

Dawson City Council approves \$400,000 lifeline in emergency meeting as financial accountability remains elusive on Tuesday

By KATHRYN CROCKETT
Staff Reporter

Less than a week after city officials publicly acknowledged the city of Dawson cannot continue operating without additional financing, the Dawson City Council convened a hastily called emergency meeting Tuesday evening and unanimously approved authority to borrow up to \$400,000 through a tax anticipation note.

The meeting lasted less than 10 minutes.

Although several members of the public attended hoping to ask questions about the city's worsening financial condition and the proposed borrowing, no public comment period was included on the agenda, and no

public comments were accepted before the council voted unanimously to approve the measure.

The emergency meeting followed last week's regular council meeting, during which city officials presented financial reports showing the city is operating with a structural budget deficit and lacks sufficient cash flow to continue meeting expenses without outside funding. Officials also acknowledged that multiple annual financial audits remain incomplete, limiting the city's financing options while the city works to stabilize its finances.

Tuesday's meeting produced no additional financial reports, no updated budget documents and no discussion regarding how the borrowed funds would

be monitored or reported to the public.

The resolution authorizes Dawson to issue a Tax Anticipation Note structured as a revolving line of credit with Georgia Community Bank in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Unlike a traditional municipal bond issued for capital projects, a tax anticipation note is short-term borrowing intended to provide cash flow until property taxes are collected later in the year.

Under the agreement approved Tuesday:

The city may draw money as needed, up to \$400,000.

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Georgia Community Bank's Dawson branch will provide the city of Dawson with a tax anticipation line of credit of up to \$400,000 after the city council unanimously approved the emergency financing during a special meeting Tuesday/SPECIAL PHOTO



Midseason crops: Corn nearing maturity as cotton, peanuts recover from wet start

By KATHRYN CROCKETT
Staff Reporter

Terrell County farmers are entering the heart of the growing season with reason for cautious optimism after an unusually wet June delayed fieldwork before conditions improved enough to allow growers to catch up on weed control and late-season management.

Terrell County Extension Agent Seth McAllister told county commissioners during this month's report that the county's earliest planted corn has reached one of the crop's most important developmental milestones.

"Corn is progressing nicely. The earliest planted corn should hit black layer this year, which is phys-

iological maturity, which is good," McAllister said.

Black layer marks the point at which corn has reached maximum dry matter accumulation and will no longer gain yield. While grain moisture continues to decline before harvest, the crop's production potential has essentially been determined.

After weeks of frequent rainfall in June, growers were finally able to shut down irrigation systems as drier weather returned.

"We finally cut the pivots off. It's been pretty dry. Last week we were really wet in June, as y'all know. That put us behind a lot of herbicide applications. Cleaning up some of those fields, peanuts and cotton alike, was a challenge, but I've been impressed.

Once it dried out, we were able to get in there and clean them up pretty good," McAllister said.

The comments mirror conditions reported across much of southwest Georgia by the University of Georgia Extension, where frequent early-summer rainfall delayed pesticide applications, limited field access and increased weed pressure before hotter, drier weather allowed producers to resume management.

McAllister also provided commissioners with an overview of acreage trends across Terrell County.

"Corn acres are down slightly, cotton acres are up, peanut acres

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Residents' safety concerns defeat request to privatize Plantation Road in Dawson

By KATHRYN CROCKETT
Staff Reporter

The Terrell County Board of Commissioners recently rejected a request to remove Plantation Road from the county road system after nearby residents warned that closing the roadway could leave them without emergency access when adjoining roads flood.

Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble recused himself from participating in the discussion or vote because attorney Edward R. Collier, who represented the private landowner seeking the closure, is Gamble's law partner.

At the beginning of the agenda item, Gamble disclosed the relationship and said he would only facilitate the discussion.

"I believe Mr. Collier, my partner here, as I told you before, I'm recused from any kind of vote or comment, really, about pros and cons," Gamble said.

The name of the property owner seeking the closure was not stated during the public meeting.

Collier told commissioners his client owns land on both sides of Plantation Road and had asked the county to close the entire

roadway. He said the landowners directly adjoining Plantation Road supported the request.

"We contacted all of the landowners on it. They are all in favor of it," Collier said.

Collier said the request was prompted in part by illegal dumping and illegal hunting along the road. He also said his client had worked out an arrangement to provide another property owner with access to Bucket Road if commissioners approved the closure.

The proposal drew opposition from Frank and Norma Mitchell, longtime residents of the adjoining King Road area.

Norma Mitchell told commissioners she and her husband have lived there for more than 30 years and have used Plantation Road as an alternate route to the main highway.

"We have used that road to come from King Road to get to the main highway because Wadell Road is the next road that we use to get to the main highway, and Wadell Road has a history of flooding," Mitchell said. "If Wadell Road is flooded, we can't get from back there on

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Terrell Academy's Coach Walker wants to test Lady Eagles softball team early

By JOE WHITFIELD
Sports Editor

Ashley Walker isn't interested in protecting his softball team.

He's interested in preparing it.

That's why the Terrell Academy coach has built one of the toughest schedules in the GIAA, one that features every defending state champion and offers little chance to ease into the season. The Lady Eagles open Aug. 4 in Damascus against defending GIAA Class AA champion Southwest Georgia before embarking on a schedule Walker hopes will forge a championship-caliber team by October.

Walker knows the approach could cost his team a few games. He also believes it could pay off when the games matter most.

"We might lose some games," Walker said. "But I want us to be battle-tested once we get to the tournament in October."

That process begins next week when the Lady Eagles travel to Georgia Southern University for a three-day Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp. Terrell Academy expects to play four or five games during the camp while continuing to shape a team that graduated four seniors from last year's region championship squad.

"We are going to use that time to build ourselves as a team," Walker said. "I see a good softball team. But we've got some holes to fill and our main goal right now is finding out how the puzzle is going to fit together."

Walker likes the pieces he has.

The Lady Eagles return four seniors from a team that finished 21-8, won the region championship and finished No. 2 in the final GIAA MaxPreps rankings. Senior Karoline Pressley returns after serving as Terrell Academy's No. 1 pitcher last season, giving the Lady Eagles an experienced arm around which to build.

