

Meriwether County and Hogansville Community Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greenville City Council work session, 5 pm Thursday, February 20. The public is invited to attend.

Woodbury City Council meeting, 6 pm Monday, February 24. The public is invited to attend.

Meriwether County Commission meeting, 6 pm Tuesday, February 25. The public is invited to attend.

Readers are urged to call ahead and confirm that events listed here are still being held.
To have your non-commercial community event listed in the Community Calendar, send the information to starmercurynews@gmail.com. To be included, the event must be taking place in Hogansville or Meriwether County. The deadline is each Monday at noon. Calendar events are subject to change.

Warm Springs to Opt Out of House Bill 581 Exemptions

Submitted to the S-M-V

The Mayor and Council Members voted to Opt-Out of GA HB 581 the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the City of Warm Springs GA. As part of the process, the mayor and council will hold three public hearings at City Hall in Council Chambers located at 3636 Whitehouse Parkway Warm Springs, GA 31830 on February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., February 20 at 12:00 p.m. and February 24 at 6:00 p.m. Georgia House Bill 581 took effect on January 1, 2025, and introduced a statewide floating homestead exemption that caps the annual increase in home values for tax purposes. The exemption impacts property taxes for cities, counties, and school

districts. HB 581 allows cities, counties, and school districts to opt out of the property tax cap. While this was designed to provide property tax relief, the legislation could result in significant funding restrictions for municipalities potentially impacting public safety, city programs, and staff retention. Opting out of this exemption will allow the mayor and the council to continue to make financial decisions that align with our principles and needs of the City of Warm Springs community. Residents may address the Mayor and Council Members at three public hearings. It is important to also note to our community residents that the decision to Opt-Out will not affect any existing exemptions for the City of Warm Springs residents.

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HOGANSVILLE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF MONTH - Congratulations to our Students of the Month for January! Kindergarten: Kyrie Tigner, Raleigh LeMay, Westin Powell, Jazmin Benitez, Yeimmy Quiroz Juarez (not pictured); 1st Grade: Eva Pinney, Brayden Hunsinger, Kyden Banks, Gracie Hickman, Amelia Hall; 2nd Grade: Joselyn Champion, Liam Anderson, Cooper Stroud, Mason Gates; 3rd Grade: Camden Swope, James Baxley, KyShawn Prather; 4th Grade: Braelyn Wilson, Journee Kenerley, Rinoa Mann; 5th Grade: Lucas Pike, Jordyn Garrett, Morgan Cato.

President Theatre Announces Its 2025 Concert Schedule

Submitted to the S-M-V

The President Theatre in Manchester has announced its 2025 concert schedule. The Gold Standard Band will bring its high energy mix of 60s and 70s classic Soul, Motown and Carolina Beach music to Manchester on March 1st. The Brotherhood, a Doobie Brothers Tribute Band will take the stage on May 17th. The Brotherhood is dedicated to capturing the essence of the legendary Georgia band and emulating their authentic concert experience. The GlowBand will return on June 7th with their famous “Tribute to the Eagles & Friends” show. The GlowBand’s note perfect renditions of Eagles classic tunes

are well known throughout North Georgia. Turkey Creek Gospel sold out the house in 2024, and they will return to the President Theatre on July 19th with their renditions of Bluegrass Gospel classics. The Return will wrap up the 2025 concert season on August 23rd with their Beatles Tribute Show. The Beatles launched the British invasion of American popular music in 1964, and the band is considered one of the most influential acts of the time. The Return will perform songs from every part of the band’s record setting career. All concerts begin at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$25 each. Tickets will be available through the President Theatre web site.



HES SHOUT OUT - This week's Shout Out is going out to our PreK team! Just this week, we had a visitor from the state come and visit our PreK classrooms. While we always get to see the awesome things happening in PreK, it's fun to hear from others! Our State PreK Specialist said, ""While in the classroom today the specialist observed centers, large group Phonological Awareness and small groups. All teachers and children communicated with calm voices and positive language. Teachers were observed responding to children's needs quickly. Children freely participated in conversations. Teachers were patient when redirecting and students responded well. Fantastic job setting expectations and establishing solid routines." We want to shout them out and say thank you for all that they do for our PreK students! #greenwaveprekawesome



Flint Energies Grants Libraries \$50,000

Submitted to the S-M-V

The Flint Energies Foundation granted Pine Mountain Regional Library, Houston County Public Library, Peach Public Library, Middle Georgia Regional Library, and Lake Blackshear Regional Library \$10,000 each. The requested funds will be used to assist regional libraries with the purchase of digital copies of e-books and audiobooks. Bill Tripp represented Pine Mountain Regional Library, Houston County Public Library, Peach Public Library, Middle Georgia Regional Library, and Lake Blackshear Regional Library, all of which are part of the Public Information Network for Electronic Services System (PINES). Mr. Tripp stated, “PINES allows cardholders free access to books and other materials in nearly 300 library branches and affiliated service outlets throughout the state. The demand for digital e-books and audiobooks available through the Georgia Download Destination (GADD) has increased exponentially, with over 194,000 pending hold requests for certain titles. The average wait for the e-books and audiobooks is 52 days. These funds will assist with purchasing digital copies of e-books and audiobooks for use by the public library users in the Georgia Download Destination (GADD).” The Flint Energies Foundation provides grants to local non-profits such as this one using money donated

by Flint Energies Consumer-members through Operation Round Up®. The electric cooperative's Members contribute \$175,000 annually to the Flint Energies Foundation, which supports worthy causes in the 17 counties it serves. Operation Round Up is a way for participating Members to support multiple charitable organizations by simply allowing Flint Energies to round up their bills to the nearest dollar. Donations to Operation Round Up, which average only about \$6 per year per member, are tax deductible. About 40% of Flint's Membership participates in Operation Round Up, but that percentage continues to decline. If you are a Flint Energies Consumer-member and wish to contribute, you can sign up at www.flintenergies.com/ORU or by calling 1.800.342.3616. The Flint Energies Foundation, a state-chartered, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, disburses all contributions to approved projects; Member contributions are not used for administration costs. Foundation Board members include Chair Joanne Hamlin, Lizella; Vice Chair Eloise Doty, Butler; Secretary Connie McCutchen, Midland; Treasurer John Luppino, Warner Robins; Gina Fink, Fort Valley; Charles Harrison, Grovania; Pat Bartness, Warner Robins; Traci Kemp, Warner Robins; Betty Chase, Oglethorpe; Roger Sinyard, Mauk; and Ian Russell, Fort Valley.

Meriwether County to Opt Out of HB 581 Exemption

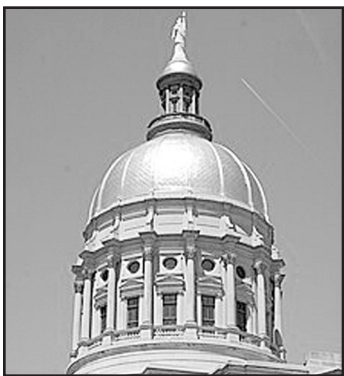
Submitted to the S-M-V

The Meriwether County Board of Commissioners has formally announced its decision to opt out of the newly proposed statewide homestead exemption under House Bill 581. This decision reflects the county's dedication to protecting its residents from potential tax increases that could result from adopting the statewide exemption. House Bill 581, introduced in the Georgia legislature, proposes a uniform homestead exemption for all counties. However, Meriwether County's analysis reveals that the county's current floating homestead exemption—in place for 24 years—offers far greater benefits to its residents by capping taxable home values and shielding homeowners from market-driven tax increases. “By opting out, we’re prioritizing the long-term financial well-being of our homeowners,” said Adam Worsley, Chairman of the Meriwether

County Board of Commissioners. “The statewide exemption under H.B. 581 ties taxable home values to inflation, which could lead to higher taxes over time. Our existing floating exemption ensures affordability and stability for Meriwether County residents.” Three public hearings will be held to provide information and gather feedback from residents: •February 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM •February 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM •February 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM All hearings will take place at the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners Office, 17234 Roosevelt Highway, Building B, Greenville, GA 30222. Residents are encouraged to attend these hearings to learn more about the exemptions and ask questions. For additional information, visit www.meriwethercountyga.gov.

INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The Meriwether County Board of Education intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the Meriwether County School District. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at the Meriwether County Board of Education on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 8 AM. Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at the Meriwether County Board of Education on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 11 AM and Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6 PM.



Last week, members of the Georgia House of Representatives returned to the State Capitol following a winter storm that impacted much of the southern part of the state. One of our primary responsibilities this week was to hear from Chief Justice Michael Boggs of the Georgia Supreme Court as he delivered his State of the Judiciary address to a joint session of the House and Senate in the House Chamber. House Appropriations Subcommittees and full House committees also began to meet.

On Monday, we began the week with a moment of reflection and remembrance, honoring the millions of innocent lives lost during the Holocaust. Through the adoption of House Resolution 50, which designates January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the House reaffirmed our commitment to ensuring that such atrocities are never forgotten. Monday also marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, which served as a poignant reminder of the resilience of humanity in the face of unimaginable suffering.

Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs addressed the House and Senate on Tuesday and began his State of the Judiciary address by emphasizing the rise in public confidence in state courts, noting that more than half of Americans now give positive ratings to their state judicial systems. He also highlighted that Georgia courts are proactively examining the impact of generative artificial intelligence (AI) on our legal system and have formed a committee to assess their findings and discover what challenges or opportunities could come from the use of AI in the judicial system. He emphasized the positive work being done to improve outcomes for veterans in our state's criminal justice system.

