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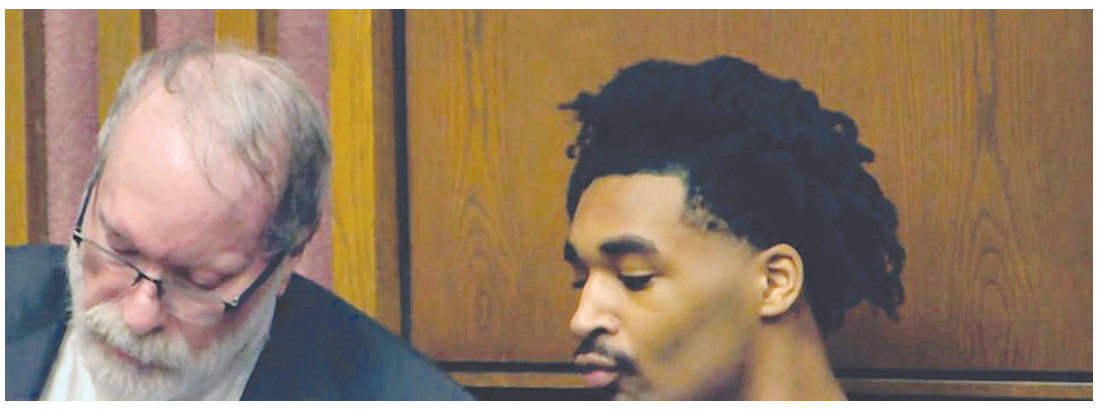

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COPELAND SENTENCED TO LIFE - Talbot County resident Semaj Copeland (right) is shown during his court appearance on Thursday, July 23 with his attorney Mark Shelnutt (left) in Muscogee County Superior Court before receiving his sentence in the murder case of Daryus Bryant.

Copeland Sentenced to Life

By JOHN KUYKENDALL & LENDREZ GREENE

Talbot County resident Semaj Copeland was sentenced to life in prison with a possibility of parole in the murder of Manchester High student athlete Daryus Bryant on Thursday, July 23 in Muscogee County Superior Court.

Prosecutors stated in court that Copeland did not have a weapon in the April 20, 2024 shooting of Bryant in Columbus, but as the driver of the vehicle his actions led directly to Bryant's death.

Bryant, an outstanding athlete, played football, basketball and ran track at Manchester High School. He was a track state champion.

Bryant was shot and killed only a few days before his 17th birthday in Columbus after attending the Manchester High prom on April 20, 2024.

Bryant was well known in his community, was a state track winner, a leader on the Manchester High football and basketball teams and was being recruited by several universities.

Bryant and Clarence Favors were both attending the school's prom the night of the shooting. Favors received injuries in the shooting but survived.

Copeland, an outstanding athlete at Central Elementary/High School, was one of three people charged with Bryant's murder and was a distant cousin of Bryant.

On May 26, in Muscogee County Court, Copeland, Jaquan Mahon and Zion Horton were convicted in the case.

Horton and Mahone were both found guilty of malice murder. Copeland was found not guilty on a charge of malice murder. All three teens were found guilty of felony murder, three counts of aggravated assault and five counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.

On June 23, Horton and Mahone returned to court for sentencing and both received life without the possibility of parole.

Copeland's sentencing was postponed until July 23 due to his attorney, Mark Shelnutt, having had a conflict on June 23.

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Photo By LG Broadcasting

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT - Greenville Middle School Principal Michael Perry (center) was one of several administrators recognized by the Meriwether County Board of Education for elevating mathematics recently. He is shown with School Board Chairman Chris Owens (left) and Superintendent Dr. Robert A. Griffin.

School Board Celebrates Leaders' Accomplishments

By LENDREZ GREENE

Meriwether County Schools is proud to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our schools and leaders who continue to provide exceptional opportunities for student success.

Unity Elementary School, led by Mr. Alston, was recognized as a Georgia's Literacy Leader: Elevating Achievement Through Literacy, honoring the school's outstanding commitment to helping students grow as confident readers and lifelong learners.

Greenville Middle School, led by Mr. Perry, received recognition as a Master of Mathematics: Elevating Achievement Through Mathematics, celebrating the school's dedication to excellence in mathematics instruction and student achievement.

Manchester Middle School, led by Dr. Short, earned two prestigious recognitions:

Georgia's Literacy Leader: Elevating Achievement Through Literacy &

Advancing Achievement School, in recognition of advancing student achievement and meeting the exit criteria for federal identification.

These honors reflect the dedication, collaboration, and hard work of our principals, teachers, staff, students, and families. Their commitment to academic excellence continues to make a lasting impact on the students of Meriwether County Schools.

Hogansville Council Extends Data Center Moratorium 30 More Days

By TODD PIKE

The Hogansville City Council held their last regularly scheduled meeting for this month on July 20th. Freddie Broome from the Georgia Municipal Association presented an Advanced Leadership Certification through GMA to city employee Ryan Diaz. Diaz is the city's Gas Supervisor, but according to City Manager Lisa Kelly, he shows up for all city emergencies no matter the time of night. He was one of over 100 city employees from across the state to earn certification through GMA.

The first bit of new business concerned the data center moratorium which expires on August 2. A moratorium extension was discussed, and after Councilman Jason Baswell proposed a thirty day extension from August 2, the draft was approved. Next, the council awarded the city's sanitation services for the near future to their current provider, AmWaste, who was bidding against three other companies. The agreement comes with the stipulation that Hogansville can exit the three-year plan if it so chooses. AmWaste will also offer glass, cardboard and plastic recycling service for Hogansville customers.

Councilwoman Kandis Strickland, whose term is up on her Downtown Development Authority seat, has applied to continue for another term. The council approved her application and will vote on her appointment at the next council meeting. Lastly, Lisby O'Kelly, who recently opened The Antique Vault downtown, has applied to be on the Downtown Development authority. Her application will also be voted on at the next council meeting.

City Manager Lisa Kelly stated that beginning August 3rd, City Hall will be open from 8:30 to 5:00, without closing for lunch, as has been the practice. Beginning in August, and occurring every two weeks, the city will begin customer education programs for the public. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money will be used to target sewer line replacements on Brazell and Carden Streets in the near future. Due to falling limbs that have damaged cars and homes, the city will take down nine old pecan trees on Frederick Avenue. August 1st will be the last day the splash pad at Strozier Park will be open this summer. The city plans to take over operation of the pad from the recreation department prior to next summer. Kelly also stated the city has received two bids for audio-visual upgrades to the City Annex Building. Plans are being made to move the council chambers to the Annex Building in the next few months. The city also plans to have a 20-foot tall Christmas tree in Askew Park this holiday season.

Chief Jeffrey Sheppard reported that the HPD gives classes each month at the Active Life Center on how to not fall victim to scams. Sadly, an area resident recently fell victim to a scam. Councilwoman Strickland stated that all Hogansville Elementary teachers will visit the homes of HES students on Saturday, August 1st from 11:30 to 5:00, so students and parents can meet the teachers.





Photos By Mary Byers

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH - The Manchester Recreation Dept. and Huddle Youth Center teamed up to host their annual Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, July 25. Organizations in the community came together to provide school supplies as well as outreach for programs such as sports, churches, and even the local Girl Scouts. Special thanks for helping make it possible goes to Meriwether Family Connections, Leadership Meriwether, The Rock Church of Manchester, Bethany Christian Services, R.O.O.T.S., First Baptist Church of Manchester, Cove Baptist Church, Girl Scouts, West Georgia Domestic Shelter, District 4 Public Health, F&M Bank, Rare Earth Metals, Manchester Fire Dept., and Manchester's Police Chief Chris Jones. Events like these help provide for families in the area that need assistance preparing for school. This ensures that all students are equally equipped and ready to learn.

Stories Needed for Special Section

From Staff Reports

This newspaper is needing stories and photographs from local police departments, fire departments and all other emergency services for the upcoming special edition that will bring attention to the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack and our local heroes.

The newspaper would like to have photographs and information about local heroes who have gone above and beyond the line of duty and need to be recognized for his or her heroic acts.

Please email story information on a word document or as email body copy. Photographs must be received as jpegs.

If you have questions or would like to submit information about a local hero, you may call John at (706) 846-3188 or email him at john@starmercuryvindicator.com.

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Meriwether County and Hogansville Community Calendar

Lone Oak City Council meeting, 6:30 pm Monday, August 3. The public is invited to attend.

Hogansville City Council meeting, 7 pm Monday, August 3. The public is invited to attend.

Greenville City Council meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, August 4. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Water & Sewerage Authority meeting, 4:30 pm Thursday, August 6. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority meeting, 4 pm Monday, August 10. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Commission meeting, 6 pm Monday, August 10. The public is invited to attend.

Warm Springs City Council meeting, 6:30 pm Monday, August 10. The public is invited to attend.

Luthersville City Council meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, August 11. The public is invited to attend.

Manchester City Council meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, August 11. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Board of Education meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, August 11. The public is invited to attend.

Lake Meriwether Board meeting, 7 pm Tuesday, August 11. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Republican Party meeting, 6 pm Thursday, August 13. The public is invited to attend.

Greenville Downtown Development Authority meeting, 6 pm Monday, August 17. The public is invited to attend.

Hogansville City Council meeting, 7 pm Monday, August 17. The public is invited to attend.

Manchester Development Authority meeting, 9 am Thursday, August 20. The public is invited to attend.

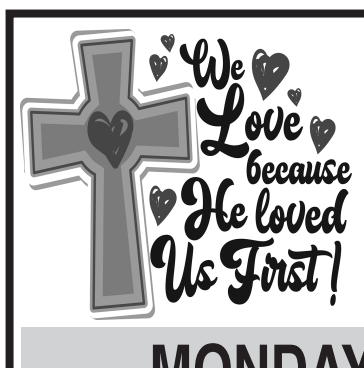
Readers are urged to call ahead and confirm that events listed here are still being held.

To have your non-commercial community event listed in the Community Calendar, send the information to starmercurynews@gmail.com. To be included, the event must be taking place in Hogansville or Meriwether County. The deadline is each Monday at noon. Calendar events are subject to change.



Photos By Elizabeth Graves

THE HUMAN FOOTPRINT - The idea for this project came from the many observations I made while pumping my gas, or at a park, or the lake or driving down the highway. The amount of trash was unreal. So much of it was just thrown on the ground, within walking distance of a trash can. Some of the trash made no sense, why was a boat here, where did these mattresses come from. And all I could think was this, not our technology, not our languages, not the arts, this is what we are leaving behind, this is what will be left after we are gone, is the real human footprint. None of the trash in this series of photos has been altered or added to the picture. Everything you see is as I found it, in the spot I found it. I try to clean up everything I take pictures of, but I'm one person and can't do it alone. So if these pictures tug at your heart or make you think what can I do, call you city council, set up a community wide trash pick up day, call the city to arrange to pick up your big trash, throw your trash away in a trash can or a dumpster. Do your part, don't make this the real human footprint.



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A Wise Woman Once Said...

By ELIZABETH GRAVES

"Wisdom comes with age." I'm not exactly sure who to attribute these sage words to, but I like to imagine some little old Southern lady listening to a youngster talk about being an adult and being so grown, and in her true southern lady "bless your heart" moment she reaches over pats their hand and says, "Wisdom comes with age, dear." In my opinion, the saying is not completely wrong. Yes, there are some people in their teens or 20s who are extremely wise, but true wisdom - wisdom that comes with living, learning, surviving, that like fine wine takes time - that takes age.

At some point in our lives we have heard words of wisdom from many great women. A few of my favorites are: "Never underestimate the power of a girl with a book," Ruth Bader Ginsberg. "It is a curious thought, but it is only when you see people looking ridiculous that you realize just how much you love them," Agatha Christie. "The truth will set you free, but first it will p*ss you off," Gloria Steinem. "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things," Mother Teresa. "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent," Eleanor Roosevelt. All in my opinion wise women in their own rights. They either paved the way to rights previously denied to women, or fought to gain those rights. They taught love in the face of hate. They taught that a story can be a powerful thing. They taught us to be fearless and never let anyone tell us that we aren't. I know about all these wise women, because a wise woman taught me about them.

My mother.

My mother was a unique character. She had what I like to call "no filter-itis" - you know, that filter that we are supposed to have that tells us, maybe don't say that. My mother was apparently born without it. Now she was never mean or rude, she just said what came into her head no matter what. I once asked her why she did that and she said, "They're either going to like me or not, I don't have time to waste." That's who she was, she wasn't going to water herself down for anybody. She was who she was and she was proud of that. She wasn't stuck in her ways, she was pretty well adaptable to change, especially if it meant equality or unlearning bias that she didn't know she had. She just liked herself for who she was. The woman who was fiercely independent but was a hopeless romantic and still deep down dreamed of the happily ever after. The "some day" planner, some day I'll travel, some day I'll go on a vacation.

