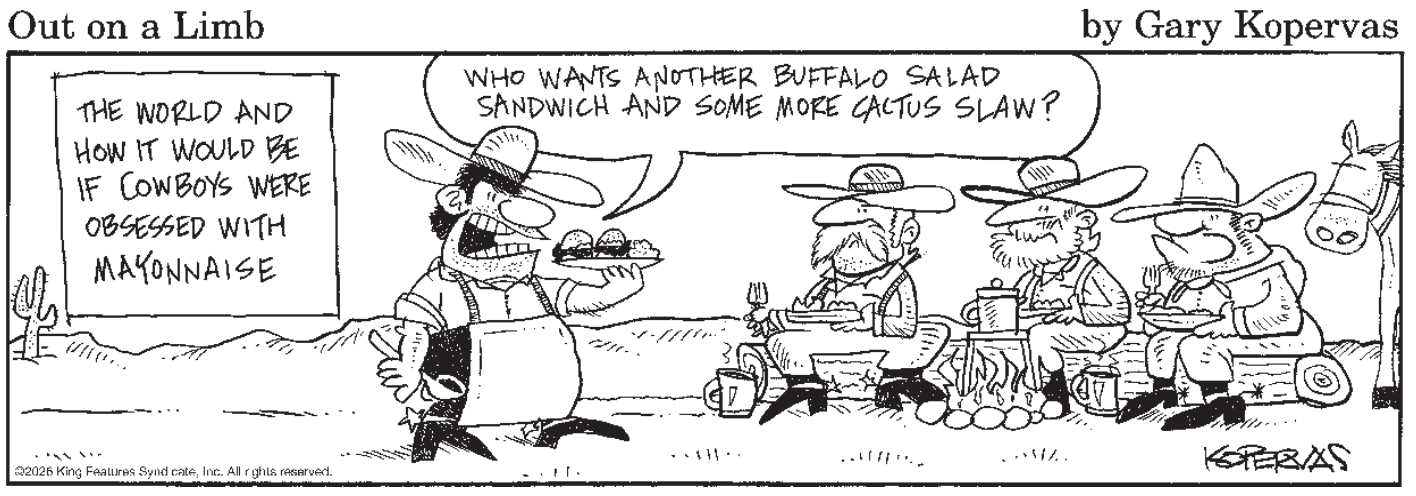
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

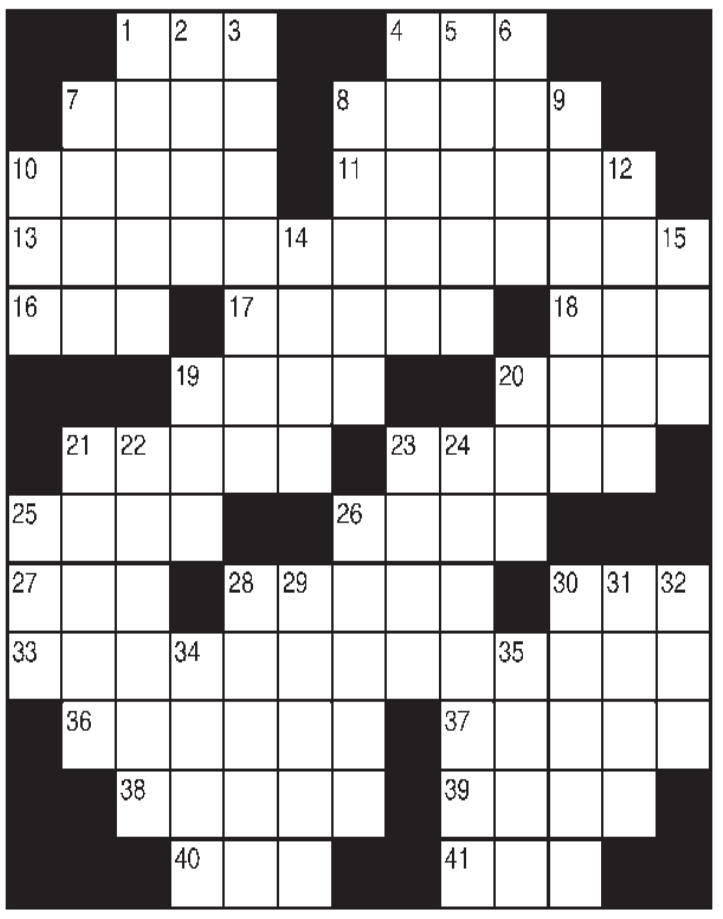




King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Indent key
4 "Spring ahead" hrs.
7 Mentor
8 Japanese bedroll
10 Rock genre
11 European peninsula
13 1980 Lennon/Ono album
16 Mercedes-Benz models
17 Barbecue site
18 Scoundrel
19 Netting
20 Helps
21 Parisian river
23 Accra's country
25 Dumbstruck
26 Milne bruin
27 Standard
28 Hose woes
30 Cagers' gp.
33 Figure skater's jump
36 Wild scuffles
37 Unconventional
38 Actor McDowall
39 Gratis
40 Airport screening org.
41 Nourished



