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## Judge dismisses Bowersville recall petitions

By Rose Scoggins  
CNI News Service

Recall petitions filed in Hart County Superior Court for a pair of elected officials in the Town of Bowersville were dismissed during a hearing Aug. 29.

Judge David R. Sweat, chief judge of the Western Judicial Circuit Superior Courts, delivered the ruling, Hart County Superior Court Clerk Frankie Gray said Wednesday morning.

Sweat's official order had not been filed as of press time Wednesday.

The petitions, led by Bowersville residents David Cagle, who served as "chairperson" and his wife Kelly Cagle, who was listed as the petition "circulator," demanded the recall of Bowersville council members Christie Simpson and Jan Dean.

Both petitions were signed by 32 Bowersville residents and included "facts upon which the recall petition...are based."

The Cagles and fellow citizen signees argued that both Simpson and Dean should be recalled as they "voted for the deannexation of approximately one-third of the property in the town limits without doing any research on how the loss of tax revenue would affect the town's finances" and that they both "refused to run the town according to its charter."

The recall applications were issued from the Hart County Board of Elections office July 25 and were returned to the

office Aug. 7, according to the official documents. They were officially filed in Hart County Superior Court Aug. 7.

Bowersville attorney John A. Dickerson filed petitions on behalf of Simpson and Dean Aug. 11, asking the court to review the "sufficiency of the ground or grounds for recall."

In the petitions, Dickerson wrote that the Official Code of Georgia's grounds

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(Photo by Kathy Malone)

Hart County Historical Society Board Members, Linda Harris (left) and Libby Forbes, greet visitors and provide tours at the Hart County Historical Museum.

## Historical Museum looking to increase membership, funds

By Kathy Malone  
Staff writer

The Historical Society is currently working on plans to increase awareness, funds and membership in support of the Hart County Historical Museum located at 31 E. Howell Street. As part of their mission to preserve and promote the history of Hart County, the Hart County Historical Society (HCHS) is making plans to overcome the detriments which occurred when it closed its doors during the Covid

pandemic.

The mission of the Historical Society was adversely effected by the temporary closure of the museum in 2020. The closure created a loss of funds, membership and public awareness. The museum, which reopened this past February, continues to serve as a repository for historical artifacts related to Hart County.

Preserving artifacts that tell the story of Hart Coun-

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## Municipal races set for Hartwell, Bowersville

By Rose Scoggins  
CNI News Service

Municipal elections in Hart County are set for Nov. 7 with three contested races in the City of Hartwell and Town of Bowersville.

After the final day of qualifying Aug. 23, the City of Hartwell will see races between Jermaine Durham, Zach Adams and David Little for the seat currently held by council member Tony Haynie. Haynie did not qualify to run for reelection.

The seat currently held by council member Stephen "Doc" Ayers will see a race between Debbie Henry, Toy Cynthia Wilkins, Richard Sheller and Christopher Martin. Ayers also did not qualify to run for reelection.

Council member Mike MacNabb's seat is up for reelection as well, but he was the only person to qualify for the position.

In the Town of Bowersville, only one of the three races is contested

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## Fargason hired to lead Hartwell Sun as Editor/Publisher

Community Newspapers Inc., (CNI) has named veteran reporter Patrick R. Fargason as its editor and publisher of The Hartwell Sun.

A Savannah native and Georgia Southern University graduate, Fargason most recently held the position of Senior Editor for the Florida Bar News & Journal, a daily newspaper covering stories of interest to the legal profession for the 106,000 members of the Florida Bar.

Fargason also served as a public relations specialist and media spokesperson for Florida Governors Rick Scott and Ron DeSantis from 2010-2022 and says during that time he longed to get back to Georgia.

"To paraphrase my favorite author Lewis Grizzard, 'I spent thirteen years a prisoner of war in Florida', and I'm so happy to be back home," Fargason said. "I can't wait to meet the members of this thriving community."



Fargason

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## Green denied bail modification

By Patrick Fargason  
Editor/Publisher

Northern Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judge Chris Phelps denied a request for bail modification August 21 for Bowersville resident Jeremy Green.

Green, who was arrested in June of 2021 and indicted two months later, is accused of molesting a young girl in 2015 at the Hartwell YMCA. That girl was later identified as Jennifer Cobb.

While Green was released on \$250,000 bond and pleaded not guilty, he was ordered to remain under house arrest and wear an ankle monitor.

During the hearing, Green's attorney Nancee Tomlinson asked Judge Phelps to modify the bond so that her client could work outside the home. Tomlinson stated her client was offered a job with a lawn maintenance company in Elbert County and had kept every aspect of his bond condition over the last two years.

Jennifer's mother Susan Cobb testified against Green's bond modification stating that allowing

Green to work outside the home would put other children at risk.

Cobb then described the allegations against Green that he began grooming her daughter beginning at age 11 during his tenure as the gymnastics coach at the Bell Family YMCA.

Cobb's daughter Jennifer testified at the initial hearing back in 2021 and was reportedly devastated when Green received bond. Six days later, Jennifer was found dead at the age of 20.

Judge Phelps denied Green's bond modification after hearing from Cobb and Tomlinson, but recommended the case be brought to trial soon "to move the case to closure."

The bond modification comes nearly two



Green

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# Around Hart



## CSP Annual Summer Camps

Connections for Special Parents, CSP, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support families raising children with special needs, just completed its annual summer camps with a bang. Exceeding the numbers in campers from previous years, CSP expanded its camp locations from Royston, adding an additional camp in Hartwell. Employing 27 community members from Franklin, Hart, and Stephens counties and hosting a total of 37 campers with special needs, the summer camps were a huge success for this rural part of Northeast Georgia. CSP is looking forward to expanding camps again next summer as it strives to meet the needs of the families in our area. For more information contact us at Cspnega@gmail.com, 706-246-5476, or 613 Cook St., Royston. (Photos submitted)

## Back to the Bible Church hosting Labor Day revival

The Back to the Bible Church Family invites your family to attend their three-night Labor Day revival at 7 p.m. nightly Sept. 4-6. The church is located on 72 Savannah St., Hartwell.

The speaker and special guest will be Pastor Joe Norman. He is a 1966 graduate of Hart County Training School.

Pastor Norman is also a retired Air Force veteran of more than 21 years, which he embarked on his U.S. Postal Service journey for the past 27 years, now retired.

He is and has been a pastor for 43 years; a graduate of Southern Nazarene University of Bethany, Okla., and a student of Slidell Baptist Seminary of Slidell, La.

He is the pastor of Nehemiah Baptist Church of Midwest City, Okla., which he and his wife Addie founded in 2005. His beloved wife is formally Addie Thomas of Athens. They have two sons: Christopher and David Norman with daughters-in-law, Kiesha and Meme. Pastor Norman is the son of both the late Joe R. Norman and Louise Rousey, and the nephew of Imogene Norman and the late Floyd D. Norman, all natives of Hartwell.

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Pastor Joe and Addie Norman

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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council	6 p.m., Sept. 11
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### Hartwell Lions Club

President Judd Bailey of the Hartwell Lions Club presented President Mike Buckel of the Golden K with a donation for building ramps for the handicapped.

(Photo submitted)

## NEGA CASA recruiting volunteer advocates

Due to the increased number of children entering the foster care system, Northeast Georgia CASA is recruiting volunteer advocates. The Northeast Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is an agency that advocates for children who are experiencing foster care. CASA volunteers collect information on the children, their needs, and their unique circumstances and communicate to the court what is in the best interest of the child. They also facilitate getting children services that they need. Children with a CASA spend an average of eight months less time in foster care than children without one. They also are more likely to be unified with their families, do better in school and receive more services than other children in care.

Volunteers will receive ample training and support from experienced staff who will support them and help them navigate the system to provide the best possible advocacy for young people. For more information on how to become a CASA volunteer and join in the Sept. 18 training, call 706-886-1098 or visit their website at: [northeastgacasa.org/volunteer](http://northeastgacasa.org/volunteer).

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# Hartwell summit educates advocates on abuse

By Patrick Fargason  
Editor/Publisher

Hartwell's Catechee Center played host to the Northeast Georgia Sexual Assault Special Victims Summit Aug. 29, and provided free training for child advocates, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and education officials to help improve the way special crime victims are evaluated, understood, and supported.

The summit was presented by the Harmony House Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center. With locations in Royston and Elberton the Center provides services for the victims of child abuse and sexual assault for the five counties comprising the Northern Judicial Circuit of Georgia including Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Madison, and Oglethorpe counties.

Laurie Whitworth has served as CEO of the Harmony House since 2006 and says her center uses a multi-disciplinary approach to these kinds of cases.