She had dreams but she was rooted in logic and knew that staying realistic was the best way to go. So of course she ended up with a head in the clouds, super dreamer who falls short of everything she plans, daughter. My mother was wise, so she knew it was her job to pass on lessons and wisdom to help her daughter in the future. She knew she wasn't meant to curb her daughters dreams but to help foster them no matter how insane or foolish they were, no matter how badly they were going to fail. So she gave me her wisdom. I used to roll my eyes at her little sayings, but now I realize they were her own version of a road map, her little tidbits, lessons, life hacks.

A wise woman once said ... "When a fool is fighting with a fool, God doesn't know who the real fool is." I remember I once called my mom about a stupid fight I had with my ex-husband and she asked if I argued and fought back. Well of course, she knew who her daughter was, and her famous temper. And she told me those words. She said when they start a fight they are fools, and when you fight back, you are acting like a fool. So who is the bigger fool, who is the real fool? It was her way of telling me that wasting my time and energy on foolish things was not worth it. My energy was better spent.

"Choose love, always choose love and kindness. When you choose love, evil dies, because a little bit of love is worth a thousand pounds of evil, so always choose love." She believed in the power of love, she believed that loving someone could change the world, she even loved her enemies.

She didn't have the easiest childhood. In her house love was given as a reward, not as something to give out freely. So she knew as an adult she would always choose to love. The fact that after what she survived in her childhood, she could still find a reason to choose love is a miracle in itself. "That's the point of parenting to be better than our parents and our kids will do better than us." We were once talking about raising kids and I told her about something that happened with my daughter and she said, "You are such a better mom than me." I tried to argue that she was a great mom and she cut me off and said those words. She knew she wasn't the best mom, she knew she made mistakes, as I did with my 3 kids, we all make mistakes as parents. But she knew that the goal was to break the cycles and do better than her parents, and I did better than her, and my kids will do better than me. That's the point.

"Remember, never settle for anything less than every-

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Dorothy Jean Ray

October 1, 1948 - July 25, 2026

Retired Payroll Accounting Specialist

Dorothy Jean Ray, 77, of Manchester, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2026 at her residence with her sons at her side.

Ms. Ray was born in Manchester, Georgia on October 1, 1948, the daughter of Lamar McRae and Laura Elizabeth "Peggy" Mayfield McRae. She was a lifelong resident of this area. She retired as a payroll accounting specialist from Goody Products and later Callaway Gardens. She was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church in Chalybeate Springs. Ms. Ray had the heart of a servant and always cared for others. She often hosted bingo games at the Warm Springs Nursing Home. She enjoyed crocheting and was very talented at it. Above all, she loved her family, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Tammy Ray Clay, and her brothers, Tommy and Richard McRae.



She is survived by her sons, Joseph L. "Jody" (Mary) Ray of Manchester, Jeffery (Tara) McRae of Tampa, FL, and Jamie Ray of Manchester; grandchildren, Christopher (Ashley) Ray, Matthew (Tiffany) Ray, Shelby (Rebecca) Ray, Caitlin Ray, Courtnie (Shayne) McRae, Brandon (Abby) McRae, Brittany (Patrick) Rembezewski, Sandra (Tyler) Marien, Jamie Ray, Jr., Cameron Garrett, Kaitlynn Garrett, Jennifer (Joseph) Kimball, Laura Clay, and Kaleb Ray; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Ashlyn, Lindsey, Ava, Emma, Matthew, Jr., Everly, Adelyn, Charlotte, Hudson, Brooklynne, Blaire, Patrick, Pierce, Lucian, Summer, Nolan, and two more on the way; and sister, Mary Ann Gordy, of Harris City.

Graveside services will be held at Meriwether Memory Gardens on Thursday, July 30, 2026 beginning at 11:00 AM. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Cox Funeral Home - Manchester, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.coxfh.com.

Editor's Note: *Death and funeral notices must be received by 12 noon on Monday prior to run date. and shoud be sent to the newspaper by a funeral home only. We will run family-placed notices; call our office for details.*

A Wise Woman Once Said ...

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thing you want." I called my mom upset one day because another one of my big, over the top plans fell through, as they usually did. And I told her that I should really aim lower, that maybe my problem was that I dreamed too big and wanted too much. I asked for her opinion. And she told me some of my favorite words of wisdom from her. She knew that most of my big plans were going to fail, not because I was at fault, but because life gets in the way. Things happen, best laid plans fail, but she asked me every time something failed if I still wanted it. If I did then she would tell me to rearrange, replan, adjust and try again. If I didn't want it, then let it go and move on to my next big plan, because I should never settle for anything other than what I want.

Mom has been gone 3 years now and I still hear her voice in my head and her words of wisdom. I say them to my kids and add a few more. They now roll their eyes at, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" and "Be afraid, but do it anyway." Because I know now they may think mom is annoying and the things she says are such mom sayings, but one day they will be their inner voice.

Because one day I will be gone and won't be there to give them my words of wisdom.

I give them now, so that one day when they can't ask me they'll hear me in their head and my little wise words will help them navigate the world without me by their side. And so I pass these words of wisdom from wise women, on to you my reader so you may use them in your own way.

So that you remember that a wise woman once said "choose love, always choose love."

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The City of Woodland, Georgia, is accepting bids from qualified and properly licensed contractors for the demolition and replacement of sidewalks located within the public rights-of-way at the following locations:

1. State Route/Highway 36: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 36 and 6th Avenue and continuing to the intersection of Highway 36 and 8th Avenue.

2. Manchester Highway: Beginning at the intersection of Manchester Highway and West Main Street and continuing to the intersection of Manchester Highway and West Pleasant Hill Street.

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

- Obtaining all required permits and approvals, including any permits or approvals required by the Georgia Department of Transportation;
- Removal and demolition of the existing sidewalks;
- Hauling and lawful disposal of all demolition debris;
- Grading, compaction, and base preparation;
- Installation and finishing of new concrete sidewalks;
- Installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps;
- Restoration and cleanup of all disturbed areas; and
- Traffic and pedestrian control necessary to complete the work safely.

All work must comply with applicable federal, state, and local requirements, Georgia Department of Transportation standards, and current Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards.

Contractors must provide proof of all required licenses, general liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and any other documentation requested by the City. Each bidder is responsible for inspecting the project locations and verifying all measurements, quantities, site conditions, and permitting requirements before submitting a bid.

Bids may be delivered during regular business hours or mailed to:
City of Woodland
Attn: City Clerk
PO Box 187
49 E Main St
Woodland, GA 31836

Delivered or mailed bids must clearly state "SIDEWALK DEMOLITION AND REPLACEMENT BID" on the outside of the envelope.

Bids may be submitted by email to the City Clerk at cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com. All bids must be received no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, July 31, 2026. Bids received after the stated deadline will not be considered. The City of Woodland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk at cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com or (706)674-2200, during the regular business hours of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Wednesday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Photo Submitted

MEETING THE AUTHOR - Dixie Beckham, Bella Chartrande, Mary Jane Macaluso, Jamie Pharis-Pyles and Dawn Thompson display a new Meriwether County mystery series by author, Doug Smith (center).

Garden Club Hears From Author

Submitted to the *Star-Mercury-Vindicator*

Avoiding the stifling heat of July, the Merry Weather Garden Club met in the cool confines of the Manchester Public Library to hear author Doug Smith share his love of Dutch gardens and his new mystery book series set in Meriwether County.

Hostesses Dawn Thompson, Dixie Beckham, Bella Chartrande, Mary Jane Macaluso, and Jamie Pharis-Pyles invited members to enjoy a brunch of mini quiche, muffins, fruit, and cheeses while catching up on club business related by President Jaime Askvig. Doug Smith Ph.D, a former University of Georgia agriculture professor, who also lived in the Netherlands, began the program by sharing fascinating facts and vividly colorful photographs of the Dutch gardens he visited.

Smith told the audience that tulips originally came from Turkey, but found the most surprising fact while living there, that the people of Holland do not really like the flowers they are most famously known for growing. He also shared that one of the first and largest stock market crashes occurred in 17th-century Holland because of over-speculation in tulips, resulting in rare bulbs costing the equivalent of thousands of dollars each in today's money.

Club members were just as excited to hear about Smith's cozy murder mystery series set in Meriwether County. After Doug and his wife, Eve, bought a home on the Roosevelt Campus in Warm Springs, he switched from writing science fiction novels to writing murder mysteries.

Through a series of four novels, with a fifth due any day, Smith's main character, James Wilder, solves murders in Warm Springs, Pine Mountain, and the Cove in Woodbury. As James settles into life in his restored home on the Roosevelt Campus, he starts a community garden, forms friendships with colorful local characters, finds time for romance, and stays one step ahead of the danger he faces while tracking down each murderer.

While some aspects of the county are fictionalized, readers will recognize descriptions of local landmarks and enjoy the surprising twists and turns in each novel, which also include an older campus murder mystery dating back to the Roosevelt era.

A highlight of the meeting was the creative dessert by Bella Chartrande: a brownie baked in a miniature clay pot, complete with a tiny shovel and a live tulip. A tiny troll hidden in one of the pots allowed one lucky member to claim a signed copy of Mystery Under the Wax Myrtle, graciously donated by Doug Smith.

Once again, Merry Weather Garden Club members left the meeting full of great food, fascinating facts, friendly conversations, and the bonus of an armful of future, fun reading.

Readers interested in Doug Smith's Meriwether County mystery series can learn more at www.dsmithmystery.com or contact him at dougsmith.author@gmail.com. The mysteries are available on Amazon under the name D. Smith. Information about his science fiction novels can be found at www.douglasp-smith.com, where they are listed under Douglas P. Smith.



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One Year Later



Jack Bagley

Musings of An Aging Mind

Friday of this week marks a special milestone in my life, one I never thought in a million years I'd have to experience.

One year ago Friday, my life changed forever.

I had a heart attack.

Looking back, I can see the entire thing very clearly. I know I've talked about it here before, but if you'll indulge me, I want to go through it again - this time, as a story of survival.

On the morning of Thursday, July 31, 2025, I was getting ready to go to work. The time was around 6:20 a.m. and I was having breakfast.

As I was eating a bowl of cinnamon-spice oatmeal, I felt a pain in the center of my chest. It wasn't all that different from others I'd had, which were easily resolved with some antacid tablets.

In my mind, I was having an acid reflux episode, and all would be well. Indeed, the antacids did ease the discomfort. I should have suspected something was truly amiss when the pain didn't entirely go away, but since I had no other symptoms - no pain in the left arm, no nausea - it was time to go to work and I had things to do.

My Thursday progressed as they normally do, with the work in the office going as usual. The pain in my chest eased and returned, and my clearest recollection of the day is that it was an exceedingly strong case of reflux.

I found it difficult to go to sleep that night, as I struggled to get comfortable - which, in the end, I didn't. But I managed to eke out a few hours of something similar to rest, and Friday morning got up to repeat the process.

The pain never went away, no matter how many antacids I took.

I made it through Friday and again found sleep difficult - more so, in fact, than Thursday. Again, I was able to get about three hours of light sleep.

Saturday, I went to work at the Pine Mountain Wild Animal Safari, and my fellow tour guides noticed that I was not "myself." I mentioned the "reflux" and they expressed concern for my health. That evening, I attended the 40th birthday party of a dear friend, and everyone noticed I was withdrawn and quiet - my chest was hurting and I didn't tell them. I slept even less that night.

Sunday, I visited my daughter and grandchildren, and my ex-wife said I should see the doctor about the pain that wasn't stopping. I agreed and said I'd make an appointment as soon as I could. If I got one hour of real sleep that Sunday night, I would be surprised.

I made it through the following Monday somehow, but that night there would be no sleep. I was nauseous by that point, and when midnight came and I still couldn't sleep, I finally called an ambulance to take me to the hospital, where I would spend the next week essentially fighting for my life.

I didn't hear the words "heart attack" until I was hooked up to the medical miracles in the ambulance, and I found out later that it was the widowmaker heart attack and I'd survived the 100% blockage.

That survival was something of a miracle, and I'm grateful to God for that.

The rest of the story I have already told you, including the later development of congestive heart failure and a three-week stay in the hospital in October due to that and pneumonia, which also almost killed me.

Now, it's one year since that fateful morning and that bowl of oatmeal.

I'm still here.

Thanks to some magnificent, dedicated people I can say I have a pretty good chance to see my 70th birthday in a couple of years.

I would love to relate how I've changed my lifestyle, gotten more exercise, reduced my weight, taken a more proactive approach to life ... I'd love to tell you that, but I have a policy to never lie in this column.

The first thing I jonesed for after getting out of the second hospital stay was some fried chicken from the Butcher Block restaurant in Manchester. I know that isn't what a heart patient is supposed to eat, but it's good, and I wanted it.

I know I need to lose weight, and as of this week I'm taking medication to help me do just that. As soon as I get rid of about 100 unnecessary pounds of me, I'll be doing much better.

