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SUPERIOR COURT

Armed robber pleads guilty, to serve 10 years

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A Macon man received a sentence that included 10 years to serve in prison as the result of an armed robbery that took place at a local motel. Shedric Lanorris Mims entered a guilty plea in Jones County Superior Court Jan. 3 and received five years for the

charge of felony theft by taking and 10 years for a second felony theft by taking charge. The sentences were ordered to run consecutively for a total of 15 years with the first 10 years served in confinement. The remainder of the sentence may be served on probation, and the defendant will get credit for time



Shedric L. Mims

served since his June 16, 2022, arrest. Mims was indicted on the charges Aug. 1 by a Jones County Grand Jury. A report of the arrest by Jones County Sheriff Department Sgt. William Jackson states that he was dispatched to the motel in reference to the robbery. He said when he arrived, he made

contact with the complainant who said he was robbed by a black male with his face covered at gun point at 2 a.m. that morning. The complainant admitted he had been smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol because of the recent death of his boyfriend. He said he was at the motel to try to get some sleep before returning to his residence.

The robbery victim also told the officer the car he was driving belonged to his deceased boyfriend, and it was missing. Jackson said he made contact with the motel owner and was able to watch security footage. He said they were able to see the complainant arrive at 2:32 a.m. and Mims is seen exiting a room, getting into the missing vehicle and leaving about 5:22 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP COACH



Smart visits Gray

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University of Georgia head football coach Kirby Smart (center) made a stop at Jones County High School Friday to visit several talented Greyhounds less than a week after winning back-to-back National Championships. Some of Jones County's finest – deputies Boisey Hunt (l-r), Patrick Bloodworth, Lt. Wesley Ransom and Deputy Mike Pruitt – met the coach while checking out who was landing a helicopter on the JCHS campus. **SEE STORY >> PAGE B1**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Young driver dies in single vehicle wreck

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Another life was lost on Eatonton Highway last week when a 19-year-old was killed after apparently losing control in a curve of the dangerous road just after midnight. Jones County Sheriff's Office Fatality Investigator Capt. Kenny Allen stated in a Jan. 12 interview that Coby James Cromer was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident by Deputy Coroner Stacey Gardner. The accident occurred on Eatonton Highway Jan. 7 and was the first traffic fatality of Jones County for 2023. The report of the Jan. 7 accident by JCSO Deputy Zachary Allen estimated the time it occurred at 12:24 a.m. The report narrative states that the 2000 Ford Focus

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JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Legislators speak to BOC during first 2023 meeting

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Jones County Commissioners had a visit from the county's state representatives at their first board meeting of the year. The Jan. 3 meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Weidner. He welcomed the first speaker, State Rep. Dale Washburn, who represents Georgia House District 144. Washburn explained that his district physically covers approximately half of the county.

“It's my honor to represent you,” he said. The representative is a native of Jones County and is a former county commissioner. Following his brief remarks, Washburn introduced State Rep. Ken Vance, who represents the remainder of the county. Washburn noted that Jones County is represented in the State Senate by Sen. Rick Williams. “You have a good delegation,” he said. Vance, who represents House District

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CITY OF GRAY

Council approves repaving roads, changes to employee retirement

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The Gray City Council approved an ordinance amending the retirement plan for city employees and approved four resolutions during a short monthly meeting on Jan. 9. The meeting was postponed for a week from the normal first Monday spot on the calendar due to the New Year's Day

holiday. The normal third Monday committee meeting has also been postponed for a week due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and will be held at 6 p.m. on Jan. 23. The changes to the retirement plan approved include measures that allow employees to secure more of their earned retirement with

decreased penalties according to years served should they leave their jobs before reaching retirement age. The first resolution passed was to add a \$2,000 grant from Morris Bank to buy smoke detectors to the 2022 fiscal year budget for the fire department's fire safety program. The second resolution

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133, thanked the voters of Jones County for electing him. He said he has spent 28 years on the city council in Milledgeville and was in law enforcement over 40 years.

The representative gave his phone number to board members.

"I'm always here to listen and will further your cause when I can," he said.

Weidner moved on to board appointments. Jones County's appointment for a member on the River Edge Community Service Board was postponed.

Three names were approved to become members of the Development Authority of Jones County, Brian Utley, Mary Murray and Chris Wieters. All were unanimously approved following a motion by Commissioner Daylon Martin.

Jones County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Earl Humphries brought the first item of New Business, roadside cameras. Humphries said he had been in talks about the cameras with County Administrator Jason Rizner over the past year.

The chief said the first cameras they looked at cost from \$36,000 to \$42,000 each, and it was agreed the county just could not afford them. He said a new company, Flock Safety, started leasing the cameras and surrounding counties are already using them.

"The recent arrest of a suspected murderer wanted in another state was the direct result of Flock Cameras in Baldwin County," he said.

Humphries said he is proposing 20 cameras in Jones County that would cover most entry roads. He said River North already has cameras at its entrances, and he expects the private development would purchase more.

"We already go through cameras everywhere," he said.

Weidner said he believes the idea is a win-win, and cameras are a must.



Jones County Commissioners Wendy Vaughn (l-r), Daylon Martin, Sam Kitchens, Chairman Chris Weidner and John Wood with State Reps. Ken Vance and Dale Washburn at the Jan. 3 meeting.

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Humphries said every camera would be plugged into JCISO dispatch and every deputy on patrol.

"I've talked to other counties, and I feel comfortable this is a good product," he said.

The cost of the cameras is \$2,500 for the stationary cameras and \$3,000 for the mobile cameras. The total for the proposal for the rental of the cameras for two years is \$113,000.

The chief said the cameras are completely wireless and are solar powered.

Rizner said Jones County has access to another pot of COVID-19 money that would pay for the cameras. He said the county already received a \$79,000 payment and would receive another next year.

Martin made the motion to approve the purchase but added two mobile cameras to be dedicated to litter control for a total of \$119,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consulting Engineer Tim Ingram presented the bid

award for Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant projects. He said Reeves Construction was the low bidder, and the question was what roads the county wanted included.

Rizner said the agreed upon roads were Morris Stevens, Dye, Smith, Overland Way and Whitehead roads, the animal shelter parking lot, Morris Bank Complex sidewalks and patio. The total cost of the projects was just under \$2 million. The administrator explained the funds to pay for the projects was 2022 and 2023 LMIG funds, the local match, SPLOST funds and capital reserves.

Commissioner Sam Kitchens made the motion, and the vote to approve the projects was unanimous.

Jones County Parks, Recreation and Golf Director Bert Rosenberger brought recommendations to the board that were discussed in a work session that took place prior to the business meeting.

Rosenberger started with policies for the Mattie Wells Gym. He suggested no bags should be allowed to be brought into the gym, registration for those entering the gym, limiting free play to youth and adding signage of the gym rules.

Martin pointed out the policy was for inside the gym only and anyone could use the outside basketball courts. The commissioner made the motion to adopt the policy, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Rosenberger recommended a change in the golf course fees beginning with raising cart fees from \$5 to \$10. He also recommended adding \$1 to the fee to play nine holes and lowering the annual single membership fee from \$800 to \$500.

The cost for an annual membership for seniors remained at \$400.

The motion to approve the recommendations was approved unanimously.

The director requested an additional charge to field and court rental fees by \$20 per

hour to pay for staff members required to be in attendance.

Commissioner Wendy Vaughn made the motion to approve the increase, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Rosenberger recommended awarding the bid for zero turn mowers to Ace Hardware for three Grasshopper Mowers to be paid out of the General Fund. Vaughn made the motion, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The only item of Old Business was the county's certification policy, which was presented by HR Director Shannon Wagner. Martin made the motion to approve the policy and it was approved unanimously.

During commissioners' comments, board members expressed their appreciation to all the county employees who worked in the freezing weather over the holiday to make sure people in Jones County had water.

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled Jan. 17.

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added \$2,191.90 in surplus beer/wine tax proceeds to the 2022 fiscal year budget to increase the total of funds to \$97,191.90 that was transferred to the water/sewer revenue account.

The third resolution added \$53,934.28 in LMIG funding to the \$60,000 originally budgeted for street patching for a total of \$113,934.28 in the 2023 fiscal year. That money will be used in repaving projects on Dolly Street from Madison to Cleveland and on Atlanta Road from West Clinton to MLK.

The council also held a planning and zoning hearing to consider a

request from Lonnie Ford for a variance to allow an accessory building in the front yard area of his lot to one side of his house at 109 Cedarline Drive. Ford said he had recently extended his driveway to the area where he wants to build a 30-by-40 foot two-car garage. He said the location on his lot was the only available spot because a pool takes up much of his back yard and the septic drain field is on the other end of his house.

Bill Boyd spoke for several neighbors in attendance and said he did not object to the addition of a garage but that he wanted to be sure it would be nice looking and match other structures on the lot and in the neighborhood.

Ford said he had not decided on exactly what to build but that his wife would not allow

him to build something ugly. He said he had just started researching what was available and had contemplated a metal building that would have white siding that would be similar to his house. But he also said it would be a year or two before he is ready to build.

The request for the variance was approved by a 3-1 vote, with only council member Terrell Fulford voting against it. He said he was not opposed to the addition of a garage but was concerned a metal building might not be appropriate in the neighborhood.

In other action, the council authorized Mayor Ed Barbee to sign an engagement letter with McNair McLemore Middlebrooks & Company regarding the 2022 audit.

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JONES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cold weather leads to loss of family's home

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A Hungerford Road fire that took place the day after Christmas was a total loss for the homeowner and the loss of a place to live for its residents.

Emergency Management Director and Jones County Fire Chief Don Graham stated in a press release that Jones County Fire Rescue responded to a fire at a single-story wood frame and block house on Hungerford Road at 8:47 p.m. Dec. 26.

Graham said the house was completely engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived at the scene. He said the firefighters quickly realized that the fire load was excessive and required a defensive posture to battle the blaze safely.

Three water tenders were dispatched to shuttle water. The chief said the closest water source was one mile away.

He said no one was inside the dwelling when the fire started. One of the

residents was at work and his adult son was outside.

The weather had been extremely cold that weekend, and Graham said there had been a fire in the fireplace all afternoon. He pointed to the fireplace, which had gone unattended for at least a few hours, as the likely culprit that started the fire.

"With a very large fire load of wood and the home contents, it makes for a perfect mixture to produce a large, extremely hot, and a stubborn fire," the chief said.

Graham said fire tenders shuttled more than 21,000 gallons of water to help suppress the blaze.

He noted that one firefighter was taken to an emergency facility for minor injuries but was released back to full duty.

A report of the fire by Jones County Sheriff Office Deputy Matthew Dennis said the residence was totally engulfed in flames when he arrived,

which was the same time the fire department got there. He said one of the residents was on the scene and told him the middle of the chimney was on fire. The resident said he attempted to put it out, but the water pipes were frozen.

Dennis said emergency services personnel got there shortly after and escorted the resident to the ambulance to be medically evaluated. He later stayed in the ambulance to keep warm.