Several familiar faces from Terrell Academy's GIAA state championship basketball team are also back on the softball diamond, including Hadley Webb and Lily Addison.

Walker expects both to play key roles.

"Lily is moving from first base to work behind the plate," he said. "Hadley is going to be an important big bat for our team this year."

Depth could prove to be another strength.

Walker said the Lady Eagles have four seniors and a balanced roster throughout the remaining



Terrell Academy head coach Ashley Walker gives instructions to his team before Wednesday's practice in Dawson. The Lady Eagles are headed to Georgia Southern for a three-day camp next week as they continue preparing for their season opener at Southwest Georgia on Aug. 4/JOE WHITFIELD

classes, while an incoming freshman class has already begun pushing veterans for playing time during preseason workouts.

"We have a very balanced team," Walker said. "We've got four seniors, and about four in each grade. We have some really talented freshmen coming in and pushing for time right now."

The regular season won't offer many breathers.

Terrell Academy moves into a revamped region that includes nine-time defending GIAA state champion Westfield, along with Deerfield-Windsor, Tiftarea and Central Fellowship. Walker welcomes the opportunity to see the state's best teams before the postseason arrives.

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OBITUARIES



William Jody Morris
EDISON – William Jody Morris, 57, of Edison, Ga. passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in the Calhoun County Nursing Home. Graveside funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, in the Shellman Eastview Cemetery with Chris Weathersby officiating.
Jody was born on Dec. 7, 1968, in Dawson, Ga. the son of the late John Arthur Morris Sr. and the late Frances Leona Holley Morris. He was a graduate of Randolph Clay High School and a retired welder for Peerless manufacturing and Merritt Welding. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Tonya Avery.
Survivors include two sons, Jessie Neil (Morgan) Morris of Georgia and Keith Latner Morris of Leesburg; two sisters, Denise “Nesie” (Richard) Kilby of Parrott, Debroah Cissy Eubanks of Shellman; a brother, John Arthur Morris Jr. of Dothan, Ala.; two grandchildren, Amandalin Morris and Jessie Morris and bonus brothers, Larry Paul and Ricky Paul.
My dearest brother, you’ll always be in our hearts and forever loved and missed. Rest in peace my dearest brother (We will miss your tall tales.)
Lunsford Funeral Home, Cuthbert, Ga (229) 732-2148.



Joseph "Joe" Isaac Peachey Jr.
CUTHBERT – Joseph Isaac Peachey Jr. (Joe) of Cuthbert passed away peacefully on July 15, 2026, in his home surrounded by his family. Born on Feb. 23, 1942, in Belleville, Pa., he was the son of Joseph Isaac Sr. and Annie (Peight) Peachey. He married Susan J. (Spicher) on Aug. 20, 1967. They shared a loving marriage of almost 59 years. Joe was a lifelong dairy

RELIGION DIGEST

Bronwood Road Church of Christ Giveaway
904 Crawford St. NE, Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m.
Church to Host Free Community Giveaway
The Bronwood Road Church of Christ, located at 904 Crawford St. NE in Dawson, will host a free community giveaway on Saturday, July 25, beginning at 9 a.m. The event will feature free clothing, Bible study materials and light refreshments. Community members are invited to attend, and all items will be available at no cost while supplies last. For more information, contact Brother George Drain at (229) 343-6779.

farmer in Randolph County, Ga. He was a faithful member of Faith Mennonite Mission in Cuthbert, Ga. He served with CAM on disaster relief missions to Indonesia, Haiti, Romania, Ukraine and also on a mission trip to Jamaica.
He is survived by his wife and five children: Mark A. (Marlene), of Doerun, Ga., Michael J. (Cherie) Peachey of Dawson, Ga., Timothy W. (Char) of Shellman, Ga., Karen L. (Martin) Hostetler of Gap, Pa., Matthew J. of Cuthbert, Ga.; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He also has six surviving siblings, Fannie (Korie), Rachel Swarey, Josiah (Annie), Daniel (Leona), Samuel (Emma) and Mary (Crist) all of Pa. and two sisters-in-law Anna and Barbara of Pa. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Aaron and Shem of Pa., and a brother-in-law Crist Swarey of Pa.
Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m. at Shellman Methodist Church, 79 Park Avenue, Shellman, GA 39886. Following the service, burial will be at Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery. Visitation was on Friday, July 17, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Mission 1678 Hwy 82 East, Cuthbert, Ga. 39840.
Lunsford Funeral Home, Cuthbert, Ga (229) 732-2148.

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Interest will accrue only on amounts actually borrowed. The interest rate is 5.60% annually.
The note matures Dec. 31, 2026. Georgia Community Bank will serve as the lender.
The city pledges its full faith and credit to repay the obligation using future tax revenues.
Rather than receiving the full \$400,000 immediately, the agreement establishes a line of credit that city officials may draw upon throughout the remainder of the year. Each withdrawal will simply be recorded on an attached schedule of draws, with interest calculated only on the outstanding balance.
The resolution further states the borrowed money may be used to pay current operating expenses, accrued interest, attorney fees associated with issuing the note and other costs of the borrowing.
The emergency borrowing comes just days after city officials presented council members with financial information showing Dawson's recurring revenues are insufficient to cover recurring operating expenses.
Documents discussed during last week's meeting projected recurring revenues of approximately \$5.88 million against planned expenditures of roughly \$6.18 million, leaving the city dependent on transfers from its Public Utilities Fund while seeking temporary financing to continue operations.
Officials acknowledged the city has been unable to complete annual audits dating back to 2023 and said those audits must be completed as part of broader efforts to restore financial stability.