Once the strain on my leg muscles (which have never really recovered from three weeks flat on my back) is eased, I do plan to go back to walking for exercise.

I don't drink or smoke, so I don't have to worry about giving those up.

I can truly say that I've spent the past year just living and enjoying the fact that I am still doing so.

Now, the journey to a better, more fit me begins.

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Looking for Answers Through My Car Window



John Kuykendall

Publisher & Editor

It's not often I take time for myself. I'm always busy working, or cutting grass, or just whatever needs being done, so those moments for myself are rare. Recently I was able to take one of those moments.

It has been a while since I visited Harris County, where I grew up. I had to visit the county to do some work for the newspaper. While I was doing that, I managed to take a few minutes for myself and do some remembering.

I managed to stop at Pine Mountain Valley Baptist Church where my family members are buried and take a moment.

Every time I visit their graves, memories begin to rush through my mind, and that is what happened this time as well. I left the graveyard and went on with my work.

As I drove I looked out my car window, and it seemed there were many things that brought back memories. Some of the memories were happy ones and some were not so happy ones.

Like just passing Moultrie Park (sports complex) and remembering coaching so many teams, umpiring and spending hours with my son and daughter on those fields, those were all happy ones.

However, riding over the bridge where my father was tragically killed was not a happy one.

Whether a good memory or a bad memory, it is important to remember those memories. They are part of our life and part of who we are. We have to go through the bad times to get to the good times, and sometimes visa versa. The good thing is, no matter what the situation, we can usually battle through it if we work at it. However, it is those battles, the memories we make with family and friends, and our desire to do better that is part of what makes us who we are also.

Sometimes, we have to realize that the bad memories may not be as bad as we remember them to be.

Here's an example. Let's say you sit down to family dinner, the food is good, the conversation is good and all is well. Good memory right? Then, as you prepare to clear the table you accidentally tip over your drink and it splatters all over one of the family members. The two of you will not have the same memory of that event because the spill would probably degrade the memory of the person who just had something spilled on him or her.

We need to realize that the memory doesn't matter as much as the moment. Simply put, everything we do from one moment to the next is important to our existence and to that of those around us. Memories are just the stories of our life.

I also thought about the regrets in my life. Yes, we all have those, whether it is a project that we started and never finished, or that we spend too much time working and not enough with family, or that we never told a family member or friend who has passed on how we felt about them. No matter what the regrets are, we all have them.

Sydney J. Harris said, "Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable." Meaning if we do something and regret it we can get past it, but it is the things we do not do that we have problems with.

What we most often forget is that when we reach tomorrow, today is gone and we can't get it back. So we need to remember that old saying, "Don't regret tomorrow what you didn't do today."

Taking a trip down memory lane can sometimes help us to get more focused on today. When we look back at the memories and the regrets we can begin to realize where our life began, where it is today, how much we have grown as a person, how much better we are at dealing with things and so much more.

Simply put, we can access the person we are today verses the person we were 10 years ago, 20 years ago and so on. We can determine if we are in fact a better person today or maybe not the person we really want to be. That is just the tip of the iceberg. It can also help us again determine where we are in life and where we want to be.

So, my readers, take a moment, look out the window and reflect on your life. It is amazing what you might see, and amazing what you might learn from the experience.

If I learned one thing from this, it is that Grant Ngobean got it right when he said, "Don't live your life regretting yesterday... Live your life so tomorrow you won't regret today."

"Who Are You? Who, Who, Who, Who"



Andy Kober

Columnist

Admit it – some of you had to sing that.

Those that have been around for a while will remember that song made popular by the band, appropriately named, The Who in 1978.

Over 20 years later, in 2000 to be precise, the song would enjoy a huge resurgence in popularity because it was chosen as the theme music for the television series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation". The television series not only became a huge hit, lasting an incredible 15 seasons, it also inspired a number of other CSI-based series based in different locations.

The opening lyrics and music of the song are unmistakable, and something happened last week that brought it to mind again.

As I get older the original parts are getting rather worn. A bit of an aggravating situation had been getting worse and during a routine doctor's visit last week, I mentioned it. That resulted in getting some x-rays done. During the registration process I had to provide my insurance cards and then something happened that reminded me of that song. The person behind the desk asked for my identification.

Make sure you understand the picture I am trying to paint with words – before proceeding to get x-rays taken, I had to show proper identification, or ID.

Go almost anywhere and attempt to purchase an adult beverage, tobacco products, or some over-the-counter medications and if you appear to be under a certain adult age, they will ask for ID. And in some places when making a substantial purchase with a debit or credit card, ID will be requested.

WHO are you?

Having one's ID requested has become so commonplace that most people just produce it without thinking. Whether it is a driver's license or any form of state-issued ID, it is not an issue.

Showing proper ID accomplishes two things – proving that you are who you claim to be or proving your age. Unless a person is attempting something illegal or not allowed, showing ID is not an issue.

So why do so many liberals fight so hard to keep proper ID from being required to vote?

It is a fair statement to make that casting ballots for those seeking public office in our towns and cities, counties, states and in the federal government is much more important than an individual purchasing a beer, a pack of cigarettes, or non-prescription medications.

Voting for our leaders and representatives is a privilege and right of being an American citizen. It is a right reserved for our citizens. So, why is there an issue when ID is requested to cast a ballot?

WHO are you? Who, who, who, who?

We all know the truth even if the liberals will never admit it.

Requiring ID to vote helps eliminate voter fraud and helps keep those who should not be voting from casting ballots.

Despite the claims of one political party, legitimate voters will not be disenfranchised. What that party is afraid of is losing votes from people who should not be voting – illegal immigrants, people voting multiple times, deceased people still voting, and other cases of fraud.

While we might disagree with some of what President Donald Trump says and does, the majority of Americans agree with the need to protect American elections – only allowing Americans to cast ballots.

That's my opinion.

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Thoughts on Schoolwork and Hoarding



Kyle Dominy

New Southern Dad

Another summer, as far as the school calendar goes, is coming to an end. That means my home will soon be littered with textbooks, worksheets and various scraps of paper. It seems like only yesterday I was hauling a trunk load of recycling to the dump.

It does my heart good to throw things away, even if my children scribbled or doodled on it. That may sound a little hard-hearted, but if I kept every piece of parchment colored or written on by my offspring, I'd soon be overrun with litter. I'd be forced to traverse my home along treacherous pig trails between towers of loose paper. One wrong move or wayward sneeze would leave me buried alive beneath colorful depictions of cartoon characters and hastily calculated long division.

Teachers always want you to show your work, as if calculators don't exist and every cell phone didn't come preinstalled with one. To think of all the moments of my youth squandered, paper and pencil wasted trying to figure out math problems. But then again, how would my life have turned out if I was good with figures? I could be living the face-paced, sexy life of a corporate accountant.

My son has a good head for numbers, so much so that, to his teachers' disdain, he can do a lot of math in his head. He's like some kind of savant. I tried getting him into a casino one time with the ol' two kids in a trench coat trick, but apparently the security guard watched a lot of cartoons.

But back to the accumulation of things ... I do keep a scrapbook of cherished drawings or written things for sentimental purposes, but the rest goes right into the trash. I don't want to end up on that TV show where psychiatrists and cleaning specialists mock help someone so the people at home can feel better about their cluttered homes. Not too long ago, while helping my parents clean out their attic I came upon a hoard of schoolwork from my childhood. My mother seemingly was incapable of throwing out the things I now so easily toss into the wastebasket. She asked if I wanted to save any of it. You can guess the answer. In the end we did what should have been done decades before - got rid of a ton of paper. My knees hurt for weeks after multiple trips up and down the stairs laden with boxes.

Similarly, my wife's parents saved a lot of her things in large containers that eventually made their way to my garage where they have sat undisturbed for years. I'm dying to haul these bulky, heavy boxes away, but I'm patiently waiting for permission. OK, maybe impatiently. I could just do it and hope it goes unnoticed. It's a victimless crime, and I'd have a corner of my garage back.

That's the problem with saving things. Precious memories from one moment become a chore down the road, or for someone else all together.

So this school year I'm going to do my kids, and future self a favor. I'm going to keep throwing things away.

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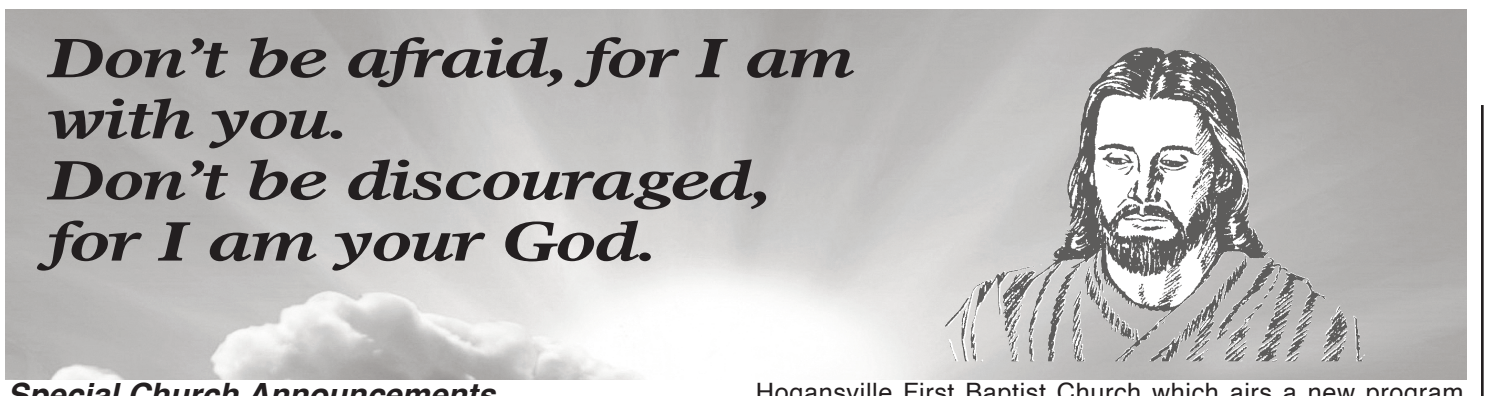

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Fishing for Youth

Fishing For Youth of America was founded by Richard and Ginny Nash in memory of Richard's mother and father. The program provides fishing supplies for our youth. It is the hope of FFYA to encourage our youth to fish and do other wholesome activities and to stay away from drugs, guns, gangs and violence. If we can get our youth to appreciate the outdoors they make better young people. If you know of a child or grandchild that could benefit from this program we would love to hear from you. It's also a program that benefits children that would otherwise not get anything for Christmas. If anyone would like to support this cause you can give in Honor or in Memory of someone. For more information on how you can be a part of this much needed outreach you may call Richard 478-998-2996.



Invited to Services

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, located at the intersection of Judson Bulloch Rd & Roosevelt Hwy at 2904 Judson Bulloch Rd, Warm Springs, GA 31830. All are invited to celebrate the Mass with our community & officiated by our pastor Father Timothy Gadziala every Sunday at 2 p.m.

First Methodist Manchester Food Pantry

The First Methodist Church, located at 206 Broad Street, Manchester announces a Food Pantry for the community each third Wednesday of the month. The food pantry is located in the fellowship hall. Times are 10:00am - noon.

Faith Baptist Church Services

Faith Baptist Church - We are located at 11844 Whitehouse Pkwy. Woodbury, GA 30293. Come join with us for Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study at 6 p.m. Pastor David Dodgen. Phone (706) 333-5999. Follow us on Facebook - Faith Baptist Church-Woodbury.

New Arbor Community Church Services

New Arbor Community Church (Formerly known as Arbor Chapel U.M.C.) located on 1150 Arbor Chapel Road, Warm Springs, GA. (Stovall Community) invites everyone to attend regualr worship services on First and Third Sunday at 11:00 A.M. Phone Number: 706-663-4113. Matt. 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Rev. Jimmy Hardnett, Jr. Pastor.

Trinity CME In-Person Services

Trinity CME Church in the Durand Community Sunday Services will be in person on the first and fourth Sundays, and by telephone conference on the second and third Sundays. The telephone conference number is 720-843-2834 and Passcode is 6398632. Masks are required for in-person service along with social distancing. Rev. William Spratling, Pastor.

Church of Christ at Greentown Heights

The Church of Christ at Greentown Heights is open to worshippers of all ages and backgrounds. We are committed to the teachings of Christ and to spread His message. Feel free to visit one of our services at 407 Roger Brawner Avenue, Manchester, GA. Bible Classes are Wednesdays at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Classes are held for all ages at 7:00 pm. Sunday: Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:45 am; Worship Service at 11:00 am. We also offer in home Bible studies and free bible correspondence classes. For more information contact Brother Joey Waller at 706-846-2792 or 706-441-0181.

Youth/Children Services Weekly

The Anointed Remnant-Church, Columbus Georgia has resume In-Person worship service in the circle of Warm Springs and Blackmon Road each Sunday. Located next to Flat Rock Park. We also, have Wednesday's night bible study. Worship service starts at 11:00 am on Sundays and 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. POC: 706-325-5769.