"That means that you have a team of professionals working on these kinds of cases," Whitworth said.

Whitworth says the team of professionals includes district attorneys' offices, law enforcement, mental health professionals, Division of Family and Children Services, school system professionals and medical professionals. Each county in the circuit has its own multi-disciplinary team to handle cases.

"What channels do we need to go through to ensure that a child is getting a forensic interview, getting that sexual examination involved, getting law enforcement and child protective services involved," Whitworth said.

These multi-disciplinary teams from across the region traveled to Hartwell for the Summit and heard from keynote speaker Dr. Stephen Messner of Children's Health Care of Atlanta.



(Photo submitted)

Harmony House CEO Laurie Whitworth (left) and child abuse pediatrician Dr. Stephen Messer of Children's Health Care of Atlanta during the Northeast Georgia Sexual Assault Summit.

Dr. Messner works in consultation with Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children about matters pertinent to child protection.

As one of five child abuse pediatricians in the state of Georgia, Dr. Messer has seen all forms of abuse and

neglect and looks for trends in the patients he sees.

"We can advocate for these children when the juries are well-informed," Messner said.

Messner outlined the staggering statistics that one in ninety children are victims of abuse and neglect according to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System. Additionally, many victims are less than a year old. That number is twice as high as teenagers.

Messner educated Summit goers on the type of injuries associated with abuse but noted that while there are specific types of fractures that indicate abuse, 90 percent of child abuse diagnoses come from family medical history.

Messner said that child abuse victims are easier to spot because of the makeup of their bones.

"Pediatric bones are different from adult bones," Messner said. "They have a higher percentage of cartilage. Because their bones are softer, they can break in multiple places. Head injury is the most common form of death. Tiny fractures can go unnoticed."

Messner said that child abuse and neglect span across all age ranges and socioeconomic groups.

The Summit also heard from human trafficking expert Jessica Lamb, the founder of ARI. Lamb has built a network of tattoo artists who provide services to survivors of commercial exploitation.

Melanie McNeil and Elizabeth Schulze from the Georgia Department of Human Services educated the audience on the growing trends in elder abuse.

Whitworth says she truly appreciates all the multidisciplinary team members who work tirelessly for the community's special victims.

"You are the experts in this field, and we cannot do this without you," Whitworth said. "It's a big village. One person can't do it, two people can't do it. We need a whole team."

# State senators to take on commercial trucker shortage

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief, Capitol Beat News Service

The Georgia Senate is about to tackle a persistent shortage of workers in one of the state's key industries: commercial trucking.

A Senate study committee formed to find solutions to an inadequate supply of truck drivers will hold its first meeting this coming Wednesday.

"It's been an issue for awhile," said Seth Millican, executive director of the Georgia Transportation Alliance, an affiliate of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. "The pandemic and supply chain crunch we saw directed a lot of attention to it."

The shortage is being felt particularly in long-haul trucking. Millican said many drivers have been lured away from the long-haul segment of the industry by the growth in e-commerce that accompanied the pandemic and has continued as Georgians become accustomed to the convenience.

"People who had never been online shopping became one during the pandemic," Millican said.

"A lot of drivers are working for Amazon," added state Sen. Jason Anavitarte, R-Dallas, who will chair the study committee. "They still drive a truck, but they can go home at night."

Like many other industries, com-

mercial trucking is suffering from an aging workforce.

Ray Perren, the Technical College System of Georgia's (TCSG) deputy commissioner for technical education, said more than half of the commercial trucking workforce is within five years of retirement.

The technical college system has been working for the past decade to train young Georgians to replace those retiring truckers. An initiative then-Gov. Nathan Deal launched in 2013 to offer full tuition coverage through the HOPE Grant program for technical college students pursuing certain high-demand careers includes commercial truck driving.

Enrollment in the TCSG's commercial trucking program increased by 24% during the last school year to more than 2,600 students, Perren said.

"We took a dip during the pandemic, but it's coming back strong," he said.

The technical college system recently was awarded an \$8.3 million state grant to expand the program, which already is offered at 19 of the system's 22 technical colleges. West Georgia Technical College in LaGrange has just opened a new trucking range, and ranges are being built at technical colleges in Columbus and Augusta, Perren said.

Still, Perren said there are challenges to training enough students to meet the growing need for truck drivers. He

said one obstacle is Georgians' attitudes toward a technical college education.

"There's so much emphasis on getting a four-year degree," he said.

Perren said parents and students don't realize there's good money to be made in commercial truck driving. Graduates of the technical college system's five-week commercial trucking program earn starting salaries of at least \$42,000 a year, he said.

"That's not a bad salary for a five-week training program," he said. "There's a lot of earning potential in this career."

Perren said another obstacle to churning out more commercial truck drivers is that – unlike other TCSG high-demand career programs – high school students can't earn dual enrollment credits because Georgians must be 18 to get a learner's permit to drive commercial trucks.

Millican said the General Assembly could help address the shortage of truckers through tort reform, a cause the Georgia Chamber has embraced for years.

"In Georgia, it's often exorbitantly expensive or impossible to insure a driver with less than two years of experience," he said.

Millican said other steps lawmakers could take to make trucking a more attractive career choice would be to support initiatives aimed at reducing



## Gaines keeps poinsettia thriving

Hartwell resident Lois Gaines' poinsettia she received as a gift from Coile and Hall Funeral Home last Christmas is thriving this summer in her living room. When asked how she keeps her plant thriving, Gaines said, "I water it every four days with half a cup of water and I also speak to it every morning and night."

(Photo submitted)

chronic traffic congestion – particularly in the Atlanta region – and identifying and securing more parking options for big rigs.

Anavitarte said the committee likely will hold two or three meetings around the state before a final meeting in Atlanta in November to finalize recommendations for the full Senate to consider during the 2024 legislative session.

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I am Christopher Lamont Martin, and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for City Council in the upcoming November election.

I am a proud native of Hartwell, Ga, born to the late Robert and Loretta Martin. My beloved father worked in manufacturing while my mother provided my siblings and me with a loving and nurturing home. I am the eldest of the Martin family of 5 and have been a citizen of this great city my entire life.

I have been serving my community and surrounding counties for 24 years in my profession of the Healthcare field, holding certification in nursing assistant in two states, Georgia and South Carolina. I take pride in caring for others, especially the sick and the elderly. Not only do I provide my hands of service to the sick and elderly, but I also serve as the assistant funeral director at Mack's Funeral Home, serving 21 years and counting of providing services to many families in their time of bereavement.


As your next City Councilman, my top priority will be ALL citizens of the City of Hartwell, working alongside my fellow council members to maintain a balanced budget for the city so that the needs of our community are met. I am asking for your vote in this upcoming November election.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to contribute to my campaign, please feel free to email me at [chrismartin1958@gmail.com](mailto:chrismartin1958@gmail.com).



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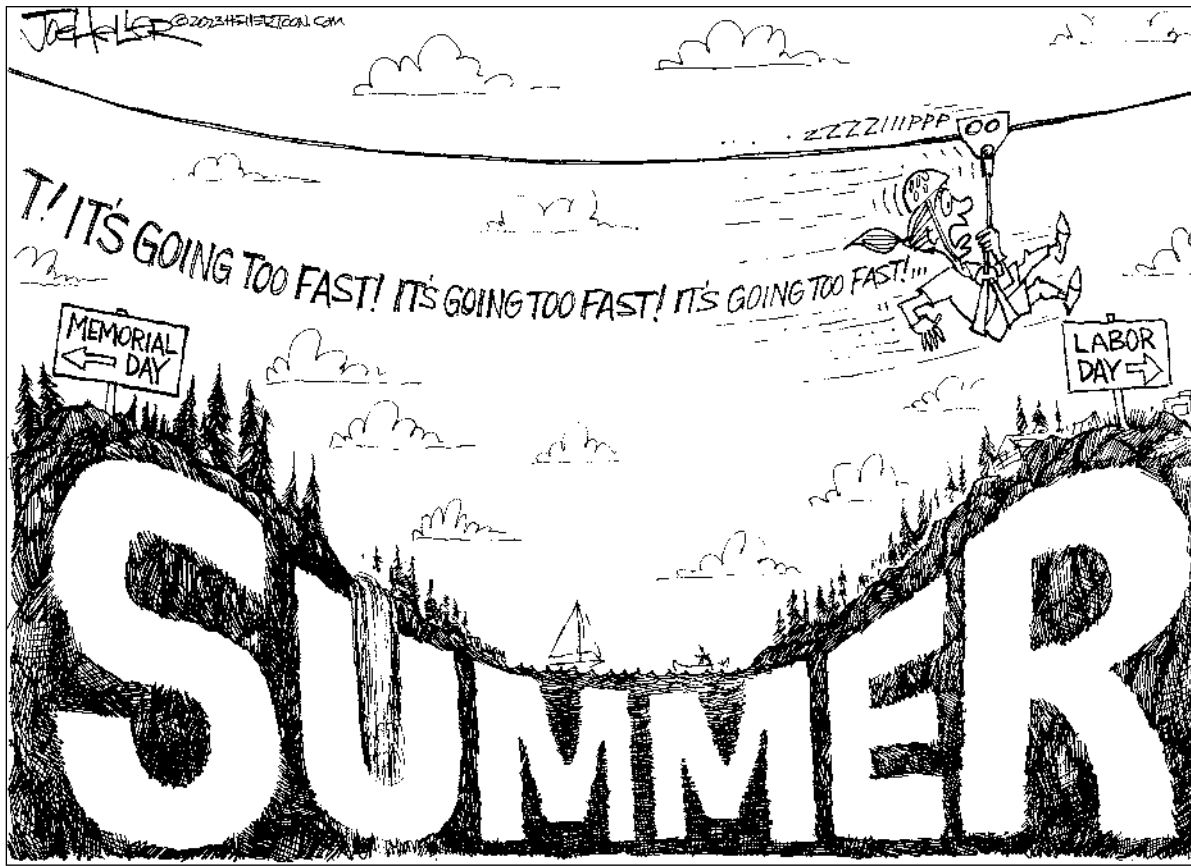