The chief justice also reported that in recent years, attacks and threats targeting Georgia's courts, including those aimed at judges, have been on the rise. He highlighted a statistic from the United States Marshals Service, which revealed that threats against federal judges have nearly tripled over the past decade. In

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A Report on the 2025 Georgia General Assembly

State Representative Debbie Buckner

response to this escalating trend, Chief Justice Boggs proposed a series of upgrades to physical security measures, alongside comprehensive training initiatives designed to ensure that security situations are not only effectively managed but also prevented.

In addition to hearing the State of the Judiciary address, the pace of our legislative work certainly picked up as the House Appropriations Subcommittees continued meeting to review the sections of the Amended Fiscal Year (AFY) 2025 budget. Each subcommittee carefully examines a specific section of Governor Kemp's budget proposals, eventually passing sections of the budgets from their respective subcommittees. Each budget section will then be presented to the full House Appropriations Committee, where members will collaborate to form one unified budget before the budget bill moves on to the House Rules Committee for further consideration and scheduling of a full vote on the House floor.

In addition, several full House committees have started meeting to discuss various bills assigned to them based on policy area. Once a bill passes out of its respective committee, it moves to the Rules Committee before being added to the House calendar for a vote by the whole House. After passing the House, the bill follows a similar process in the Senate, where it may be amended. If there are differences between the House and Senate versions, a conference committee is appointed to resolve them, and the final version then returns to both chambers for a final vote. If approved, it is sent to Gov. Kemp for either his signature or veto. This is the process we follow for all legislation, including the AFY 2025 and FY 2026 budgets.

Also, last week, my colleagues and I gathered in the House Chamber for a special event for the unveiling of former Dean of the House Calvin Smyre's official portrait at the Georgia State Capitol, celebrating his remarkable 48-year career in the Georgia House of Representatives. Smyre, the longest-serving member in the state's history, is only the seventh African American to have such a distinction.



The ceremony was attended by former Georgia governors, lieutenant governors, a United States congressman, friends, family and colleagues—many of whom spoke of Dean Smyre's contributions to Georgia's political landscape. Former Governor Roy Barnes and former Governor Sonny Perdue were among those present for the event, and former Governor Joe Frank Harris also shared a heartfelt letter read during the event. Dean Smyre's legacy will now be immortalized at the State Capitol for future generations to admire.

We also took time to celebrate Lunar New Year at the Capitol, a significant cultural holiday observed by many across Asia. Lunar New Year marks the start of a new year based on the lunar calendar.

Finally, to end our week, we stood for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the tragic mid-air collision that took place at Reagan Washington National Airport, and, among the victims were two individuals with ties to Georgia. Sam Lilley, the first officer aboard Flight 5342, was a graduate of Richmond Hill High School in Bryan County and Georgia Southern University. Ryan O'Hara, a 2014 graduate of Parkview High School in Lilburn, was serving as a Blackhawk helicopter Crew Chief. The House mourns this profound loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with all of the victims and their families.

We will return to the State Capitol on Monday, February 3rd for our fourth week of session. My colleagues and I will continue to consider legislation that best serves Georgians, and I will be sure to update you about our legislative work. As we continue through the session, I hope that you will reach out with your questions or concerns regarding legislation and the issues that are significant to you and your family.

School Board Opting Out Of HB 581 Exemption

Submitted to the S-M-V

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The Meriwether County School Board wants our county to understand their decision to opt out of this Bill has not been made lightly. This Bill is confusing, and the language we are required to use in the public notices only misleads and adds to the confusion. This decision reflects the Board's commitment to protecting the financial stability of the school system and prioritizing the needs of students, staff, and the schools.

The Board supports responsible tax relief; however, failing to opt out of HB 581 would lock the School System

into uncertainty regarding its long-term financial future. It is important to note that the decision to opt out of HB 581 does not impact the current local freeze exemption, Georgia's homestead tax exemption, or exemptions for veterans. We are determined to be sensitive to the taxpayer's financial pressures in addition to the needs of our students. Every person on the Board owns property and pays taxes.

While keeping the school taxes flat through local actions, we have increased teacher salaries to be more competitive, expanded student support for success, updated our curriculum, significantly increased school safety, given our teachers more training, and eliminated our debt thus allowing the School Board to issue bonds in 2024 for the purpose of improving school facilities. The School Board has a consistent record of responsible use of our taxing authority and will continue the same common-sense approach. We will continue to be careful managers of your money and ask that you continue to place your trust in us rather than politicians who do not live, work, and learn in Meriwether County.

The Board's decision reflects a steadfast dedication to the future of Meriwether County's students and the long-term prosperity of the county.



Photo Submitted

HES FEATURES YOUNG GEORGIA WRITERS - Hogansville Elementary is pleased to announce the school-wide winners of this year's Young Georgia Author's writing competition. Sponsored by the Georgia RESA Network and Georgia Language Arts Supervisors, this competition encourages students to develop excellence in writing by providing a platform to recognize and celebrate their success. The following winning students will have their writing submitted for judging on the system level and if chosen as a winner, their writing will move on to the regional level with the opportunity to eventually be judged against all of the regional winners across the state within their respective grade levels. Hogansville winners include: Gwen Holloway (3rd grade), Ainsley Thomas (4th Grade), & Adelaide Reyes (5th Grade) Congratulations to the awesome Greenwave students!

Deaths and Funerals

Junior Ray Cobb

April 17, 1943 - January 30, 2025
Retired from Vulcan Materials

Mr. Junior Ray Cobb, 81, of Greenville, passed away Thursday, January 30, 2025, at his home. Born April 17, 1943, in Randolph County Alabama, Mr. Cobb was the son of the late Albert and Bessie Waldrop Cobb. He attended Rocky Mount Baptist Church and retired from Vulcan Materials in Red Oak as a superintendent. Mr. Cobb loved his very large family and loved farming, gardening and canning, grilling and cooking, camping, fishing, and cruising.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Ellen White Cobb; his children, Tammy Cape (Jeff), Sam Cobb (Pam), Penny Mitchell (William), Bessie Frazier (Doug), Anthony Cobb (Daron), and Nodja Williamson (Marcus); brother, Gay Cobb; grandchildren, Stephanie (Chris), Jaba (Melinda), Hope (Charles), Michael (Makia), Telina (KC), Kayla (Brandon), Dustin (Shanan), Noelle (Danny), Tresden, Shannon (Pierre), Alexis, Alyssa (Justin), Alena (Jeric), Sammy, Austin (Hannah), Lacy, Chase, Megan (Nathan), and Aaron; 38 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Mr. Cobb was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Misty Cobb; great-great-grandson, Parker Anderson; seven sisters; and five brothers.

The funeral service was 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 1, in the Chapel of Claude A. McKibben and Sons Funeral Home in Hogansville. Pastor Wayne Settle and Pastor Donny Shelton officiated and interment was in Luthersville Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.mckibbenfuneralhome.com
Claude A. McKibben and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

The "Lighter Side" of the News

Police and animal rescue officers in Missouri came to the rescue of a woman who became stranded in a kayak after saving a dog that fell through the ice on a frozen lake.

The Holts Summit Police Department said on social media that an officer and an animal control officer responded to a report of a dog that fell through the ice of a frozen lake near Dogwood Drive and Summertree Lane.

"Upon arrival, officers discovered that a brave Good Samaritan had taken a kayak onto the frozen lake in an attempt to save the dog," the post said. "While the dog had been successfully rescued, the female in the kayak became stuck on the ice, unable to safely return to shore."

The officers used a water rescue throw bag to reach the woman and tow her kayak back to shore.

"Thankfully, both the dog and the female were unharmed," police wrote.

OFFICER NEEDED

The City of Warm Springs is now accepting applications for **Police Chief position**. The **Police Chief** will serve as the head of the Warm Springs Police Department, responsible for overseeing all police operations, ensuring the safety and security of the community, and maintaining public order. This is a working-chief position which requires the Chief to be actively engaged in day-to-day policing activities, emergency on-call, as well as administrative and leadership responsibilities.

Job Type: Full-time/Salaried

Pay: Starting at \$48,000.00 per year

Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and three (3) professional references to r.crampton@warmsspringsga.gov, by **4:30 pm on Friday, February 12th, 2025**.

INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The City Council of Woodbury intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the City of Woodbury. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at **Woodbury Municipal Complex on February 6th, 2025, from 6 pm - 7 pm**. Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at **Woodbury Municipal Complex February 13th, 2025 and February 24th, 2025 from 6 pm - 7 pm**.

Opinions & Ideas

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Knowing What to Do In Snow Sometimes Pays Off

The snow and ice that descended upon us on January 21 brought some memories back to this old transplanted Chicagoan.

Being from the upper Midwest, of course, I am fully versed in what to do when the snow comes. In fact, many of my friends were quick to say, "You're from Chicago! You know what to do!"

I certainly do.

I go inside where it's warm and I stay off the roads.

Not because I can't handle the chill or the driving, no indeed. But at my age, I do feel the cold a little more intensely, and as for driving - while I may know how to drive in snow and ice, most of the people around me on the roads don't, and I have no desire to meet any of them by accident.

The only real problem I had with the most recent snow and ice came when I got to the office Thursday afternoon, once the roads were driveable. I managed to get into the parking lot (where there was still standing ice) with no issues, but when I started to get out of the car, my foot skidded on the black ice.