The deputy said he was still at the scene when the homeowner arrived, and he was able to give more information about the three people living in the home.

The Hurts family lost everything and had no insurance on their belongings. A GoFundMe account has been set up in the name of Lorretta Hurts, and a checking account in the name of the Hurts family has been set up at Magnolia State Bank to accept donations.



Jones County Firefighters battle the Dec. 26 blaze at a home on Hungerford Road. The fire is believed to have started in the fireplace of the house, which was total loss. CONTRIBUTED

SUPERIOR COURT

Cohen confesses, to serve 25 years for decades of incest

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A Jones County man received a 50-year sentence with 25 years to serve in prison for what appears to have been the criminal behavior of incest that has spanned more than two decades.

John Oliver Cohen was in Jones County Superior Court Jan. 3 and entered guilty pleas to three counts of incest and one count of photographing underneath an individual's clothing.

He was sentenced to 30 years each for two counts of incest, 20 years for a third count of incest, and five years for the crime of photographing underneath an individual's clothing. Counts 1 and 2 are to run consecutively with each other but concurrently with the other counts for a total of 50 years with the first 25 years to be served in confinement. The remainder of the sentence may be served on probation.

Cohen will receive credit for time served from June 26, 2022.

According to Jones County Sheriff's Office, an April 1, 2022, report of the incest was not the first to be received. Investigator John Simmons made contact with one of the victims in the case in the JCSO lobby. During that meeting, the victim told him that she had been molested by Cohen for the past 20 years.

The reason the complainant came forward was her concern for young children who were now living in the household. Simmons said he looked through past incident reports and found there were previous allegations against Cohen that had never been indicted.

A report by Dep. Jeffrey Keith Robinson stated he was dispatched to the JCSO to meet with

Cohen. He said Cohen admitted to having inappropriate contact with more than one young victim.

The offender told Robinson he had a problem with porn, which led him to the inappropriate behavior with the

victims. Following his confessions, Cohen was taken into custody at the Jones County Law Enforcement Center.

At the conclusion of their interview, Robinson contacted



John Oliver Cohen

Simmons and updated him about Cohen's confessions of taking pictures of his victims in addition to the inappropriate touching. His statement included the fact that the 2010 allegations against

him were true but never prosecuted because of a lack of evidence.

Simmons said he made contact with an adult at the offender's residence who found an iPad used by Cohen containing pictures of the victims. The adult confronted the

offender who confessed the inappropriate behavior.

The investigator said he got a warrant for the iPad and other electronic devices in the home and found multiple pictures of the victims that included sexual acts with Cohen.

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Happy birthday to a special 'seminary of learning'

The year was 1785. Thirteen states composed the Confederation Congress. Thomas Jefferson was appointed U.S. Minister to France and John Adams, U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom. George Washington was pattering around on his estate at Mount Vernon after having dispatched the mighty Brits back across the pond where they belonged.

A year earlier, Lyman Hall, Georgia's governor and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, had persuaded the Georgia legislature to grant his request to establish a "college or seminary of learning." The Georgia General Assembly approved Baldwin's request on January 27, 1785. Thus, my friends, was born the University of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the nation. This year marks the institution's 238th birthday. Woof! Woof!

Ironically, 1785 also was the year James Oglethorpe passed away. For those of you new to the territory, it was Gen. Oglethorpe who arrived on these shores with 114 souls and in 1733 established the Colony of Georgia. Too bad he is not around to see the fruits of his labor. He'd be pleased as punch.

Today, the great State of Georgia is the



Dick Yarbrough

Columnist

eighth-most-populous state in the nation. For nine years, it has been rated the best state in which to do business. We have a budget surplus of \$6.6 billion. We produce the most peanuts, export the most pecans, are blessed with the Blue Ridge mountains to the north and the Golden Isles to the South and possess the greatest state song in all the world, "Georgia on my Mind," as sung by the late Ray Charles Robinson, of Albany, Georgia. Our cup runneth over.

As for that "college or seminary of learning," it hasn't done too badly, either. The University of Georgia consistently ranks among the best public universities in the nation and has been one of the nation's top-three producers of Rhodes Scholars over the past two decades.

Oh, and did I mention that we also play a little football? (You knew I was going to get around to this eventually.)

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To see the thunder



Ronda Rich

Dixie Divas

There is a scripture in the Bible. As far as I know, it is not in all translations of the Bible. But this I know for certain: It is in the King James Version.

When I was 10 perhaps 11, Daddy preached the scripture from the rough-hewn pine pulpit in the tiny one room mountain church we attended. For all these years, it has clung to me like a small clump of red mud will cling to a pair of work boots.

It is a story from the 40-year-journey of Moses and the children of Israel. They were a troublesome bunch and Moses definitely had his hands full as they complained of food and conditions. They pushed the Lord's patience. This is known for certain because the journey to the Promise Land should have taken only 11 days. Yet, it took 40 years and wore out many shoes while a generation of people died away and never saw the Land of Milk and Honey.

The children of Israel, again being powerfully hungry for attention, wanted to hear from God directly. They were tired of hearing only through Moses. When

God revealed Himself, it says in the 20th chapter of Exodus, "they saw the thunders" and "they trembled with fear."

It was such an upsetting experience that the wayward pilgrims then said to Moses, "Let Him not speak to us lest we die."

It is the one and only time that I have ever heard that scripture preached or even mentioned in a sermon. I've carried it with me all these years and remember Daddy saying, "they SAW the thunder."

There are versions of the Bible that change the verb from "saw" to "heard". It is a significant difference.

One day, Tink was on a zoom call with several people while a heavy rainstorm fell. I was at

the barn and was amazed at the booming clatter of the raindrops on the tin roof. Now, anyone who has ever been privileged to go to sleep to the sound of rain falling on a tin roof, talks about it with tremendous affection. The falling rain that day, however, sounded like the starting field of the Daytona 500.

Our dog, Biscuit, sat in the corner of the barn, her big brown eyes wide, edging toward fear. "It's okay, baby girl," I said, bending down on my knees to comfort her. "God is watering the trees for us."

A bit later, back at the house, I wandered through the kitchen where Tink was having a serious business call. Suddenly, the loudest clap of thunder that I may have ever heard, shook the house. It felt like being slapped across the face.

Someone on the other end of the Zoom said, "Wh--??" And, that was it. The call was gone. The Wifi had died.

It is said that there is never lightning without thunder though sometimes the thunder can be so far away from the lightning, that you won't hear

it. But if you hear thunder, you will see lightning. No question.

As far as we could tell, there was no lightning to be seen that day. Just one horrendous, stomping, clap of thunder.

It brought back to mind, that sermon from my childhood years. Something that I knew, even then, was that I did not ever want to see: thunder.

Every day this world grows a little more foreign. Strange things happen so often that either Tink or I will say, "I ain't for believin' that," quoting our dearly departed Ed Parks.

There are things that I wish I could unsay, unknow, unfeel or unhear because they bring an unsettling to my spirit.

On that recent day, I saw what a powerful clap of thunder can do. It's frightening. I hope I never actually see the thunder.

But I think, one day if I live long enough, I might. Just like the children of Israel.

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Getting a handle on soil compaction

The accompanying picture makes you think of a pleasant, peaceful stroll on a crisp autumn day by a beautiful pond soaking in all the smells and sounds of nature. However, that picture is not of a pond. It is a park that has highly compacted soil. The water should not be there, and if it is left like it is the grass that is submerged will in the very least be damaged if not killed.

If an area lacks the proper amount of topsoil leaving only the subsoil, then compaction can happen rather quickly. Clay soils typically have less organic matter, and become hardened and compacted when dry. In turn, compaction can happen occur simply by walking on wet soil. Significant compaction will occur with excessive rainfall, grazing

livestock, driving on your yard, or continuous heavy foot traffic. When any of these instances occur, soil particles are pressed together and reduces the space between them to allow for nutrients, air, or water to flow. The result is then poor producing areas, disease, and water retention. There are solutions to compaction that range from fairly simple to fairly intensive.

The first step when you notice a compacted area is to determine if you are contributing to the compaction (i.e., driving in your yard, moving heavy machinery, etc.). If you are able to figure that out, then stop doing that. Secondly, aeration may be required. Aerating or coring removes a plug of soil from the compacted area that will allow water, nutrients, and air to move into the soil. This practice

can be performed every 3-4 years, but in extreme cases it should be performed more often. Another solution would be to add organic matter to the soil. Not only will this benefit the properties of the soil, but it can improve drainage as well. If you have compacted soils and varying topography, then you should consider having the area regraded if the issue is extensive. By grading the soil rainfall can be diverted to a better location and the soil can be somewhat cultivated and break up the compacted area. This would be a solution if the area was fairly large, and it is certainly the more expensive option listed.

Two things to keep in mind is that the soil did not become compacted overnight, and the process for fixing it

probably will not occur overnight either. The second thing to keep in mind is that roots do not grow well or spread in compacted soils, and most plants do not do well being submerged in water for extended periods of time. So compaction has the propensity to not only create an unwanted pond in your lawn or property, but can damage or kill the plant life. Therefore, keep a watch out to see if you have puddles or ponds where you shouldn't, make a habit to add in organic material to your soils when you can, look at your plants to see if they are in decline, and if you have any questions about compaction or other agriculture related topics contact the Jones County Extension office at 478-986-3958 or email brennan4@uga.edu.

LEARNING

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That is because besides producing peanuts and pecans, our state also has produced Kirby Paul Smart, of Bainbridge, Georgia, and Stetson Fleming Bennett IV, of Blackshear, Georgia.

With Smart coaching and Bennett quarterbacking, the Bulldogs dismantled the Horned Frogs of TCU, 62-7 last week. The closest TCU came to making things competitive was the opening coin toss—and they lost that, too.

I had been warned by those in the know that the Bulldogs wouldn't get by Ohio State in the semifinals (obviously, they did) and would really have their hands full with TCU's outstanding quarterback in the final (they did not). If there was a mercy rule in football, this one would have ended at halftime. Georgia possessed the ball 12 times in the game. They scored touchdowns 9 times, kicked a field goal once, punted once and knelt down on the last possession to spare TCU further humiliation.

This, of course, is the second-straight national title for UGA. Last year, they defeated Alabama for their first championship in 41 years,

then had five players selected in the opening round of the NFL draft and 15 drafted overall. They then promptly reloaded, won the 2022 SEC championship and then the National Championship and ended the season undefeated, 15-0. According to my abacus, they are 29-1 over the past two years and 81-15 since Smart became head coach.

This year's team was chockfull of freshmen and sophomores and Georgia has recruited another outstanding group of blue chippers. I have a feeling this might not be our last national title won.

The only downer is that Vince Dooley wasn't around to enjoy this championship. Thankfully, he did see the first one before passing away this past October. The legendary Hall of Fame coach also saw the Board of Regents do the right thing and name the field at Sanford Stadium for him. Of course, it didn't hurt that Gov. Brian Kemp is a close friend of the Dooley's. If Gov. Kemp is reading this, it is time to put the Dooley Field logo on the field itself where everyone can see it.