DOWN

1 Ballerinas' skirts
2 United — Emirates
3 Pitcher's warmup area
4 Persian Gulf emirate
5 Shorthand pro
6 Legal wrong
7 Earth sci.
8 Bourbon buy
9 B vitamin
10 ER workers
12 Carne — (Mexican dish)
14 Lighten
15 NFL measures
19 Prefix for "night" or "morning"
20 "That feels good!"
21 Honey bunch?
22 More spine-tingling
23 Type of dancer
24 Spray down with water
25 Suitable
26 Sucker
28 Winter coasters
29 "I — vacation!"
30 Famous
31 Drill
32 Chest-beating beast
34 Conspiracy
35 Entice

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

MAGIC MAZE ANSWERS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: WHIPPED —

Bacon bits	Glazes	Meringue	Sauces
Dressing	Gravy	Nuts	Sprinkles
Frosting	Guacamole	Pepperoni	Syrup
Ganache	Icing	Salsa	

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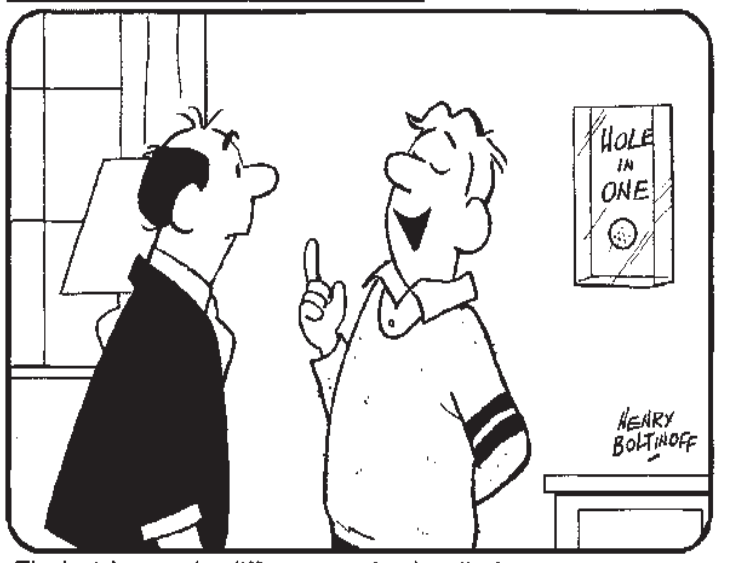
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

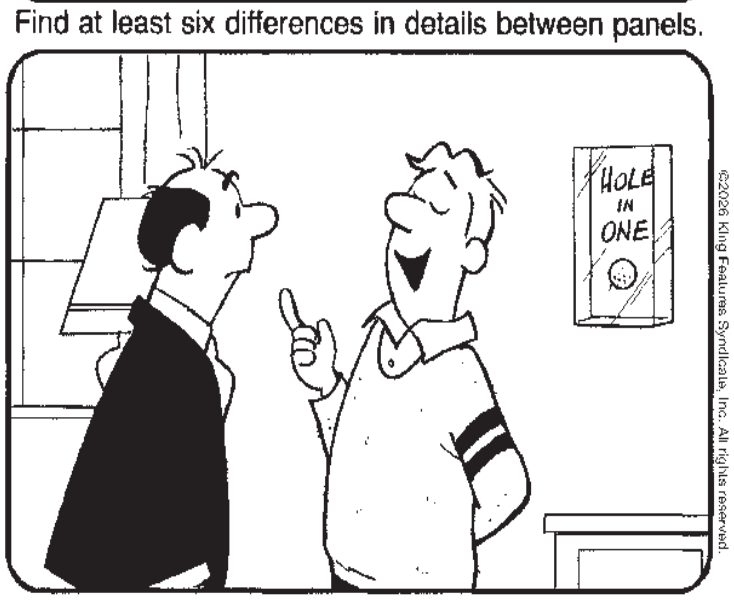


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Stripe on sleeve is moved. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Lampshade is different. 5. Windowpanes are different. 6. Tie is smaller.

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CITY OF WARNER ROBINS DECEMBER EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
5:00PM
PERKINS PARK
105 Mulberry St.

CHRISTMAS PARADE
Dreaming of a Red, White, and Blue Christmas
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
10:00AM
WATSON BLVD.



Family Fun Night
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026
4:00PM–8:00PM
NORTH HOUSTON SPORTS COMPLEX
900 NORTH HOUSTON RD.



PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
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