Food Ministry at Dorcas Ministry

The Dorcas Ministry is a food ministry housed in the First Baptist Church of Warm Springs. The ministry serves those who live in this county or nearby and need temporary food. Proof of identity and address is required. Volunteers are at the church on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and other community information, such as job opportunities, is shared, as well. At this time the pantry needs personal products such as deodorant, toilet paper, etc. and most canned fruit, meats and vegetables (except corn and green beans). Organizers are also looking for additional volunteers.

Souls for Christ

Souls for Christ Church, located at 444 Todd Road in Greenville, invites you to join us every 2nd and 4th service at 11:00 a.m. Bible Study Tuesday at 6 p.m. Evangelist Sue Ann Reid.

Arise Ministry Podcast

Be sure to tune in to the Arise Ministry Pod Cast from Hogansville First Baptist Church which airs a new program every Sunday at 5:30PM. Gary Blanks, Randy Brady, Kevin Folds, Bill Dollar, and occasional guests talk about life in recovery. They talk about serious issues with humor, empathy, and joy, and it will be well worth your time to listen. The podcasts may be found on Facebook, Spotify, or YouTube.

Transportation for Friendship Missionary

The Transportation Ministry for Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Woodland will be picking up people who would love to come to our church service! The service will be available every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Masks and social distancing are required. Contact Clarence Leonard at (706) 427-3443 or Scott Hope at (706) 573-8231.

Feed My Sheep

The Grace Of Christ Ministries, at 3894 Hwy 85 Manchester, Ga 31816, invites you to worship with them. ORDER OF SERVICE: Sunday: Bible Teaching, 10:30am; Worship Service 11:00am. Founder/Bishop: Bishop Dr. Eric Johnson. Contact Number: 678-622-1458. Blessed by the Best!

Pentecostal Services

The Pentecostals of Woodbury welcome you to come and worship with us each Sunday at 10 AM at 500 Flat Shoals Rd in Woodbury, Georgia. For more information contact Pastor Philip Murray at 706-957-3230.

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

The Woodbury Baptist Church Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is open the first and third Thursday of each month from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The church is located at 106 Dromedary Street, Woodbury, Georgia, 30293. Pantry is across the street from the front of the church.

Good Neighbor

If you are in need of clothing, shoes, kitchen items, we have 2 baby mattresses, sheets and a frew comforters and more. You can call Shirley at 706-457-3937 or text her what you are in need of - your size, or your childrens sizes. We will pull it and call you when you can come by and pick your items up at the door. If you have questions contact Shirley at 706-457-3937.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you or a loved one needs help with a drinking problem, Alcoholics Anonymous can help. There are meetings available throughout Meriwether County. Sunday, 7 p.m., Jones Chapel in Imlac; Monday, 6:30 p.m., Greenville Baptist Church, Greenville; Tuesday, 7 p.m., Jones Chapel, Imlac; Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Community Chapel, Pine Mountain.

Bethesda Baptist Church Food Bank

Bethesda Baptist Food Bank in Ellerslie is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our ministry priority is to help those in need in our surrounding communities with food, prayer and encouragement.

Food Pantry

Luthersville Baptist Church Food Pantry is open to distribute food in a driveup fashion every Tuesday at 30 Park Street Luthersville, Ga. To receive food everyone needs to be there by between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Bonnetta's Cupboard Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from noon until 1:00 pm at Greenville Methodist Church, 502 N. Talbotton Street, Greenville, GA.

The Woodbury Baptist Church Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is open the first and third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am til 2:00 pm. The church is located at 106 Dromedary Street, Woodbury, Georgia 30293. Pantry is at the rear entrance of the church.

Church Food Pantry Open to Public

Luthersville Baptist Church Food Pantry, 30 Park Street, Luthersville, Ga. is open every Tuesday. To receive food everyone needs to be signed in by 10:00 a.m.

How to Submit News

*Submit brief church news items to: starmercurynews@gmail.com by noon Monday. Items **must** be e-mailed; faxed, mailed, or hand-delivered items are no longer accepted.*

*Items are **only** accepted via e-mail.*

Items should pertain to special events, not routine services.

All items received are subject to standard editing for context and grammar.

*Sorry, **no flyers** accepted, **no PUB documents**, and **no .pdf files.***

Please send copy in regular email body copy or on a Word document.

Please do not submit items more than once. All items will be published until the event occurs.

And please remember - when you don't need an ongoing item run any longer, let us know to remove it from the page.

This newspaper prints church news and events as a public service at no charge, but does reserve the right to edit, change or reject any submission.

Please remember deadline for church news items is 12 noon Monday prior to run date.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

Bible Thought of the Week

"Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you."

Proverbs 4:25

We Lead From Where We Are (Part Two)



Rev. Aaron McCollough
Columnist

In my previous column, I wrote about Moses becoming a shepherd and leading his father-in-law's sheep to the backside of the desert. I asked why he would do that. I then explained that he was leading the sheep from the place he was Spiritually, mentally, and physically. Moses was in a bad place. And like Moses, when we're in a bad place, we lead others into a bad place.

Now, the logical question for today's column is: Why was he there? Why did God lead him to Egypt, and more importantly, to the backside of the desert? The short answer is that he was there because God was preparing him for what He had created him for. Don't run past what I just said. Quite often, when God wants to prepare us, He sends us into some of the most untenable, God-forsaken places and circumstances imaginable. This is not to crush or destroy us, but to prepare us for our destiny.

For forty years, Moses endured God's preparation process. I want to mention a few character traits Moses must have possessed that got him through.

First, Moses possessed confidence. Forty years in Egypt taught Moses that God's timetable wasn't his timetable. But because of his miraculous beginning - being born under a sentence of death, the midwives defying Pharaoh's order to kill all the male Hebrews at birth, and being floated down the river by his mother, being drawn from the water by Pharaoh's daughter, and being raised in Pharaoh's house - undoubtedly, he was confident God had a plan for him!

Secondly, Moses possessed faithfulness. I believe that because Pharaoh's daughter hired Moses' mother as his nursemaid, she instilled the tenets of the Jewish faith in him. As has often been quoted, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." In the harshest circumstances imaginable, he remained faithful to the core values his mother instilled in him and allowed them to guide him. The values that would enable him to lead a flock of sheep for forty years on the backside of the desert would empower him to lead a bunch of ungrateful, rebellious Hebrews for forty years through the Wilderness.

Thirdly, Moses was prepared. Slow down and very slowly read what I am about to say – God never calls us up to the next level until we are prepared to go. We get impatient. We get in a hurry. We want to move to the next level of our destiny right now. But again – God never calls us up to the next level until we are prepared to go. Sometimes, the preparation process is long, arduous, and frustrating! But hear me, it is always necessary!

I sense that somebody reading this column today may feel as though God has forgotten you. I hope that you will believe me when I tell you that He has not forgotten you. He knows exactly where you are and what you are going through. He is allowing it! Why? To prepare you to move to the next level of your destiny.

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." (Psalms 27:14)

Be confident, be faithful, and be prepared.

- Bro. Aaron

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The "Lighter Side" of the News

Just Yogi and Boo-Boo Having Fun

Sheriff's deputies in Colorado responded to a "reported break-in" and arrived to find the home still occupied by the culprits: a pair of bear cubs.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office posted a video to social media showing the two bear cubs deputies found ransacking the inside of a Roxborough home and feasting on cat food.

The post said deputies arrived on the scene and "discovered two non-traditional suspects: two curious sibling bear cubs who had climbed through an open window to explore the house."

Colorado Parks & Wildlife personnel responded to the scene and helped deputies escort the baby bruins out of the home and back into the nearby woods.

"Please stay bear aware! We've had several bear run-ins lately. Help prevent bear visits by securing trash, bringing in bird feeders, keeping pet food indoors and locking lower–level doors and windows," officials wrote.

No Sacrifice is Too Great

An Idaho man sacrificed his eyebrows to break the Guinness World Record for the most consecutive flaming torch juggling catches on a unicycle.

David Rush, who already held several Guinness World Records titles for both unicycling and juggling, said he was "brimming with unearned confidence" when he decided to take on the previous record of 37 catches.

"Nobody puts the real hazard in the official rule books," Rush wrote online. "The moment you pedal a unicycle forward while juggling torches, the forward momentum creates a draft that blows the flames straight back into your face."

Rush said he quickly singed off his eyebrows and the hair on the backs of his hands during his first attempt to juggle flaming torches on his unicycle.

He decided to spent some time practicing with unlit torches and set his official attempt for Halloween 2025.

"I set up the cameras, dipped the wicks, lit them, mounted the unicycle, and immediately dropped every single torch on the concrete," Rush said. "I picked them up, dusted them off, hopped back in the saddle, and dropped them again. Failure in under three seconds. But I say all the time, failure does not define you, how you respond to it does."

He finally found his groove on his third attempt, managing 175 catches to more than quadruple the previous record.

Video from Rush's attempt was reviewed by Guinness World Records and he is now the official holder of the title.

Some Superheroes are Real

An Arkansas traffic camera was recording when a man in a Spider-Man costume pulled off a real-life rescue on a busy road.

Footage shared on social media by the Jonesboro Police Department shows a man in a wheelchair struggling to cross a busy intersection.

A man in a Spider-Man costume then climbs out from the driver's side door of a vehicle stopped at the red light and gives the man speedy assistance to finish crossing.

The masked man was later identified as Christopher Hellenthal, who had been dressed as the Marvel character for super hero day at his job at Ultimate Air Trampoline Park.

"I was like, 'All right, I'm in the Spider-Man suit; let's do this,'" Hellenthal told WREG-TV. "So I just got out and sped them along real fast, so none of us got hit, and everyone was really nice. There was no honking or nothing like that. I just got my vehicle, and I drove off."

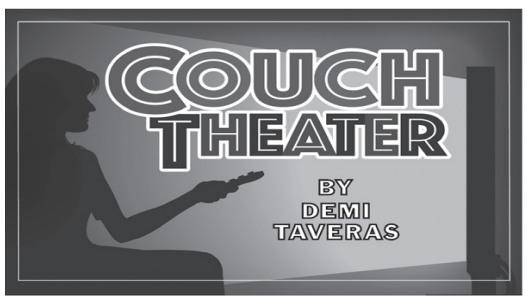
He said his speed in the video was due to the fact that the light had changed just as he was getting out of his vehicle.

Hellenthal hadn't realized he had become a viral hit until his mother saw the video on Facebook.

"I was taking a nap, and my mom woke me up and said, 'Hey, you're on Facebook,'" he said. "I saw that it was the Jonesboro Police Department that put up that video, and we just watched it every hour and every hour. The likes and comments just kept getting higher and higher."

Hellenthal said he hopes his actions will inspire others.

"I didn't expect it to blow up like this either. I just thought it would be like a really fun thing to do, but I'm glad that people are seeing it, and I hope that people, whether they're being watched or not, will step up and do the right thing whenever the time calls for it," he said.



"Disclosure Day" (PG-13) — Three-time Oscar-winning director Steven Spielberg's ("The Fabelmans") latest directorial feat is now available to rent, following a box-office stint that barely made double its $115 million budget. Spielberg signed on Emily Blunt ("The Devil Wears Prada 2") and Josh O'Connor ("Wake Up Dead Man") to respectively play his lead actors in the film — an NBC meteorologist (Blunt) and a cybersecurity analyst (O'Connor), who join forces against the government to reveal the hard-kept secret of extraterrestrial life. Colin Firth ("Young Sherlock") portrays a government contractor who attempts to stop the duo in their tracks, while Colman Domingo ("Euphoria") takes on the role of another contractor who switches sides to become an advocate for disclosure. (Fandango)

"Supergirl" (PG-13) — Another recently released film that didn't do so well in theaters will be available to rent starting on July 28. This superhero flick led by Milly Alcock ("House of the Dragon") follows David Corenswet's "Superman" as the second overall film within the new DC Universe. After Kara Zor-El, Superman's cousin, gets sent to Earth by her father to avoid Kryptonite poisoning, she adopts a new life on Earth as Supergirl with her dog, Krypto. As Supergirl reaches her 23rd birthday and has a party bender on different planets, Superman's concerned that she hasn't yet fully adapted to her life and role on Earth. But perhaps an intergalactic adventure is exactly what Kara needs to appreciate where she's been and where she'll go in the future. (YouTube)

"The Dink" (PG-13) — Jake Johnson ("New Girl") leads this new sports-comedy film that is out now to stream — right on time for it to compete with Will Ferrell's series "The Hawk" (which basically has the same plot but with golf!). "The Dink" follows a cocky, washed-up tennis pro Dusty Boyd (Johnson), who suffers a hand injury before a big duel. When his doctor prescribes pickleball as a strategy to ease back into tennis, Dusty's very reluctant to grab a paddle and take his place alongside the older ladies on the court. But as he embarks on his pickleball journey, he also learns some important life lessons - undoubtedly thanks to his kind and wise teammate, Candace (Mary Steenburgen). Look out for former pro tennis players John McEnroe and Andy Roddick to make appearances throughout the film as well. (Apple TV)



Courtesy of Apple TV

Mary Steenburgen, left, and Jake Johnson star in "The Dink."