That caught my attention right away, as falling on ice at my age (and at my weight) would have definitely made it a very, very bad day.

Yes, I know what to do in that kind of weather.

The snow did make the world seem much more beautiful, though I would imagine many folks here in the South wouldn't share that view. Having had snow almost every winter of my first twelve years, however, I find it makes the landscape gorgeous in a way I cannot explain with words.

Our little brush with the North Pole did bring back some fond memories of snowfall when I was a child. I know I've shared some of this with you before, but it seems appropriate to go over it once again.

The farthest back I can remember clearly enjoying snow was the first of two blizzards which hit Chicago in the early months of 1967. In January of that year, a polar air mass came into the city and, coming across Lake Michigan, brought some seriously heavy snowfall. I don't have the actual figures handy to me at the moment, but if memory serves, we received somewhere between 30 and 36 inches of snow in a 24-hour period.

It was one of the few times schools in Chicago were closed due to snow, as the roads became impassable very quickly and our teachers couldn't get to school. We lived in the neighborhood and walked to school each day, so it wouldn't have been much



Jack Bagley

Musings of An Aging Mind

of an issue for us kids, but if the teachers couldn't get there, what was the point of going?

Hearing that the schools were closed, my brother and I decided to get bundled up and go outside to enjoy the snowfall. While we were getting into our snow togs, the city snowplow came down our street, and by the time we got outside, there was a pile of snow some six or seven feet high in front of our house.

Snow, I might add, that had not yet been touched by booted feet. My brother and I made short work of that, let me assure you.

Getting together with the neighborhood kids, we had our snowball fights, built our snowmen, made snow angels, and did all the other things kids do when the white stuff falls from the sky.

Another blizzard hit the city in April of that year, but because things had warmed up somewhat, the roads weren't impassable and we got the joy of walking to school in two feet of snow. Do you know how much snow you can get in a pair of galoshes if you really try? I found out. Another snowfall of fond memory came in the winter of 1973. The family had moved to Georgia by then and we were living in Columbus, and on a Friday morning it started to snow rather heavily. I was in ninth grade at Spencer High, and as we watched the flakes descending, the intercom crackled with the news that the schools were being shut down so the buses could get kids home.

Some of you may remember the 1973 snowstorm. It was a great time for me and my siblings, and I still have somewhere a picture of my sister in the back yard throwing a snowball the size of a bowling ball up into the air, with a delighted smile on her face.

The winter after I started working here at the newspaper also saw a significant snow event - the last big one in this area before January 21, in fact. I drove in to work from Pine Mountain, a 20-minute drive that took two hours, and my boss met me at the door wondering if I'd lost my mind.

Nope. I knew what to do.

Get inside, get warm, and try to stay off the roads as much as possible.

I Wanted To But Common Sense Said, "Don't Do It!"

I have to admit the snow that fell across Georgia recently was a beautiful sight that brought back some old memories, as well as a reminder that I'm getting really, really old.

My last few memories about snow that happened when I was a young man were really good ones, and when the snow fell recently I wanted to make more memories, but common sense kicked in and I'll explain that statement a little later in this column.

One of my favorite memories about snow was the last chance I had to spend with my grandmother. Telling my age, I was 15 then and it was 1973 and I'll never forget it for many reasons.

We lived on a farm in Harris County and I would rise early everyday before school to feed the animals and livestock and do other chores around the farm before leaving for school. That morning was extremely cold and the wind was strong.

Back in the day, there were no text messages or quick ways to find out about the weather, or if schools were closing, etc. The only way you had to find out was by the radio or television. By the time I had finished my morning chores and returned to the house,

breakfast was ready and I was certainly ready for it.

"There won't be any school today," my grandmother told me.

I was a little shocked and happy at the same time until she announced the second part of her news.

"There is a winter storm coming and I'm glad school has been cancelled because we have to get the animals and plants ready," she said.

Before I finished breakfast snow had started to fall and so had the direction from my grandmother to get things ready.

"Make sure the cows are stalled in the barn, put the hogs and piglets in shelter, make sure the hen house is closed and blah, blah, blah..." honestly I kind of stopped listening at that point.

Needless to say the snow kept coming. If memory serves me correctly, and I believe it does, some areas of West Central Georgia received about 20 inches of snow during that storm, and I know that Harris County received over a foot of the white stuff.

You could forget going anywhere, but that didn't bother us much because we had everything we needed right there at that old farm-



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house.

The snow wasn't the biggest issue, however. Tree limbs began to break, some trees fell and power lines got broken, leaving a good portion of Georgia without power and, again if my memory still works right, it wasn't just for a few hours, it was for several days and in some areas possible even weeks.

During that time, I got to spend a great deal of time with my grandmother and learned a great deal about the family and how people lived back in the day, if you will.

We had kerosene lanterns and candles to light the home, wood heat to keep us warm, and cooked on that old wood heater. I couldn't begin to list the things she and I did together and all the memories we made. There was one memory however, we didn't get to make.

I had a great time going out side and building snow-

So Much Happening in So Little Time

Whether one agrees with him or not, President Donald Trump is making things happen.

Backing up a bit, as Joe Biden's final hours of serving as President of the United States were winding down, he offered one final blow. This came as in the form of a slew of last-minute pardons including one for the esteemed Dr. Anthony Fauci.

As I sit in my desk chair gazing out the window watching cows graze in the neighboring pasture, I cannot help but wonder why Fauci needed a pardon.

For those of you who do not remember, Fauci was the leading advocate for all the draconian measures taken during the Covid pandemic. He helped bring a roaring economy to a standstill and factored into the results of the 2020 Presidential Election.

Is it possible that Fauci misled the American public regarding covid? Did he politicize the pandemic to influence the outcome of a presidential election? Perhaps, in time, the truth will be known.

As for Biden, like some of you toward the end of his tenure I actually began to feel sorry for him.

Old and infirm with mental

faculties fading, he was teetering along the edge of a different reality. Many of us have watched older family members mentally slip away from reality. For our family members this was likely kept personal and private, shared with family and carefully chosen close friends. For Biden, there was no privacy as the entire world watched. Worse, he was abandoned by those he trusted, including coworkers and those he had deemed friends.

What a sad ending that will be such a significant part of his legacy.

AT THIS writing, Donald Trump has been president for less than two weeks, but has things happening at a rapid pace.

As he promised while on the campaign trail, Trump immediately began tackling the issue of illegal immigration. The arrests of illegal immigrants with criminal records continues at a feverish pace as immigration officials have been given the mandate, and support, to get that job done.

Trump closed Biden's open door policy for illegal immigrants. It has been reported that during the last week Biden was



Andy Kober

Columnist

in office, there was contact with over 20,000 migrants per day seeking to cross the border - that was per day. The first week Trump was in office that total dropped to less than 7,300 migrants the entire week. Apparently, word is getting around the previously open door is now closed.

Illegal immigration was listed as one of the most important issues by voters during last year's Presidential Election, and right or wrong, Trump is addressing the issue. There is a method for legal immigration and it has worked for a very long time.

Another related issue concerned crimes committed by illegal aliens and Trump quickly signed the Laken Riley Act into law. Laken Riley was a 22-

year old nursing student at the University of Georgia. She was murdered by an illegal immigrant who had been arrested regarding previous incidents in both New York and Georgia, but never detained by Biden's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, or ICE.

In a nutshell, the Laken Riley Act requires ICE to detain illegal immigrants arrested for certain crimes, and to deport them when arrested for harming others, or assaulting a police officer.

CONCERN over illegal immigration was not the only issue that carried Donald Trump back into the White House by overwhelming margins in both the popular vote and Electoral College, but it would prove to be one of the most pressing.

Trump has been addressing other issues of concern, including DEI initiatives, but will soon have to begin making good on other campaign promises - namely tax reform - that mean a lot to many Americans or he could risk losing some of his most staunch supporters.

That's my opinion.

Andy Kober can be reached at andykober@hotmail.com

Two Short Dad Notes: Know-It-Alls and Messy Rooms

Go ahead and give me an award. You're looking at the parent of the century here. I'll be accepting handshakes until my arm is sore and pats on the back until I'm black and blue because my kids apparently know everything. I've passed on every piece of known wisdom in the universe to their still developing head bones and brain meat.

At least that's how they act when I'm talking to them.

It seems every word that slips from between my beautiful teeth is met with eye rolls or a sarcastically delivered "I know." They're not even teenagers yet. I have a lot to look forward to. I've never been prone to violence, but I'm beginning to see the plus side.

Even if I spit out blatantly false information, my offspring will not only accept it but act as if they knew it before

I did. Yet somehow, when I call them out, I'm the bad guy. In hindsight that's probably not my best parenting move.

Though it is frustrating arguing with a couple of figurative brick walls, it is difficult to be mad at them. It wasn't that long ago that I was young enough to know everything and had the confidence to tout my superior knowledge to my parents and any authority figure within ear shot. Payback is a cruel mistress.

So, I guess you can say they learned it from me. I just hope they learn better sooner than I did.

During a conversation with a group of fellow parents regarding the cleanliness and neatness of our children's rooms one of the mothers posed the question: "Why does it matter? Let their rooms be



Kyle Dominy

New Southern Dad

messy."

I kept my mouth shut at the time, because I liked these people and I wanted them to like me, and while I see the point of this sentiment, I have since come up with an analogy to counter the idea.

True, a mess in the chamber of children is really no concern to the other residents of the household; however, a pile of litter, whether discarded toys or clothes that never made their way to the laundry hamper, is like a tumor. If left unchecked, it will only grow.