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COLUMN | MY OPINION

## Looking forward to becoming part of #OneHartBeat

As a lover of history, the story of Hartwell's namesake Nancy Morgan Hart has always fascinated me.



**Patrick Fargason**  
Editor/  
Publisher

I'm sure you're very familiar with the legend, but it goes something like this...During the Revolutionary War, Hart was forced to quarter Redcoat soldiers in her home, where she fed them turkey and copious amounts of alcohol.

Once those men were good and drunk, Hart held them at gunpoint and demanded they stay still. Several soldiers refused to heed her demands and were shot and killed instantly. Hart, nicknamed 'War Woman' by the local Native Americans, proved she'd use whatever means necessary to protect her home, property, and way of life.

As a Savannah, Ga native, my hometown shares a similar story.

In late 1864, Union General William Sherman marched the length of Georgia, burning every piece of property in his wake, and Savannahians feared hell headed their way. When Union troops reached Fort McAllister just outside the city, its leaders devised a plan to distract Sherman and his men the only way they knew how: by throwing a proper party.

My ancestors drowned Sherman and his troops in Chatham Artillery Punch, and by the end of the night, those boys were so inebriated that Sherman did something entirely out of character. He spared the city of Savannah from scorched Earth.

On Dec. 22, 1865, Sherman's telegram to President Abraham Lincoln read like drunk text.

"I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah," Sherman decreed.

In both cases, alcohol might have been the means to an end, but the story's point remains: Savannahians, like Hartwellians, are proud of their history and will do whatever it takes to preserve it.

With that mindset and nearly 23 years of experience in journalism, I pen this piece as the new publisher and managing editor of the Hartwell Sun. I come to Hart County with my wife Renee, who serves as the Assistant Vice President of Public Affairs for Piedmont University, and our three children Logan, Reid, and Vivian.

My vision for this historic weekly paper that John McGill founded in 1876 is to tell the story of the places and people that make Hart County unique.

From the small businesses driving the local economy on Howell Street to the local athletes giving their all for their community on the ball fields of Hart County High School, we plan to tell their stories in a way that would make Nancy Hart proud.

Make no mistake, this paper's news won't be all sunshine and roses. We will provide insight through our coverage into those who govern every inch of the 257 square miles encompassing Hart County.

Over the last 13 years, I've worked in Florida's capital city of Tallahassee in the administrations of two Governors: Rick Scott and Ron DeSantis. Florida has operated as an open government state for many years, claiming "sunshine" as the most stringent disinfectant to corruption.

That's the mantra that will drive our coverage of local government. We want to keep our residents here in Hartwell abreast of what their leaders say and do.

As Thomas Jefferson so eloquently stated, "The defense of democracy is an informed electorate." Accordingly, the Sun's mission during my tenure will be to keep each of our subscribers well-informed.

Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible through local civic organizations, government meetings, and of course, Friday Night Lights at Pete Herndon Stadium.

While I'm not a native of Hartwell, I hope the coverage of your community makes you all forget that little insignificant detail. As we move forward, I charge each of you to send me your story ideas. The only way to learn my way around this town is through the comments, suggestions, and even constructive criticism the local community provides.

As we meet, I want to share with you that I am one of the three million Americans who suffer from stuttering. As I get to know y'all, I'd ask for a little grace and patience as I shake your hands, because sometimes the words jumble themselves out of my mouth.

My inbox is always open at editor@hartwellsun.com, and I can't wait to hear from you and learn what makes this place tick. If the motto of the Hart County Bulldogs rings true, we all share #OneHartBeat, and that includes your gracious community publisher.

COLUMN | MY OPINION

## Sonny will live forever in the hearts and souls of Bulldogs

If I were blindfolded, and you paraded a thousand people by me to speak, I could have picked Sonny Seiler out of the masses.

My friend was Savannah-proud, and his distinctive voice could not be mistaken.

Neither could his or his family's allegiance to the University of Georgia.

The Seilers will be forever famous and beloved for sharing 67 years—so far—of their English bulldogs as UGA's mascot. What started as a happenstance—when Sonny was in UGA's law school—became a tradition that launched their line of pets to nationwide stardom. How Sonny's wife, Cecilia

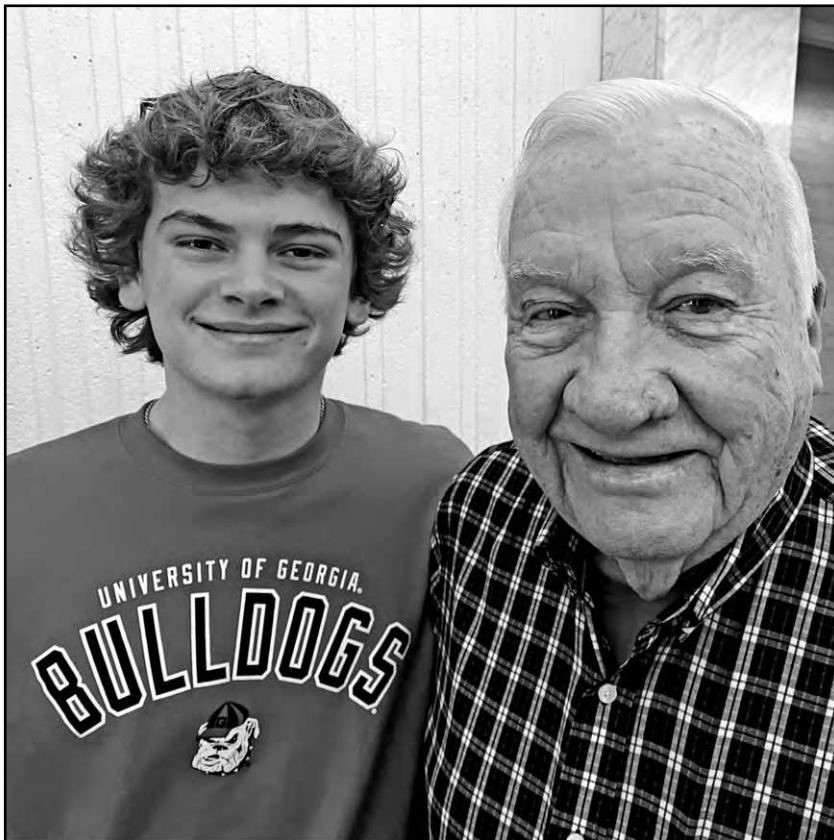
handcrafted their first bulldog's sweater—sporting a "G"—is a legend. In 1997, Uga V graced the cover of Sports Illustrated as America's best college mascot. Sonny gave me a paw-print-autographed edition.

And when the call came



**Dink NeSmith**  
CNI

him as a member of UGA's athletic board of directors. Our friendship was instant. We swapped Jesup and Savannah stories. Sonny was a natural-born raconteur. One of his favorite stories was about the time he was sent to Long County to investigate alleged voting irregularities. He always added, "And I still drive very slowly through Ludowici."