To our first governor, Lyman Hall, thank you for the idea, and to James Oglethorpe, thank you for the location, and to Kirby Smart, thank you

for showing we are more than just a seminary of learning. Happy 238th birthday to my beloved University of Georgia. You get younger every day.

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Notice of Public Hearings

Jones County is considering applying to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$1,000,000. These funds must be used to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income individuals. The purpose of these hearings will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. Public input is requested on two possible projects that are being considered by the Jones County Board of Commissioners.

Public Hearing 1: South Jones Community

The first public hearing will discuss a potential sewer project in the South Jones Community, to construct new sewer lines to provide the community with public wastewater services. The project area likely includes homes generally along or near New Clinton Road, Bethune Avenue, and Ruby Drive. This public hearing will be held at **Clifton Ridge Middle School, 169 Dusty Lane, Macon, GA 31211, on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm.**

Public Hearing 2: Bradley Community

The second public hearing will discuss a potential water project in the Bradley Community, to construct new water lines and fire hydrants to provide the community with public water services. The project area likely includes homes along Hungerford Road, Morris Road, and State Route 11/Old State Route 11. This public hearing will be held at the **Jones County Government Center, 166 Industrial Boulevard, Gray, Georgia 31032, on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm.**

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, public facilities, and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, disclosure of any possible conflicts of interest pertaining to elected officials living in the project's target area, fair housing laws and Jones County's commitment to further fair housing, the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and the rating system will be provided at the public hearings.

Jones County is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language should contact Jason Rizner, City Administrator at (478) 986-6405 Ext. 1119 prior to January 20, 2023, at Jones County Government Center, 166 Industrial Boulevard, Gray, Georgia 31032, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact us at our TDD number 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.



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Wilkinson Used Cars strives for customer satisfaction

Alaina Clarke
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Wilkinson Used Cars and Title Pawn, a family-owned business in Milledgeville, offers customer service with satisfaction above all else.

The business is located at 410 North Wayne Street in Milledgeville and is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Jeffrey Wilkinson, the owner, said he's lived in Milledgeville his entire life. When he was growing up he couldn't wait to leave Milledgeville, but he said it'll always be home.

"Milledgeville is a good-sized community. I used to want something bigger than Macon, but here everyone knows

each other," he said. "I love that when something happens, you know who to go talk to about it."

He said he feels Wilkinson Used Cars is important for Milledgeville, because they have a good reputation for being in the area so long. He said they try to look after their customers in every way they possibly can. He said most of his customers have watched him grow up.

"I'm a third-generation dealer, and we started in 1953. Our main business is to buy here, pay here, and we have a mechanical shop here, so we can work on people's cars. People can make payments here, and most of our cars come with a free warranty. We have the capability of car

rentals, and we have a title pawn as well," Wilkinson said.

The owner said they sell everyday cars such as Chevrolet, Ford, Honda, Toyota, and brands like that. He said they like to buy vehicles they can work on.

"It's more than just selling people cars. We have a lot of repeat buyers, and people who bring their family I've always known to buy a car. It's about maintaining that relationship with the customers," he said. "We have the mechanical side to keep their cars running, and we work with people on their payments when times are hard."

Wilkinson said his grandfather started the business long ago. His grandfather lost his first

business, then in the late 1940s he ran a car business in Atlanta. He said after his grandfather got out of business in Atlanta, he moved back to Milledgeville to start Wilkinson Used Cars on a \$500 loan from his aunt.

"They didn't hit their stride until about the 60s and 70s, and they started doing better. Back then a car payment would have been about \$10 per week, so they'd ride around collecting payments. When they started doing better, they started buying better cars. They were able to get better customers, so it took off from there," he said.

Wilkinson said he recently won Quality Dealer of the Year for the state of Georgia. He said it was awesome to win,

and it feels great to be recognized. He said his father won in 1995. He said Wilkinson Used Cars and Title Pawn will be around for an even longer time.

"I started washing tires when I was six years old. I've worked everything here," Wilkinson said. "I go out there to sell a car, and it's what the customers see the car to be.

That's my favorite thing. They might see it as transportation for their children. I love to hear what people are going to do with a car."

For more information about Wilkinson Used Cars and Title Pawn, call 478-452-1913, or visit <https://wilkinsonusedcars.com/inventory>.

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Jail Report

JAN. 6-13, 2023

James Paul Barton, 55, arrested 1/6/23 – criminal trespass

Brent Cameron Bass, 36, arrested 1/10/23 – suspended or revoked license

Edward Eugene Brown, 52, arrested 1/12/23 – probation violation for fingerprintable charge felony (x2)

Nathaniel Dallas-Stevie Clark, 30, arrested 1/11/23 – probation violation for fingerprintable charge misdemeanor

Jessie Bryant Davis, 48, arrested 1/10/23 – suspended or revoked license

Patricia Marie Ducat, 38, arrested 1/13/23 – probation violation for fingerprintable charge felony

Bobby Paul Duckworth, 41, arrested 1/8/23 – trafficking cocaine/illegal drugs/marijuana or methamphetamine, possession of heroin

Rufus Durham, 32, arrested 1/10/23 – DUI less safe drugs, failure to maintain lane

Benjamin Keith Gower, 40, arrested 1/12/23 – theft by taking misdemeanor

Joel Michael Grant, 44, arrested 1/11/23 – open container of alcohol in motor vehicle

Cortez Trevon Hunter, 24, arrested 1/11/23 – felony theft by taking (x3)

Darius Julius Johnson, 22, arrested 1/7/23 – probation violation for fingerprintable charge felony

William Thomas Meeks, 79, arrested 1/9/23 – reckless conduct (x2)

Jasmine Janae Mitchell, 26, arrested 1/10/23 – suspended or revoked license, expired registration, no insurance

Akelia Jannea Redding, 28, arrested 1/9/23 – suspended registration, no insurance, marijuana possession less than ounce

Don Joseph Robinette, 29, arrested 1/11/23 – probation violation for fingerprintable charge felony

Cheryl Marie Rozar, 61, arrested 1/6/23 – possession methamphetamine

Sarah Lynn Tabor, 35, arrested 1/7/23 – aggravated assault under family violence, cruelty to children 3rd degree/allow child to witness forcible felony/battery/family violence

William Mitchell Tabor, 45, arrested 1/7/23 – obstruction of law enforcement officers misdemeanor

Charles Monroe Thomas, 43, arrested 1/11/23 – possession methamphetamine

Zerick K. Usry, 39, arrested 1/7/23 – probation violation for fingerprintable charge felony

Christy Ann Wagner, 24, arrested 1/11/23 – possession of controlled substance methamphetamine

Michael Scott Wright, 38, arrested 1/6/23 – probation violation for fingerprintable charge felony (x2)

Real Estate Transactions

JAN. 6-12, 2023

JAN. 10
 John Warren to Andrew Barreth Jr.; E. Colonial Dr. Land lot 136, 137, 152, 153, 154 Sub lot and Blk. Lot 9 Blk. D, Stagecoach Subd.; parcel J6400008B; \$4,500.00
 Wendell Fluellen to Joyce Lamar; 151 Haddock Dr. Floyd School House Lot; 1 acre; parcel J34A00142; \$10,000.00
 Ian Wolfe to WP RE Ventures 1, LLC; Princess Anne Dr. Lot 2 and 3 Blk. D Sect. 1 Crystal

Forest; parcel J58A00043; \$11,000.00
 WJH LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company to Michael Kendrick; parcel J59A00507; \$226,990.00

JAN. 11
 WJH LLC. to Yaraixy Vaillant Diaz; parcel J59A00509; \$205,990.00
 Donna Monroe to Samuel Oxford and Julia Oxford; 130 Parker Dr.; 0.6 acres; parcel J65E00036; \$16,500.00

JAN. 12
 Randolph Hill, Jr. as Conservator of Susie H. Hill to Randolph Esabe; parcel J41/004; \$30,000.00
 Eva Slappey to Emma Rice and Ricky Williams, III; 165 River North Blvd. Lot 30, Blk. D, River North Subd. Unit 1; parcel J50B00011; \$240,000.00
 Alisa Perdue to Matthew Palumbo; 1346 Fortville Milledgeville Rd.; parcel J2700009; \$85,000.00

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Superior Court Motions

JAN. 12, 2023

PLEAS
 State vs. Tommy Merlin Ledford – five years for the offense of terroristic threats. Sentence to be served on probation.
 State vs. Tyrone Slater Hitchcock – 25 years ct. 2: trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine, five years ct. 3: possession of firearm during commission of a felony, 10 years ct. 4: possession of firearm by convicted felon. Count 3 to run consecutively to count 2, count 4 to run concurrently to count 2 and count 2 to run concurrently to any existing sentences for a total of 30 years with the first 15 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation.
 State vs. Melissa Lee Pinson – five years for the offense of theft by taking felony. Sentence to be served on probation.
 State vs. Shawn Allen Grant – 12 months for the offense of theft by taking. Sentence to be

served on probation.
 State vs. Veontray Antonio Myrick – five years for the offense of battery, family violence. Sentence to run concurrently with any existing sentences for a total of five years with the first 90 days to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Credit for time served from 9/30/2022.
PROBATION REVOCATION/MODIFICATION
 State vs. John Wesley Arnold – defendant is ordered to serve 120 days in the probation detention center. The defendant shall remain in the Jones County jail until entry into the facility. Upon completion, the defendant shall return to regular probation supervision as previously ordered and must remain on active probation supervision for two years.
 State vs. Steven Christopher Hill – defendant shall enter and complete the Macon DRC and all aftercare required. Defendant must abide by

all rules and regulations of the program. Upon successful completion, defendant shall return to regular active probation supervision.
 State vs. Rebecca Danielle Register – defendant is ordered to enter into and successfully complete the Macon Day Reporting Center, followed by any aftercare. The defendant shall abide by all rules and regulations of said program. Upon completion, the defendant must remain on probation supervision for two years.
 State vs. Willie Carlton Reynolds – defendant is ordered to remain in the Jones County jail until his entry into a State Probation Detention Center where he shall serve 180 days. Upon completion, he shall return to regular probation supervision as previously ordered. He shall receive credit for the time in detention center from today's date. He shall remain on active probation supervision for the remainder of this probation case.

Crime Watch

The following information is gleaned from incident reports, which are public record, from the Jones County Sheriff's Department and Gray Police Department Jan. 6-12, 2023.