City leaders described the proposed line of credit as necessary to cover payroll and other operating expenses while the city works through its financial recovery.
Despite the significance of authorizing as much as \$400,000 in emergency borrowing, Tuesday's meeting included virtually no discussion beyond reading and approving the resolution.
Council members were not presented with updated financial statements showing the city's current cash position.
Despite authorizing as much as \$400,000 in emergency borrowing, city officials offered little explanation of how the line of credit will be managed. The council was not told how much of the available funds the city expects to draw immediately, which operating expenses would take priority, what safeguards or internal controls would govern future withdrawals, how often council members would receive updates on the outstanding balance, or what financial benchmarks would determine whether additional borrowing would become necessary.
The resolution itself authorizes the borrowing but does not require public reporting each time funds are drawn, establish spending priorities beyond "current expenses," or require periodic reports to the council regarding the status of the line of credit.
The meeting consisted almost entirely of approving the financing resolution before adjourning.
For citizens seeking additional information about the city's financial condition, the emergency session provided few new answers beyond authorizing the borrowing itself.
The amended Fiscal Year 2025-

26 budget has not been publicly presented despite significant changes in the city's finances. Likewise, the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget referenced during recent meetings has not yet been made available for public review.
The absence of those documents leaves the public unable to determine whether the tax anticipation note represents a temporary cash-flow solution or addresses a more fundamental structural deficit.
The resolution states Georgia law allows municipalities to obtain temporary loans in anticipation of property tax collections provided statutory borrowing limits are met. City officials certified the proposed borrowing complies with those requirements.
According to the resolution, the city's maximum legal borrowing authority equals 75% of the taxes collected during calendar year 2025. Based on approximately \$924,715 in tax collections last year, Dawson's statutory borrowing limit would be approximately \$693,536, placing the proposed \$400,000 line of credit within the legal threshold.
Officials also certified the city has no unpaid tax anticipation borrowing from previous years and pledged that total obligations incurred during 2026 will not exceed anticipated revenues for the year.
Tuesday's emergency meeting marks the latest development in months of increasing scrutiny surrounding Dawson's finances.
Recent council meetings have focused on past due audits, budget shortfalls, questions surrounding city equipment purchases, incomplete financial records, inter-fund transfers, and repeated requests by council members, citizens and the media for

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are down, bean acres are up. Wheat harvest is done, so most of those fields have been replanted into either soybeans or grain sorghum. So, we're off to the races and into the middle of the season," he said.
The acreage shifts generally reflect planting decisions made throughout southwest Georgia this spring as producers balanced commodity prices, production costs and weather conditions.

According to UGA Extension, cotton typically enters its peak flowering period during July, when adequate moisture and effective pest management become critical to maximizing yields. Peanuts likewise begin pod development during midseason, making weed competition and timely fungicide applications especially important after wet weather increases disease pressure.
Although rainfall complicated early-season man-

agement, McAllister's report suggested many Terrell County producers have largely recovered from those delays and entered the second half of the growing season with crops in good condition.
With wheat harvest complete and double-cropped soybeans and grain sorghum established, attention now shifts toward protecting yield potential through the remainder of the summer before fall harvest begins.

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"Westfield is on top of the mountain and has been for a long time," Walker said. "I like that we are now in the same region because we will see that level of competition earlier and help us get better as we head toward the state tournament."
There is risk in playing the best teams on the schedule before Labor Day. There is also opportunity.
Walker would rather expose his team to pressure now than introduce it in October.
If his plan works, the Lady Eagles won't arrive at the state tournament wondering whether they're ready.
They'll already know.

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King Road."
Mitchell said the closure could create a serious public safety problem for residents who depend on Plantation Road when flooding blocks their other route.
"If Plantation Road is closed, and if anything should happen, there's no way that anyone could get out of King Road," she said. "There's no way the ambulance could come to assist us."
Mitchell told commissioners she has been handicapped since March 2025 and no longer drives. She said many of the people who remain in the area are older residents whose children have moved away.
"There are others that live on that road, and everybody back there now are senior citizens," Mitchell said.
Frank Mitchell attended the meeting in opposition to the closure but did not make a separate pub-

lic statement during the discussion. A commissioner said he had previously spoken with Mitchell about the matter and that residents' continued use of the road weighed against approving the request.
"I just don't see how we can, as a commission, vote to close it when we have residents that are not in favor of it that uses ingress," the commissioner said. "That's just my opinion, and I'm one person."
Before the vote, Jimmy Skipper, the county attorney, raised questions about whether all legal notice requirements for closing a county road had been satisfied.
"There's a lot of statutory stuff you've got to do to close the road," Skipper said. "I want to make sure that the requirements are met, and there's notice, and all that kind of stuff before y'all decide to vote on it."
Collier said he had notified

the property owners as required by law and had also sent letters to residents on King Road and Wadell Road at the commissioner's request.
"I notified the statutory ones, which are the ones that actually own land on that road," Collier said. He added that residents on the adjoining roads "all got letters as well" and that a legal advertisement had been published.
Following the discussion, a motion was made to deny the closure and keep Plantation Road open. The motion passed unanimously among the commissioners eligible to participate.
The commission had previously tabled the matter during its June meeting to allow additional notice and give nearby residents another opportunity to respond before a final decision was made.

NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS
CITY HALL
142 EAST MAIN STREET
PARROTT, GA 39877
The City of Parrott would like to extend drainage pipe by 10 feet under Oak Street in Parrott, Ga.
All interesting parties please submit your bid by 5:00 P.M. Monday **August 31, 2026**. You will be notified at that time of who has won the bid. If you have any additional questions, or concerns please call 229-623-2635.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Dawson, in compliance with applicable U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared a draft version of a Housing Agency Plan outlining the Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Policies and Procedures that will be used as guidance in the operation of all Public Housing developments within our jurisdiction for the next year.
The Housing Authority will be conducting a public hearing at the office of the Authority, located at 553 Lemon Street, NE, Dawson, GA 39842 on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
This comprehensive plan will be coordinated with all residents of public housing and contains information that will be discussed at the public hearing. The Housing Authority encourages residents, citizens, representatives from public agencies and other interested parties to make comments on the draft plan. The Plan will be available for review during normal business hours at the office of the Authority, 553 Lemon Street, NE, from June 25, 2026 until the hearing.

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Did a popular tv program from the 1960s happen due to a Broadway play?



By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

I know what you must be thinking. “How in the world does this guy come up with different trivia each week?” That’s got to be it. Well, if you are indeed thinking that, then I just made the best guess I’ll ever make. And I’ll answer it: I have a storehouse of trivia that may last into the 22nd Century, or beyond! I’ve already mined it; each week I polish up a few nuggets and leave them here for you to enjoy. That’s my story, and I’m sticking to it. Now, enjoy this week’s collection!