"Ride or Die" (TV-MA) — This action-comedy series stars Octavia Spencer ("Smurfs") and Hannah Waddingham ("The Woman in Cabin 10") as two best friends who don't really know much about each other. One friend, Debbie (Spencer), is the wife of a member of Parliament, while the other, Judith (Waddingham), is secretly a deadly assassin. While Judith usually keeps mum about her job, the two besties are forced to go on the run with mercenaries hot on their trail after a hit gone wrong. With no other options but to put her faith — and life — in Judith's hands, Debbie succumbs to being an assassin's accomplice, hoping that she's still in one piece by the end of the mission. All eight episodes are out now to stream! (Amazon Prime Video)

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FACE OF EVIL - Pictured during his trial, Patrick Crusius was found guilty on 22 counts of using a firearm to commit murder among other charges stemming from a murderous rampage at a Walmart in El Paso, TX. By his own admission, Crusius was targeting Mexicans.

This Week in History

2019: El Paso Walmart Shooting

By ANDY KOBER

Here is what happened this week in American History.

• **July 30**. On this day in 1916, it is about 2 am when a massive explosion takes place on Black Tom Island in New Jersey. The explosion came after several small fires were discovered along the island's pier. Stored on the island were about 2 million pounds of small arms ammunition and artillery ammunition along with about 100,000 pounds of TNT. After the initial explosion there was a second, smaller explosion. At least seven people were killed with hundreds wounded. Black Tom Island had been used as a major ammunition depot with much of the material being used to supply the Allies during World War I. The explosions destroyed warehouses and sent debris over a mile away. Windows were broken as far away as Philadelphia. It would be determined the explosions had been caused by German agents Kurt Jahnke and Lothar Witzke. Jahnke escaped, making his way back to Germany. He would be executed by Soviet agents in 1950. Witzke was arrested in Arizona near the Mexican border. He was imprisoned and later released, then deported back to Germany. A third person, Michael Kristoff, was arrested but later released due to lack of evidence.

• **July 31**. In 1874, Patrick Francis Healy is inaugurated as president of Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Born in a log cabin in Macon, GA, Healy was a Catholic Priest and Jesuit. Healy considered himself to be white even though his mother was 1/8 black. By the laws of the time, Healy was considered black which means he was the first black American to earn a PhD and the first black president of Georgetown University -- a predominately white institution.

• **Aug. 1**. Today in 1620, the sailing ships *Speedwell* and *Mayflower* are headed to America with Pilgrims on board both ships. *Speedwell* begins taking on water and is forced to return to London for repairs, but not before some of the passengers board *Mayflower* and continue toward America. *Mayflower* will be remembered in the pages of history while *Speedwell* is forgotten. *Speedwell* will reach America, arriving in 1635. After that voyage she returns to England, is refitted and sold. Whatever happened to her after that is unknown.

• **Aug. 2**. On this day in 1953, actor and musician Patrick Alan Lilley is born in Inglewood, CA. A talent scout noticed Lilley when he was just seven and he appeared in a variety of commercials and guest appearances. Then known as Butch Patrick he lands the role of a child werewolf in the popular television series *The Munsters* and later in *Munster Go Home*. Patrick will serve as a character actor in a wide variety of roles. Now 72, Patrick remains active.

• **Aug. 3**. In 2019, in El Paso, TX, Patrick Crusius enters a Walmart about 9 am. He spends about 30 minutes walking around the store before returning to his car. A few minutes later he enters the store again, this time purchasing an orange which he eats while inside the store and then goes back to his car. The El Paso girls soccer team is holding a fundraiser outside the store and shortly after 10:30 am, Crusius exits his car, goes to the trunk and retrieves a rifle. He begins shooting people in the parking lot, then enters the store and begins shooting people. At 10:41 he leaves the store again, shoots more people in the parking lot, then gets into his car and drives away. Crusius only drives a short distance before stopping and surrendering to Texas Rangers with an El Paso Police Department motorcycle officer. Among the 90 charges, he would be charged with 22 counts of committing a hate crime resulting in death, and 22 counts of using a firearm to commit murder. He would be sentenced to 90 consecutive life sentences without parole and is currently held in jail in Palestine, TX.

• **Aug. 4**. Today in 1971, race car driver Jerr Gordon is born in Vallejo, CA. At the age of five, Gordon began racing quarter-midgets going on to become a major NASCAR star. Now 54, Gordon has retired from racing full-time and serves as Vice President of Hendrick Motorsports.

• **Aug. 5**. On this day in 1962, actress and model Marilyn Monroe is found dead in her home in Brentwood, Los Angeles, CA. She was just 36 years old and had led a very troubled life including time living in an orphanage. Born Norma Jeane Mortenson, she was known as one of the "Blonde Bombshell" characters and sex symbols popular in the 1950s into the early 1960s. There were reports of a relationship between Monroe and then President John F. Kennedy.

ADDENDUM – The Revolutionary War continues with both sides casting eyes toward New York. Loyalist David Mathews has been appointed Mayor of New York, which both sides recognized as strategically important. The result is the buildup of a large British military presence in New York. A few months earlier the North Carolina militia had defeated Loyalist Highlander Scots in the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. And in March, the Continental Navy had conducted its first amphibious assault during which British military supplies were taken and the British Governor taken prisoner. Despite these actions, the British had little respect for the Continental Army and Navy, and even less for the militias.

The Korean War continues with Chinese and North Korean guerillas slipping through South Korean, UN and US lines to cause havoc, then slipping back on their side of the uneasy border.

Home After 241 Days

By ANDY KOBER

ANDY'S ASTRONOMY

Sunday was the culmination of a very long space visit for three space farers.

At 6:27 Eastern the Soyuz MS-28 landed bringing astronaut Chris Williams along with cosmonauts Sergey Kud-Sverchkov and Sergei Mikaev back to Earth. The three men had spent 241 days on the International Space Station.

In addition to being an astronaut, Chris Williams is a medical physicist with a PhD in physics.

Also last week, SpaceX completed a test flight of its Starship.

During the suborbital test flight, the Super Heavy rocket booster made a successful splashdown in the Gulf while the Starship had a successful splashdown in the Indian Ocean.

For SpaceX this was an important step as a NASA test flight is scheduled which could lead to putting people back on the moon.

Some skywatchers are already reporting seeing meteors ostensibly from the Perseids Meteor Shower. The frequency of meteors will slowly increase until peak activity, forecast for the overnight hours of Aug. 12-13. During peak activity the meteor shower generally produces about 30-50 meteors per hour.

Meteors can flash across the sky anytime, day or night, and they are spotted quite often. Particularly bright meteors are often referred to as fireballs.

On July 16, a fireball was reported by 61 people across Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. The fireball was first reported at 10:20 pm Central Time by a skywatcher in Edgerton, KS. It was seen as far north as Omaha, NE, as far east as Collinsville, IL, as far south as Rogers, AR, and as far west as Inman, KS. The fireball appeared to travel from the northeast to the southwest.

Ten skywatchers reported hearing noise associated with the fireball and 24 reported seeing it fragment into pieces. The fireball was captured in one video and two photos.

A video of the fireball was captured by a camera mounted in a car.

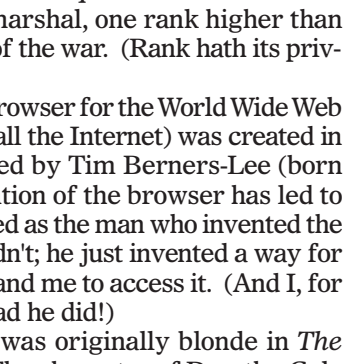
Anyone seeing a fireball is urged to report the sighting to https://amsmeteors.org

Going outside and looking at the night sky can be fun and educational for the entire family.

There are a number of free apps available to help identify stars and constellations, and some of the apps will show satellites.

Happy skywatching!

Did You Know.... by Jack Bagley



Is a popular Australian phrase misremembered by most people?

By JACK BAGLEY
didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com

Did you ever have the feeling you were being watched?

I have. I get it every week, right around the time you are reading this silly column.

You're watching me, trying to figure out if what I'm saying is accurate and true ... and knowing that it is, since this isn't the first of April. I've gotten used to all the eyes of the world (or whatever portion thereof is reading this) upon me.

And if you like to write, you can contact me at didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com and I always answer, usually quickly!

Now, on to the stuff you came to stare at!

Did you know ...

… raw kidney beans can poison you? Raw kidney beans contain a chemical called phytohaemagglutinin (no, I do not know how to pronounce it). This chemical can cause vomiting and headaches after just a small handful of raw beans have been ingested. Cooking the beans removes the chemical from them. (You won't even have time to learn how to pronounce it.)

… a popular breed of dog was bred to protect tax collectors? The Doberman pinscher was a breed developed in Germany in the 19th Century. They were bred to be guard dogs to protect tax collectors, who carried large sums of cash as they traveled through the countryside. They're very good with children and even with cats, as their fierce reputation is more public relations than actual fact. (They don't have to *be* scary if they *look* scary.)

… you are literally not the same person you were seven years ago? During a period of seven years, human beings replace every cell in their bodies. The cells you were made of seven years ago have been totally replaced. (And you never even noticed.)

… there are many more millionaires (and billionaires) now than there were 100 years ago? In 1900, there were only 5,000 millionaires in the United States. By 2000, the number had shot up exponentially to more than five million. As far as billionaires go, there were only two in the world in 1900 – John D. Rockefeller (1839-1937) and Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919). By 2000, there were 322 billionaires. Rockefeller was once quoted as saying, "If you can count your millions, you are not a billionaire." (There may be many more, but I'm not one of them. Darn it.)

… a popular Australian phrase is misremembered by most people? You may have heard the phrase, "I'll throw another shrimp on the barbie," spoken by Australian actor Paul Hogan (born 1939) in a series of tourism television commercials. Countless people working on an Australian accent quote the phrase … but the thing is, Hogan never said it. What he *did* say was, "I'll slip an extra shrimp on the barbie for you." This is another example of the Mandela effect – remembering things as fact that didn't actually happen. (Never mind all that, I'd like my shrimp, please, Paul.)

… a park exists which is dedicated to snack treats? In the town of Collegedale, Tennessee, one can find the Little Debbie™ Park. This facility has play structures that are shaped like the snacks put out by the Little Debbie snack company – Nutty Buddy Bars, Oatmeal Creme Pies, etc. The land on which the park sits was donated by McKee Foods, owners of the Little Debbie snack brand. (Great place for dessert after the shrimp from the barbie!)

… an American general shut down a German general who complained about protocol at the end of World War II? On May 7, 1945, German *Generaloberst* Alfred Jodl (1890-1946), who had been sent by the German High Command to sign the surrender that would end the war in Europe, sneered because the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), was not there. According to reports, Jodl growled, "Eisenhower didn't even bother to show up." That brought a reply from the Allied officer there to accept the surrender, General Walter Bedell Smith (1895-1961). Smith, known as "Beetle" to the Allied command, replied to Jodl, "General Eisenhower outranks you." Smith was correct: Eisenhower's rank as a five-star general was equivalent to the German grade of field marshal, one rank higher than Jodl at the end of the war. (Rank hath its privileges.)

… the first browser for the World Wide Web (what we now call the Internet) was created in 1990? Developed by Tim Berners-Lee (born 1955), the invention of the browser has led to his being credited as the man who invented the Internet. He didn't; he just invented a way for people like you and me to access it. (And I, for one, am very glad he did!)

… Dorothy was originally blonde in *The Wizard of Oz*? The character of Dorothy Gale had been written as a blonde in the original books by L. Frank Baum (1856-1919), and when costumes were being designed for the classic 1939 movie based on the books, actress Judy Garland (1922-1969) was fitted with a blonde wig in order to keep with the book. However, the director of the movie, George Cukor (1899-1983), nixed the idea because he didn't like the way Garland looked with a blonde wig. He felt the wig made Garland look too "sophisticated" to be a Kansas farm girl. (Toto, on the other hand, liked it.)

… white is not a color? To be pedantic, white is the total absence of all color. Black, on the other hand, is the presence of all colors together.

… earlobes have no biological purpose? Scientists who study such things say that the earlobe, which has millions of nerve endings and may play a role in social bonding, actually have no biological purpose for existing. (They do, of course, make a convenient place to hang a pair of eyeglasses.)

Now ... you know!

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, MERIWETHER COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of **JOSEPH WILLIAM KEITH, III,** deceased, late of said State and County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned, **SARA ESTES KEITH**, Administrator of the Estate of **JOSEPH WILLIAM KEITH, III,** deceased.

This 6th day of July, 2026.