Yes, some are benign of themselves, but if allowed to gain mass they will eventually affect something else. Other growths can be malignant, causing immediate harm and spread easily to other parts of the body.

The bedroom of an average house is only so big. That pile of laundry will eventually breach the door. Toys and books will begin to make their way to other rooms, until you end up on one of those hoarding television shows and your estranged relatives are trashing your belongings.

Maybe that's a bit of a stretch, but I've never been able to handle messes.

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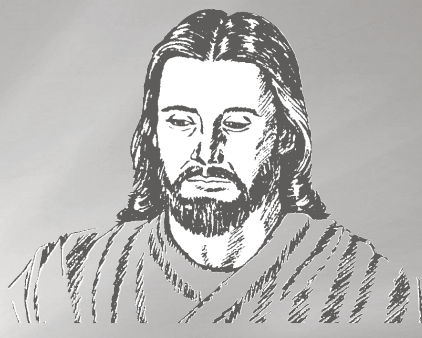
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Deadline is **noon Monday** of the week in which you want the item to run. Items received after deadline will be in next week's newspaper.
E-mail your items to: starmercurynews@gmail.com. Items are **only** accepted via e-mail. Sorry, no .pdf files accepted.
Dated events are listed in chronological order; regular ongoing events and announcements are listed after the dated events.

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Hope at (706) 573-8231.

Harvest Time Clothing and Shoes

Harvest Time Community Baptist Church offers Free clothing and shoes to needed Families in the Harris, Troup, Coweta, and Meriwether Counties. If you know of a needed family in your area, please call Mrs. Geneva Blackmon at 706-400-4158. Our service area has expanded since 2017, and we now need volunteers to help distribute clothing in each area. For more info, please email the church at harvesttimeom2@gmail.com or call the Church at 706-400-4158 to our website www.itsharvesttime.org. Harvest Time Community Baptist Church is located 6710 Whitesville Rd, West Point, Ga. Phone 706-400-4158. W. "Bill" Blackmon, Pastor.

Change in Service Time

Valley Grove Baptist Church, Manchester (Tax), will have services on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am until further notice. Safeguards are in place to insure social distancing and masks are required. Hand sanitizer will also be available for use. All are welcome to attend.

Feed My Sheep

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

Harvest Time Outreach Shoe Drive

Pine Mountain Church Need Your Help! Harvest Time Community Baptist Church launches a State-wide shoe Drive by committing to collecting 25,000 pairs of new or slightly worn shoes for developing nations. It's hard to believe that an estimated 600 million pairs of shoes go into America's landfills. The bulk of these shoes can still be worn. The slightly worn or new shoes that Harvest Time Community Baptist Church collect will be kept from landfills and will help others in developing countries. Can you collect or donate 25 pairs of shoes and help? With many people doing a small thing we can achieve great results. Remember, if you can't collect 25, every pair counts. For more info or pickup in your area, please call Ms. Geneva Blackmon, Outreach Ministry Director at 706-400-4158 or email us at harvesttimeom2@gmail.com

Harvest Time Bible Study

Harvest Time Community Baptist Community Church Bible study has been changed from Monday to Wednesday evening at 6:00pm.. This Bible study is open to the whole family. Our Sunday morning service starts with Sunday school at 10:30am and morning worship at 11:00am. Everyone is invited. Harvest Time Community Baptist Church is located 6710 Whitesville Rd, West Point, Ga.

Pentecostal Services

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

Services Offered

Harvest Time Community Baptist Church now offers: Free counselling to veterans, Veterans benefits reference help, Free clothings to veterans and needed families, and Free family counselling. Call the Church at 706-400-4158 for more information and an Appointment. Bill Blackmon, MABC, Pastor. Harvest Time Community Baptist Church is located 6710 Whitesville Rd, West Point, Ga.

Caring & Sharing Food Pantry

The Woodbury Baptist Church Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is open the third Thursday of each month from 1:00 pm til 3:00 pm. The church is located at 106 Dromedary Street, Woodbury, Georgia 30293. Pantry is at the rear entrance of the church.

Good Neighbor

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you or a loved one needs help with a drinking problem, Alcoholics Anonymous can help. There are meetings available throughout Meriwether County. Sunday 7:30PM Jones Chapel - Imlac, GA; Monday 8PM Greenville Baptist Church - Greenville, GA; Tuesday 7:30PM Jones Chapel - Imlac, GA; Thursday 8PM First Baptist Church - Pine Mountain, GA.

Al-Anon

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon can help! Local meetings are held Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at Jones Chapel Church in Imlac.

How to Submit News

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

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Items should pertain to special events, not routine services.
All items received are subject to standard editing for context and grammar.
Sorry, **no flyers accepted, no PUB documents, and no .pdf files.**

February Faith Poem

Cardboard Boxes

It's hard to live the Christian life
when these wall are before my face
these walls of worry, doubt and fear
that hinders me from running this race.

It seems this wall is made of rock
not a glimpse of sun shines through
is there any way I can rid this wall
that keeps me from seeing you.

You say, just push them over
they're cardboard boxes, that is all
it's hard to believe I failed to see
one shove and they all would fall.

Help me always to remember
the choice is mine, there is a way
I can rid that wall of darkness
by throwing aside the boxes today.

-- Gloria Beach

The Point of Critical Decision

Writers note: Today's column marks a personal milestone in my writing ministry. This is the 700th column I have written. And for those of you who are regular readers of my ramblings, you will have many stars in your heavenly crown for your longsuffering! I thank you for your faithfulness, encouragement, and prayers. Brother Aaron

April 11, 1970, *Apollo 13* astronauts Jim Lovell, Fred Haise, and Jack Swigert were on the launch pad, sitting inside the *Apollo 13* capsule, awaiting liftoff for what was intended to be humanity's third lunar landing. A few minutes before its scheduled liftoff time of 2:13 pm EST, Flight Director Gene Krantz called out, "*Apollo 13* flight controllers, listen up. Give me a go, no go for launch." They had reached a critical point regarding liftoff. At this moment, Gene Krantz wasn't interested in his flight director's opinions, theories, intentions, excuses, perhaps so, or maybe so. At this moment of critical decision, he was only interested in one thing: Is it go or no go? Period! Up until this moment, everything about the mission was theoretical. In theory, it should work. But now, a firm decision is being required. It's about to get real! Don't miss this: Nothing starts - until the decision is made to start. We know that they decided to launch and then informed launch control in Houston that they were a go for launch.

Coming to a point of decision is one of the most critical things we will ever do regarding any endeavor, religious or otherwise. But, as it has often been said, "The road to Hell - is paved with good intentions." Intentions never get the job done; decisions do. And nothing, good or bad, starts until the decision is made to start.

The Children of Israel were really consistent at being inconsistent! However, in Joshua 24:15, God uses Joshua to call them out. He brought them to a point of critical decision. He is requiring them to become consistent, one way or the other. As James 1:8 states, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." Joshua told them, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or



Rev. Aaron
McCollough
Columnist

the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Aaron's interpretation: Get in - or get out! Go, or no go.

Joshua began his dissertation with a history lesson regarding all God had done for them. He knows that he will soon be passing off the scene, and they will have to decide for themselves how the ending of their story will read. Please make no mistake; their decisions will determine how their story ends. So will ours!

There are several things I want to remind us of today:

1: We won't be able to live and minister in a world of constant change unless there is a changeless core within us! "Go or no go?" 2: A divine sense of who we are will determine what we do. "Go or no go?" 3: God has not called us to live someone else's mission or ministry. "Go or no go?" 4: The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. He doesn't call you - and change His mind. "Go or no go?"

Fifty years and eight months ago, Marianne and I reached a point of critical decision. My preacher brother looked at both of us and asked, "Do you promise to love, cherish, etc.?" There it was, the point of critical decision: "Go or no go?" In a life blown by the whirlwinds of change, I promise you that sometimes the only thing that has sustained us has been the changeless core of the love between us and the foundation of faith in God that we stand upon.

Everything in life begins with a decision. Joshua said, "... choose you this day whom ye will serve..." Now, regarding the critical decisions of your life, especially your faith in Jesus, I wonder what you have decided. Go or no go?

- Bro. Aaron

Rev. Aaron McCollough is the retired Associational Missionary for the Troup Baptist Association, which serves Harris, Meriwether, and Troup Counties, Georgia. You may correspond with him at: freshfire@mindspring.com



Photo Submitted

LAFAYETTE 200TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT COMING TO LONE OAK - In 2024-2025, the nation is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's return to the United States in celebration of 50 years of independence. A museum exhibit recognizing anniversary will be on display in the fellowship building at Allen-Lee Memorial United Methodist Church, 4720 Lone Oak Rd. in Lone Oak. Admission is free. Hours for the exhibit will be Sunday, Feb. 16, 2-5 p.m.; and Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 17-19, 1-6 p.m. Allen-Lee's fellowship building is fully handicapped accessible and has handicapped accessible restrooms. For information on group tours, call Winston Skinner at 404-788-3257. For more information on the 200th anniversary celebration visit <https://lafayette200.org/>

100 Years Ago: February 1925

Submitted to the S-M-V

The month of February has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in February 1925.

After a severe depletion of his country's potato crop due to heavy rainfall the previous summer and fall, Irish President W.T. Cosgrave appeals to the United States for food aid on February 1.