Did you know...
... the “I’m Feeling Lucky” feature on the Google search page actually costs the company money? Estimates are that Google loses \$110 million in ad revenue per year when people use that feature to avoid advertising in their searches. (So when you’re feeling lucky, Google isn’t.)
... in the popular video game, “Super Mario Brothers,” the character of Mario the Plumber does not use his head to get bonus points from blocks? He uses his hand, which – if you freeze-frame the game – you can see above his head. It’s his left hand, by the way. Additional trivia note: The bushes in the background of the game are just re-renditions of the clouds in the sky, re-colored green. (You always wondered about that, didn’t you?)

... one of the most popular television shows of the 1960s indirectly happened because of a Broadway play? In 1965, ABC tried hard to acquire the rights to the character of Superman, in order to make a new series, but those rights were tied up in a not-too-successful Broadway musical titled *It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s Superman*. So the network then tried to get the rights to *Dick Tracy*, but creator Chester Gould (1900-1985) was already negotiating with NBC. Finally acquiring the rights to Batman from DC Comics, the network hired producer William Dozier (1908-1991) to make the show happen, and happen it did. Airing twice a week during its first two seasons, Batman demolished the competition with its lampooning of the entire superhero genre. (To the Bat-poles, Robin!)

... television can be a very bad influence? Yeah, you needed me to tell you that. But consider this: when the television series *Breaking Bad* finished its run, police agencies throughout the country noted a sharp uptick in the popularity of crystal methamphetamine, the drug created by the show’s central character Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston (born 1956). Manufacturers of the illegal substance actually dyed their drug blue in an effort to resemble the drug shown in the series. (I’ve heard of emulating your heroes, but this is ridiculous.)

... a singer’s vegetarianism caused a popular parody artist to not perform one of his songs? When “Weird Al” Yankovic (born 1959) wanted to do a parody version of the Wings song “Live and Let Die,” he asked permission from the composer, Sir Paul McCartney (born 1942). McCartney did not object to the parody, but he did object to Yankovic’s change of the title line to “chicken pot pie.” McCartney is a vegetarian, and did not want his work to be used to promote the eating of meat. Yankovic tried to work around the restriction but could not come up with a suitable substitute, so the parody was scrapped. (Now that I would have liked to hear.)

... no firm consensus exists on what a popular McDonald’s character is supposed to be? Beginning in 1971, advertisements for the restaurant chain began using a cast of characters in “McDonaldland,” which were ads aimed primarily at children. Most of the characters – Ronald McDonald, Mayor McCheese, the Hamburglar, etc. - are pretty obvious, but for decades, there’s been disagreement over what The Grimace is supposed to be. The purple, teardrop-shaped character doesn’t look like anything living on Earth, but it’s supposedly a living milkshake. At least, that’s what some think. Others, however, maintain the Grimace is a taste bud. (Having never seen either a purple milkshake or a purple taste bud, I can’t offer an opinion – well, I can, but I’m not allowed to say stuff like that here.)

... the average person in the United States eats about 100 pounds of sugar a year? Sugar currently represents about 50% of a person’s daily carbohydrate intake for the day. Amazingly, just a century ago, the average American (whoever that is) only ate around 10 pounds of sugar per year. Scientists say that ideally, only about 10% of a person’s diet should come from sugar. (How sweet!)

Now... you know!

When it's your turn to go, you got to go

Back when I was a young man, just a boy really, I was terrified of getting on an airplane. I still don’t like flying, but who does? There is nothing natural about cramming people into a metal tube and then sending said tube 600 mph at 30,000 feet. And that’s after strangers rummage through your luggage and your dignity is destroyed by standing in long lines and being poked and prodded in security.

Still beats walking though.
When it was time to board my first cross-country flight, my parents sat me down and tried to assure me that everything would be OK; that statistically speaking, flying is safer than riding in an automobile; and lastly, I should never fear death, because the good Lord wasn’t going to call me home until it was my turn.

I wasn’t worried about my time to go, the young me quipped, I was more concerned about if it was somebody else’s. Surviving a plane crash seems worse than dying in one.

You often hear people use phrases like “halfway dead,” or “near death.” Those colloquialisms, when you think about it, don’t really make sense, because we’re always a hair breadth away from dying and you never know when your number is going to come up. My paternal grandmother, when asked how she was doing, always said she had one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel.

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Truer words are hardly ever spoken.

Famed Greek playwright Aeschylus died when an eagle dropped a tortoise on his head. The wordsmith, considered the founder of tragedy, stared death in the face numerous times in his life. He survived the Battle of Marathon, helping drive the Persian invaders from Athens. Later he was accused of spilling the secrets of a cult he belonged to on stage and escaped the clutches of an angry, blood-thirsty mob.

This guy was like a cat with nine lives. He surely didn’t expect to go by wayward airborne reptile. Something’s going to kill you, am I right?

I recently read a report outlining a new study showing the dan-

gers of sitting down. Sitting for 30 minutes at a time, apparently, is just as bad for our collective health as smoking used to be. It has taken me about 45 minutes to string these words together, so now I’m at a higher risk of cancer. I hope it hasn’t taken you that long to read it. If so, get up and walk around a little bit.

If you focus on death, you’ll quickly consume your life with worry. If you start looking for ways to die, you will find many. Dying is easy. It’s the living that gets hard sometimes.

Next time you find yourself scared of dying, just remember we all have one foot on a banana peel and that we’re not going to go until it’s our time to go. But look out for falling turtles.