Jan. 9
 Deputy Sullivan was in route to an unrelated call when he observed a vehicle weaving in and out of traffic. Sullivan ran the vehicle information, and it came back to show the vehicle had no insurance and suspended registration. The deputy conducted a traffic stop at this time. Sullivan made contact with the driver, and she gave him expired insurance information. The deputy asked the driver how much marijuana was in the vehicle because he could smell it. The driver told Sullivan that it was not a lot of marijuana. At that time, the driver was placed in handcuffs and Sullivan began to search the vehicle. The deputy found a backpack that

contained a jar with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana, two rolled marijuana cigars, a digital scale and rolling papers, a red vape pen and an open bottle of vodka. The driver was transported to the Jones County LEC where she was charged with possession of marijuana less than one ounce, no insurance and suspended registration.
Jan. 10
 Sgt. Little was on patrol in the area of Gray Highway near Joycliff Road when he observed a vehicle fail to maintain lane. At this time, Little conducted a traffic stop. When Little made contact with the driver, he immediately noticed the odor

of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Little had the driver exit from the vehicle. When the driver tried exiting the vehicle, he fell into Little's arms and the sergeant had to catch him. Inv. Hall arrived on scene to assist and had the passenger exit the vehicle. A probable cause search was done on the vehicle, but no contraband was found. The driver was arrested for DUI marijuana and transported to the Jones County Jail where he was given citations for failure to maintain lane and DUI.
 Deputy Sullivan initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle after performing a routine registration check by running the license

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Building Permits

JAN. 6-12, 2023

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Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses filed with the Jones County Probate Court Jan. 6-12, 2023

JAN. 6
 Eric Chad Willis to Misty Lee Havis

JAN. 9
 Tony Steven Ashley to Ashley Lynn Bynum
 Kenneth Richardson Cazort to Breanne Hunter Roenick Lawson

JAN. 12
 Devin Ray White to Jessica Danielle Coley
 William Randall Glover to Amy Elizabeth Teague

Traffic Citations

Traffic citations filed with the Jones County Probate Court for Jan. 6-12, 2023

VGCSA less than 1 oz. (1)
 Operating vehicle without valid tag/decal (2)
 Driving with suspended license 1st offense (2)
 Driving with suspended license 2nd offense (1)
 No license on person (1)
 No insurance (3)
 Suspended registration, cancellation 1st offense (1)
 Speeding (18)
 Open container violation (1)
 Passing in no passing zone – no accident (1)
 Failure to maintain lane (1)

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CRIME WATCH

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plate on the vehicle. The check came back to show the registration was valid, but the license plate information showed that the registered owner had a suspended license. When Sullivan made contact with the driver, the male subject told the deputy he was only driving due to his girlfriend, which was a passenger in the vehicle, having a headache. The driver was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Sgt. Walker had arrived on scene to assist due to the smell of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Walker had the female passenger exit the vehicle to do a probable cause search due to the marijuana odor. Sullivan began to search the vehicle and found a plastic container that had a glass jar that had possible marijuana flakes and rolling papers inside. Sullivan also found a pill bottle containing approximately five Gabapentin pills inside a backpack in the vehicle. The female subject told Walker that her mother had given her a pill

because she was hurting and then gave her a few to give her boyfriend (the driver of the vehicle) due to him having back pain. Sullivan advised the two subjects that he would be keeping the pills until he could verify with the mother that they were not stolen, and she gave permission for them to have them. The driver was transported to the Jones County LEC where he was issued a citation for driving while license suspended and turned over to jail staff for booking.

Jan. 11

Sgt. Humphries was informed of a stolen vehicle off Monticello Highway. The vehicle was first noticed by the owner's father who passed the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Monticello Highway. He knew that his daughter was at work when he passed the vehicle and she advised no one was at the home at that time and that the keys to the vehicle were hanging on a keyboard inside the front door and the door was unlocked. The vehicle was eventually spotted by Jasper County and stopped by Putnam County units on Hwy. 441 at Monticello Road in Putnam County. The driver was taken into custody by a Putnam Deputy Sheriff.



Celeste Adkins-Chatfield



Dylan Gattie

TCEMC awards scholarships

Two local students were recently awarded Operation Roundup Scholarships from the Tri-County EMC Foundation. Celeste Adkins-Chatfield and Dylan Gattie, both from Gray, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to go towards school expenses. Chatfield will attend Valdosta State University to earn a degree in Organizational Leadership. Gattie is attending Georgia Southern to obtain a degree in Construction Engineering.

The Tri-County EMC Foundation is funded by members voluntarily rounding their electric bill to the next dollar each month. These funds go towards bettering the communities that Tri-County EMC serves through scholarships and Operation Roundup grants to local civic and non-profit groups. For additional information on scholarship opportunities and additional youth programs, visit www.tri-countyemc.com.

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JCHS School Council Meeting

For the next two weeks, the School Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the JCHS Community Room.

Haddock Christian Church Celebration

Please join Haddock Christian Church (formerly Haddock Methodist) in celebration of our church renewal and loving devotion to the Godhead Trinity. We want to invite Haddock, Gray and the surrounding communities to come worship with us: God the Father, his Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Worship service 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., and celebration (lunch for all) will follow on January 29. Haddock Christian Church is located at 117 N. Oak St., Haddock. Please visit with us and enjoy the relevant Biblical preaching and teachings from our Pastor Darrell Burns and the loving fellowship of our church family. This is a critical time for all Christ believers to prepare and put on the gospel armor of God. Haddock Christian Church offers a welcoming and safe environment for anyone wanting to learn more about the love, joy, hope and peace found in our Lord Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) Praise the name of Jesus! Feel free to contact Darrell Howell @ 478-414-8357 or Ginger Bailey @ 478-365-9384 for more details.

Ocmulgee CASA Volunteer Training

Ocmulgee Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will hold a new volunteer training class beginning January 18, from 1-4 pm at Lakeview Academy in Milledgeville. The 9 required training sessions will be held every Monday and Wednesday through February 15. CASA volunteers serve as the voice for children in foster care. For more information, please call 478-452-9170.

Velma McFadden Food Bank

Velma McFadden Missionary Food Bank will be at Greater Jordan Chapel, 1415 Highway 22 East, Haddock, on the following schedule each month: First Saturday, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Third Thursday, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Mobile Food Truck Distribution - Fourth Wednesday, 11 a.m. until all is gone.

REGULAR MEETINGS

- Bradley Baptist Church will have Sunday services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Drive-in services can tune to 89.1 for both services. Sunday school will be at 10:00 a.m.
- The JCHS FFA Alumni Chapter meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. inside the JCHS lunchroom. Membership is open

to anyone, even if they were not a former FFA member.

- Al-Anon meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Jones County Senior Center, 126 Senior Center Way. For information, call 986-7192.
- AA meets at the American Legion Building every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 986-3207.
- St. Paul AME Church will be having a clothing bank the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at 127 Saint Paul Church Circle.
- Narconon of Georgia offers help for drug and alcohol addiction. For more information, call Narconon of Georgia at 1-877-413-3073 or visit www.drugsnoc.com. Narconon offers referrals, free assessments, drug education and out-patient rehabilitation.
- The Jones County Kiwanis Club meets every Monday in the fellowship hall of Gray Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m.
- New Harvest Church of God, 12689 Highway 87, Juliette, hosts a community prayer service every Monday in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.; it does not end until everyone is finished praying. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact pastor Mark Moore, (478) 993-6705, or Tina McMurray, (478) 957-7299.
- The Gray City Council meets the first Monday of each month at the D.V. Childs Civic Center at 6:00 p.m.
- The Gray Jaycees meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m., in the lobby of Main Street, 109 James Street, downtown Gray. For more information, contact Gray Jaycee President, Michael Fields at 478-414-8087.
- Gray Station Middle School council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- American Legion Post 142 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 314 Old Clinton Road (directly behind Tri-County EMC) at 6:30 p.m. For more information, email graylegionpost142@windstream.net.
- The Jones County Cruisers meet the first Monday of each month at Chevy's Pizza at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Dannie Curtis at 258-5502.
- The Gray Downtown Development Authority meets the second Monday of each month in the conference room at City Hall at noon.
- The Jones County Amateur Radio Society (JCARS) meets the first Thursday of each month at the Jones County EMA office classroom on Industrial Boulevard in Gray at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Amateur Radio License testing begins at 5:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at this same location. For more information, call Gary at 737-2077.
- The Jones County Democratic Party meets the fourth Monday in each month September - May at the W.E. Knox Civic Center.
- The Jones County High School Touchdown Club meets the first Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Lee Perkins, (478) 973-2018.
- The Jones County Children In Care Parent's Association meets the third Monday of each month at Elam Baptist Church from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- The City of Gray Historic Preservation Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month in City Hall's conference room at 6:00 p.m.
- The Marine Corps League Detachment #970 meets the first Tuesday of each month at United Community Church, 2411 Heath Road, Macon, at 6:00 p.m. For further information, call Ed Barbee, 960-3917.
- The Sexual Assault Survivors (SAS) group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Reflections Psychotherapy LLC from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information, call (706) 224-3396 or email angiemeeells@yahoo.com.
- The Jones County High School Band Boosters meet the second Tuesday of each month in the band room or the lunch room at 6:30 p.m.
- The Jones County Board of Commissioners meets the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.
- The alumni of Whittle Elementary School, Spring Street, Macon, meet the second Tuesday of each month at Fresh Air Bar-B-Que, 3070 Riverside Drive in Macon, at

11:30 a.m. For more information, call Mike King, (478) 994-6757, or email Bobby Sanders at rasanders@cox.net.

- The Old Capital Car Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at the IHOP, Wal-Mart Market Central, 2598 N. Columbia St. in Milledgeville, at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All auto enthusiasts are invited to attend. For more information, call (478) 453-0295.
- Gray Garden Club meets on the

first Tuesday of the month at the Bradley Baptist Church 10:00 a.m.

- The Domestic Violence Survivors (DVS) group meets the third Tuesday of each month at Reflections Psychotherapy LLC from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information, call (706) 224-3396 or email angiemeeells@yahoo.com.
- The Young At Heart covered-dish luncheon and program of First Baptist Church meets the last Tuesday of each month, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
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- Small cavity in a rock
- Recidivists
- City of Angels hoopster
- A way to mark with one's signature
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- Rice cooked in broth
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- Complements an entree
- Grouped by twos
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- Political action committee
- Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
- Kin groups
- Philippine Island
- Contrary to
- Bluish-gray fur
- Comprehend the written word
- Natural depressions
- Felines
- Breathe noisily

CLUES DOWN

- Green and yellow citrus fruit
- A bright color
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- A place to work or relax
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- Helicopter
- Mimic
- Suggests
- More musty
- Large, flightless rail
- Make beer
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- People who can account for you
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- Hide of a young animal
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BUSINESS NEWS



The Rabbit Hole, located inside Trend Setters in Gray, has lots of homemade gift items for purchase.



The Rabbit Hole has handcrafted cards and items of faith for sale inside Trend Setters.

The Rabbit Hole open in Gray for gifting needs

Story and photos by Alaina Clarke
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The Rabbit Hole, a new boutique located inside Trend Setters in Gray, has quirky gift items with an enchanting floral and pastel colored theme about the shop.

The new boutique is located inside Trend Setters with other businesses at 147 James Street in Gray, and The Rabbit Hole is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teri Pospisil, the owner of The Rabbit Hole, said she just bought a house in Jones County this summer, and she enjoys living here. She said the community has been great. She's originally from California, and her husband is from Connecticut. She said they met in the army.

"I love it here. We wanted to be close to our kids who moved to Georgia, and everyone is so nice here. We love going to Ace of Gray and just walking around to look at everything," she said. "We've met a lot of nice people here, and that's what I love about living here. I definitely did not grow up in a small town; California is completely different."