There are many things that I admired about Sonny. One was that my friend always took time to make our grandchildren feel special. Grandson Hayes Wilson got several chances to visit with Sonny on New Year's Eve 2022, when the Bulldogs beat Ohio State, 42-41, in Atlanta. The last time I visited with Sonny was in April at the annual Wally's Boys reunion. Dapper as always, Sonny wore his black blazer, with pocket handkerchief, and Gucci loafers.

Aug. 28 that Sonny, 90, had died, time stood still. Footage of a "highlights film" began to roll through our 40-plus years of friendship.

\*If you rallied for the Red and Black, you "knew"—from a distance—Sonny Seiler and his bulldog. In the early 1980s, I sat next to

served as presidents of the University of Georgia Alumni Association. I will miss our annual past-president dinner reunions. Sonny was always the most dapper in attendance.

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— Thomas Jefferson



COLUMN | MY OPINION

# Wake Up America: We are at a Crossroads for Survival Part IV

This will be the final paper in the series, 'Wake up America'.

As I listen to the news on TV every night, I am completely overwhelmed by what I am seeing and hearing from Far-Left TV stations that our Southern Border is secure, crime in our major cities is under control, we are better educating our children to consider all types of sexual orientation, etc. Nothing could be further from the truth and those who perpetuate these lies do great harm to the stability of America. The Democrat Party is making a Far-Left move in keeping with Barack Obama's directive to fundamentally change America.

What we want most for America is God's plan to help us to be the light shining on a hill that we once were. This is not going to happen doing what we have been doing, since one can easily see that this is not the America that God put in motion in 1776 or even what this writer experienced in the 1940's. We have an enemy within our walls who has a plan to destroy us as a Democratic Republic; ignoring this problem further can only result in an America we don't recognize.

**Issues that deeply undermine the future of America:**

1. The Southern Border – Over five million undocumented refugees from over 25 nations have crossed our Southern border since President Biden took office. Many are true refugees, some are of questionable character, some are bringing in deadly drugs, etc. This devastating situation was brought about, not only due to a humanitarian crisis, but also in order to bring in millions of potential voters for the Democrat Party.



**Eugene Ashby**  
Local Columnist

In addition, there is an effort by the Far Left to weaken America by overloading our schools, hospitals, police departments and our economy in order to produce a sense of discord throughout the country. No one yet has explained to the American people how we are to finance the billions of dollars needed for all these people for food, housing, medical support, schooling, jobs, etc.

2. Racial Divide – There is a continual effort to promote racial unrest in order to undermine the stability of America in spite of the obvious ways in which major progress has already been made.

3. Reparations for African Americans – In California, the idea is to provide at least 1.4 million dollars per person in order to make up for racial injustices of the past. America has closed the era of racial injustices and many black citizens today are in full possession of the "American Dream", especially for those who have prepared for the future. Although, white people today are not responsible for what their ancestors did before they were born; never the less; Christian justice, demands that some help be given to black Americans in order to make up for past injustices. The amount of money suggested, if provided, would bankrupt the state of California; just what the Marx-

ist wish to achieve by this endeavor. A more intelligent way to provide justice to those who still feel the injustices of the past, is not to give everyone a large sum of money that in most cases would be quickly spent and not solve any problems, but rather to give financial assistance, (75 percent of tuition to a state supported college) for each of their children.

4. Internal turmoil – Far left Marxist in our government (AOC, Bernie Sanders and company) have publicly stated their desire to remove our present government for one that is more Marxist oriented. Their motive is to weaken our government by expenditures for an unusual number of projects in order to increase our unsustainable debt.

5. Education – Probably the most important area in which America is being attacked is in the area of the Woke influence on the education of our children, starting in kindergarten. Critical Race Theory and early exposure to sexual topics are already being pushed in schools around the country. The destructiveness of Progressive Education began with the book, "Summerhill: a Radical Approach to Childrearing" published in 1960. The extreme influence of the Frankfurt School, Wilhelm Reich, Dewey, Bloom, Neill, etc., will be presented at a later date. Education of our children will determine the future of America!

6. Climate Change and the Green New Deal – America's shift from fossil fuels to electricity undermines the financial and military security of America (to be discussed in detail at a later date).

**NESMITH**

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\*One day, Sonny called. He said, "Tell me about a young man from Jesup." My advice was simple: "Hire Michael Conner." For years, Sonny thanked me profusely. When the senior partner went to trial, he wanted Michael sitting with him at the courtroom table.

\*Once, I got tangled in a civil lawsuit, a business-deal disagreement. I retained Sonny for his legal savvy, but I got a bonus. The courtroom got caught up in Sonny's celebrity. Everybody wanted to shake his hand and get a picture taken with the owner of Uga. A footnote to the commotion: We won.

\*My friend was a fisherman, and Sonny wanted to "catch some of those ol' big bream in the Altamaha Swamp." I arranged the adventure. And every time since then—when I saw him—Sonny asked, "When are we going again?" When Swann saw the photos, she shrieked, "You let Daddy ride a 4-wheeler?" I can still hear Sonny laughing.

\*When Alvin Leaphart was alive, the attorney was always writing his next novel. Alvin wanted to meet Dr. William Harris, author of Delirium of the Brave. I spun my Rolodex to Sonny's number. Shortly thereafter, Alvin and his wife, Beverly, and I were tucked into a booth at Johnny Harris' Restaurant with Sonny and Dr. Harris, who had written the Savannah-based page-turner. That was a classic Sonny Seiler evening. Why didn't I record it?

\*English bulldogs made the Seilers famous. John Berendt's Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil made Sonny a star on the big screen. When director Clint Eastwood was scheduled to film a segment in Sonny's law office, I got a call. Sonny invited us to come watch. We were in Sugar Creek, Ohio, at an Amish team-driving school. Pam caught the first plane out, and I stayed with the mammoth Belgian draft horses. Pam; our son, Eric; and his sister, Emily, sat a few feet away from the action.

Sonny hosted us at the red-carpet premiere. Our seats were three rows from the front, directly behind Lady Chablis Deveau, the cast's most colorful character. I wish that I had recorded that conversation, too.

Ahhhh, the memories.

So many more.

Sonny, my friend, your spirit will be alive in my heart and soul for as long as I live.



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# The Blotter

## The Hart County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

Aug. 22

Tammy Bellew, 34, of Elberton was arrested and charged with probation violation - burglary in the first degree, suspended license, entering a vehicle, theft by taking, and DUI.

Jessica McDowell, 26, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with probation violation - suspended or revoked registration.

Aug. 23

Trent Bailey, 33, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with sexual exploitation of a child.

Matthew Ramey, 36, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with failure to stop at a stop sign, possession of a controlled substance - ecstasy, probation violation, aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer when engaged on official duty, driving on the wrong side of the road, failure to maintain lane, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, obstruction of an officer, passing in a no passing zone, reckless driving, speeding, suspended, canceled, or revoked registration, and tag light illumination required.

Aug. 24

Destiny Outz, 22, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with probation violation - aggravated assault, aggravated battery, battery - family violence, and cruelty to children in the third de-

gree.

Corey Vaughn, 29, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with battery - family violence and cruelty to children in the third degree.

Aug. 25

Jessica Dubroc, 41, of Lavonia was arrested and charged with driving without license on person, possession of marijuana, open container in vehicle, and theft by taking.

Carolyn Quick, 38, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with standards for brake lights and signal devices and driving without a license.

Aug. 26

Tiffany Cooper, 33, of Bowersville was arrested and charged with probation violation - battery.

Rico Adams, 45, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with DUI, possession of marijuana, and windshield and windshield wipers.

Aug. 27

Michael Young, 52, of Anderson, S.C., was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, and terroristic threats and acts.

Aug. 28

Jonathan Sorrows, 17, of Bowersville was arrested and charged with possession of a vape and prohibited acts related to tobacco products.

## The Hart County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:

Aug. 21

Deputies responded to Royston Highway in reference to theft by taking.

Aug. 23

A deputy conducted a traffic stop near Reed Creek Highway and arrested and charged a subject with aggravated assault on peace officer, obstruction of officers, driving without a license, driving a motor vehicle with invalid registration or and suspended vehicle tag registration, speeding, reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, driving on the wrong side of the road, passing in a no passing zone, failure to maintain lane, and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Deputies responded to B Bailey Road in reference to theft by taking.

Deputies responded to Cane Creek Road in reference to battery.

Aug. 25

Deputies responded to Anderson Highway in reference to a civil dispute.

Aug. 27

Deputies responded to Anderson Highway in reference to terroristic threats and acts, disorderly conduct, and public drunkenness.