COUCH THEATER



Anya Taylor-Joy (left) and Drew Starkey (right) star in "Lucky"/Photo courtesy of Apple TV

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

72 Hours (R)
Comedian/actor Kevin Hart (“Jumanji: Open World”) leads this comedy film releasing on July 24, and he’s got a handful of fellow comedians who round out the rest of the cast, including Marcello Hernandez, Ben Marshall and Kam Patterson (all of whom you might recognize from “Saturday Night Live”). Hart plays Joe, a 40-year-old business executive who’s feeling desperate to cling to his remaining youth. So, when Joe gets added to a group chat for a three-day bachelor party with twenty-somethings, he’s overjoyed that he gets a chance to reconnect with his inner rager. But it doesn’t take long for poor Joe to realize in those mere 72 hours that he’s in way over his head. (Netflix)

The Sheep Detectives (PG)
This family-friendly film, out now, isn’t just a fun blend of a mystery and comedy movie that’s appropriate for all ages; it features a stacked ensemble cast that is full of familiar faces and voices. Taking place in a small English village, a shepherd named George (Hugh Jackman) reads murder-mystery novels to his flock of sheep each night. When George suddenly passes away and is found outside his trailer, the sheep overhear the local police’s hunch that it was a murder. With an extensive background in mystery-novel sleuthing, George’s sheep are convinced that they can track down the murderer themselves. The live-action cast features names like Nicholas Braun (“Succession”), Emma Thompson (“Dead of Winter”), and Hong Chau (“Wuthering Heights”), while the voice cast includes Bryan Craston (“Chili Finger”), Julia Louis-Dreyfus (“Thunderbolts”) and

Regina Hall (“The Five-Star Weekend”). (Amazon Prime Video)

Lucky (TV-MA)
Under her production company Hello Sunshine, Reese Witherspoon (“You’re Cordially Invited”) serves as an executive producer for this new crime-thriller miniseries, which just premiered the first two episodes out of its seven-episode season. Starring Anya Taylor-Joy (“The Super Mario Galaxy Movie”) as the titular character, this series follows Lucky Armstrong -- a con artist who pulls off a multi-million-dollar heist with her husband/partner-in-crime, Carey (Drew Starkey). When Carey goes missing with the money the very next day, Lucky is forced to live on the run from her boss, Priscilla (Annette Bening), who’s also her mother-in-law and was expecting the money. Oh, and the FBI’s hot on her heels as well. Sounds like Ms. Armstrong is not-so-lucky! (Apple TV)

Marc by Sofia (PG-13)
Director Sofia Coppola (“Priscilla”) just released her first feature-length nonfiction film! The topic? TITLE: None other than American fashion designer Marc Jacobs. With footage that leads up to his 2024 paper doll runway show, Coppola interviews her close friend about his early life, his creative process, and the details of how he produces a show. Jacob also speaks about his time at Parsons School of Design in New York and working for Perry Ellis. Other faces who appear in the doc include actress Chloe Sevigny (“The Five-Star Weekend”), musician Kim Gordon, filmmaker Spike Jonze (“Her”), and former model/creative director Grace Coddington. Out now! (HBO Max)
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Chances are that you don't know a certain hairdresser, with whom I am familiar, by the name of Andrea Bianco. You would like her work, her lifestyle, and her generous and selfless bent. She is warm, friendly, and full of good cheer.

She's good at what she does, and her clients include both women and men. Count me among the satisfied male customers who benefit from her aesthetic touch, which is accented by her colorful countenance.

Andrea grew up in New York in an Italian family and is eminently proud of her heritage. She even lived in Florence for a couple of years and visits her family homeland as often as she can. "I love Italy," I said upon meeting her. "Good," she replied. "I love

it more."

This doesn't suggest that she was one-upping me, she was just, with enduring passion, underscoring how much she is faithfully attached to her heritage of the Land of the Boot—wine, pasta, history, Sophia Loren, the Forum, Circus Maximus, the Coliseum, and all the Caesars, good and bad.

Naturally, she speaks Italian, and the only person in her family who can make better pasta than she is her husband Salvatore, who is from Napoli. The mention of Napoli and thoughts of Dean Martin's classic number, Amore, course through her conscience:

"When the moon hits your eye like a big piece of pie, that's amore, "When the world seems to shine, like you've had too much wine, that's amore."

She is as Italian as one could be, but she and Salvatore now are Athenians to the core, having learned about the Classic City



LORAN SMITH

when she moved to Atlanta many years ago.

"I didn't know a thing about Athens, but everybody told me, 'You'll love Athens. All it takes is one visit and you will love it.' They were right and we couldn't be happier."

Unless... Unless there is an opportunity to return to the "land

of the Renaissance." Or getting, out of the blue, an invitation from friends Jim and Allyn Timberlake recently.

The Timberlakes have this recurring habit of going out West and floating down the Salmon River where there are more bald eagles than you can count, along with other inspiring wildlife such as big horn sheep and an occasional bear. She took more photos than she will ever be able to sort, and when she goes to sleep at night, she has visions from that trip that will last a lifetime.

In her mind's eye, she can reflect on the beauty of nature, the peace and tranquility from that exposure, and the sounds that accompany you when you are surrounded by nature.

A part of this unforgettable experience was fishing the Salmon River while floating down the 425-mile treasure. There were rainbow trout, cutthroat trout,

and mountain whitefish. If the guides had known it, they could have taken the time to filet their bounty and allowed Andrea to engage her kitchen touch. There is no question—a good time would have been enjoyed by all.

Andea and her son, Fausto, enjoyed the campfires, especially the night a couple of travelers took out their guitars and strummed away under a canopy of twinkling stars.

She loved being surrounded by protected land, no space where developers can spoil it for the Almighty Dollar, leaving it intact for our children, grandchildren, and subsequent generations.

As you might expect, her parting shot was, "I can't wait to go back again. You can't appreciate America until you have had the experience of being immersed in nature in the Rockies."

That is the happy view of a Renaissance woman.

There is no fix for daylight complaining time

To most of us, there are truly more important matters to deal with than Daylight Saving Time. A small-er few of us realize that this "problem" won't actually be solved, regardless if and when a "solution" passes Congress.

Most people are just out there living their lives, content to let Apple or Alexa update their clocks twice a year, dealing with the brief personal and/or pet adjustment, and moving on.

Then there's the people who demand someone must do something now. And because they're noisy and need something to complain about, politicians are reacting.

Five years ago, Georgia legislators mostly took it off their plate by doing...something. They passed a law adopting permanent Daylight Saving Time...but only if Congress first amended the Federal Uniform Time Act. The noisy people felt

heard. The rest of us were able to continue to live our lives while prioritizing other matters.

About 10 semi-annual time changes later, the noisy people were back. They continued to tell their legislators that their lives are disrupted by their dogs or small children who must adhere to the same schedule every day or civilization as we know it will end. No one wanted to tell these people that a basic human function is resistance to change and that most of us just deal with it, so once again, legislators got involved.