She said she's excited for the new opportunity to own her own business. She said The Rabbit Hole has very cute and whimsical gifts.

"All of this started, because my husband and I retired from the military. During our military time we spent a lot of the time overseas, so I had to start making gifts I couldn't find. I started crafting about ten years ago for gifts. I could find materials, but not the gifts,"

Pospisil said.

The boutique owner said she walked into Trend Setters when she moved to Jones County to get her hair done, and started talking to the owner about her crafting. She said she was offered a room in Trend Setters for The Rabbit Hole, so she took it to start her own business.

"I have a little bit of everything here. I have a lot of faith items, baby items, cards, gift bags, decorated suitcases, decorated furniture, pillows and much more," the owner said. "I try to keep my prices reasonable, since I want to cater to everybody. There's nothing like this in Gray. You can come in and grab a last-minute gift here."

Pospisil said the items not made by her in The Rabbit Hole are items she loves and wants to share them with others. She said people like her shop so far. She just opened the boutique before Christmas, and she wants people to stop by when they can.

She said people should shop at The Rabbit Hole. It's a little different and she loves meeting new people in Jones County. She said she would love for people to just hang out with her. She said crafting



Old suitcases decorated and hand crafted by Teri Pospisil at The Rabbit Hole have been one of her most sold items.

and making cute items is a lot of fun. She's happy she can share her skills with Jones County.

"I love the independence of owning my own business. It's flexible, no one is telling me what to do and I'm able to put what I want in my own shop," she said. "I hope to be in business a long time here in Jones County. It's been a lot of fun so far. It's really been a dream come true to do this."

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The Focus was then struck in the right passenger area by a 2014 Ford 250 pickup, driven by a 20-year-old South Carolina man. The impact pushed both vehicles off the roadway and into a ditch.

The driver of the pickup told Deputy Allen that he was traveling northbound when he saw the Focus enter his lane of travel sideways.

The captain was called to the scene to investigate the accident. He said the evidence at the scene supported the report of the accident. Allen said the driver of the pickup was transported to the trauma center to be checked out. He was treated and released.

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GEORGIA'S TOP DAWG IN TOWN

Smart visits JCHS as part of recruiting blitz

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Four days after romping over TCU to win back-to-back national titles, the Georgia Bulldogs' coaching staff canvassed the state on Friday, sending 10 coaches to 10 schools in the same day.

That relentless effort brought Georgia head coach Kirby Smart to Gray, where a stop at Jones County High School was among his stops as he arrived via helicopter. Among Smart's likely targets was the Greyhounds speedy receiver and multi-time track and

field champion Zion Ragins. The Bulldogs are among the teams to have offered Ragins, currently a junior.

Georgia is hardly the only team to covet Ragins, as he has raked in SEC offers from the likes of Auburn, Tennessee, South Carolina, Mississippi State and Florida in addition to Georgia Tech, Florida State, Miami, Notre Dame, Texas, Oklahoma and Michigan State, as well as others.

Quarterback Judd Anderson has also previously drawn SEC interest, getting an offer from Ole Miss to go with Pittsburgh and Toledo.



Georgia head coach Kirby Smart, center, poses with Greyhounds head football coach Mike Chastain, left, and Athletic Director Chad Alligood, right, during Friday's visit.

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GIRLS HOOPS



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Amaris Ridgeway and the Lady Greyhounds are 14-3 following Monday's win against Westlake.

Grueling stretch awaits Lady Hounds after mercy-rule win over Northside

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A stretch of three games in three nights awaits Jones County's Lady Greyhounds Thursday, starting with a road game at Union Grove. And if the Lady Hounds are to stay in the hunt for a region title, it will likely be a must-win game.

As the week began, JCHS found itself third in the region with a 4-2 record, one shy of Union Grove's 5-1 and two behind Warner Robins at 6-0. But with a game next Friday against Warner Robins, wins in both of those contests could possibly move the Lady Hounds

into a tie for first.

Jones County kept momentum going toward that key stretch last week with a 74-32 rout of Northside for its 10th win in a row, holding the Eagles to single digits in each quarter. Amaris Ridgeway led Jones County with ten points as Carlie Skinner had 13.

After getting an early edge to lead 14-9 through a quarter, JCHS overwhelmed Northside to the tune of a 20-8 advantage in the second quarter, and it came from long distance. The Lady Hounds drained five three-pointers from four players in the

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BOYS HOOPS



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Jaylen Sanford coasts in untouched for a layup against Northside.

Hounds stay sharp in win over Eagles

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One of three teams in their region ranked in the top six of the state entering the week, the Greyhounds stayed sharp last week in a step outside of region play. And while non-region games don't hold water in terms of the hunt for the top of the region, getting all the right elements to click as the season

grows later is key.

Jones County showed that off in a big way last Tuesday at Northside. After leading early, the Greyhounds saw the Eagles come back from double digits twice to lead 31-30 at the half. Jones County just had too much talent and depth, pulling further in front in the second half to outscore the opposition

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GREYHOUND GRAPPLERS

Hounds fall to powerful Jefferson in state prelims

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Sometimes, the key to a deep run through a postseason bracket is how kind, or cruel, placement is to a team. The Greyhounds ended up on the foul side of that for Saturday's state dual prelims, where after breezing past Jackson of Atlanta 78-6, the Greyhounds came up short to Jefferson 47-30. The Dragons,

who moved up to AAAAA this year, won the AAAAA duals title last year and are among the state's top teams annually.

"Jefferson is one of the most storied programs in the state; they're a very good team. Our message to them going in was to wrestle better than (the week before) against Ola," Greyhounds head coach Adam Gillhouse said. "Our kids wrestled hard and walked out on the mat to win. I think we wrestled

them hard and well. That's the type of program we want to build towards."

Even still, the Greyhounds were not rattled by the prestige of the Dragons program, having the lead through the dual match's first nine rounds before Jefferson won in the end. Top showings included Hunter McCleskey at 106 pounds and Arrie Martin and Carson Lumley who moved up a weight class at 144 and 150,

with Martin coming away with an overtime win Chi Anderson moved up a weight class as well, registering a pair of pins.

"They're upset, but they understand that on Saturday they wrestled as well as they could," Gillhouse said. "I think coming off the mat, we felt good about how we wrestled."

Jones County was far from the only team statewide in AAAAA falling victim to how the brackets shook out. While five

top seeds won their prelims to advance to state, Ware County, one of the stronger teams in the state, finished second in its region and drew Cass, which won its prelim. Locust Grove, which finished third behind Jones County in the region duals, advanced to state as its prelim top seed was Lithonia.

"We're wrestling in a broken system right now," Gillhouse

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CROSS COUNTRY



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Jones County's cross country runners received various recognitions during Thursday's awards banquet.

Hounds, Lady Hounds get visit from Hall of Famer at Awards Banquet

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Following a record-setting season that was arguably the best in program history, Jones County officially celebrated its cross country program's banner season with its annual awards banquet last Thursday.

And they welcomed an appropriately accoladed guest speaker to mark the occasion.

Grace Tinkey – regarded

as the greatest middle- and high-school cross country runner in the history of the state of Georgia – was the guest speaker in an event capped off by recognition of runners for their accomplishments during a season in which both teams won a region title and placed in the top ten of the state meet.

Tinkey's honors include being a three-time high school All American, three-time Foot Locker Cross Country Nationals

qualifier, a four-time Georgia state cross country champion, member of the US National Cross Country team and a 2015 Division II All American and National Champion.

Thursday night actually came days prior to Tinkey's induction this past weekend into the Georgia Track and field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

"It's an honor for all of us," Tinkey said. "It's taken a village to get me here.

It's an accomplishment for everyone who has helped me get here."

Tinkey, also a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, imparted wisdom from her journey as a runner prior to taking questions from the crowd.

"I'm very honored to be able to," Tinkey said of being able to address the Greyhounds and Lady Greyhounds. "High school running is a big reason that I am who I am today; it truly takes a village. Anything that I can do to give back, I am all for it."

Tinkey said she does not speak to high school-age audiences much, but when she does, it's not hard to draw from her experience.

"Resilience and adversity, it's about how you use that and believe that you can do anything that you put your mind to," Tinkey said.

It was an added bonus for Tinkey, who was a



BRAD HARRISON/Staff

Hall of fame cross country runner Grace Tinkey shares bits of wisdom from her running career prior to awards being presented on Thursday.

standout in high school at FPD, to be there on a night where a team that held its own against teams from the Atlanta area was celebrated – something she recalls vividly in her earlier

career. "I love seeing Middle Georgia teams step up against the big dogs. I love seeing teams from where I am from show up big time," Tinkey said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Glow In The Dark Pickleball Tourney set for Feb. 24-25

Jones County Pickleball will host a Glow In The Dark Pickleball Tournament Feb. 24-25. The event is a fundraiser to raise money to help advance the sport in the community. The tournament runs from 6-10 p.m. each night and registration is \$30 per person. To register or for more details, go to PickleballBrackets.com/Glow

Sign-ups underway for track, baseball and softball

Sign ups are underway for Jones County youth track and field for ages 7 to 14. The registration cost is \$100 per child and \$90 per additional child. The parent meeting is Jan. 28 at the Knox Civic Center, which is mandatory. A birth certificate is required at the parent meeting, and the athlete should be present at the meeting for uniform fitting. Register online at www.JonesCountyGa.org/Parks-and-recreation

Registration open for youth baseball and softball

Registration is open for youth baseball and softball for both Highway

49 and Highway 18. Registration for Highway 18 is open through Jan. 25 with in-person check and cash payments accepted on Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon. For more league info, including important dates, visit <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/>

For Highway 49, registration is through Feb. 11 with in-person registration Jan. 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to Noon, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration fees are \$65 for wee ball and \$110 for other divisions with a sibling discount of \$110. For more info, visit www.JonesCountyGa.org/Parks-and-recreation

James, SGTC win big again

The South Georgia Tech Jets kept their winning ways up last week with help from JCHS product Camryn James, beating Denmark Technical College 73-45 and 83-42 over Andrew College. James had seven boards and five assists in the win against Denmark for SGTC, which with an 8-0 conference record leads East Georgia, who is 5-1. The Jets play again Saturday at Albany Tech.