The small town of Nome, Alaska, is saved from a developing diphtheria epidemic on February 2 upon conclusion of The Serum Run. The run was a transport of diphtheria antitoxin via dog sled that involved 20 mushers and roughly 150 sled dogs. The final leg of the run is led by Gunnar Kaasen

and his lead sled dog, Balto, who becomes a canine celebrity as a result of the undertaking.

Sears, Roebuck, & Co. opens its first department store at its headquarters in Chicago on February 2. The retailer had previously been a catalog-only operation.

William Burke Miller interviews trapped cave explorer Floyd Collins on February 3. Collins was trapped in a cave in Kentucky on January 30, and Miller was small enough to climb into an opening in the cave and conduct an interview while hanging upside down. Miller ultimately won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the incident, which unfortunately ended with Collins' death on February 13.

Ten people are arrested in Russia on February 5 as part of a plot to assassinate revolutionary and Soviet politician Grigory Zinoviev.

World heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey marries actress Estelle Taylor on February 7 in San Diego. The two starred alongside one another on screen and on stage, but ultimately divorced in 1931.

The film *The Lost World* premieres at the Astor Theatre in New York City on February 8. The film is the first production to include special effects.

Turkish politician Halit Karsialan is shot by fellow politico Ali Çetinkaya during a fight at the Grand National Assembly of Turkey on February 9. Karsialan dies from injuries sustained during the skirmish on February 14.



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Debtors and Creditors

012

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY HIXON ELLISON

All creditors of the Estate of **Dorothy Hixon Ellison** 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 6th day of January, 2025.

Estate of Dorothy Hixon Ellison

c/o Janice Cliatt
Personal Representative
130 W. Pier Way
Fayetteville, GA 30214

(1:23,30,2:6,13)

013

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HIRAM
ERNEST BRADDY, SR

All creditors of the estate of **Hiram Ernest Braddy, Sr.** 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 8th day of January, 2025.

Estate of Hiram Ernest Braddy, Sr.

c/o Aubrey Keith Braddy
Personal Representative
616 McClain Rd.
Manchester, GA 31816

(1:23,30,2:6,13)

019

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

ESTATE OF RUSSELL SCOTT
BARTLETT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **RUSSELL SCOTT BARTLETT**, alate of Meriwether County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned, and all debtors are required to make immediate payment.

This 17 day of January, 2025.

Tina Garrett Bartlett
Administrator of the Estate of
RUSSELL SCOTT BARTLETT
614 Shirey Road
Manchester, Georgia 31816

(1:30,2:6,13,20)

021

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS LAMAR MARTIN

All creditors of the Estate of **DOUGLAS LAMAR MARTIN** 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 27th day of January, 2025.

Estate of Douglas Lamar Martin

Dennis Martin,
Personal Representative
c/o Trammell Sams, LLC
P.O. Box 109
Luthersville, GA 30251

(2:6,13,20,27)

Probate Court

009

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CLAIRE CATHERINE GORDON,
DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 10195

NOTICE
[For discharge solely from office]

IN RE: PETITION FOR
DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

TO: TO WHOM IT MAY
CONCERN:

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before **FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be **scheduled at a later date**. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

HON. J.D. RASNICK
JUDGE OF THE PROBATE
COURT

BY: SHANNON NEELY
CLERK OF THE PROBATE
COURT
PO BOX 608
GREENVILLE, GA 30222
706-672-4952

(1:16,23,30,2:6)

010

WILL OF BRENDA LOUISE
HOWARD, DECEASED

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CLAIRE CATHERINE GORDON,
DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the day of **January 9, 2025** a Letter of Administration in respect to the Estate or Will of **Brenda Louise Howard** who died On November 4, 2022, address 427 RD Plaza Drive, Greenville, Georgia 30222 were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Meriwether County, Georgia. All persons having claims against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed on **February 15, 2025** otherwise their claims will be forever barred **(2) two months from the date of the first publication (or posting)**, as the case may be of this notice. Contact Person: **Juanita Harrell, Executor of Last Will Address: P.O.Box 2912, LaGrange, Georgia 30241, Telephone: 706-884-1092. Email: Juanita4444@gmail.com.**

(1:16,23,30,2:6)

022

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: TOMMY LAMAR
MCRAE,
DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 10595

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE
FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of **CHONG MCRAE** for a year's support from the estate of the above named deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025**, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be **scheduled at a later date**. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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023

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF: EVAN
ROBINSON

A MINOR CASE # 10594

NOTICE
DATE OF MAILING IF ANY IS:
N/A
DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION, IF ANY, IS FEBRUARY 13TH, 2025

TO: JAMES EDWARD ROBINSON T

You are hereby notified that **ANNA MARIE STOUT** has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian(s) of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or **ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice** if you are served by publication.

All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be (held in the Probate Court of Meriwether County, courtroom second floor, address 100 Court Square Greenville, Georgia on **(scheduled on a later date)**. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Superior Court

014

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

MATTHEW HEARD AND
GILLIAN HEARD,
PETITIONER,

VS,

KEVIN WADDELL, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROSIE MAE BROWN; ANTHONY R. BROWN; ALL HEIRS OF ANTHONY R. BROWN; WAYNE LEE BROWN; ALL HEIRS OF WAYNE LEE BROWN; LAVENE BROWN A/K/A GRACE LAVENE BROWN; ALL HEIRS OF LAVENE BROWN A/K/A GRACE LAVENE BROWN; BETTY GILL; ALL HEIRS OF BETTY GILL; GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; AND ALL RESIDENTS, OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, LIENHOLDERS, CLAIMANTS, AND/OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2785 OWENS ROAD WOODBURY, MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA, RESPONDENTS.

CAFN: 2024-CV-0364

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Kevin Waddell, Executor of the Estate of Rosie Mae Brown; Anthony R. Brown; all heirs of Anthony R. Brown; Wayne Lee Brown; all heirs of Wayne Lee Brown; Lavene Brown a/k/a Grace Lavene Brown; all heirs of Lavene Brown a/k/a Grace Lavene Brown; Betty Gill; all heirs of Betty Gill; Georgia Department of Revenue; and all residents, occupants, tenants, lienholders, claimants, and/or other interested parties of the property known as 2785 Owens Road Woodbury, Meriwether County, Georgia.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the **14th day of January, 2025, in the Superior**

Court of **MERIWETHER County, Georgia, Coweta Judicial Circuit**, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said court, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within **30 days of the date of the order for service by publication** to answer said petition and file pleadings before the Court.

MAP & PARCEL 153010

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Southeast quarter of Land Lot No. 48 of the Eight Land District of Meriwether County, Georgia, and containing 2.20 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 171, Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Meriwether County, Georgia. Said plat is by reference incorporated herein in said of this description, including the metes, bounds, courses and distances shown on said plat.

WITNESS the Honorable Judge of said Court.

This 17th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Mitch Key
Mitchell T. Key,
Attorney for Petitioner

(1:23,30,2:6,13)

Name Change

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
MERIWETHER COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

N RE: CHANGE OF NAME
OF: IRIS MARIA NASH

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
2025-CV-0010

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA,
MERIWETHER COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Iris Maria Nash, the undersigned, filed petition to the Superior Court of Meriwether County, Georgia, on the 16th day of January, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from **Iris Maria Nash to Iris Maria Rivas**. 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 filing of said petition.

This 16th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Iris Maria Nash
Petitioner

(1:23,30,2:6,13)

Public Notice

027

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to collocate an antenna on an existing guyed-wire telecommunications tower located at RT 2 Box 8 in Greenville, Meriwether County, Georgia 30222 (33° 02' 06.5" North, 84° 44' 44.8" West) at a maximum height of 299-feet. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within **30-days from the date of this publication** to: Terracon, 2105 Newpoint Place, Suite 600, Lawrenceville, GA 30043; 770-6 2 3 - 0 7 5 5 ; **PublicNoticeAtlanta@terracon.com**. Terracon Reference No.: 49257040

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Alcohol Sales

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ALCOHOL NOTICE

The business **NEW SWIG BOTTLE SHOPPE, INC.** D/B/A **PEACH STATE SPIRITS, INC.** located at 64 North Main, Street, Luthersville, GA 30251 will be selling beer, wine and liquor. The licensee will be **JO HOWOON**, whose address is 500 7th Street, West Point, GA 31833-1616.

(2:6,13)

Trade Name

028

TRADE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

The undersigned does hereby certify that **Charles Patterson** conducting business as **Bear Creek Firearms, LLC** in the City of Luthersville in the State of Georgia, under the name **Bear Creek Firearms, LLC** and that the nature of the business is to buy and sell firearms and that the names and addresses of the person, firms or partnership owning and carrying on said trade or business are: **Charles Patterson, 1627 Bear Creek Road, Luthersville, GA 30251**.

Files in Meriwether County
Superior Court Office this 31 day
of January, 2025
Kyemeshia Gibson, Clerk

(2:6,13)

Storage Unit Sales

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Johnny's Self Storage located at 442 Mountain View Circle, Woodbury, GA 30293 will hold an online public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code section 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The auction will be held on website: **www.storageauctions.com (http://www.storageauctions.com)** beginning on **February 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2025**.

Management reserves the right to with-draw any unit from the sale at anytime.