The Georgia Senate tried to "fix" the problem last year with a late session Hail Mary to move Georgia to... Atlantic Standard Time? Wait. What?

This was not a solution anyone had been asking for, but would have fixed the problem of changing clocks twice a year. In return, it would have meant the sun

would set two hours earlier and people flying in and out of Georgia would have to figure out what time zone or Daylight Saving Time was being observed in each connecting state. It would also mean that television broadcasts — marked along the east coast by Eastern Standard Time — would be an hour later for part of the year, and two hours later when the rest of the country was observing Daylight Saving Time.

That trial balloon quickly deflated. The House refused to take up the measure, and few have spoken of it again.

The noisy people remain undeterred.

Now, the U.S. House has taken up the measure. It has passed a bill that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent. At last, it appears the problem could be solved.

Except one thing: It isn't just the noisy people who resist change. Everyone

does.

It's fairly easily to remain blissfully unaware of legislation that moves through the Georgia Legislature but doesn't ultimately take effect. When a chamber of Congress passes a bill, it gets a bit more attention.

The folks who assumed the country would be ecstatic that we would get "an extra hour of daylight" year round were instead greeted by charts demonstrating zero-sum math. The "extra" hour of sunlight we would get in the winter months would, in fact, be taken away from cold winter mornings.

Maps began showing up on local weather forecasters social media pages showing the latest sunrise for cities around the country during the winter. In Western Georgia, the sun would be rising as late as 8:45am on a few cold winter days. That's hours after many have been waiting at a bus stop. That's after most have finished a



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

morning commute in pure darkness.

As is usually the case, "solving" a problem does not quiet the noise. It just transfers the noise from one group to another group.

There's a simple solution to this simple solution, as many responded to these social media posts. Just quit Daylight Saving Time altogether. Then we don't have the "problem" of twice a year changes. We just have normal time again.

Suddenly, a large subset of the original noisy people rose up again. They want their extra hour of sunlight in the summer.

Perhaps it wasn't really about their kids' or dogs' feeding time after all? After all, what kind of adult would use a child or a dog as a political vehicle to achieve something they wanted for themselves?

There's a maxim that transcends all levels of politics. Beware when anyone claims a simple bill is "for the children."

The reality of this "problem" is that it won't go away with any proposed solution. It's just going to transfer who is complaining about it.

At the end of the day, the ones who would stop complaining about this would just find something else to complain about. That is just human nature. And there is no bill that can be proposed to the General Assembly nor Congress that will fix human nature.

Who could possibly argue politics with a mouthful of delicious barbecue?

Is there any way we can bridge the political, cultural and social abyss in which we find ourselves today? How about a plate of baby-back ribs, pulled pork slathered in Kinder's Original Barbecue Sauce, a slice of Texas Toast, baked beans, corn on the cob, sweet tea and some peach cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream? It's hard to argue about stolen elections or letting boys play girl sports with your mouth full of such exquisite cuisine. Besides, what could be more American on our 250th anniversary than a good ol' barbecue? Yum! Yum!

That's the intention of Builders Movement, a

non-partisan, nonprofit group that seeks to overcome "us vs. them" thinking and has organized an event -- the Builders BBQ -- which challenges Americans across the country to "bite to unite" by inviting groups they see as different or who they don't usually hang out with, to host barbecues. The summer-long campaign kicked off this past month and as of this writing, Builders Movement says it has received more than 100 signups and an estimated 3,000 people are expected to attend in 30 states. And the numbers are growing.

"The response and enthusiasm for Builders BBQs

has blown us away," says Kristin Moss, the organization's chief marketing officer. "As the hosts were encouraged to invite someone who sees the world differently from them, this demand clearly shows us Americans have an appetite for the Builders Mindset -- connecting with people in their communities and reinforcing there's more that unites us than divides us. And what better way to do that than over a cherished American tradition like BBQ!"

The Builder's BBQ even offers some conversation starters to get the ball rolling: "Is there something you admire about the other political side?" "Who is someone you admire that you don't always agree with?" "Think about the last 250 years in America. What's an example of a creative



DICK YARBROUGH

solution that required both sides to come together?" With all due respect, I have some conversation starters I would offer just in case the participants don't admire someone on the other political side or would rather have a beer instead of having to come up with any creative solutions at the moment.

Some suggestions: "Hello, stranger. Did you know that there is no word that rhymes with orange?" Or: "Hi, there! Did you know Napoleon Bonaparte was once attacked by a horde of rabbits?" Or: "The average person burps approximately 30 days per day. That says we've got us some serious burping to do, friend. Bring on the barbecue!" (Note to the Builder's BBQ: Feel free to use these conversation starters. Just be sure I get credit.)

Are Georgian's are showing up? The Builder's BBQ says yes. Why? According to the organization, "To build connection with community and immediate neighbors. One host shared that their guest list included a range of people from different circles: coworkers, school friends, church friends. They're single, married,

kids, no kids, different beliefs, different politics, different incomes."

That's encouraging because the midterm elections will be here before you know it and the angry rhetoric that will precede it will tend to make us an even more divisive group of people than we already are. Maybe having chewed on a chunk of brisket with somebody who has a different political point than yours will make you a bit more empathetic. As Americans, we all have the right of the freedom of expression but that doesn't mean we have to insult each other.

If I thought it was a possibility, I would send a barbecue plate to our Insult-er-in-Chief in Washington. Maybe if he consumed a dish of pulled pork with a sliced Vidalia onion on the side, he might understand that he is the president of all the whole United States of America and not just president of a bunch of angry right-wing zealots. On second thought, I'm not sure there are enough pigs and cows willing to sacrifice their lives at the thought that it could actually happen.

So, applause to Builders Movement for coming up with a civilized way to seek out what unites us rather than what divides us and doing it over a plate of barbecue with all the trimmings. They describe it as a summer event, but I would suggest that barbecue, like love, knows no season. The late American celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain once said, "Barbecue may not be the road to world peace, but it's a start." Amen.