Aug. 28

Deputies responded to Carlton Drive in reference to harassing communications.

## The Hartwell Police Department reported the following arrests:

Aug. 22

Arturo Ramirez, 29, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and improper lane change.

Aug. 23

Bradley Turner, 27, was arrested and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Aug. 26

Joshua Lara, 25, was arrested and charged with driving a motor vehicle with an invalid registration,

## The Hartwell Police Department reported the following incidents:

Aug. 22

An officer conducted a traffic stop near West Franklin Street and arrested and charged a subject with driving without a license and improper lane change.

Aug. 23

Officers responded to West Howell Street in reference to theft by shoplifting.

Officers responded to Hart County High School in reference

to purchase, possession, or receipt of vapor products by persons under the age of 21 prohibited.

Officers responded to Frontage Road in reference to damage to the car wash and vehicle.

Officers responded to Hart County High School in reference to possession of drug related objects and tampering with evidence.

Aug. 24

Officers responded to Hart County High School in reference to sale, possession, or distribution of drug related objects by minors.

Officers responded to Skelton Homes in reference to disorderly conduct.

Officers responded to Hardy Street in reference to harassing communications.

Aug. 25

Officers responded to Nancy Drive in reference to burglary in the first degree.

Aug. 26

An officer conducted a traffic stop near West Franklin Street and arrested and charged a subject with driving a motor vehicle with an invalid registration, suspended vehicle tag registration.

Officers responded to Slaton Avenue in reference to burglary in the first degree.

Aug. 27

Officers responded to Liberty Circle in reference to stalking.

## GREEN

months after the Cobb family filed a civil suit against Green and YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont where Green served as an assistant coach of the Twisters gymnastics team.

The 39-page complaint alleges Green began grooming Jennifer Cobb during Twisters overnight lock-in parties hosted by the local YMCA beginning as early as 2012.

"Throughout the entire course of his inappropriate relationship with Jennifer, Green never told Jennifer that his conduct was illegal or otherwise improper," the complaint states.

Regarding the YMCA where the Twisters practice, the complaint states, "YMCA Piedmont never provided any training for any of the Twisters coaches, many of whom were young adults themselves, concerning how to recognize, identify, investigate, respond to, report, or prevent child sex abuse."

Furthermore, the complaint alleges that the YMCA "knew or should have known"

that Green was likely to abuse his position of power and sexually assault girls but did not restrict him from interacting with the gymnasts.

"Despite its knowledge, YMCA Piedmont did not take any action, including failing to notify Jennifer's parents, failing to notify any authorities, and failing to conduct any further investigation into Green's abuse of Jennifer or other gymnasts," the complaint stated.

Following the bond modification hearing, attorney Kara Phillips representing the Cobb family in the civil suit said, "Jennifer Cobb's family is thankful and relieved that the court denied Jeremy Green's motion to remove house arrest as a condition of his bond. They thank and commend DA Parks White and his team's opposition to Green's motion on behalf of the State. Finally, they thank the community who came out to support Jennifer."

Phone calls to the attorneys for YMCA Piedmont for comment were unreturned prior to publication.

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### Linder Brown

Thomas Linder Brown, 83, of Fairview Avenue, Hartwell, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023, at his home.

Born on June 5, 1940, in Elberton, he was the son of the late Luther Q. Brown and Ruby Crawford Brown Sayer. Mr. Brown was a tool and die operator for Anderson Machine & Tooling. Linder was a veteran of the U.S. Army, served in the Army Reserves, and served in the Georgia Army National Guard. He was an ordained deacon, and a member of the Sardis Baptist Church where he was a member of the Pathfinders Sunday School class. He also participated in the Wednesday Night Supper Club with his friends. Linder was an avid golfer, and was a member and past president of the Hartwell Golf Club. He was also an avid fisherman, and was a member of the Lake Hartwell Bass Club. Linder was also a member of the Nancy Hart Masonic Lodge #690, and former member of the Lake Hartwell Shrine Club. Linder very much loved spending time with his four grandsons.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Betty J. Martin Brown; son, Stacy Brown and Jennifer of Hartwell; daughter, Sherry B. Winn and Brian of Elberton; and four grandsons: Tyler Winn and Kailey of Elberton, Tanner Winn of Athens, Landon Brown and Jessie Yeargin of Elberton, and Andrew Brown of Hartwell. Mr. Brown is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Joel and Gerald A. Brown.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 28, in the Chapel of the Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell with the Revs. Michael Kimberly and John Silver officiating. Burial was in the Nancy Hart Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Christ Church, P.O. Box 1099, Hartwell, GA 30643. The Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell was in charge of all arrangements. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.stricklandfh.com](http://www.stricklandfh.com).

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### Jack Graham

Jack Russell Graham, 86, of Old 29 Hwy., Hartwell, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Brown Health & Rehab in Royston.

Born on November 23, 1936, in Royston, he was the son of the late James L.V. Graham and Mary Martin Graham. Mr. Graham was a cutting room supervisor for the Hartwell Garment Company, and a member of the Hartwell First United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the Sojourners. He also actively participated in the Hart County Relay for Life, and he was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his son, Tim Graham and Cindy of Cartersville, Ga.; sister, Sharon Graham of St. Augustine, Fla.; seven grandchildren: Stephanie Graham, Andrew Graham, Garrett Graham, Arielle Graham, Abigail Graham, Becca Black, and Allison Rippey; and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Graham is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Patricia "Pat" Cobb Graham; one son, Scott Graham; one daughter, Kim Graham; two sisters, Louise Lewis and Lavern Black; and one grandchild, Conner Graham.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the Hartwell First United Methodist Church with Dr. R. Allen Stewart officiating. Burial was in the Nancy Hart Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163, or at you donate through their website at <https://give.michaeljfox.org/give/421686#!/donation>.

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### Dwight McClain

Donald "Dwight" McClain, 77, of Liberty Hill Church Road, Hartwell, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023, at his home.



Born on December 9, 1945, in Clovis, NM, he was the son of the late Don McClain and Judy Frye McClain. Mr. McClain was a retired foreman for LHP Corp, and was a member of the Sardis Baptist Church where he was a deacon and served on the Disaster Relief Team. Dwight was a member of the Nancy Hart Masonic Lodge #690, and an avid fisherman and hunter.

Survivors include his wife, June Floyd McClain of Hartwell; son, Elijah McClain of Hartwell; and two granddaughters: Katelyn and Savannah McClain. Mr. McClain is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Pat Lovell.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, August 28, in the Chapel of the Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell with the Rev. John Silver and Mr. Joe Martin Brown officiating. Burial was in the Nancy Hart Memorial Park with Masonic Rites.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell was in charge of all arrangements. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.stricklandfh.com](http://www.stricklandfh.com).

#### DEATH NOTICES

• **Bobbie Allen**, 79, of Elberton, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2023. A funeral service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton is in charge.

• **Sammy Hart**, 73, of Royston, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2023. A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 28, in the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel in Royston.

• **Arthur Allen**, 77, of Dewy Rose, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Chapel of Coile and Hall Funeral Directors in Hartwell.

• **Joe Turner**, 68, of Elberton, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023. A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Mack's Funeral Home - Elberton Chapel.

• **Ron Brooks**, 83, of Hartwell, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Reed Creek Baptist Church. Strickland Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hartwell is in charge of arrangements.

• **Lois Sewell**, 87, of Canon, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, in the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel in Royston. Family will receive friends at 1 p.m. until funeral hour on Thursday.

• **Lois Sewell**, 87, of Canon, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, in the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel in Royston. Family will receive friends at 1 p.m. until funeral hour on Thursday.