Registered or Motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only", no titles or registration. Each unit contains the following unless otherwise noted:

HOUSEHOLD GOODS,
FURNITURE, BOXES

NAMES & UNIT #S:
DANIELLE JANSON, UNIT 53, 302

(1:30,2:6)

Sale Under Power

024

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MERIWETHER

NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER

Because of a default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a Deed to Secure Debt executed by **Maietta Simpson to Charles L. Moody** dated August 31, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 01036, Page 0047, Meriwether County Records, securing a Note dated August 31, 2023 in the original principal amount of **\$146,000.00**, 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, March 4, 2025**, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County unless an alternate sale location, has been designated by Order of the Superior Court Judge in the County of the scheduled sale, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to wit:

All that certain tract of land, containing 0.456 acres, in Land Lot 67 of the Ninth Land District, in the City of Woodbury, Meriwether County, Georgia and bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by Oil Mill Street; East by State Highway 85E; South by Tulip Road; and West by property of Willie C. Martin and Rozetta Martin.

Said tract of land, being more particularly described according to a plat of survey prepared by Robert A. Moreland, Surveyor, on the 28th day of January, 1988, which plat, recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 2, public records of said Meriwether County, is by reference incorporated herein as part of this description.

Said property is known as 230 Millarden Road, Woodbury, GA, 30293, 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 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.

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Note secured by said Deed.

Said property will be sold as the property of Maietta Simpson. The property, to the best information, knowledge and belief of the undersigned, being presently in the possession of **Maietta Simpson or a tenant or tenants**, and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale, including attorney's fees, all as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

By: /s/ R. Brian Wooldridge
R. Brian Wooldridge
As Attorney-in-Fact for Charles L. Moody.

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OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT
PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
SALE UNDER POWER

MERIWETHER COUNTY,
GEORGIA

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT
A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT
PURPOSE.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Willie L. Woods and Carolyn Boyd to Citifinancial Services, Inc. dated February 2, 2007 and recorded on February 6, 2007 in Deed Book 0645, Page 0090, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on June 14, 2023 in Deed Book 01029, Page 00516, Meriwether County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five And 22/100 Dollars (\$54,355.22), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Meriwether County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on March 4, 2025 the following described property:

The following described real estate, situated in the County Meriwether and State of Georgia, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being located in Land Lot 97 of the 7th District of Meriwether County, Georgia, containing 1.07 acres, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North right of way of Stovall-Greenville Road, said point located 0.15 miles East of the Southwest corner of Grantors property; thence running North 16 degrees 10 min. West along a fence line for a distance of 181.0 feet to a point; thence running North 75 degrees 30 min. East for a distance of 265.0 feet to a point; thence running South 20 degrees 00 min. East for a distance of 165.0 feet to the North right of way of Stovall-Greenville Road to a point; thence running South 72 degrees 02 min. West along said right of way for a distance of 276.0 feet to the point of beginning. Land Lot 97 of the 7th District.

Being the same property conveyed by Fee Simple Deed from James Henry and Tommie Frank Henry and Dorothy Walker to Willie L. Woods and Carolyn Boyd, dated 09/09/1983 recorded on 10/12/1983 in Book 201 Page 18 in Meriwether County Records, State of GA. Tax ID #: 038 005

The debt secured by said Security

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

Your mortgage servicer, SN Servicing Corporation, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust, can be contacted at 800-603-0836 or by writing to 323 5th Street Eureka, CA 95501, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are **Estate of Willie L. Woods and Carolyn Boyd or tenant(s)**; and said property is more commonly known as **7656 Stovall Road, Greenville, GA 30222**.

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.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust as Attorney in Fact for Willie L. Woods and Carolyn Boyd
McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
404-474-7149
MTG File No.: GA2025-01219

(2:6,13,20,27)

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF PIKE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in an unrecorded Real Estate Installment Sale Contract executed and delivered on December 23, 2017, by **TIMOTHY P. COLE and BRITTANY G. DOANE to Reliance Realty Holdings, LLC, as Grantee**, and by virtue of default in payment in indebtedness therein mentioned, which has made the aforesaid power of sale operative and effective, the undersigned, **Reliance Realty Holdings, LLC, as Attorney in fact for TIMOTHY P. COLE and BRITTANY G. DOANE** will sell at public outcry before the Courthouse door in Meriwether County, Georgia, on the **first Tuesday in March, 2025**, during the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Security Deed to-wit:

tAll that tract or parcel of land containing 3.52 acres, more or less, lying and being in Landlot 42 of the 10th Land District of Meriwether County, Georgia, and being more particularly shown and designated as LOT 4 – 3.52+/- ACRES according to that certain plat of survey entitled "Final Plat of Panther Creek Farms", dated August 12, 1998, prepared by Steve J. Reeves, Georgia Registered Professional Land Surveyor #2765, a copy of which said plat is recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 273, Clerk's Office, Superior Court, Meriwether County, Georgia, and which said plat, together with the metes, bounds, courses and distances as shown thereon with respect to the said 3.52+/- acres, is by this reference incorporated herein in aid of this description as fully as if copied at length herein.

Also conveyed with the above-described real property is that particular Manufactured Home Serial

#GMHGA6340102039AB. Said home has been permanently attached to the subject property and the title has been officially retired as evidence by the Certificate of Permanent Location recorded at Deed Book 630, page 286, Meriwether County Superior Court Clerk's Office.

Notice of the initiation of proceedings to exercise the power of sale in the Deed to Secure Debt hereinabove referenced has been given and of grantees intention to collect attorney's fees in connection herewith as required by law.

The note executed on December 23, 2017, by **TIMOTHY P. COLE and BRITTANY G. DOANE as Grantor, to Reliance Realty Holdings, LLC as Grantee**, and secured by said Real Estate Installment Sale Contract, is now in default and the said Reliance Realty Holdings, LLC does so elect that said indebtedness, with principal and interest, become due and payable at once.

The said property shall be sold subject to all outstanding taxes and assessments against said property.

The proceeds from said sale shall be distributed as follows:

1. to pay the expense of said sale;
2. to pay all indebtedness secured by said Real Estate Installment Sale Contract;
3. to pay attorneys fees; and
4. to distribute any excess proceeds as provided by law.

This 31st day of January, 2025.

**eliance Realty Holdings, LLC
As Attorney in Fact for
TIMOTHY P. COLE and
BRITTANY G. DOANE**

**David G. Brisendine, III
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 632
Zebulon, GA 30295
Phone (770)567-3080**

(2:6,13,20,27)

Did You Know?



Did two of television's early stars dislike each other so much that they torpedoed their own proposed series?

By JACK BAGLEY
didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com

And now it's February. In addition to the events you will normally find this month - Black History Month, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and whatever else might be in there somewhere - there is one day that means the entire world to me.

It's the day pitchers and catchers report to spring training to begin the 2025 baseball season. Yes, we're getting close to the start of the sport I love!

Of course, I also love trivia, so let me share some of that love with you right now.

Did you know ...
... moderate drinking can boost your IQ? Japanese research shows that drinking alcoholic beverages in moderation has a beneficial effect on the IQ, or Intelligence Quotient, in most individuals. (And of course, if you take it to the extreme, you lower your IQ.)
... for a 20-year period, ten percent of U.S. electric power was generated – indirectly – by Russia? From 1993 to 2013, following the Cold War, the United States purchased five hundred tons of weapons-grade uranium from Russia. That uranium was converted into nuclear fuel, and was resold to commercial power plants. (Shocking, I tell you.)
... the average North Korean child is much shorter than the average South Korean child? A 7-year-old from the North is, on average, three inches shorter than his or her counterpart from the South. The primary reason is nutrition; North Koreans do not get as much nutritious food as their South Korean relatives.

... oranges are not a naturally occurring food? The sweet fruits best enjoyed cold are actually human-created hybrids of tangerines and pomelos, or “Chinese grapefruit.” Oranges were created and originally grown in southeastern Asia – and in the climate there, they were green. Their skin and fruit only turn orange in warmer climates. *Additional trivia note:* the color orange is named after the fruit, not the other way around. (Orange you glad you read that one?)

... Fort Knox once held more than just gold reserves? During the period of the Cold War, from 1945 to 1991, a vast cache of morphine was also kept at the facility. The idea was, should a nuclear holocaust happen, the government wanted to make sure there was enough pain medication in a stockpile to take care of the people. (Determining which people would be taken care of, I leave up to you.)

... the term “gmail” has not always meant Google's e-mail service? Prior to the launch of the e-mail service by Google, “gmail” was the name of a free e-mail service offered by the website of *Garfield*, the comic strip cat. (One lasagna to go, please.)

... two stars of early television disliked each other so much they torpedoed their own proposed series? From 1951 to 1957, *I Love*

Lucy featured William Frawley (1887-1966) and Vivian Vance (1909-1979) as the couple Fred and Ethel Mertz. Though the two gave wonderful performances, they had a serious dislike for each other, with Vance resenting having to play the frumpy wife of a man 22 years older than she was. Frawley himself made numerous disparaging comments about Vance as well, and when the couple were offered a spinoff series from show creator Lucille Ball (1911-1989), they both declined. *Additional trivia note:* when Frawley died of a heart attack in 1966, Vance was having dinner with her husband at a restaurant. As they got the word, Vance is alleged to have shouted, “Champagne for everybody!” (Lucy was who everybody loved, anyway.)

... ladies of the evening in ancient Greece had a rather unique way of advertising their, um, services? The ladies would wear sandals with the words “follow me” imprinted in them, and their footprints would be an advertisement of what it was that they did. (Thanks to Mason for the tip!)