– Brad Harrison

sporting events

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- Middle School Basketball:** Jan. 19, Gray Station vs. Henderson, 4:30 p.m.
- Middle School Basketball:** Jan. 19, Clifton Ridge vs. Monroe, 5 p.m.
- Basketball:** Jan. 19, at Union Grove, 6 p.m.
- Basketball:** Jan. 20, vs. Locust Grove, 7 p.m. (JV at 4 p.m.)
- Basketball:** Jan. 21, at Northeast, 5 p.m. (JV at 2 pm)
- Wrestling:** Jan. 21, State Duals Championships, hosted by JCHS
- Wrestling:** Jan. 21, at Smith's Station, Ala.
- JV Wrestling:** Jan. 24, at Mount de Sales, 5 p.m.
- Basketball:** Jan. 24, vs. Eagles Landing, 6 p.m.
- Middle School Basketball:** Jan. 24, Clifton Ridge at Gray Station, 4:30 p.m.
- Middle School Basketball:** Jan. 26, Clifton Ridge vs. Lamar County, 4:30 p.m.
- Middle School Basketball:** Jan. 26, Gray Station at Upson Lee, 5 p.m.
- Wrestling:** Jan. 26, vs. Perry, 6 p.m.
- Basketball:** Jan. 27, vs. Warner Robins, 6 p.m.
- Basketball:** Jan. 28, vs. Houston County, 7 p.m.
- Basketball:** Jan. 31, at Ola, 6 p.m.
- Basketball:** Feb. 3, at Dutchtown, 6 p.m.
- Wrestling:** Feb. 4, region traditional tournament, hosted by JCHS

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said. "We have Locust Grove, who we beat in duals (going to state). Flowery Branch beat Eastside, but then had to go wrestle Ola. You look at Ware, they're probably one of the top teams in the state, and they drew Cass."

With duals season wrapped up for the Greyhounds, the focus turns to the pursuit of individual tournaments. In that light, Jones County will take its wrestlers to Smith's Station, Ala., this weekend to get more mat time in preparation for the region tradition tournament on Feb. 4 hosted by Jones County followed by sectionals and the state tournament the following two weekends. JCHS also hosts Perry Jan. 26.



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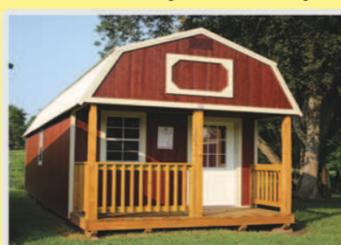
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MIDDLE SCHOOL GRAPPLERS



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A total of 15 wrestlers placed in the top three on Saturday from Jones County.



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A balanced effort helped Jones County win first place on Saturday in a seven-team field.

Middle schoolers repeat as champions

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With wins in both the dual and traditional formats, Jones County's middle school wrestlers captured the Lake

Country Region Tournament title last week, capping the coronation off with a win Saturday in the tournament held at Gray Station Middle School. Jones County won first in

the seven-team field with 174 total points as eight wrestlers finished first in their weight classes and 15 finished third or better. Winning first place were Noah Pieterick at 112 pounds,

Travis Miller at 119, John Rackley at 125, Chase Hasty at 130, Noah Heath at 138, Kaiden Canty at 147, Luke McCoy at 157 and Hunter Hardwick at 171. Runner-up finishes came

from Leilan Gaskins, Nate McDaniel and Luke Thompson with Harrison Page, Gavin Gaskins, Brantley Rosenberger and Marquez Melinia in third and a fourth-place finish from Barrett Rosenberger.

GREYHOUND WRESTLING

Jones County hosting State Duals Championships on Saturday

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Eight wrestling teams will converge on Gray Saturday morning with one goal - winning a state duals championship. Jones County is the host for this year's event, where each team

will take part in a double-elimination format of dual-style wrestling, meaning that points earned in individual matches in each weight class between two teams will give teams the chance to earn points with the winner of each match advancing. Teams from various parts of

the state will be at JCHS vying for a championship, with hopefuls being from areas including west Georgia, northeast Georgia as well as the Atlanta area and northward. "I think that we run as good of a tournament as anyone in the state. It's big to have this

tournament and for these schools and communities to come here to Gray," Greyhounds head coach Adam Gillhouse said. "There will be lots of teams here from north of Atlanta. We're excited for them to see what we have to offer. I feel confident that we'll run a first-class tournament."

Teams competing will be Harris County, Ola, Locust Grove, Cambridge, Cass, Eastside, Jefferson and Woodland Cartersville. Admission for the day is \$15 with wrestling set for a 10 a.m. start. Tickets are available for purchase on GoFan.

New digs unveiled as baseball practice begins



BRAD HARRISON/Staff

The Greyhounds began baseball practice as a team this week, and they'll do so in a refurbished locker room, which was unveiled to players on Saturday morning at Cecil Patterson Field. The redone space is part of a handful of other improvements that will include netting to cover most of the space in front of the first-base dugout and a new bullpen down the first-base line that will have two pitcher's mounds on it. The Greyhounds are scheduled to scrimmage West Laurens Feb. 9, play at Appling County Feb. 10, at Perry on Feb. 13 and host West Laurens on Feb. 16.

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26-8 in the fourth quarter. Perhaps nothing showcased Jones County's versatility more than the play of Jaylen Sanford. He rocked the rim twice on Tuesday, going airborne on two highlight-reel quality dunks. One of them came one trip down the floor before he drained a three-pointer as he scored 28 to lead the Greyhounds. Entering Monday, Sanford was averaging 29.5 points in his last four games. One reason for Sanford's success against Northside was the Eagles being unable to key on him. That was because of an equally strong outing from Daethan

Harris with 21 points complemented by Kaden Douglas and Judd Anderson's 11. The break from region play ends Thursday, with games on consecutive nights at Union Grove on Thursday, at home against Locust Grove Friday and Saturday at Northeast. That'll set the stage for a pair of games the following Tuesday and Friday at home against Eagles Landing and Warner Robins, both ranked among the region's top four with Eagles Landing unbeaten. With a 3-3 record in the region, JCHS entered the week in a three-way tie for third with Warner Robins and Eagles Landing, so a win against one or both next week would go a long way toward getting a third seed for the region tournament.

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second with Autumn Coleman having two and others being added by Carlie Skinner, Aubrey Norris and Mya Epps against an outmatched Northside team. Norris scored seven points, all of which came in the second half. It helped Jones County lead 34-17 at halftime and the Greyhounds bench being able to rotate in plus converting shots in the paint enabled JCHS to put the game more in its favor with a 59-25 advantage through three, shortening the fourth quarter by two minutes to put the mercy rule in place.

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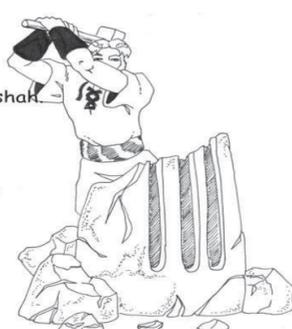
TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

Asa King of Judah
I Kings 15 ; II Chronicles 14

Asa became king of Judah following the death of his father, Abijah. Although King Abijah had God's help in battle against Jeroboam, king of Israel, his heart was not devoted to the Lord and he did evil as his father had done. Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God, removing the foreign altars and the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He commanded Judah to seek the LORD and to obey his laws and commands. Asa built up these towns of Judah, putting walls around them, with towers, gates and bars. He proclaimed that the land was theirs because they had sought the LORD.

Asa commanded a well equipped army of three hundred thousand men from Judah and two hundred and eighty thousand from Benjamin. All were brave fighting men. Zerah the Cushite marched out against Judah with a vast army and three hundred chariots, and came as far as Maresha.

Asa called to the LORD asking for His help. The LORD struck down the Cushites. The Cushites fled and Asa and his army pursued them. Such a great number of Cushites fell that they could not recover; they were crushed before the LORD and his forces. The men of Judah carried off a large amount of plunder and destroyed all the villages around Gerar, for the terror of the LORD had fallen upon them. They plundered the villages, since there was much booty there and they attacked the camps of the herdsmen and carried off droves of sheep and goats and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.



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Eddie Windham, Min.
S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
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2360 Gray Hwy., 478-742-3244
Rev. Lawrence Robinson, Min.
Missional Community 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
- PLENTITUDE BAPTIST
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.
- ROUNDWAY BAPTIST
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S.S. 10 a.m.; W.S. 11 a.m.
- UNION HILL BAPTIST
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Harold Thompson, Min., 478-986-4993
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Wed. 7 p.m.
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Wed. 7 p.m.
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Johnny Sanders, Min.
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Obituaries

Dr. James L. Martin, Ph.D.

Jan. 3, 2023

Dr. James L. Martin, Ph.D., 75, of Greensboro, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023.

Born in Amarillo, TX, James served his country from 1971 to 1974 in the Texas National Guard Airborne infantry. From 2001 to 2017 he was Kelly Gene Cook Sr. professor and chair of Civil & Environmental Engineering at Mississippi State University. He authored several technical works as well as books on wildlife and received several awards for his work with the environment.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Jocelyn Parker and a niece, Rene Pariseault.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Thomas Martin; children Shelly Parker (Jason), LT Emily Jacobs (Casey), and Marjorie Pevey (David); eight grandchildren: Jackson Parker, Chase Parker, Luke Parker, Camden Jacobs, Evan



Jacobs, Samuel Pevey, Tristyn Pevey, and Gabriel Pevey; sister Linda Martin; niece Michele Pariseault; great-nephews and great-nieces Paul Miller, Adam Casey, and Toni Miller; and great-great nephew Carter Ingram.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at Athens Cotton Press on January 14, 2023, 1:00 PM. 149 Oneta St, Athens, GA 30601.

Tammy Coulter Godwin

Jan. 11, 2023

Tammy Coulter Godwin, 58, of Macon, GA, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023. The family greeted friends Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Hart's Mortuary, Jones County Chapel. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at Hart's Mortuary, Jones County Chapel with the Reverend John Haney officiating. Burial was held at Middle Georgia Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to All About Animals, P.O. Box 4331, Macon GA 31208.

Daughter of the late Leonard and Shirley Slaughter Coulter, Tammy was the assistant deli manager at Ingles where she worked for over 20 years. She loved her family, cooking, and all furbabies. In addition to her parents Tammy was preceded in death by her brothers, William Larry Coulter, and Leonard "Buster" Coulter, and sister, Linda Coulter.

Tammy is survived by



her husband of 17 years, Dewey Godwin of Macon; nieces, Brandi Bonamo (Gary) of Haddock, Courtney Coulter (Jordan) of Jones County, Georgia, and Amy McKee (Sam) of Gray; nephews, Travis Ellison of Gray and Ellis Smallwood of Summerville, South Carolina.

Please visit www.hartsmort.com to express condolences.

Hart's Jones County Chapel, Hart's Mortuary and Cremation Center, 307 Pecan Lane, Gray, GA 31032, had charge of the arrangements.



The Jones County News salutes the local Veteran of the Week

Robert Buckley is the local veteran of the week. He is a U.S. Air Force retired colonel and spent 30 years as a fighter pilot, with over 4,000 hours of flying time in fighters. He is a veteran of the Cuban crisis, the Korean Publa crisis, and flew 142 combat missions during the Vietnam War. Buckley's awards include the Air Force Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with silver and five oak leaf clusters. He wrapped up his 30-year career with U.S. Central Command.

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Herman Mock

Aug. 11, 1931 - Jan. 14, 2023

Herman Mock, 91, of Henderson Road, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at a local hospital. The family greeted friends Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, from 1:30pm-2:30pm, at Snow's Funeral Home at Macon Memorial Park. Graveside services followed at Macon Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Ronnie Griffin officiating.