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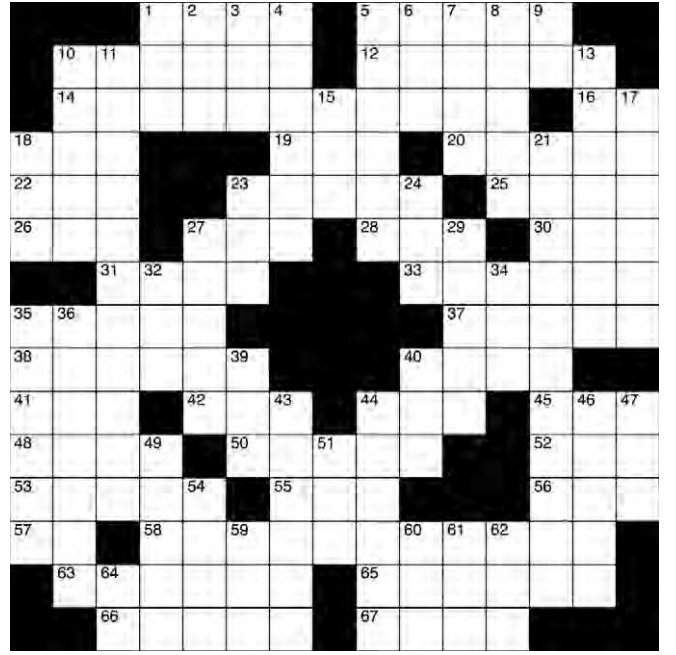
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#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Hot meal
5. Razor clams
10. Blood-sucking African fly
12. Chauvinists
14. Windy City football player
16. An alternative
18. Federal Housing Administration
19. Styles hair
20. Arabic female name
22. Paddle
23. Area once separated from Germany
25. Marketplace
26. Gode Airport
27. Upset
28. Where wrestlers sweat
30. Garland
31. Robert \_\_\_, poet
33. An iPad is one
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Della \_\_\_, singer
38. Women's clothing retailer
40. Mailed
41. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Month
48. Nanosecond
50. Domestic
52. What a boy becomes
53. Breezes (anc. Greek)
55. Jogged
56. At the stern
57. Lawrencium
58. Destructive to both sides
63. Arterias
65. Removes
66. Pretentious people
67. Tropical Asian plant

#### CLUES DOWN

3. Land of the free
4. Formed an opinion of
5. Logo
6. No (Scottish)
7. Leaves tissue
8. Sacred state to Muslims
9. Thus
10. African nation
11. Someone who has a stake in
13. Parties
15. Subsystem producers
17. Large, flightless birds
18. Compromises visibility
21. A ballet enthusiast
23. More (Spanish)
24. Skeletal muscle
27. Hands (Span.)
29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big \_\_\_
35. Unkeyed
36. Break between words
39. Ink (slang)
40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Curdled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
49. Type of terrier
51. Disfigure
54. Innermost cell layers
59. Bar bill
60. Distinct period of history
61. Mode of transportation
62. Equal (prefix)
64. Operating system



#### CLUES DOWN

1. Type of whale
2. Type of medication

### WORD SEARCH

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

### SUDOKU PUZZLE

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

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle.

Answer shown below.

#### Answers to Sudoku

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

#### Answers to Word Search

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

# LOCAL MATTERS





**Chamber holds ribbon cutting for Blue Cielo Farms**

The Hart County Chamber of Commerce came together for a ribbon cutting last week to welcome Blue Cielo to the Hart County business community. Blue Cielo Farms promises more than just the pleasures of sipping exquisite wine. They host many weekly activities, games, and even book clubs, ensuring that every visit becomes a cherished memory.

(Photo submitted)

**MUSEUM**

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ty is important, according to HCHS board member, Linda Harris. "I taught history for three years and you learn from your past," she said, "but I don't think we're doing a good job learning right now. I'm opposed to destroying historical things such as statues,

you can't change history but you can learn from it."

Currently, the museum is open one day a week. "We're only open on Friday

because we can't afford to pay anybody. So board members take turns opening the museum," Harris explained. "We're open on

Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., but if anyone wanted to bring a small group, we would be willing to come at a different time."

HCHS board members are currently working on plans to increase membership, raise funds and also raise awareness particularly with tourists, schools, the local community and history buffs.


A recent fundraising event took place on Friday, Aug. 18 with the sale of hotdog and hamburger plates at First Baptist Church of Hartwell. With the help of volunteers from the Methodist church who assisted in preparing the food, the event raised over \$2,700.

Additionally, the Historical Society, in partnership with the Pine Tree Garden Club, was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$1000 through the National Garden Club grant program. The money will be used to help finance the installation of a student-designed landscape plan provided through the University of Georgia (UGA) Archway Partnership program.


Annual and lifetime memberships are available for anyone who would like to tangibly support the mission of the Hart County Historical Society. Annual memberships range from \$25 to \$250 and a Lifetime membership is \$500. Volunteers are also needed. Areas of service include the care and maintenance of the building and grounds, display and archives, membership drive, publicity and publications, special events and fundraising.

In addition to future fundraising events, an annual membership meeting is being planned. Society members are also invited to attend monthly board meetings which take place every second Tuesday of the month, at 11 a.m. at the museum.

Anyone interested in membership or volunteering is encourage to contact the Historic Society at (706) 376-6330 or email hartcohistoc@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to contribute historical items related to Hart County please contact the museum at (706) 376-6330 or by emailing hartcohistoc@gmail.com.



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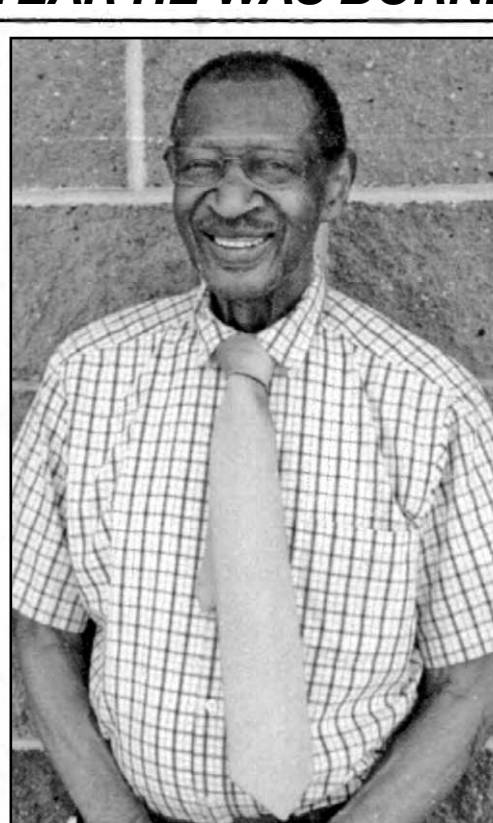
- \* Nellie Tayloe Ross becomes Governor of Wyoming, the first female governor in the United States.
- \* The motel concept originates with the Motel Inn of San Luis Obispo, California, originally called the Milestone Mo-Tel, constructed by Arthur Heineman.
- \* F. Scott Fitzgerald publishes The Great Gatsby.
- \* The Chrysler Corporation is founded by Walter Percy Chrysler.
- \* Calvin Coolidge becomes the first President of the United States to have his inauguration broadcast on radio.

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**SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS**

**NFL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER:**  
Chicago Cardinals

**MLB WORLD SERIES:**  
Pittsburgh Pirates (NL) defeats Washington Senators (AL) to win the 1925 World Series by 4 games to 3.

**STANLEY CUP:**  
Victoria Cougars defeats Montreal Cana-diens in the 1925 Stanley Cup Finals

**GOLF:**  
Willie Macfarlane wins the U.S. Open.



**ON THE BIG SCREEN**

The Gold Rush,  
The Big Parade,  
Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ, The Phantom of the Opera, Seven Chances, The Freshman, Stella Dallas,

**POPULAR BOOKS**

The Great Gatsby,  
An American Tragedy,  
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The Professor's House,  
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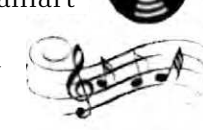
**IN Style**

**WOMEN**  
Art Deco fashion  
Felt hats, Bonnets  
Chemise dresses  
High heeled shoes

**MEN**  
Knickerbockers  
Wingtip shoes  
Custom tailored suits  
Fedora & newsboy hats

**ON THE RADIO**

"Sweet Georgia Brown" - Ben Bernie  
"The Prisoner's Song" - Vernon Dalhart  
"St. Louis Blues" Bessie Smith  
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"Tea For Two" - Marion Harris



**20'S SLANG**

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# Anniversary



## Saylor's celebrated 70 years

Jerry and Katrenia Saylor of Bowersville celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sunday with family and friends at their home. The couple was married Aug. 22, 1953. The celebration was sponsored by their children, Gail Leopard and Jerry Saylor Jr., and eight grandchildren. They also have 18 great-grandchildren.

(Photo submitted)

## FARGASON

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ing lake community and tell the stories that need telling.”

Community journalism is something Fargason says is in his blood.

“My great-grandmother Grace Hemphill Rodgers was the publisher of the Abbeville (SC) Press & Banner for decades in the small town right across from Lake Hartwell,” Fargason said. “Running a small-town newspaper is a job I’ve waited my whole life for.”

“Patrick’s passion for local journalism and storytelling is second to none,” CNI Chairman Alan NeSmith said.

“I’m excited to watch The Hartwell Sun thrive under Patrick’s leadership. He’s excited about the opportunity and we are proud to have him as the newest member of CNI.”