... a classic magic word had another reason for being coined? “Abracadabra,” the supposedly magic word used by illusionists in performing a trick, was originally coined in the second century AD. It was noted in a book called *Liber Medicinalis* by Serenus Sammonicus (?-212 AD), physician to the Roman Emperor Caracalla (188 AD-217 AD), as being prescribed for sufferers of malaria to have the word engraved on an amulet in the shape of a triangle. Sammonicus thought the amulet would have the power to make lethal diseases go away – as if by magic. (If it didn't, the emperor had a way to make the physician go away, as if by magic.)

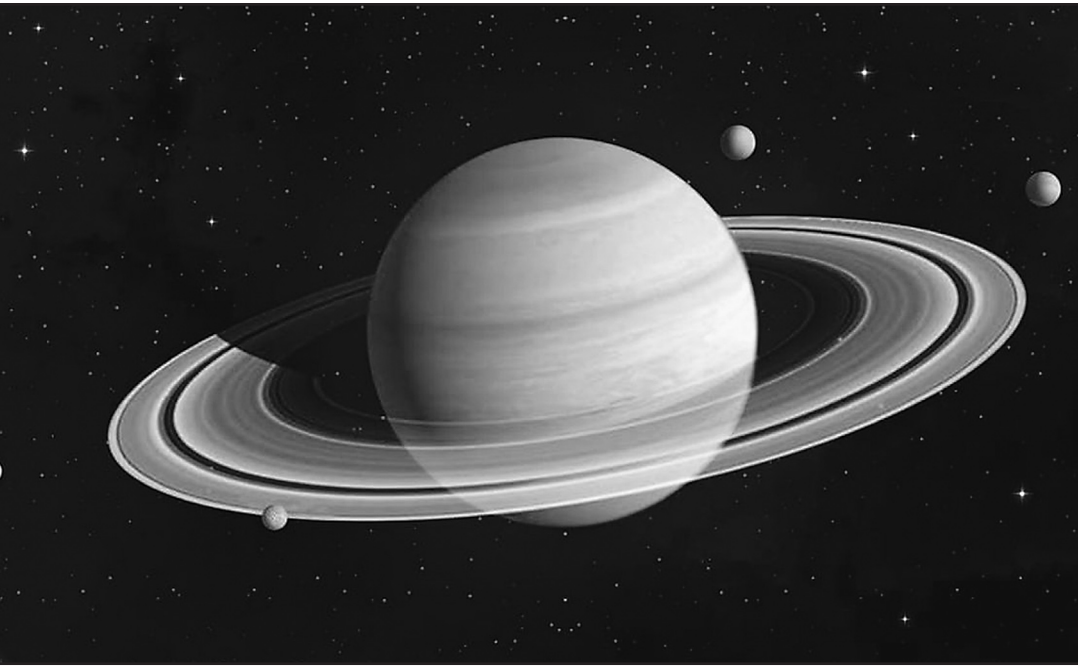
... an actress won a role on a hit television show by not being honest about her age? When producers of *That '70s Show* were casting the role of Jackie, actress Mila Kunis (born 1983) auditioned. The producers were looking for an 18-year-old, but Kunis at the time of her audition was only 14. Kunis told the producers she “would be 18,” but did not say when – and she got the part. The producers did eventually find out her correct age, but they let her keep the role, as she was (in their words) the “perfect fit” for it. (Hey, whatever works, right?)

... the city of Duluth, Minnesota, has made it illegal for animals to sleep in a bakery? (Where do they get fresh milk, then?)

... dinosaurs lived on all continents, including Antarctica? There's one little caveat, though – when the dinosaurs were active, most of the land mass of Earth was contained in a single continent called Pangaea. The land mass divided into the now-familiar seven continents over the hundreds of millions of years since the dinosaurs died off. (We call that single continent Pangaea. There's no record of what the dinosaurs called it.)

Now ... *you know!*

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File Photos

RINGS OF SATURN - The second-largest planet in our Solar System, Saturn, is known for its proliferation of rings and moons. A gas giant, hurricanes and storms have been spotted on the planet.

The Ringed World

By ANDY KOBER

As the journey in our Solar System continues, the next planet is Saturn

The sixth planet from the Sun, Saturn has been among the most interesting planets due largely in part to its notable rings.

Like its planetary neighbor Jupiter, Saturn is a gas giant. It has a radius about nine times the size of Earth but has a mass exceeding 95 times that of Earth. It is almost as large as Jupiter, but has less than a third of Jupiter's mass. While Earth orbits the Sun once a year, it takes Saturn over 29 years to make such an orbit.

Saturn is covered by layers of metallic hydrogen, liquid hydrogen and liquid helium with traces elements of propane, methane, ammonia and other elements. No definitive surface has been discovered but it is believed the planet has a solid rock core. It is extremely hot at the core, with the planet radiating about 2-1/2 times more energy than it receives from the Sun.

Interestingly, Saturn has clouds composed of water along with water droplets in a section of the atmosphere. There are winds on Saturn that can exceed 1,000 miles per hour. Great White Spots, or storms, periodically form. There are also hurricanes on Saturn and eyewall clouds have been spotted.

The most notable features of Saturn include moons and rings.

There are at least 146 known moons orbiting Saturn with 63 having formal names. There are over 100 more irregular moons large-



er than two miles in diameter. Then are more, uncounted, that are classified as moonlets because of their diminutive size. The largest of Saturn's moons are Titan and Rhea, and more on them in a future column that will include Enceladus as well.

Saturn has the most notable ring system in our Solar System. The rings begin at a distance of about 4,300 miles from the planet and extend outward to a distance of about 50,000 miles. Some of the rings are very small – only about 32 feet. The rings are composed almost entirely of ice crystals and found primarily around the planet's equator.

The rings are not visible with the unaided eye, but some can be seen with a decent telescope. In 1610, Galileo would be the first person to observe the rings with a telescope though they were not known to be actual rings at the time. There are many theories regarding how and why Saturn's rings formed, but no conclusive evidence to support any of the theories.

Four spacecraft have flown past Saturn and investigated the rings with *Pioneer 11* discovering a previously unknown ring. *Voyager 2* and *Cassini* discovered unknown ringlets.

As with other planets, Saturn was named after a Roman god – Saturn was the god of wealth and agriculture. The day of the week, Saturday, actually comes

from the name Saturn's Day, which was the seventh day of the week in the Roman calendar.

LOOK for the International Space Station.

* **Monday, Feb. 10**, the space station should be visible for about six minutes beginning at 6:47 am. Look south about 10 degrees above the horizon and the space station should appear. It will track to the east-northeast reaching a height of about 24 degrees above the horizon.

* **Tuesday, Feb. 11**, the space station should be visible for about three minutes beginning at 6:00 am. Look south-southeast about 10 degrees above the horizon and the space station should appear. It will track to the east reaching a height of about 13 degrees above the horizon.

* **Wednesday, Feb. 12**, the space station should be visible for about seven minutes beginning at 6:46 am. Look southwest about 10 degrees above the horizon and the space station should appear. It will track to the northeast reaching a height of about 87 degrees above the horizon.

* **Thursday, Feb. 13**, the space station should be visible for about five minutes beginning at 5:59 am. Look south-southwest about 20 degrees above the horizon and the space station should appear. It will track to the east-northeast reaching a height of about 44 degrees above the horizon.

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Callaway Lady Cavaliers Take Three, Cavaliers Win Two

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

The Callaway High Lady Cavaliers won three games this past week to improve to 11-7 overall a d 6-2 in region play and Cavaliers took two out of three games this past week to improve to 5-14 overall and 5-3 in region play.

Callaway Lady Cavaliers

The Lady Cavaliers defeated region opponents Rutland, Westside and Jackson this past week.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28 the team host Rutland and rolled to an impressive 60.31 victory.

Rutland drew first blood to take a 2-0 lead before Callaway's Raniya Mahone returned the favor to tie the score. Rutland then made the score 5-2 with a three point shot and Lady Cavalier Shakenya Wortham returned the favor to tie the score again and after that, the Lady Cavaliers began to take control.

Callaway held on to a slim 13-10 lead at the end of the first quarter but extended the lead to 25-16 by the end of the first half.

The Lady Cavaliers were leading by a score of 44-22 as the third quarter came to a close and rolled to an impressive 60-32 victory.

Senior Raniya Mahone led the Lady Cavaliers on offense with 16 points, sophomore Shakenya Wortham was the only other Lady Cavalier to score in double digits with 12 points; sophomore Je'Niah Whitehead scored seven points; sophomore Kenzli Howard, senior Tra'niya Mitchell and sophomore Layla Elkins scored five points each; senior Aniyah McFarland scored four points and sophomore Aubrey Chelcy, freshman Alexis Adams and freshman Alasia Sewell scored two points each.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, the Lady Cavaliers hosted the Westside Lady Seminoles and won by a slim 35-33 score.

The Lady Cavaliers took a 10-6 first quarter lead and led by a score of 19-17 as the first half came to a close. Callaway held onto a slim 25-23 lead at the end of the third quarter and held on to win the game by a score of 35-33.

Mitchell and McFarland led the Lady Cavaliers in scoring with eight points each, Mahone scored seven points, and Chelcy scored six points. McFarland had six steals and Chelcy had 11 rebounds in the contest.

On Friday, Jan. 31, the Lady Cavaliers traveled to Jackson to play the Lady Red

Devils and earned a 48-32 victory.

The Lady Cavaliers led by a score of 13-7 at the end of the first quater and never looked back.

Mahone paced the Lady Cavaliers scoring 15 points and pulling down 11 rebounds for a double-double. Chelcy was the only other Lady Cavalier to score in double digits with 10 points on the night. She also had five rebounds and three steals.