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Albany Museum of Art issues call for juried solo exhibition



From left, Rylan Steele and Jessica Ambadipudi, who were awarded solo exhibitions in the Albany Museum of Art’s second annual call for artists, stand with Louisiana artist Vitus Shell in front of the banners for their exhibitions, which continue through Saturday, Aug. 29/Special Photo, Albany Museum of Art

STAFF REPORTS

ALBANY — The Albany Museum of Art is issuing a call for artists who are working in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida to apply for its third annual juried solo exhibition. Emerging and mid-career artists are eligible to submit proposals for the exhibition, which will be on view during summer 2027.

The application deadline is Jan 29, 2027.

“I’ve been encouraged to see growing interest in this exhibition opportunity over the past year, with artists already reaching out to inquire about exhibiting at the AMA,” Director of Curatorial Affairs Katie Dillard said. “This year, we are introducing our neighboring state, Florida, in the lineup for eligibility. Now with three states available for eligibility, we hope the application pool will grow larger than it has previously.”

Two artists were awarded exhibitions at the AMA this year following the second call. Columbus artist Rylan Steele’s photography exhibition “The Middle Way” is in the McCormack Gallery, and Leesburg artist Jessica Ambadipudi’s exhibition “The Home of Birds” is in the West Gallery. Both exhibitions continue through Aug 29.

“Because of unique circumstances with our exhibition calendar last year, we were able to offer two artists of equal standing the opportunity for exhibition,” Dillard noted. “However, we plan to return to the single exhibition format for the 2027 selection and forward.”

A blue-ribbon committee will select the artist, who will be notified on or before March 8. The dates for the exhibition in the AMA’s McCormack Gallery are May 13-Aug. 21, 2027.

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be an emerging or mid-career artist working in Georgia, Alabama or Florida who is 18 years old or older. The artist can work in any medium.

Applications must be addressed to the Curatorial Department and submitted by email to entries@albanymuseum.org.

The artist must submit the following materials for the application to be considered:

- A curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé.
- An artist bio including three institutions where the artist has shown their work for reference.
- A letter of interest (two to four pages) that includes a description of the artist's practice, a description of the proposed exhibition’s subject matter, theme and

focus, and a narrative of a walk-through explaining how visitors will interact with the space. The letter should be single-spaced and use a 12-point standard font, such as Arial or Times New Roman.

- A checklist of artworks to be exhibited. The checklist should be limited to five to nine artworks. Artworks intended for submission must be able to be exhibited within a 345-square-foot space, or approximately 65 linear feet.

The checklist must include the artwork title, date, medium and dimensions.

Each of the submitted artworks must be available for display at the AMA during the dates of the exhibition (May 13-Aug. 21, 2027).

A high-resolution JPG image for each work proposed to be exhibited. The artist’s name and the artwork title must be included in the photo file name.

A bibliography is optional. If included, the bibliography must include a list of the references the artist draws upon for inspiration or influence.

PDF documents are preferred.

All file names should include the artist’s first and last name.

Applications that arrive in the AMA’s entries email account after 5 p.m. on Jan 29, 2027, will not be considered. The AMA is not responsible for internet outages or other delays in the transmission of the email to the museum.

To confirm receipt of the application, an artist who does not get an email response to a submission can call (229) 439-8400 and ask to speak with the AMA Curatorial Department. Please allow one full business day to receive an email response before calling the AMA.

The AMA will not engage in any sales or promotion of sales for any artworks displayed.

Important dates to know regarding this open call for artists:

- The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on Jan 29, 2027.
- The selected artist will be notified by March 8, 2027.
- The artworks must be delivered to the Albany Museum of Art, 311 Meadowlark Drive, by 4 p.m. no later than April 30, 2027.
- The opening day for the exhibition is May 13, 2027.
- The closing day of the exhibition is Aug. 21, 2027.
- The artwork must be picked up by Sept. 3, 2027, unless otherwise discussed with the curatorial team and confirmed in writing.

Legals

D-097
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Georgia Self-Service Storage Facility Act (O.C.G.A. § 10-4-210 et seq.), the contents of the following self-storage units will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the landlord’s lien for delinquent rental payments.
Facility: U-Stor Mini-Warehouses
Address: 534 Main St., Dawson, GA
The following storage units will be sold:
Units: 2, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 78, 88, 92, and 94.
The contents of these units will be auctioned to the highest bidder on **August 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** at **U-Stor Mini-Warehouses, 534 Main St., Dawson, Georgia**, due to delinquent rental payments. For additional information, please call **(229) 995-3252**.

July 23, 30, 2026

D-087
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF TERRELL
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: VERLINDA FAYE JACKSON
DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 4139
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

To: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, INTERESTED PARTIES, CREDITORS
RUTHELL JACKSON has petitioned to be appointed **Administrator** of the estate of **VERLINDA FAYE JACKSON** deceased, of said County. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or **before JULY 27TH, 2026**. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number 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.
Carol M. Speir
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CINDY THOMAS
Clerk of the Probate Court
Address: P.O. Box 67
Dawson, Georgia 39842
229-995-5515

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

D-090
NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL
P. I. 0018252 TERRELL COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this project.
The date of detour approval is: June 29, 2026
The proposed project PI 0018252 is located on Judge Laye Road at Brantley Creek approximately 1.7 miles west of Sasser in Terrell County, Georgia. The existing bridge will be replaced with a new bridge 70 feet long and 30 feet wide, with one lane in each direction. The road will have a speed limit of 35 mph. Approximately 150 feet of the dirt road on both sides of the bridge will be paved, the remainder will be gravel. The existing bridge is currently closed to traffic. An existing detour is in place that will remain in place during construction, with no extra travel time. The total project length is approximately 0.1 miles. The expected time for construction and the detour is approximately 12 months.
The designated detour route will utilize Sasser Herod Road, Bill Whitaker Road and State Route 55 to maintain traffic flow and minimize disruptions. The total length of the detour route is approximately 5.5 miles, with a net additional travel distance of 2.3 miles.
Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation: For information or questions regarding the Detour Route, please contact:
Dennis Thacker Area Manager District 4, Area 5
dthacker@dot.ga.gov
2060 Newton Road
Albany, GA 31701
(229) 430-4198