Mr. Mock was born Aug. 11, 1931, in Baxley, Georgia, to the late Bernice Mock and Minnie Lou Rentz Mock. He was retired from Armstrong World Industries and was a member of Shurlington Church of the Nazarene. Mr. Mock was passionate about the Bible and immersing himself in God's word. He was preceded in death by a son: Timmy Herman Mock.

Mr. Mock is survived by his wife of seventy-one years: Janell Mock; children: Kathy Dooley (Richard), Ronnie Mock and Lisa McCollum (Daniel); daughter-in-law: Cherie Mock; grandchildren: Shannon



Curtis (Chad) and Becky Mock (Phillip); great-grandchildren: Aubrey Gaskins, Laliah Gaskins, Briley Curtis and Carrie McCallum; and by his siblings: Joseph Mock, Ezra Mock and Sara Broward.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.

Snow's Funeral and Cremations at Macon Memorial Park had charge of arrangements. Please visit dignitymemorial.com to express your online condolences.



Real Life

-George Sheffield

If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. (Jn 9:33)

The Pharisees couldn't understand where this fellow Jesus came from. God sent Moses. Who sent Jesus? These big time preachers, with their diplomas and degrees, could not figure out who Jesus was. So God used a poor, uneducated beggar, a formerly blind man healed by Jesus, to preach to the preachers. This beggar man had more spiritual sight than the preacher men.

He knew Jesus was from God, sent by God, empowered by God. He had healed his blindness, something only God could do. He could see this. Why couldn't the Pharisees? The Pharisees didn't want to see it. They chose to be blind to the Light. They didn't like Jesus. He didn't do religion their way. He was always riding them about their hypocrisy. So they turned a blind eye to the Son of God.

And they didn't like it when this beggar began to teach them about Jesus (v34-35), so they kicked him out of church. Religion can make us heartless and blind. But Jesus gives us hearts of flesh, tender and loving;

and eyes to see His Light. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Only He can heal the spiritual blindness that sin brings. Jesus was sent by the Father to save us from sin and its darkness. Let Jesus open your eyes to the light of His salvation.

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907-Debtors and Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF JONES
In RE: Estate of Angela Lavetta James Parker, deceased.
All creditors of the estate of Angela Lavetta James Parker, deceased, late of Jones County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 20th day of December, 2022.
Usher Ford James, Administrator
Estate of Angela Lavetta James Parker
John D. Newberry
Newberry & Newberry
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 844
Gray, GA 31032
(478) 986-5141

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF JONES
In RE: Estate of Gloria Dell Sapp, deceased.
All creditors of the estate of Gloria Dell Sapp, deceased, late of Jones County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 20th day of December, 2022.
Jennifer Sapp Caldwell, Executor
Estate of Gloria Dell Sapp
John D. Newberry
Newberry & Newberry
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 844
Gray, GA 31032
(478) 986-5141

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, JONES COUNTY
IN RE: Estate of Melvin L. Land
All creditors of the estate of Melvin L. Land, deceased, late of Jones County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make payment to me.
This 5 day of January, 2023.
Melvin F. Land
550 Cumslo Road
Gray, GA 31032

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, JONES COUNTY
IN RE: Estate of Alvin Reliford
All creditors of the estate of Alvin Reliford, deceased, late of Jones County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make payment to me.
This 5 day of January, 2023.
Reginald Reliford
1056 Maple Leaf Drive
McDonough, GA 30253

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, JONES COUNTY
IN RE: Estate of Marjorie Jackson Nobles
All Creditors of the Estate of Marjorie Jackson Nobles, deceased, late of Jones County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, AND all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment to me.
This 9th day of January, 2023.
Hade Robert Nobles, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Marjorie Jackson Nobles
c/o Bert King
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1707
Gray, GA 31032
(478) 986-6000
www.BertKing.com

910-Family, Children, Youth

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE MATTER OF: NT, born 06/27/06
A child under 18 years of age and within the jurisdiction of this Court by virtue of the O.C.G.A. §15-11-10(1)(C).
TO: Marie Thomas, whose last known address is 865 Patterson Street, Macon, Georgia 31204:
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition filed by the Jones County Department of Family and Children Services on November 29, 2022 alleges the above-named child to be dependent and seeks to remove custody of the child from Carmen and Renee Story. An Order for service by publication was issued on December 29, 2022. A copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, may be obtained from the Jones County Juvenile Court, 110 S. Jefferson Street, Gray, Georgia 31032, (478) 986-6671, during business hours. A free copy is available to you, upon request.
This is a summons which requires you to appear in the Jones County Juvenile Court, Macon, Georgia, on January 31, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., then and there to make defense to the allegations of the Petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petitioner should not be granted.
You are entitled to counsel in these proceedings and the Court will appoint counsel if you are unable without undue financial hardship to employ counsel.
WITNESS the Honorable Judge of said Court this 30th day of December, 2022.
Kandy Stanford
Clerk
Jones County Juvenile Court

911-Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, JONES COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Brittany Gooden to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding, its successors and assigns, dated October 26, 2020, recorded in Deed Book 1038, Page 527, Jones County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding by assignment recorded in Deed Book 1136, Page 212, Jones County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$81,397.00), 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 Jones 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 February, 2023, 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 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 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. Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding 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: New American Funding, 11001 Lakeline Blvd, Suite 325, Austin, TX 78717, 800-893-5304. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Brittany Gooden or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 121 Woodall Drive, Macon, Georgia 31211. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.
Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding as Attorney in Fact for Brittany Gooden
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 80 of the Seventh (7th) Land District and Roberts Militia District of Jones County, Georgia, and containing One-Quarter of an acre, more or less, and more particularly described as follows: Starting at a point on the southwest side of a public street, which point is 110 feet from the line of the Smith property and which is point is marked by a stake and thence running in a southeasterly direction for a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to Brown Estate property; thence in a northwesterly direction along said Brown line a distance of 110 feet 10 a stake; thence in a northeasterly direction a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning. The herein conveyed lot is bounded generally as follows: Northwest and Southeast by property now or formerly owned by Wilburn Woodall; Southeast by property of the Brown estate; and Northeast by a newly cut public street and being a portion of the property conveyed to Wilburn Woodall by deed dated October 11, 1941 and recorded in Deed Book VV, Page 597, Clerk's Office, Jones Superior Court, and also being a portion of the property shown on plat by Cherokee Engineering, Co. dated July 1958 and the time not of record.
Said property is known as, under the present system of numbering for Jones County Georgia as **121 Woodall Drive, Macon, GA 31211.**
MR/chr 2/7/23
Our file no. 22-09756GA - FT17

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF JONES
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Shannon E. Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Fairfield Financial Services, Inc. dated April 30, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 684, Page 385, Jones County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-RPL11 Trust, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$105,000.00, 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, February 7, 2023, 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 lying and being in Land Lots 208 and 223 of the 9th Land District of Jones County, Georgia being shown and designated as Parcel B, containing 21.25 acres, more or less, according to a Property Survey for Deon E Smith and Dorothy M. Smith, prepared by Marvin D. Clements, GRLS 1434 and recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 149, Jones County Superior Court Clerk's Office and by reference said plat is hereby incorporated for a more complete and accurate description of said Parcel B. This is a portion of the same property conveyed from Southern Land & Lumber Company to Deon E Smith and Dorothy M. Smith by Warranty Deed dated January 11, 1991 and recorded in Deed Book 250, page 484, Jones County Superior Court Clerk's Office.
Said property is known as **542 Stallings Road, Haddock, GA 31033**, 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 Shannon E. Smith, successor in interest or tenant(s).
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-RPL11 Trust as Attorney-in-Fact for Shannon E. Smith
File no. 22-079606
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, JONES COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Jacinto Alava to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated January 21, 2021, recorded in Deed Book 1049, Page 285, Jones County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 1138, Page 685, Jones County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$126,000.00), 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 Jones 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 February, 2023, 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 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 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.
Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC 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: Rocket Mortgage, LLC, 1050 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, 734-805-7125.
Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Jacinto Alava and Estate of Jacinto Alava or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **196 Sun Valley Dr, Macon, Georgia 31211.** Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.
Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Jacinto Alava
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Jones County, Georgia, shown as Lot 4 of Block "D" of Sun Valley Estates Subdivision on a plat prepared by W.A. Evers, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1006, dated December 21, 1956 and recorded in Plat Book 3-K, Page 566 of the real estate records of the Jones County, Georgia, Superior Court Clerk's Office.
Subject Property Address: 196 Sun Valley Drive, Macon, GA 31211
Parcel ID: M03A 00 015
MR/chr 2/7/23
Our file no. 22-10061GA - FT1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BIBB
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by MELODY D. APPLING to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAHOMEKEY, INC in the original principal amount of \$135,150.00 dated October 6, 2009 and recorded in Deed Book 760, Page 1, Bibb County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER in Deed Book 991, Page 113, Bibb 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 February 07, 2023, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 84 OF THE 8TH LAND DISTRICT OF JONES COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, CHAPMAN RIDGE, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGES 265-267, CLERK'S OFFICE, JONES SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO AND MADE A PART THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE METES, BOUNDS AND DIMENSIONS OF THE PROPERTY.
Said property being known as: **119 CHAPMAN RIDGE RD MACON, GA 31211**
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are MELODY D. APPLING 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: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
8950 Cypress Waters Blvd.
Coppell, TX 75019
1-888-480-2432
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.
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, as Attorney-in-Fact for MELODY D. APPLING
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
10700 Abbott's Bridge Road
Suite 170
Duluth, GA 30097
Phone: 470.321.7112
Firm File No. 22-085676 - LIV

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM [REF. O.C.G.A., SECTION 48-4-5 ET SEQ.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: ROY W. FLOWERS and his Unknown Heirs at Law DOUGLAS LAMAR NURNBERGER, JR. as Administrator of the Estate of LYNDA H. FLOWERS 3 PORT INVESTMENTS, LLC Occupant of 465 CHAPMAN ROAD, Jones County, Georgia. RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on February 24, 2023 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Jones County, Georgia, and being known and designated as Lot 39, Block A, Grayatone Ridge Subdivision, Section No. 1, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 8, Page 95, Clerk's Office, Jones Superior Court, which said plat is by this reference thereto incorporated herein.

That property known as 465 CHAPMAN ROAD according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number J59A 00 080

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated January 4, 2022, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia in Deed Book 1122, Page 144.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Pacifica Properties LLC c/o Carolina Dallal Bryant Esq. Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC 675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 301 Atlanta, Georgia 30307 404.892.2599 Please be governed accordingly.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF JONES

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Lorenda D. Williamson and Andrew B. Williamson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated January 17, 2013, and recorded in Deed Book 846, Page 557, Jones County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$160,972.00, 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, March 7, 2023, 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 LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 13 OF THE 8TH LAND DISTRICT OF JONES COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 10.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND DESIGNATED AS PARCEL "F-3", ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF PAUL C. SIMPSON MADE BY WILLIAMSON W. LEWIS, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1357, DATED JULY 7, 1976, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 257, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF JONES SUPERIOR COURT, SAID PLAT BY REFERENCE HERETO BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED. THIS PROPERTY IS BOUNDED GENERALLY NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET BY A PUBLIC COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS THE OLD JAMES ROAD, ON THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST BY THE PROPERTY OF JANE M. RIVERS, ON THE SOUTHWEST DISTANCE OF 506.32 FEET BY PARCEL "F-4", AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT; ON THE WEST A

DISTANCE OF 684.79 FEET BY A 50 FOOT PRIVATE ROAD AS SHOWN BY SAID PLAT, AND ON THE NORTHWEST A DISTANCE OF 771.2 FEET BY SAID 50 FOOT PRIVATE ROAD. DEED REFERENCE DEED BOOK 430, PAGE145, AFORESAID RECORDS.