Sara Estes Keith
Administrator of the Estate of
Joseph William Keith, III, Deceased.

Walter W. Arnall, LLC
Attn: Walter W. Arnall
75 Jackson St, Bldg. 500
Newnan, GA 30263
(7:16, 23, 30, 8:6)

26-189

NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

To all debtors and creditors of M. Delayne Wells, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment due to Robert Stan Barber.

All as required by law.

S/Robert Stan Barber
Authorized Signature
Jenkins Law Firm
Catherine M. Jenkins, Esq.
564 S. Talbotton St.
Greenville, GA 30222
(706) 450-9982
cat.jenkins@jenkinslawga.com
(7:16, 23, 30, 8:6)

26-196

NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

To all debtors and creditors of **Willie G. Dunn,** deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned accordingly to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment due Willie E. Dunn. All as required by law.

S/Willie E. Dunn
Authorized Signature

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(7:30, 8:6, 13, 20)

26-186

NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER
IN THE RE: ESTATE OF
John Gary Crews

All creditors of the estate of John Gary Crews 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 day of July ,1, 2026
Estate of: John Gary Crews
C/O personal representative(s):
Laura Ann Barajas
403 Meuse Way Temple, Ga
Amy Lynn Crews
2056 Lil Jess Ln
Douglasville, GA 30135
(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-185

NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
MERIWETHER COUNTY

All persons having claims against **William Rose, Jr.** and his estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or his estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of June 2026.
SCARLETT R. FRAVEL
Executor
Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr.
1921 Whittlesey Road, Suite 530
Columbus, GA 31904
Estate of: William Rose, Jr.
(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: EDWIN SELF, DECEASED

All creditors of the above-named deceased are hereby notified to render an accounting to the undersigned of their demands against his estate as provided by Official Code of Georgia Annotated 53-7-41. Failure to render said accounting within the time provided by law may cause the loss of certain of your rights as provided in said Section. All persons indebted to said decedent are hereby required to make payment to the undersigned.

This 13th day of July, 2026.

Edwin M. Self III, Executor
c/o David A. Pope
Spivey Pope Green LLC
P.O. Box 899
Macon, GA 31202
(7:23, 30, 8:6, 13)

Foreclosures

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
MERIWETHER COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kaylar Dublin and Illmarecus L. Dublin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp., its successors and assigns dated 4/28/2022 and recorded in Deed Book 999 Page 446 Meriwether County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $254,545.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 20 of the 9th District of Meriwether County, Georgia, being identified as Tract A and containing 2.174 acres as per plat of survey dated 08/22/2000 prepared by Phillip C. Flynn, Jr. RLS #2622, prepared for Jackie Lee Clerk and Sonja D. Clerk, as recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 363, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, said plat being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given). **Said property is commonly known as 112 Lillie Patrick Rd, Gay, GA 30218** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Kaylar Dublin and Illmarecus L. Dublin or tenant or tenants. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Loss Mitigation 3043 Townsgate Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Kaylar Dublin and Illmarecus L. Dublin Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1120-8592A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
1120-8592A
(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-194

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Ray Adams and Gladys McGill** to Washington Mutual Bank dated February 23, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 647, Page 223, Meriwether County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of WaMu Asset-Backed Certificates WaMu Series 2007-HE3 Trust, securing a Note in the original principal amount of $108,500.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, September 1, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 43 of the 9th Land District, Meriwether County, Georgia, containing 2.494 acres and being more particularly shown on plat of property prepared for Gladys McGill by Robert A, Moreland, Registered Land Surveyor, said tract is described according to said plat as follows: To ascertain the point of beginning start at the point of intersection of the west right of way of State Route No. 85 with the south right of way of Owens Road and run thence along the west right of way of State Route 85 South 11 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds West 574.57 feet to an iron pin found; thence run North 42 degrees 16 minutes 05 seconds West 209.91 feet to an iron pin found; said iron pin found being the point of beginning of the hereinafter described property. From said beginning point run thence South 11 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds West 250 feet to an iron pin set; thence run North 42 degrees 16 minutes 05 seconds West 225.14 feet to a point on the West land lot line of Land Lots 43 of the Ninth Land District, Meriwether County, Georgia; thence run along said land lot line North 2 degrees 26 minutes 19 seconds West 474.32 feet to a point located on the south right of way of Owens Road; thence run along said right of way North 88 degrees 20 minutes 54 seconds East 91.97 feet to an iron pin set; thence run South 35 degrees 03 minutes 41 seconds East 243.80 feet to a point; thence run South 15 degrees 02 minutes 15 seconds East 141.32 feet to a point; thence run South 38 degrees 36 minutes 32 seconds West 78.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Said property is known as 2108 Alps Road, Gay, GA 30218, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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 secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of Ray Adams and Gladys McGill, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of WaMu Asset-Backed Certificates WaMu Series 2007-HE3 Trust as Attorney-in-Fact for Ray Adams and Gladys McGill
File no. 25-082977
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30338
(770) 220-2535
https://www.logs.com/
***THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION**
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
(7:30, 8:6, 13, 30, 27)

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, MERIWETHER COUNTY

Said property will be sold pursuant to the order of the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, Civil Action File Number 2024-CV-0272, and under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Rigoberto Estrada Nava and Jessica Estrada to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Renasant Bank, its successors and assigns dated November 10, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 876, Page 103, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 1012, Page 543, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to M&T Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 977, Page 630, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($63,822.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, the following described property:

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

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

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

M&T Bank is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: M&T Bank, One Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203, 800-724-1633.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Upon information and belief, **said property is more commonly known as 489 Cove Rd, Woodbury, GA 30293.** Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

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

*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

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

M&T Bank as Attorney in Fact for Rigoberto Estrada Nava and Jessica Estrada
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
JK/August 4, 2026

EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot No. One Hundred Twenty Seven (127) in the 9th Land District of Meriwether County, Georgia, containing 2.061 acres, and being more particularly described with all its improvements thereon, in a Plat of Survey entitled "James Brown, Jr.", and recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 269, deed records of the Clerk of Superior Court, Meriwether County, Georgia, such plat being referenced herein for a more complete description of the metes and bounds thereof.

JK August 4, 2026
Our file no. 22-09175GA
(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by William Marvin Holt II to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc, dated March 19, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 962, Page 592, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. by assignment recorded on June 12, 2026 in Book 01114 Page 0623 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen and 0/100 dollars ($112,917.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Greenville, County of Meriwether State of Georgia and consisting of a certain house and lot in the eighth District of Meriwether County, Georgia, known as the J. C. Maffett home house and consisting of One (1) acres, more or less, and bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the North by Mrs. M. W. Adair Estate; on the East by Depot Street; on the South by lentil Street; and on the West by Williams Street a/k/a Jail Street.

ALSO:

All that tract or parcel of land, together with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Meriwether, and in the Eighth Land District of said County, within the corporate limits of the City of Greenville, and known as the "Adair Homeplace" and bounded as follows: on the North by J. Render Hill Estate; on the East by Depot Street; on the South by E. C. Garrett, formerly Maffett; and on the West by Jail Street a/k/a Williams Street. Said property is further described as the South 1/2 of Town Lot Number 34, on the map of the Township of Greenville, the same being recorded in the Record of Sales of Town Lots in the Office of the Clerk, Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia.

Tract Two described herein is shown as parcel number GROS 122 in the Tax Assessor's Office of Meriwether County, Georgia and has a physical address of **217 South Depot Street, Greenville, Meriwether County, Georgia.**

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given).

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. they can be contacted at (833) 288-3170 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 1895 S Central St, Colorado City, Arizona 86021, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to 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, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is WILLIAM MARVIN HOLT II or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **217 S Depot Street, Greenville, GA 30222.**

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. as Attorney in Fact for William Marvin Holt II.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 26-13898
(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, MERIWETHER COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Mayola C. McDaniel and Larry E. McDaniel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Huron Valley Financial, Inc. its successors and assigns dated 7/17/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 867 Page 585 Meriwether County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by CarringtonMortgage Services LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $210,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF MERIWETHER AND COUNTY OF TALBOT, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

TRACT ONE: TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP 007 08513 J02

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN LAND LOT 104 OF THE 16TH LAND DISTRICT OF TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN JUNCTION CITY, CONTAINING 0.869 ACRE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT PREPARED BY ROBERT A. MORELAND, SURVEYOR, FOR DIANE DURHAM DATED 10-19-1994 RECORDED 10-26-1994 AT PLAT BOOK J PAGE 30 TALBOT COUNTY GA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 693 BLYTHE STREET, JUNCTION CITY GA.

TRACT TWO: MERIWETHER COUNTY TAX MAP 158 PARCEL 43

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN LAND LOT 266 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 99.076 ACRES AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT PREPARED BY ROBERT A. MORELAND, SURVEYOR, FOR LARRY MCDANIEL DATED 6-23-1987 RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 12 PAGE 154 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 4374 RIVER ROAD, MANCHESTER GA 31816.

Parcel ID: 158043
Commonly known as **4374 River Road, Manchester, GA 31816**
However, by showing this address no additional coverage is provided

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

TRACT ONE: TALBOT COUNTY TAX MAP 007 08513 J02

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING, SITUATE AND BEING IN LAND LOT 104 OF THE 16TH LAND DISTRICT OF TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN JUNCTION CITY, CONTAINING 0.869 ACRE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT PREPARED BY ROBERT A. MORELAND, SURVEYOR, FOR DIANE DURHAM DATED 10-19-1994 RECORDED 10-26-1994 AT PLAT BOOK J PAGE 30 TALBOT COUNTY GA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 693 BLYTHE STREET, JUNCTION CITY GA.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given).

Said property is commonly known as 4374 River Road, Manchester, GA 31816 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): **Pine Meadow Farm Trust** or tenant or tenants.

CeLink is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

CeLink
3900 Capital City Blvd
Lansing MI 48906
CeLink
Loss Mitigation Department
P.O. Box 40724
Lansing, MI 48901-7924
Phone: 866-446-0026

Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but

not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

Carrington Mortgage Services LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for **Mayola C. McDaniel and Larry E. McDaniel**
Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
1823-937A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
1823-937A

(6:4, 11, 18, 25, 7:2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by TERRIC PARKS to RENASANT BANK in the original principal amount of $260,000.00 dated October 7, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 985 , Page 371, Meriwether County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 8/4/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 52 OF THE 11TH DISTRICT, MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOT 62, PARK PINES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF SAME OF RECORD AT PLAT BOOK 22, PAGES 70 THRU 72, MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. SAID PLAT IS SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

Said property being known as: 131 PARK PINE CIR, GRANTVILLE, GA 30220

To the best of the undersigned s knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are TERRIC PARKS or tenant(s).

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney s fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows: Onity Mortgage Corporation f/k/a PHH Mortgage Corporation
1661 Worthington Road, Suite 100
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
800-887-4420
25-340504 - DiR

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

RENASANT BANK,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
TERRIC PARKS
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 25-340504

(7:2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, MERIWETHER COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from GEORGE
HUGH HILL , JR. and REBECCA HILL to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR CARDINAL FINANCIAL COMPANY, dated December 20, 2018, recorded December 31, 2018, in Book 901, Page 515, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Eighty-Eight Thousand Thirteen and 00/100 dollars ($88,013.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Meriwether County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 212 OF THE ELEVENTH LAND DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONTAINING 6.65 ACRES, AND BOUND NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY AN UNNAMED COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD; SOUTHEAST BY JAMES MONTGOMERY ROAD; AND SOUTHWEST BY FORREST ROAD, SAID PROPERTY IS SOMEWHAT IN THE SHAPE OF A TRIANGLE AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ACCORDING TO A PLAT PREPARED BY JOHN N. CLARK, R.S. ON OCTOBER 17, 1988 SAID PLAT IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 105, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID PLAT IS HEREBY REFERRED TO FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **2858 FOREST ROAD, GREENVILLE, GA 30222.**

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an as-is basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is GEORGE HUGH HILL , JR., REBECCA HILL, or tenants(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser s tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 500 N. State College Blvd. Suites 1030, 1300 and 1400, Orange, CA 92868, Telephone Number: 800-561-4567. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F
as Attorney in Fact for
GEORGE HUGH HILL , JR.,
REBECCA HILL
THE BELOW 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.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. CMS-22-04754-10

(6:11, 7:9, 16, 23, 30)

General Legals

26-183

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

VEX FALEY, Petitioner,
vs.
Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis and any and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816 , Respondents.

CAFN 2026-CV-0161

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis ; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the **property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816.**

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the 28th day of May, 2026 , in the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, Coweta Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of the date of the order for service by publication to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.

Map and Parcel: MA11022

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE WEST HALF OF LAND LOT 245, 2ND (GILL) DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 9 AND THE NORTHERN 50 FEET OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 1 AS PER MAP AND PLAN OF JOHNSONTOWN, A SUBDIVISION OF BUILDING LOTS IN TIIE NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 44, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 973, PAGE 319, AFORESAID RECORDS.