Callaway Cavaliers

On Tuesday, Jan. 28 the Cavaliers hosted the Rutland Hurricanes and earned a 52-39 victory.

The Cavaliers led by a score of 14-4 at the end of the first quarter but the Hurricanes battled back in the second quarter to cut the Cavalier lead to one point, 19-18.

The Cavaliers led by a score of 35-30 when the third quarter came to a close but took control in the fourth quarter out scoring the Hurricanes 17-9 to earn the 52-39 victory.

Freshman A.J. Williams led the Cavaliers in scoring with 12 points, had six rebounds, an assist and a steal; sophomore Kaiden James scored 10 points, had four rebounds, four assists,



Photo By LG Broadcasting

CALLAWAY LADY CAVALIERS AMONG TOP TEAMS IN REGION - The Callaway High Lady Cavaliers are among the top three teams in Region 2 and are playing good basketball as the regular season begins to wind down.

five steals and two blocks; junior Tyson Shells scored 10 points, had five rebounds, an assist and a steal; senior Tyren Buggs added six points, had three rebounds and an assist; senior Nakel Johnson added four points, had five rebounds and a steal; senior Bryceton Sanders scored four points, had four rebounds, four assists and four steals; junior Landon Thomas scored four points, had seven rebounds and a block and senior BreShun Hall scored two points, had seven rebounds, two assists and two steals.

On Thursday, Jan. 30 the team hosted the Westside Seminoles and lost a heart-breaker by a score of 46-38

after leading early in the game.

The Cavaliers led the Seminoles by a score of 11-9 at the end of the first quarter but trailed by a score of 27-17 at the end of the first half.

The Seminoles held onto a 34-24 lead as the third quarter came to a close. The Cavaliers tried to rally in the fourth quarter but could not overcome the deficit and were upended by the score of 46-38.

Sorry, no individual statistics were available for the game.

On Friday, Jan. 31, the Cavaliers traveled to Jackson to play the Red Devils and rolled to a 70-53 victory.

The Cavaliers led by a

score of 11-3 when the first quarter came to a close and led by a score of 32-27 at the end of the first half.

The Cavaliers pretty much closed the door on the Red Devils in the third quarter leading by a score of 53-36 and went on to win by a score of 70-53.

Sorry, no individual statistics were available for the game.

Up Next for the Teams

On Friday, Feb. 7 the teams will finish regular season play in Madison against region opponent Madison County. The Lady Cavaliers will take to the court at 6 p.m. and the Cavaliers will play at 7:30 p.m.

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seven rebounds as well.

The homestanding Greenville High Patriots (1-11, 0-7) faced off against their county and region rival Manchester Blue Devils and came away losers, 90-57, on January 28. The Patriots came out and played the visiting Blue Devils close early and was only down two, 9-7. However, the visiting Blue Devils went on a 13-2 run to close out the quarter and upped their lead to 22-9 at the start of the second quarter. Trey Jones led the way as he hit for six points in the quarter. The second quarter was not too kind to the host Patriots as their defense allowed Manchester to increase their lead to 41-28 at the break.

The second half saw the Patriots never get any closer than 16 points and Manchester cruised to the victory, 90-57.

Marquel Deering was the leading scorer for the Patriots as he had 13 points, five assists and three rebounds and Jarvis Simmons had 13 points.

Manchester had five players in double figures led by Trey Jones with 17 points, followed by Jhiere Terry with 15 points and 18 rebounds, Breonte Jones with 13 points, Dre McGhee with 12 and Darrius Favors with 11.

GHS Splits Region Games

The Greenville High Lady Patriots (12-2, 8-0) are dominating Region 7-A, Division II as they plastered the visiting Mt. Zion Lady Eagles, 60-23, on January 30. This was their eighth straight home win on the season. In the makeup region game from earlier in the season, the Lady Patriots took the flight out of the visiting Lady Eagles as they built an insurmountable lead in the first half as they were up 29-0 before Mt. Zion scored a basket at the 3:40 mark of the second quarter. Greenville was up 35-9 at the half. The first half saw the Lady Patriots hit many key baskets and gather steals to provide their half-time lead.

The third quarter found the Lady Patriots drop 22 more points to the visitors' eight to be ahead 57-17, going into the fourth quarter. The Lady Patriots were outscored 6-3 in the fourth quarter to provide the final margin of victory.

Catavia Bennett continued her dominating season as she hit for 21 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, had five steals and dished out four assists. This was her 14th straight game with at least 10 points. Also contributing to the victory was Daliyah Ellison with 15 points, five steals and a team-leading five assists, while Jamya Kelley had 12 points. Shanti Mims and

Rhianna Abbott each had a team-leading eight rebounds and Abbott had three blocks.

For the game, the Lady Patriots completely dominated the visiting Lady Eagles as they had 42 rebounds, 21 steals, 20 assists and six blocks.

The Greenville High Patriots (1-12, 0-8) dropped another region contest against the visiting Mt. Zion Eagles, 73-54, on January 30. The Patriots again started out slowly as they were down by eight points twice in the first quarter before Mt. Zion pushed their lead to nine at the end of the first quarter, 20-11. They slowly closed the gap to just 3, 6-3, before Trion went inside-outside on the host Patriots and jumped their lead to 12, 23-11, by the end of the quarter. The second quarter saw the Eagles increase their lead to 13, 37-24, at the end of the quarter.

The third quarter started with the Patriots going on a quick 6-0 run to close the gap to 10 points, 40-30, however, Mt. Zion raced back out and took control of the game and was up by 18 at the end of the quarter, 55-37. The Patriots could not get any closer than 16 points down the stretch and Mt. Zion took the region win, 73-54.

Leading the way for the Patriots was Marquel Deering, with 23 points and Jarvis Simmons had 12 points.

Lady Pats Win Again

The Greenville High Lady Patriots (13-2, 9-0) are still the team to beat in Region 7-A, Division II as they defeated the road weary Trion Lady Bulldogs, 67-34, on January 31. Having played the Lady Bulldogs less than a week ago, the Lady Patriots wasted no time showing the visitors how they ball. The homestanding Lady Patriots played even the beginning of the game as they only led 14-9 at the mid-point of the first quarter. Then a light came on and they went on 9-0 run to close out the quarter and was up 23-9. The second quarter was no better for the Lady Bulldogs as the Lady Patriots continued to increase their lead to double digits as they were up at the half, 38-16. The run was fueled by baskets by Daliyah Ellison who had eight points in the quarter.

The third quarter was no better for the visitors as they only netted eight points and was down 47-24 going into the final quarter. The Lady Patriots broke the game open with timely steals and easy baskets and provided the final margin of victory, 67-34.

Leading the charge for the Lady Patriots were led by Jamya Kelley with 20 points, followed by Catavia Bennett with 16 and Ellison with 15.

Next up for the Lady Patriots will be the final two region road games – Friday, February 7 against Atlanta Classical Academy at 6 p.m. and Saturday, February 8 against Elite Scholars Academy at 2:30 p.m. (The results of the road region game against Mt. Zion-Carrollton on Tuesday was not available at press time.)

The Greenville High Patriots (1-13, 0-9) lost another region contest against the visiting Trion Bulldogs, 60-46,

on January 31. The Patriots started out slowly as this was the second game of back-to-back and were down 6-0 after two treys from Trion. They slowly closed the gap to just 3, 6-3, before Trion went inside-outside on the host Patriots and jumped their lead to 12, 23-11, by the end of the quarter. The second quarter did not fare much better for the Patriots as they only scored five points in the quarter while Trion scored 13 to take a 20-point lead into half-

time, 36-16.

The third quarter found the host Patriots battling back and going on a run to start the quarter and cut the lead to 10, 45-35, with a little over 3 minutes to go in the quarter. However, Trion pushed back and was ahead by 14, 51-37, at the end of the quarter. The fourth quarter was played evenly, as both teams scored nine points apiece and Trion secured the region victory.

The Patriots were led by Marquel Deering, with 21

points (on 9 of 10 shooting), four rebounds and two steals, while Shaun Moreland had 10 points, two steals and one block.

Next up for the Patriots will be the final two region road games – Friday, February 7 against Atlanta Classical Academy at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 8 against Elite Scholars Academy at 4 p.m. (The results of the road region game against Mt. Zion-Carrollton on Tuesday was not available at press time.)

City of Warm Springs intends to Opt-Out of Georgia House Bill 581

The **City of Warm Springs** intends to Opt-Out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the City of Warm Springs GA. All concerned Citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at **The City of Warm Springs City Hall at 3636 Whitehouse Parkway Warm Springs, GA 31830 on February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** Times and Places of additional public hearings on this matter are at **The City of Warm Springs City Hall 3636 Whitehouse Parkway Warm Springs, GA 31830 are Thursday February 20, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. and Monday February 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

Residents are encouraged to attend these hearings to learn more about the exemption and ask questions.

For more information, please call 706-655-9096.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The Meriwether County Board of Commissioners intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for Meriwether County.

All concerned citizens are invited to a Public Hearing on this matter to be held at:

Meriwether County Board of Commissioners
17234 Roosevelt Highway, Building B
Greenville, GA 30222
Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Additional Public Hearings on this matter will be held at:

Meriwether County Board of Commissioners
17234 Roosevelt Highway, Building B
Greenville, GA 30222
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This notice is issued in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2(i). For more information, please visit our website at www.meriwethercountyga.gov