Said property is known as **131 Hide Away Place, Gray, GA 31032**, 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 Lorenda D. Williamson, a/k/a Lorenda Denise Wood a/k/a Lorenda G. Wood and Andrew B. Williamson, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Nationstar Mortgage LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Lorenda D. Williamson and Andrew B. Williamson File no. 17-065298 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300 Atlanta, GA 30346 (770) 220-2535/GR https://www.logs.com/ *THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

NOTICE TO: Lula F. Mims Estate

All heirs of Lula F. Mims Margaret M. Thomas Estate All heirs of Margaret M. Thomas Dorothy M. Daniels John Joseph Mims Lula M. Deshazier Estate All heirs of Lula M. Deshazier Reginald Scott Jacqueline Beard Pamela Richard Estate All heirs of Pamela Richard Eddie Mims Estate All heirs of Eddie Mims Barbara Solomon Collins Solomon Chandra Mims Andrea Mims Cheryl Henderson Sylvia Mims Shannon D. Suttle

And all other occupants or parties having an interest in the property described below: PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 48-4-45 ET SEQ PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All and only that parcel of land designed as Tax Parcels J45-00-011, Land Lot 5, 9th Land District, Jones County, Georgia being 16.28 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 704, Page 626, known as 208 Lite N Tie Road.

WILL EXPIRE AND BE FOREVER FORECLOSED AND BARRED ON THE 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th day of November, 2019 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia in Deed Book 1013, Page 345. The property may be redeemed any time before 5:00 p.m. on the 6th day of March, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

John D. Newberry Newberry & Newberry Attorneys at law P.O. Box 844 101 Gordon Street Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-5141 jdn@newberrylawfirm.com Please be governed accordingly. John D. Newberry, attorney for Lewellyn Daniel

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM [REF. O.C.G.A., SECTION 48-4-5 ET SEQ.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: JAMES E. MONROE and his Unknown Heirs at Law Occupant of 104 NEPTUNE WAY, Jones County, Georgia. RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on February 24, 2023 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN JONES COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 20, BLOCK F, SUN VALLEY ESTATES ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF RECORD PREPARED BY WILLIAM A. EVERS, DATED DECEMBER 21, 1956 AMD RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3-K, FOLIO 565, CLERK'S OFFICE, JONES SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

That property known as 104 NEPTUNE WAY according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number M07A 00 102.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated January 4, 2022, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia in Deed Book 1122, Page 150.

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

914-Miscellaneous

LEGAL NOTICE

CONTACT: Jillian Bouchard EMAIL: jlbouchard@cgemc.com **CENTRAL GEORGIA EMC PURPA PROCEEDING NOTICE OF PURPA HEARING** Central Georgia EMC will hold a hearing to facilitate the consideration and determination of standards established by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

This hearing is held pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and particularly pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §§ 2621, 2622, 2631, and 2632. The hearing will be held at the Locust Grove Recreation Center Auditorium, with participant sign-in beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the hearing commencing at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2023. The following standards will be considered at the hearing:

1. Demand-response practices, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d) (20).
2. Electric vehicle charging programs, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21).

The hearing will be governed by the "Rules for Conducting Proceedings Required by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021)" (the "Rules"), which was adopted by the Board of Directors of Central Georgia EMC on October 19, 2022. A copy of the Rules may be obtained at Central Georgia EMC's headquarters during business hours. The headquarters is located at 923 South Mulberry Street, Jackson, Georgia 30233, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST/EDT. A copy of the Rules also may be downloaded from Central Georgia EMC's PURPA Website at www.cgemc.com/purpa.

In accordance with 16 U.S.C. § 2631, the United States Secretary of Energy, any affected electric utility, and any electric consumer of an affected electric utility has a right to intervene and participate as a formal party of

record in the hearing. Please see Rule 4 concerning the procedure for intervention.

Any member of Central Georgia EMC that does not desire to intervene and participate as a formal party of record nonetheless will be given the opportunity to make an oral or written statement expressing his position and views on the foregoing standards. Please see Rule 5 concerning the procedure for making such statements.

All persons must sign in no later than 9:00 a.m. to ensure that they are able to participate in the hearing. Please see Rule 11 concerning the conduct of the hearing.

915-Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Camdyn Grace Collins Minor Child Civil Action No. 2022-CV-399 NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Chauncey Freeman, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia on the 20th day of December, 2022 praying for a change in the name of minor child from Camdyn Grace Collins to Camdyn Grace Freeman. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 20th day of December, 2022.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Tyler Blake Hutcheson Civil Action No. 2023-CV-001 NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Tyler Blake Hutcheson, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia on the 4th day of January, 2023 praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Tyler Blake Hutcheson to Tyler Blake Wallace. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 4th day of January, 2023. Tyler Hutcheson Petitioner pro se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Osae Jairus Dairo Patterson and Messiahreign Judah Osae Patterson Minor children Civil Action No. 2022-CV-238 NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Osae Dairo Patterson, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia on the 5th day of January, 2023 praying for a change in the name of minor children from Osae Jairus Dairo Patterson to Osae Jairus Yahanon Dairo and from Messiahreign Judah Osae Patterson to Judah Yishai Yahreigns Dairo. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 5th day of January, 2023. Osae Dairo Patterson Petitioner pro se

918-Probate Notices

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDMUND S. SKOCZYLAS, JR., DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2022P262 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: Whom it may concern

Donna M. Skoczylas has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Edmund S. Skoczylas, Jr., 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 parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before JANUARY 26, 2023.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing. Lewis J. Patterson Judge of the Probate Court By: Amanda Leslie Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1090 Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-6668

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET SUE AVANT CLIFFORD, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2022P263 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: Whom it may concern

JONATHAN HALL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of MARGARET SUE AVANT CLIFFORD, 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 parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before JANUARY 30, 2023. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing. Lewis J. Patterson Judge of the Probate Court By: Amanda Leslie Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1090 Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-6668

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEANNETTE H. ROSS, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2022P267 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: Whom it may concern

DERRICK B. ROSS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of JEANNETTE H. ROSS, deceased, of said County. The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, and/or grant of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before JANUARY 30, 2023. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. A hearing on this Petition shall be held in the Probate Court of Jones County, at a later date. Lewis J. Patterson PROBATE JUDGE By: Amanda Leslie Chief Probate Clerk P.O. Box 1090 Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-6668

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. Lewis J. Patterson Judge of the Probate Court By: Amanda Leslie Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1090 Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-6668

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JONES COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER KEITH PLUNKETT, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2022P268 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: Whom it may concern

SUSAN P. MOORE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of CHRISTOPHER KEITH PLUNKETT, 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 parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before JANUARY 30, 2023. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing. Lewis J. Patterson Judge of the Probate Court By: Amanda Leslie Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1090 Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-6668

CITATION TO BIOLOGICAL FATHER

GEORGIA, JONES COUNTY PROBATE COURT OF JONES COUNTY ESTATE NO. 2022P233 Date of Mailing, or date of second publication: JANUARY 26, 2023

TO: ANY UNKNOWN/ UNNAMED FATHER OF KYLEE ANN SCHROEDER, a minor: CHARLOTTE ANN WOOSTER, Petitioner has applied to be appointed permanent guardian of the above minor and is seeking additional powers set forth in O.C.G.A. §29-2-22(b). If you have any objection to the granting of this petition, you must: 1) file a written objection setting forth the grounds of any such objection with this Court within 14 days of the date you are personally served; the date that notice was mailed to you; or the day following the date of the second publication of this citation, AND you must 2) file a petition to legitimate the minor within 30 days of the hearing on your objection. If you fail to file a petition for legitimation within 30 days or your petition is dismissed for failure to prosecute, or if an order issues on your petition which does not name you as the father of the minor, you will have no further rights to receive notice or object to the appointment of a permanent guardian for the minor. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. A hearing on this Petition shall be held in the Probate Court of Jones County, at a later date. Lewis J. Patterson PROBATE JUDGE By: Amanda Leslie Chief Probate Clerk P.O. Box 1090 Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-6668

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7	2	5	6	3	4	1	8	9
6	8	4	1	9	2	3	7	5
9	7	8	3	5	6	2	1	4
4	1	6	9	2	8	5	3	7
2	5	3	4	1	7	8	9	6
3	6	1	5	4	9	7	2	8
5	9	7	2	8	3	4	6	1
8	4	2	7	6	1	9	5	3

The Jones County News Weather Jan. 18, 2023

Jones County's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	72	58
Thursday	Showers Likely	71	43
Friday	Partly Cloudy	62	39
Saturday	Few Showers	58	44
Sunday	Few Showers	60	47
Monday	Partly Cloudy	61	46
Tuesday	Cloudy	57	44

Local Lake Levels

Local Lake	Full Pool	Latest Level
Jackson	530	529.40
Oconee	435	434.90
Sinclair	340	338.36

All full pools and latest lake levels are in feet.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Rainfall
Monday	62	40	59/36	0.01"
Tuesday	65	32	59/36	0.00"
Wednesday	73	35	59/36	0.00"
Thursday	76	55	59/36	0.96"
Friday	55	40	59/36	0.00"
Saturday	49	33	59/36	0.00"
Sunday	58	25	59/36	0.00"

Weather History

Jan. 18, 1987 - A storm in the south central United States blanketed Oklahoma City with eight inches of snow, their highest total since 1948. Snowfall totals in Oklahoma reached up to 13 inches at Gage, with drifts five feet high.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:10 a.m.	4:24 p.m.
Venus	8:54 a.m.	7:31 p.m.
Mars	1:55 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Jupiter	10:54 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
Saturn	9:07 a.m.	7:53 p.m.
Uranus	12:47 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Neptune	10:27 a.m.	10:11 p.m.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:35 a.m.	5:51 p.m.	4:21 a.m.	2:22 p.m.
Thursday	7:35 a.m.	5:52 p.m.	5:32 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Friday	7:34 a.m.	5:53 p.m.	6:41 a.m.	4:28 p.m.
Saturday	7:34 a.m.	5:54 p.m.	7:41 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Sunday	7:34 a.m.	5:55 p.m.	8:33 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Monday	7:33 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	9:15 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Tuesday	7:33 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	9:51 a.m.	9:26 p.m.

Weather Trivia

What meteorologist made a significant contribution to geology?
 Answer: Alfred Wegener first theorized that the continents were once together.
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