WITNESS the Honorable
EMORY PALMER, Judge of said Court.
This 30th day of June, 2026 .
/s/ Mitchell T. Key
Mitchell T. Key, Attorney for Petitioner vs.
Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis and any and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816 ,

Respondents.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Jesus W. Solis; all heirs of Jesus W. Solis ; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as 514 Indianola Drive, Manchester, Meriwether County, Georgia 31816 .

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the 28th day of May, 2026 , in the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, Coweta Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of the date of the order for service by publication to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.

Map and Parcel: MA11022

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE WEST HALF OF LAND LOT 245, 2ND (GILL) DISTRICT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 9 AND THE NORTHERN 50 FEET OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 1 AS PER MAP AND PLAN OF JOHNSONTOWN, A SUBDIVISION OF BUILDING LOTS IN TIIE NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 44, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 973, PAGE 319, AFORESAID RECORDS.

WITNESS the Honorable EMORY PALMER, Judge of said Court.
This 30th day of June, 2026 .
/s/ Mitchell T. Key
Mitchell T. Key, Attorney for Petitioner

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-184

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ENRICO DEAN,
Petitioner,
vs.
BERLE BURSE; ALL HEIRS OF BERLE BURSE; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as Trammell Bottom Road, Hogansville, Meriwether County, Georgia,
Respondents.

CAFN: 26-CV-0147

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: BERLE BURSE; ALL HEIRS OF BERLE BURSE; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as Trammell Bottom Road, Hogansville, Georgia.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the day of May, 2026, in the Superior Court of MERIWETHER County, Georgia, Coweta Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of the date of the order for service by publication to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.

Map and Parcel No. 050006018

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 175 AND 178, 11th DISTRICT, MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DELINEATED AS LOT 17 OF FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION ON A PLAT BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 207, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA. THE ABOVE REFERENCED PLAT IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY THIS REFERENCE.

WITNESS the Honorable
EMORY PALMER Judge of said Court.
This 30th day of June, 2026.
/s/ Mitchell T. Key
Mitchell T. Key, Attorney for Petitioner

(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

Name Changes

26-199

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: AMANDA LYNN ESTES
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO: 2026-CV-0213

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

Notice is hereby given that Gracie E. Ham, the undersigned, filed his Petition to Change Name in the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia on the 23rd day of July, 2026, praying for a change in the name of Petitioner from **AMANDA LYNN ESTES to MANDIE LYNN MOORE.** Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of the date of the filing of said Petition.

This 24th day of July, 2026.

POYDASHEFF & SOWERS, LLC
/s/ Gracie E. Ham
Gracie E. Ham
Attorney for Petitioner
State Bar No. 733610
936 Second Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31901
706-323-2761
gham@handplaw.com

(7:30, 8:6, 13, 20)

Public Hearings

26-195

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
STATE OF GEORGIA
MERIWETHER COUNTY

Notice to the public is hereby given that on August 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Superior Court of Meriwether County, at the courthouse in said county, a hearing will be held in the case of State of Georgia v. City of Manchester, on the petition to validate CITY OF MANCHESTER WATER AND SEWERAGE REFUNDING REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2026 (the Series 2026 Bond), in the principal amount of $3,062,000, which Series 2026 Bond was authorized to be issued by a resolution adopted on June 24, 2026, by vote of the governing body of the City of Manchester.

Pursuant to 36-82-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, unless waived pursuant to a published notice, certain issuers of revenue bonds are required to provide for continuing performance audits or performance reviews with respect to the expenditure of bond proceeds.

NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROCEEDS OF
THE SERIES 2026 BOND.

At said hearing all persons having a right to be heard with respect to the Series 2026 Bond and the security provided therefor and with respect to the validation thereof may be heard.

This July 10, 2026.
/s/ Kyemeshia T. Gibson
Clerk of Superior Court
Meriwether County, Georgia

(7:30, 8:6)

Probate Notices

26-198

THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
RICK JAMES HARRIS
DECEASED
ESTATE NO.10799

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL HEIRS & INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN and to whom it may concern:

SHAMEKA SHANTELL HARRIS has petitioned for himself/herself/themselves to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ABOVE-NAMED 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 AUGUST 24TH , 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 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.

Hon. J.D. Rasnick
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Shannon Neely
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 608
Greenville, GA 30222
706-672-4952 option 2

(7:30, 8:6, 13, 20)

26-191

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ERNEST BOATWRIGHT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 10792

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL HEIRS & INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN and to whom it may concern:

DONNA FAYE SMITH has petitioned for himself/herself/themselves to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **ABOVE-NAMED 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 **AUGUST 17TH , 2026.**

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26-193

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: LEROY SYLVESTER GODFREY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. : 10794

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR S SUPPORT

The petition of **JAMEANIA RANSOM** for a year s support from the estate of the above named deceased, for decedent s (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **AUGUST 17TH , 2026,** why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. 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 (held on TBD in the probate court of the above-named county, courtroom 100 Court Square, Greenville, GA 30222) (**scheduled at a later date**). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

J.D. RASNICK
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26-197

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
WILLIE G. DUNN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 10796

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL HEIRS & INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN GWENDA AMEY, ALFRETA LOGAN, RASHIDA CAMPBELL, BRIAN CAMPBELL and to whom it may concern:

WILLIE E DUNN has petitioned for himself/herself/themselves to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ABOVE-NAMED 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 AUGUST 24TH , 2026.

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(7:30, 8:6, 16, 20)

26-176

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ANNA MARIE DENURE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 10784

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL HEIRS & INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN and to whom it may concern:

SHANNON LEE DENURE has petitioned for himself/herself/themselves to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ABOVE-NAMED 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 **AUGUST 3RD , 2026.**

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26-177

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: DAVID E. WEAVER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 10785

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR S SUPPORT

The petition of **CINDY WEAVER** for a year s support from the estate of the above named deceased, for decedent s (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before AUGUST 3RD, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.

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Clerk of the Probate Court
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(7:9, 16, 23, 30)

26-192

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MERIWETHER COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: FLOYD HARRIS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 10793

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR S SUPPORT

The petition of **MARY ELIZABETH HARRIS** for a year s support from the estate of the above named deceased, for decedent s (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **AUGUST 17TH, 2026,** why said petition should not be granted.

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Public Hearings Set in Hogansville

By TODD PIKE

The Mayor and City Council of Hogansville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 3, at 6:30 pm at the Hogansville City Hall on High Street. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendments to the City Of Hogansville Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). These proposed amendments include the establishment of a Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning district, the adoption of standards and regulations for data center developments, and the installation of requirements and procedures related to Developments of Impact.

The Public Hearing on July 6, held at the Royal Theater, drew close to 200 citizens. The vast majority, if not all, were there to voice their opposition to data centers being built in Hogansville. Posts on social media are asking citizens to show up in large numbers to show their elected officials how opposed they are to these centers. Because the city council chambers are much smaller that the Royal Theater, an overflow crowd of protestors is expected.



Prepare Mini Eggplant Pizzas the Italian Way

One of the joys of raising kids is making new friends with others who are also raising kids. When my three were preschoolers, I regularly met up with neighborhood moms at the bus stop in the morning or for ballgames at the park and story time at the library. As the kids grew, so did the friendships.

Six of us still make a point of getting together throughout the seasons to celebrate our birthdays. One recent gathering was particularly memorable. Instead of meeting at a restaurant, we donned aprons in one of our kitchens and huddled around the center island for a cooking lesson that was taught by my neighbor Cristina, an energetic mom from Italy.

"To an American eye, Italy might seem the same with pasta and pizza wherever you go," she began. "But for food lovers, it's a country waiting to be discovered! Each region has its unique flavors and cooking techniques. For example, the taste of a simple ricotta cheese can vary from place to place," she said.

As she shared her passion for Italian food, she emphasized that using fresh, seasonal ingredients is the key to tasty meals. This is when she showed us how to transform eggplant into a light side dish called Pizzette di melanzane, which is common in the Campania region that she's from. Like a pizza minus the crust, these mini eggplant pizzas are tasty and versatile!

Now that eggplants are plentiful in our markets, find Campania on a map, and have fun preparing this easy and authentic Italian recipe with your kids!

MINI EGGPLANT PIZZAS (PIZZETTE DE MELANZANE)

Makes 8-10 mini pizzas
— 1 large eggplant, about 1 pound
— 3/4 cup tomato puree
— 4 cloves fresh garlic, chopped
— Salt to taste
— Dried oregano to taste
— 1 cup coarsely shredded mozzarella cheese, or a 4-ounce bag
— Parmigiano Reggiano (optional)

Here's the fun: Preheat the oven to 400 F. An adult should cut the eggplant into 1/2-inch-thick rounds. Arrange them on a lightly oiled baking sheet.

As if constructing mini pizzas, let kids spoon the tomato puree over each round. Scatter the garlic and oregano, sprinkle salt to taste, and top with mozzarella. Add Parmigiano Reggiano, if you wish.



Bake rounds in the oven for 25 minutes, or until mozzarella has melted completely and bubbles. Serve immediately as a light side dish with a summer pasta salad and other fresh vegetables.

As an alternative, Cristina suggests serving the mini pizzas cold in a sandwich.

Cook's Note: If your child's like her young daughter, omit the garlic until they develop a taste for it.

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR HONORED - Meriwether County Teacher of the Year, Kaylee Evans (center), was honored during the faculty and staff kickoff event held at Manchester High School recently. Pictured left to right are: Superintendent Dr. Robert Griffin, Evans and Dr. Joanne Britt.



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PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR HONORED - Meriwether County Paraprofessional of the Year, Vivian White (center), was honored during the faculty and staff kickoff event held at Manchester High School recently. Pictured left to right are: Superintendent Dr. Robert Griffin, White and Dr. Joanne Britt.





Photos By LG Broadcasting

BACK TO SCHOOL KICKOFF EVENT - A kickoff event for the Meriwether County School System faculty and staff was held this past weekend. It was a time for fun, fellowship and more.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Manchester will hold a **public hearing on August 12, 2026 at 5:00pm at Manchester City Hall** to discuss proposed amendments of the zoning text. The proposed amendments include off-street parking requirements for general business, commercial or personal service establishments catering to the retail trade or wholesale businesses but not including supermarkets.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available at City Hall. **For more information, please call City Hall. 706-846-3141.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Bids
Rock Church Road Project

The Town of Junction City is requesting bids for **paving the recently completed culvert portion of Rock Church Road**. Please contact **Gary Byrd, City Attorney at 706-628-5511,** to review engineering specifications. Sealed bids should be submitted to Mr. Byrd's office, **103 N. College St., PO Box 119, Hamilton, Georgia 31811, no later than noon on August 3, 2026**. Said bids will be opened at **7:00pm that day at City Hall, Junction City.**

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Samaria (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. When he had a vision, who said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? *Adam, Reuben, Samson, Peter*
3. From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? *Apollos, John the Baptist, Jehu, Stephen*
4. Besides Jonah, which other prophet ministered in Nineveh? *Nathan, Paul, Nahum, Philip*
5. From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives of King Solomon? *3, 50, 100, 700*
6. What is Yiddish for a small package or parcel? *Mishna, Pesach, Peckel, Shiva*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Peter, 3) Stephen, 4) Nahum, 5) 700, 6) Peckel

Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. FREE TRIAL!

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JOB OPENING

MERIWETHER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PRESIDENT

SUMMARY: This position consists of responsible executive level duties in coordinating economic development programs within the county, including those related to loan assistance, federal grants, business expansion and retention. This person must be able to conduct special research and analysis related to economic development. General direction is received from the Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors.

Prefers a degree from a college or university in Public or Business Administration or related field.

Complete job description upon request by calling **706/672-3464. Interested candidates may forward resume to: Meriwether County Industrial Development Authority, 17234 Roosevelt Highway, Building B, Greenville, Ga. 30222. Resume's may be emailed to *J.Fryer@meriwethercountyga.gov* by August 14, 2026.**

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



New Region, Familiar Opponents for CHS

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

When the Callaway High Cavalier football team opens the season in August, the team will be playing in a new classification but will face some familiar opponents as region foes.

The realignment by the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) moved the classifications around. There is no longer a split in Class A. For a couple of season the Class A classification was in two categories. D1 for smaller schools and D2 for larger schools, but this season there is only one Class A classification.

Last season the Cavaliers competed in Class AA and rolled to an 8-4 overall record and a 4-1 region record. The Cavaliers finished as region runnerup for the first time in several years with the Morgan County High Bulldogs winning the region title.

The Cavaliers were eliminated in the second round of the state playoffs by Thomson in a heartbreaker by a score of 28-19.

During the season the Cavaliers defeated Jackson Pike County and Rutland as region foes, the will see those teams again this season in AAA Region 2.

Other teams in Region 2 will be Central Macon, Lamar County, Northeast and Southwest.