Prior to his move to Florida, Fargason was a prep sports reporter for his hometown paper, the Savannah Morning News, and produced two conservative talk radio programs on WTKS and WBMQ in Savannah.

Fargason and his wife Renee, who serves as the Assistant Vice President of Public Affairs for Piedmont University, have three children Logan, Reid, and Vivian.

## BOWERSVILLE

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for recall are that an elected official “has committed an act or acts of malfeasance while in office; has violated his or her oath of office; has committed an act of misconduct in office; is guilty of a failure to perform duties presented by law; or has willfully misused, converted or misappropriated, without authority, public property or public f[un]ds entrusted to o[r] associated with the elective office to which the official has been elected or appointed.”

Dickerson went on to include that the next portion of the code states that the “discretionary performance of a lawful act or a prescribed duty shall not constitute a ground for recall of an elected public official.”

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Dickerson also argued that both Simpson and Dickerson “acted in total and legal compliance with the law of Georgia and the Charter of the Town of Bowersville,” as the Official Code of Georgia allows “municipal corporation[s]” to deannex property.

Deannexation can be considered, according to Georgia law, after the municipal corporation receives a “a written and signed application of the owners of the land seeking deannexation” and a resolution is adopted by the “governing authority of the county.”

The issues surrounding the denexations began in relation to a series of controversial ordinances that placed certain restrictions on the construction and maintenance of poultry facilities within the town limits of Bowersville.

While the original ordinance, passed and then amended in 2016, granted the ability of new owners to be able to refurbish and maintain poultry facilities that already exist in Bowersville, the ordinance still restricted the construction of new poultry facilities within the town limits.

The uproar over the ordinance resulted in several town council members losing their seats in the 2020 election, and the current town council has tried to find ways to solve the issue.

Along with the petition, Dickerson included the “Resolution regarding deannexation” that was approved by the Hart County Board of Commissioners (BOC) March 14.

The approved resolution included 24 parcels in the Town of Bowersville requesting deannexation, including

individual parcels owned by current Bowersville Mayor Pruitt Manley, Kelvin Simpson – husband of council member Christie Simpson – and four parcels owned by council member Ted Yeargin.

After being approved by the BOC, the first wave of petitions were given a first read by Bowersville May 18.

Since the first reading of the original deannexation petitions, additional applications were brought before the BOC where they were granted. The second wave of petitions included that of another town council member, Melissa Holloway. The additional deannexation petitions were given a first read during Bowersville’s July 20 meeting.

The July 20 meeting also saw the second reading of the original deannexation petitions, except for the petition filed by Manley. The original petitions were all approved following the second read.

“If the governing authority of the county consents to the deannexation and the deannexation conforms with the requirements of this article, the governing authority of the municipal corporation shall approve such deannexation unless it finds that the deannexation would be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the area to be deannexed or to the area remaining within the municipality,” Dickerson continued in the petition, citing Georgia law.

Before approving, Dickerson said the council, including Simpson and Dean, were “specifically advised” of the Georgia law surrounding deannexation and that “there was no such finding of detriment or a finding of any evidence of the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the residents.”

Dickerson then included that the recall petition’s second fact that Simpson and Dean “refused to run the town according to its charter,” was “not a sufficient ground for recall.”

Dickerson said assuming the fact was “intended” for the ground of “failure to perform duties prescribed by law,” it would have to mean “the willful neglect or failure by an official to perform a duty imposed by statute.”

“There is no evidence or fact(s) of willful neglect or failure to perform a duty,” Dickerson wrote in the petitions. “Furthermore, the allegation of ‘refused to run the

## ELECTIONS

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as John Smith was the only person to qualify for mayor and Alicia Barnett was the only person to qualify for the Post 1 seat.

The Post 4 seat will see a race between Donna Burney and Joyce Rumsey.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 will be the last day for voters to register to vote in the Nov. 7 election.

Hart County Elections Coordinator Robin Webb said registered voters will, and may have already begun to receive precinct cards in the mail. After receiving a card, Webb encourages voters to “carefully review their name, address, county precinct and counting polling place if applicable.”

“Many voters will see changes in their district due to county redistricting conducted earlier this year,” Webb said.

Those needing to make name or address corrections may do so by completing and returning the card to the Hart County Board of Elections and Registration office at 182 Cade St. Suite B, or by visiting [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov).

“Voters can always check their voting information at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov) if they have any questions,” Webb said.

Applications for absentee ballots for the upcoming election are already being accepted by the Hart County Board of Election and Registration. Monday, Oct. 16 will be the first day absentee ballots will be mailed and Friday, Oct. 27 will be the last day to submit an application request.

Early voting will begin Monday, Oct. 16 and will be held through Friday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Saturday voting will be held on Oct. 11 and Oct. 18, also from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Early voting will take place at 182 Cade St., Suite C.

Absentee ballots can be returned to the Hart County Board of Elections and Registration during regular office hours or in the official drop box during advance voting hours only.

“Be prepared to show an ID to return a ballot,” Webb said. “Those eligible to return a ballot for another person will be asked to sign an affidavit.”

Election Day will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the respective precincts.

If required, a runoff will be held Dec. 5.

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# First LINDE + WIEMANN U.S. Inc. student successfully completes Mechatronics Apprenticeship Program

With around 2,400 dedicated employees at 19 locations in 8 countries on 4 continents, the LINDE + WIEMANN Group is a worldwide renowned partner in the automotive industry. LINDE + WIEMANN produces structural components for vehicle construction including Sills, A- and B-Pillars, and structural components in the Front End, Cockpit- and Chassis field. L+W's first facility in the US, located in Lavonia, Georgia, started production in 2017 and currently employs more than 100 people.

In 2019, L+W implemented a Mechatronics Technician Apprenticeship Program, which is a benchmark of the German Dual Vocational Education System and is the highest ranked apprenticeship. During the three-year program, apprentices receive on the job training at L+W and theoretical lecture at Lanier Technical College. Once completed, these apprentices become fully trained Mechatronics Technicians and receive a tuition free degree. This initiative is supported by the German Chamber of Commerce (GACC) in Atlanta and the Georgia Consortium for Advanced Technical Training (GA CATT). Currently, L + W has one apprentice in their first year of the program and one apprentice in the second year of the program.. Logan Forrester is the first apprentice that successfully completed the program in June 2023.

"The best part is, that I was able to get my Industrial Systems Technology Associate Degree at Lanier Technical College, while working at L+W. The company gave me a full school ride, meaning all my college fees, tuitions books etc. have been paid for. I even got paid for the hours I was onsite at the company, doing my hands-on training. This program allows me to start a



Left to right: Logan Forrester, Mechatronics Apprentice; Amelie Boscher, Apprenticeship Program Manager; John Hyde, Maintenance Manager & Apprenticeship Trainer

debt free career at L+W in the department of my choice", says Logan Forrester. And further: "During the program I was able to travel to one of our plants in Germany. It was awesome, as during the trip I got to know the German culture, different ways of working and I was even able take a short trip to Austria and Switzerland. I can definitely recommend this Mechatronics Program to other High Scholl grads, which are looking to combine theoretical and practical learning."

With completion of the program, L+W offered Logan a full-time position as a Maintenance Technician. While Logan decided to take the Maintenance route, the other apprentices are currently

leaning more towards the Production or Engineering Departments. During the three-year program, L+W apprentices get the chance to rotate between different departments. This is a fantastic opportunity for the apprentices to get to know all possible career opportunities within the company.

LINDE + WIEMANN would like to congratulate Logan for his great achievements and wishes him a successful career start at LINDE + WIEMANN!

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Left to right: Logan Forrester, Mechatronics Apprentice & John Hyde, Maintenance Manager & Apprenticeship Trainer – Lanier Technical College Graduation Day



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Left to right: Ms. Gina Raimondo, U.S. Secretary of Commerce; Logan Forrester, Mechatronics Apprentice; Manuele D'Aversa, CEO LINDE + WIEMANN U.S., Inc. – Select USA at the Swiss Embassy in Washington DC: panel discussion to share insides of L+W's dual vocational program



Left to right: Logan Forrester, Mechatronics Apprentice; Manuele D'Aversa, CEO LINDE + WIEMANN U.S., Inc. & Ms. Emily Harber, German Ambassador to the United States – Select USA at the Swiss Embassy in Washington DC: panel discussion to share insides of L+W's dual vocational program



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## VOLLEY DOGS ON 7 GAME WIN STREAK

By Benjamin London  
Staff writer

The Volley Dogs are rolling through their schedule, after three straight wins in the past week to push the win streak to seven games.