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2026

D-092
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of DAVID JOHNSON deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 7TH day of JULY, 2026
FELICIA DENISE BLACKMON, ADMINISTRATOR
DAVID JOHNSON, DECEASED
166 CHURCH ST.
BRONWOOD, GA. 39826

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

D-088
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
UNDER POWER
TERRELL COUNTY, GEORGIA

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement (the “Security Deed”) given by Cibol Distribuidora Bolivar, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, to Rain City Capital, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, dated April 3, 2025, and recorded on June 18, 2025 in Deed Book 0014C at Page 0843, Terrell County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described Property to secure a certain Secured Note in the original principal amount of \$167,860.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Court House Door of Terrell County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said County) within the legal hours of sale on **August 4, 2026** (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described Property:

That tract or parcel of land including the residence and other improvements thereupon, situated, lying and being in the City of Dawson, Terrell County, Georgia, and the same being known and distinguished as the West 118.5 feet of the North part of Lot No. 2 in Block No. 127, according to the Map of the City of Dawson by Marbury & Wright, there being excluded and not conveyed herein the East five feet of the North portion of said Lot No. 2 in Block No. 127 according to the Map of the City of Dawson by Marbury & Wright, and the Property herein described and herein conveyed fronting 118.5 feet on the South side of East Church Street and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the inside of the sidewalk on the South side of East Church Street evidenced by an iron pin located 22 feet South of and perpendicular from the center line of East Church Street at a distance of 110 feet East of and from the center line of North Nelson Street, and from said designated point of beginning of the herein described and herein conveyed Property, thence running in a Southerly direction South 0 degrees and 26 minutes East a distance of 157.6 feet to a point evidenced by an iron pipe, thence running in an Easterly direction North 88 degrees and 30 minutes East a distance of 118.5 feet to a point evidenced by an iron pin; thence running in a Northerly direction North 0 degrees and 26 minutes West a distance of 156.4 feet to a point evidenced by an iron pin located on the inside of the sidewalk on the South side of East Church Street at a distance of 22 feet South of and perpendicular from the center line of East Church Street, thence running in a Westerly direction along the inside of this sidewalk on the South side of East Church Street South 89 degrees 3 minutes West a distance of 118.5 feet to the aforesaid point of beginning of the herein described and herein conveyed Property, evidenced by an iron pin located 22 feet South of and perpendicular from the center line of East Church Street; and said Property being bounded now or formerly as follows: On the North by East Church Street, on the East by the property of Mrs. Augusta Griggs Raines, on the South partly by the property of Earl J. Reid and partly by the property of Herschel W. Christie, and on the West by the property of Mrs. Willie Chappell Davidson; and a more accurate description of said Property will appear by reference to a Survey and Plat thereof made by Joseph F. Dubeau, Surveyor under date of January 28, 1969, entitled “Property Line Survey for Mrs. Fannie Alexander Curtis – Part of Lot No. 2, Block No. 127 – Dawson, Terrell County, Georgia”, and which Plat is recorded under date of March 18, 1969, in Plat Book No. 3, Page 182, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Terrell County, Georgia, and said Plat and the record thereof are by express reference thereto made a part hereof of the description of said Property; and said Property is a portion of the Property contained in that certain Deed executed by Mrs. Genie Pace Bell to Gussie G. Raines (same person as Mrs. Augusta Griggs Raines), dated December 20, 1943, and recorded in Deed Book JJ, Page 28 of the Deed Records of Terrell County, Georgia.

Said Property is known as 419 Church Street N.E. under the present system of naming and numbering streets in Dawson, Terrell County, Georgia.
Tax/Parcel ID: D07139
Address: 419 Church Street NE, Dawson, Georgia 39842
Parcel: D07139

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Property is Cibol Distribuidora Bolivar, LLC, or tenant(s). Said Property is more commonly known as **419 Church Street NE, Dawson, Georgia 39842** **DEED #07139**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said Property, if any.

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1 is the current holder of the Security Deed, by instrument, dated June 22, 2026 and recorded on June 25, 2026 in Deed Book 0014J at Page 0470, Terrell County, Georgia Records.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, amount other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney’s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney’s fees having been given). Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1. To discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure, U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1 can be contacted at:

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1
c/o Tandem Servicing LLC
Attn: Tiffany Anderson
12131 113th Avenue NE, Suite 201, Kirkland, Washington 98034
Tel: (425) 588-0039
E-Mail: tiffany@tandemservicing.com
Said Property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the Property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the Property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) any right to redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Security Deed and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1, as agent and/or Attorney in Fact for Cibol Distribuidora Bolivar, LLC. The below law firm may be held to be acting as a debt collector under Federal law. If so, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

D-091
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of CAL DENNARD deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 7TH day of JULY, 2026
PEARLIE A. DENNARD, ADMINISTRATOR
CAL DENNARD, DECEASED
131 N. HIGHLAND
CUTHBERT, GEORGIA 39840

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

D-084
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, TERRELL COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of **ROBERT LAMAR WILLS**, deceased, late of Terrell County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 1ST day of JULY, 2026
RUN: JULY 9TH, 16TH 23RD 30TH
SANDRA FAY WILLS, EXECUTRIX
ROBERT LAMAR WILLS, DECEASED
WILLIAM D. MOORHEAD, III
314 RESIDENCE AVENUE
ALBANY, GA, 31701

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

D-095
IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF TERRELL
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: TIMOTHY DEWAYNE BARTHLLOW, DECEASED
ESTATE NO: 4140
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

To: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, INTERESTED PARTIES, CREDITORS
WENDY GLEATON has petitioned to be appointed **Administrator** of the estate of **TIMOTHY DEWAYNE BARTHLLOW** deceased, of said County. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or **before AUGUST 10TH, 2026**. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number 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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Judge of the Probate Court
By: CINDY THOMAS
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Ava Sudderth named to Troy University Chancellor’s List

STAFF REPORTS

TROY – Ava Sudderth of Dawson, GA has been named to the Chancellor’s List at Troy University for the Spring Semester/Term 4 of the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Chancellor’s List honors full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0.

About Troy University
Troy University is a public, historic,

international university with and more than 178,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan and Montgomery, as well as at locations around the world and online.

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