The Jackson Red Devils finished last year with a record of 4-7 and fell to the Cavaliers by a score 47-17.

The Pike County Pirates finished with a 4-6 record last season and fell to the Cavaliers by a score of 42-0.

The Rutland Hurricanes did not win a game last season and finished at 0-10 and were defeated by the Cavaliers by a score of 45-12.

Central Macon competed in Class A last season and finished with an overall record of 0-10.

Southwest also competed in Class A last season and finished with a record of 3-7.

Northeast also competed in Class A last season and finished with an overall record of 10-3, won the Region A D1 Region 2 championship and competed in the state playoffs.

Lamar County also competed in Class A last season won the A D1 Region 4 title with a record of 10-1 and competed in the state playoffs.

The season looks bright again for the Cavaliers even though the team is in a new region, the team will see some old foes and continue to play high caliber football.

CHS Cavalier Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 21	Mt. Zion	Home	7:30
Aug. 28	Bowdon	Away	7:30
Sept. 4	Whitewater	Away	7:30
Sept. 18	*Southwest	Away	7:30
Sept. 24	*Pike County	Home	7:00
Oct. 2	*Jackson	Home	7:30
Oct. 9	*Lamar County	Away	7:30
Oct. 23	•Rutland	Home	7:30
Oct. 29	•Central	Away	7:00

*Indicates region opponent

MHS, GHS Sees Little Region Change

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

The Manchester High (MHS) Blue Devils and the Greenville High Patriots (GHS) will see very little change in region competition this season, even though the Georgia High School Association realigned regions.

Joining the two schools in the new Region 7 this season in football will be Bowdon and Trion. Atlanta Classical, BEST Academy, Elite Scholars and Northwest Classical Academy are also in the region but do not participate in football.

The only difference Blue Devils and Patriots will see in the region this season is the removal of the Mt. Zion Eagles.

The Eagles moved up a classification to Class AA and are no longer in the region. The Eagles finished last year's season with a region record of 2-2, were 8-4 overall and were eliminated for the state playoffs by Early County.

The teams will have to face the Class A defending state champions in the Bowdon High Red Devils this season. The Red Devils were the region champions last season with a 4-0 record, had an overall record of 13-2 and defeated Lincoln County for the state title. The team is ranked in the Top 10 in this year's preseason poll.

The Trion Bulldogs are also returning to the region this season. The Bulldogs finished last season with region record of 2-2, were 4-7 overall and were defeated by Hawkinsville in the state playoffs.

The Blue Devils are hoping to improve on last season's performance this season. Manchester finished the season with a region record of 2-2, an overall record of 4-6 and were eliminated by Wheeler County in the state playoffs.

The team has aspirations of going deeper into the playoffs this season.

The Patriots will also be looking to improve on last season as well. The Patriots finished with an overall record 3-7 last season and were 0-4 in region play.

The Patriots return some key players this season and have a goal of making the playoffs this coming season.

The football season will open on Aug. 21 and both teams will play that day.

GMHS Patriot Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 21	Central Macon	Away	5:00
Aug. 28	Lake Oconee	Home	7:30
	or the team will...		
Aug. 28	Terrell County	Away	7:30
Sept. 4	Bye Week		
Sept. 11	Washington	Home	7:30
Sept. 18	SGSTEMC	Away	7:30
Sept. 25	Jordan	Home	7:00
Oct. 9	*Trion	Home	7:30
Oct. 16	*Manchester	Away	7:30
Nov. 6	*Bowdon	Home	7:30

*Indicates region opponent

MHS Blue Devil Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 21	Harris County	Home	7:30
Aug. 28	Schley County	Away	7:30
Sept. 4	Taylor County	Home	7:30
Sept. 11	Macon County	Away	7:30
Sept. 18	Marion County	Home	7:00
Sept. 25	Brookstone	Away	7:00
Oct. 8	*BEST	Away	7:00
Oct. 16	*Greenville	Home	7:30
Oct. 23	*Trion	Away	7:30
Oct. 30	*Bowdon	Home	7:30

*Indicates region opponent





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FACING TOUGH SCHEDULES - The Manchester High Blue Devils and the Greenville High Patriots will face tough schedules this season after a new rule by the Georgia High School Athletic Association that will penalize a team for losing a non-region game.

New Rule Impacts Football Scheduling

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

High school football fans may notice the schedule for their favorite teams seems to be a bit more difficult this season, and it probably is.

Coaches probably found it harder to schedule opponents this season after the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) passed a rule that penalizes a team for losing a non-region game.

So, teams with a pretty strong winning tradition most likely had difficulty filling a non-region schedule. Weaker teams probably will not consider playing a team with a solid winning tradition.

The reason for the change is because GHSA is now using Postseason Rankings (PSR) formula to select and seed all playoff teams in every classification. That ranking includes non-region games.

Some coaches are smiling about the change, giving the teams an opportunity to test player skills on a big stage outside the playoffs.

While the higher classification teams might see more teams, other than the top four, making the state playoffs there are concerns about lower classification teams.

For schools in a lower classification this could prove to have pros and cons. While this offers the opportunity for more teams in the lower classifications to make the playoffs, it also means the team must compete against strong opponents to avoid losses that may hurt the PSR, and could affect the team's playoff potential.

That is why fans might be seeing a schedule with more teams with winning tradition on the schedule. The upcoming season's schedule for both high school football teams may be found on this page.

Information Needed for Upcoming Sections

From Staff Reports

This newspaper is needing stories and photographs from high school fall sports coaches, local police departments, fire departments and all other emergency services for the upcoming special editions planned for August and September.

The newspaper is attempting to contact all the fall sports coaches from Callaway High, Flint River Academy, Greenville High and Manchester High to gather news and photographs. The deadline for the edition is nearing quickly. Please contact John Kuykendall as soon as possible by emailing him at john@starmercuryvindicator.com.

A sceond special section will bring attention to the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack and our local heroes.

The newspaper would like to have photographs and information about local heroes who have gone above and beyond the line of duty and need to be recognized for his or her heroic acts.

Please email story information on a word document or as email body copy. Photographs must be received as jpegs.

If you have questions or would like to submit information about a local hero, you may call John at (706) 846-3188 or email him at john@starmercuryvindicator.com.



High school sports participation continues to grow, according to a survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations. According to the survey during the 2022-2023 season 7,851,833 student athletes participated in sports. That marked an increase of 232,779 participants from the year before.

CITY OF WOODBURY, GEORGIA FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) BUDGET REVIEW & ADOPTION

RECOMMENDED BUDGET AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: The FY26 recommended budget will be available for public inspection during normal business office hours on **Monday July 27 through Friday, August 7 at the Woodbury City Hall located at 18053 Main Street, Woodbury, Georgia 30293**. Summary information on the FY26 recommended budget can also be found at the city's web site cityofwoodburyga.gov.

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NEW FIELD AND NEW COACH - When Manchester High Blue Devil softball senior players Addison Painter and Izabella Aguilar take to the field with their team members this season, the team will be playing on a brand new field and under the direction of a new coaching staff. Kensley Stegall and Brittany Waller will coach the Lady Blue Devils this season.

MHS Lady Blue Devils Open Aug. 3

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

The Manchester High (MHS) Lady Blue Devil softball team will open the season on Monday, Aug. 3 and will play on the newly constructed softball field when the Hardaway High Lady Hawks come calling and under the direction of a new coaching staff.

First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. on the new MHS softball field.

The Lady Blue Devil will be a young team again this season with only two senior players on the squad. Addison Painter and Izabella Aguilar will be the only two senior players on this year's team.

The Lady Blue Devils will be under the direction of Kensley Stegall and Brittany Waller this season. The new coaching staff is hoping to help the Lady Devils improve upon last year's record of 4-22.

The team will travel to Preston on Tuesday, Aug. 4 to play Webster County High and a start time has not been announced for the game.

On Thursday, Aug. 6 the team will travel to Fort Valley to play the Peach County High Lady Trojans at 5 p.m.

Lady Blue Devils Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 3	Hardaway	Home	5:00
Aug. 4	Webster Co.	Away	TBA
Aug. 6	Peach Co.	Away	5:00
Aug. 10	Hardaway	Away	5:30
Aug. 11	Shaw	Home	TBA
Aug. 18	Taylor Co.	Away	TBA
Aug. 24	Carver	Away	5:30
Sept. 1	Taylor Co.	Away	TBA
Sept. 9	Jordan	Away	TBA
Sept. 10	*Bowdon	Home	TBA
Sept. 15	Kendrick	Home	5:00
Sept. 16	Webster Co.	Home	TBA
Sept. 19	*Trion	Away	12:00
Sept. 19	*Trion	Away	2:00
Sept. 22	Sumter Co.	Home	TBA
Sept. 23	*Bowdon	Away	TBA
Sept. 28	Kendrick	Away	5:30
Oct. 6	Shaw	Away	5:00
Oct. 8	Peach Co.	Home	5:00

** Denotes Region Opponent*

Manchester and Greenville Football Teams Will Face Top 10 Ranked Teams This Year

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

Class A high school football will be different this season for several reasons but some competition the Manchester High Blue Devils and Greenville Patriots will face are already ranked in the Top 10 teams in Class A.

The rankings vary depending on the poll, but most of the polls have Bowdon, Macon County and Schley County ranked in the Top 10 teams in Class A this season.

Bowdon is a region opponent for both teams. Fortunately, the two teams will play the Red Devils later in the season giving the younger players time to improve upon their skills.

Manchester will face all three teams this season playing Schley County and Macon County early in the season.

Coaches please contact Johnny at The Star-Mercury Vindicator about the upcoming fall sports section by emailing john@starmercuryvindicator.com

Callaway, FRA Softball Opens Next Week

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

The Callaway High Lady Cavaliers and the Flint River Academy (FRA) softball teams will open the season next week.

CALLAWAY HIGH

The Lady Cavaliers will open the season on Tuesday, Aug. 4 when the team will host Starr's Mill at 7 p.m.

The team have several key returning players this season including Bella Cleveland, Katie Bass, Ella Kelley and others.

The Lady Cavaliers will be looking to return to the state playoffs this season. Last year, the Lady Cavaliers posted an overall record of 13-19 and a 4-6 region record. The team finished the season as region runner upin 2A Region 2 and made it to the third round of the state playoffs before being eliminated by the 2A Region 2 champions, Morgan County.

The Lady Cavaliers are coached by head coach Dalton Reed and former Callaway softball standout Skylar Rice.



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KEY PLAYERS TO RETURN - The FRA Lady Wildcat softball team have several key players expected to return this season including McKinley Waddell pictured above.

FLINT RIVER ACADEMY

The FRA Lady Wildcat softball team will open the season on Tuesday, Aug. 4 when the Central Fellowship Christian Academy Lady Lancers at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Wildcats will look to improve upon last season's 6-12 record and are poised to do so with several key returning players. Among expected returners this season are: Gracee King, Zoey Bishop, Mae Kirk, Khloe Mask, Kinsley Martin, Rhyan Banks, Kinley Rasbury, Taylor Callahan, Lyla Johnson and Lilly Crooks.

This year's team will be under the direction of coaches Chris Callahan and Amber Waddell.

CHS Lady Cavalier Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 4	Starr's Mill	Home	7:00
Aug. 10	Northgate	Away	6:00
Aug. 18	Central	Away	TBA
Aug. 20	Central	Home	TBA
Sept. 1	*Rutland	Home	5:00
Sept. 3	*Rutland	Away	5:00
Sept. 8	*Pike Co.	Away	6:00
Sept. 3	*Rutland	Away	5:00
Sept. 9	Heard Co.	Home	5:00
Sept. 15	Northeast	Home	TBA
Sept. 16	Starr's Mill	Away	7:00
Sept. 17	Northeast	Away	TBA
Sept. 22	*Jackson	Away	5:30
Sept. 24	*Jackson	Home	5:30
Oct. 1	*Lamar Co.	Away	5:30
Oct. 7	Heard Co.	Away	5:30

** Denotes Region Opponent*

FRA Lady Wildcats Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 4	*CFCA	Home	5:30
Aug. 13	Upson-Lee	Home	5:00
Aug. 17	Deerfield-Windsor	Away	4:00
Aug. 17	Deerfield-Windsor	Away	6:00
Aug. 18	Mt. de Sales	Home	5:00
Aug. 24	Westwood	Away	4:00
Aug. 24	Westwood	Away	6:00
Aug. 27	Mt. de Sales	Away	6:00
Aug. 31	Twiggs Acad.	Away	5:00
Sept. 1	Fullington	Away	4:00
Sept. 2	Upson-Lee	Away	5:30
Sept. 17	*Gatewood	Away	4:30
Sept. 21	*CFCA	Away	5:00
Sept. 22	*Piedmont	Away	6:30
Sept. 24	*Gatewood	Home	5:00
Sept. 28	*Windsor Acad.	Home	5:30
Sept. 29	*Piedmont	Home	5:30
Oct. 1	Fullington	Home	4:30

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