The Volley Dogs hosted the Razorbacks of Walhalla Aug. 24 in the Dog Pound, and Hart took care of business by winning in three sets by scores of, (25-22), (25-12), and (25-9).

Hart played it close in the first set against the Razorbacks, but Volley Dogs head coach Kate Beardsley was proud of how the girls rallied after a tough first set win.

“It was a really good game for us,” Beardsley said. “I was glad to see the competition in that first set and see them stay high and stay strong in those final two sets. It’s always good practice to play the best three out of five, because that’s how we go through our postseason. I liked how we found some areas in our defense that we need to work on. Walhalla had a target for that and it helps us get ready, because sooner or later, we will be playing that first region game against Oconee before we know it. I am always proud of our seniors and the way that they step up everyday. They push and talk to each other. Those things are big considering how many of them that we have. They lead us and help us be successful.”

Hart then traveled to Elbert County to take on the Blue Devils and also the Red Raiders of Madison County. Hart first took on Madison County and won in two sets by scores of (25-12) and (25-11).

See **VOLLEY** page 2B



Senior Dakota Phillips goes for the kill against Madison County Aug. 29 as she picked up wins against the Red Raiders in two sets and Elbert County in two sets.

Benjamin London/The Hartwell Sun



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Pictured from left is Nate Harris, Braydon Lane, and Luis Genchi as they placed in the Top 20 to propel the boys team to a fifth place overall finish in the North Georgia Championships Aug. 26 in Jefferson.

## Boys Cross Country earns fifth at North Georgia Championships

By Benjamin London  
Staff writer

The Hart County High School boys and girls cross country team competed in the North Georgia Championship in Jefferson Aug. 26, with the boys placing fifth overall.

For the boys, senior Braydon Lane was the top finisher for the Dogs placing 13th. Junior Nate Harris and senior Luis Genchi finished side-by-side in 18th and 19th place. Junior Harrison Krause placed 62nd and senior Damian Childress placed 81st and were the final finishers in the Top 100 for Hart. Sophomore Ethan Stovall placed 126th and junior Kaiden Carter placed 191st were the two finishers in the Top 200. Then freshman Sevyn Singleton placed 205th

See **COUNTRY** page 3B



## The Dogs prepare for their first road trip of the year

By Benjamin London  
Staff writer

After a 24-14 loss to rival Elbert County and a week off, the Dogs now prepare for their matchup against the Wildcats of Apalachee.

This will be the sixth meeting between the schools, as Hart is undefeated against the Wildcats in their previous five meetings. Their first meeting was in 2004 as former Dogs head coach Joey Scroggs led Hart to four consecutive wins. In 2004, Apalachee entered Region 8-AAA after being in Region 8-AA since 2000. After a close loss in the region opener to Stephens County, 10-6, Hart hammered the Wildcats 41-0. In 2005, Apalachee welcomed Shane Davis as the program’s second head coach. He was able to score on the Dogs, but lost 42-12 in his first meeting with Hart. Defense improved in year two for Davis’ squad but still fell 35-6 in 2006. In Apalachee’s final year in Region 8-AAA,

Hart maintained their winning ways against the Wildcats, and won 41-6 in 2007 before entering Region 8-AAAA in 2008. Davis went on to be the winningest coach in Wildcat football history. Capturing 48 wins, 59 losses, and one region championship, which is Apalachee’s lone region title.

Last season, Hart took on the Wildcats for the first time in 15 years. Nothing really changed as first year head coach for the Dogs Cory Dickerson and company took care of Apalachee in a 28-7 win to give Dickerson his first ever win as a head coach. Roles are reversed this year as Apalachee has a new face at the helm in Mike Hancock after Toni Lotti was relieved of his duties after going 13-38 over five seasons. Hancock was the Wildcats associate head coach and defensive coordinator before being promoted to head coach earlier this year. Hancock has stops at Logan-

ville, Chestatee, and a familiar school to Hart in Monroe Area.

Even with a new head coach taking over the Wildcats, they are still winless in their first two games of the season, and haven’t won a game since Nov. 5, 2021 against Jackson County at home 34-28. They also have not had a winning season since they won the region title with Davis in 2009. So far this season, they lost in the Battle of Barrow against Winder Barrow, 28-7. Then fell on the road last week against Central Gwinnett 50-7. Which means they have only scored 14 points, an average of seven per game, and surrendered 78 points, an average of 39 a game.

For Hart, it was a much needed week off after falling to the Blue Devils of Elbert County Aug. 18, 24-14. The biggest questions coming into the match up with Apalachee. “Is everyone healthy?” Multiple

See **FOOTBALL** page 3B

## Hart County wins the 2023 GHSA Spirit Sportsmanship Award



Photo Submitted

The GHSA Spirit Sportsmanship Award was presented before the Aug. 24 Lady Bulldogs softball game against Washington Wilkes. From left is Alexis Davis, Jazz Shealer, Georgia Public Broadcasting’s Jon Nelson, Hart County High School principal Kevin Gaines, Hart EMC’s Angie Brown, Lady Dogs head coach Katie Jo Gentry, Allie O’Bannon, and Gracie Cook.

Story Submitted  
by Hart County Schools

Congratulations to Hart County High School on earning the 2023-2024 GHSA Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award!

The Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award has been around since 2006. To be considered for this award, GHSA’s philosophy states: “Students, athletes,

coaches, spectators, and all others associated with high school activities should adhere to the fundamental values of respect, fairness, honesty, and responsibility before, during and after athletic competition.”

Only one school in each division in each region is chosen to receive this annual award. This achievement is not only a school honor but a community

honor as well! Hart Electric Membership Corporation representative Angie Brown and Georgia Public Broadcasting correspondent Jon Nelson proudly presented the award Aug. 24 at the Hart County Softball Lady Dogs game. Thank you to Hart EMC, and thank you to Georgia Public Broadcasting for covering the award presentation!



# Lady Dogs fall to Lady Tigers in game one; tie in game two



Benjamin London/The Hartwell Sun

Senior infielder Jazz Shealer makes contact with the ball and picks up a hit against the Lady Tigers of Washington-Wilkes Aug. 24 in the 11-1 loss.

**By Benjamin London**  
Staff writer

After a tough loss to Washington-Wilkes Aug. 24, the Lady Dogs rallied back on the road against them until Mother Nature called off the game Aug. 29.

Mother Nature has taken its toll on the Lady Dogs. On Aug. 24, an hour worth of nothing but rain and lightning struck Hartwell and delayed the start against their matchup between Washington-Wilkes. Once the field was cleaned up and an hour and a half weather delay, Hart began their game against the Lady Ti-

gers.

Washington-Wilkes came out of the dugout and their bats were on fire, as they scored seven runs in the first two innings of play. They scored one more in the fourth off of a sacrifice fly to center field to increase their lead to 8-0.

The Lady Dogs finally responded in the bottom of the fourth from freshman Chesney Strickland. She doubled off a ball hit to center and scored senior Jazz Shealer from first.

The Lady Tigers piled on three more runs in the seventh and held Hart to nothing

to get an impressive win on the road, 11-1.

Lady Dogs head coach Katie Jo Gentry said that this young team is having to face some adversity. She also said they would rather be going through growing pains now, versus having them during region play.

"[Every coach] is going to tell you that when adversity strikes and you have to prepare your team to be mentally strong and tough," Gentry said. "We are a very young group. This was one of those growing pains. We have to be able to know we can answer back. With our young roster,

that is one of those growing pains we will have to go through. At the end of the day, our region record is still 0-0. We are learning these lessons early before we start region play."

Then Hart traveled to Washington-Wilkes in a rubber match against the Lady Tigers. Similar to the first game, Washington-Wilkes struck first, but were only able to bring two across in the first inning of play. Hart then responded with two runs of their own as Shealer hit a single to deep center field. Senior Allie O'Bannon was able to score from second off

a bad throw to home. Shealer then went to third and with another bad throw from the Lady Tigers, Shealer came home to score and tie it up at 2-2. The two teams were in a chess match until Mother Nature struck again. This time, it called off the game to end it in a tie, 2-2.

Even though they didn't finish the game due to Mother Nature's downpour, Gentry felt like the result would've been exactly what the team needed before beginning region play.

"We came out with a completely different level of intensity tonight," she said.

"We had a healthier team than we did last week. Chesnee Strickland threw a great game. Unfortunately, we couldn't finish, but we got through the sixth inning. We came out strong and had some base hits. Some were right through the players and some were in the gaps right where we needed them. I am very confident that [if we were able to finish the game] our result would've turned out exactly the way we needed it to heading into region play."

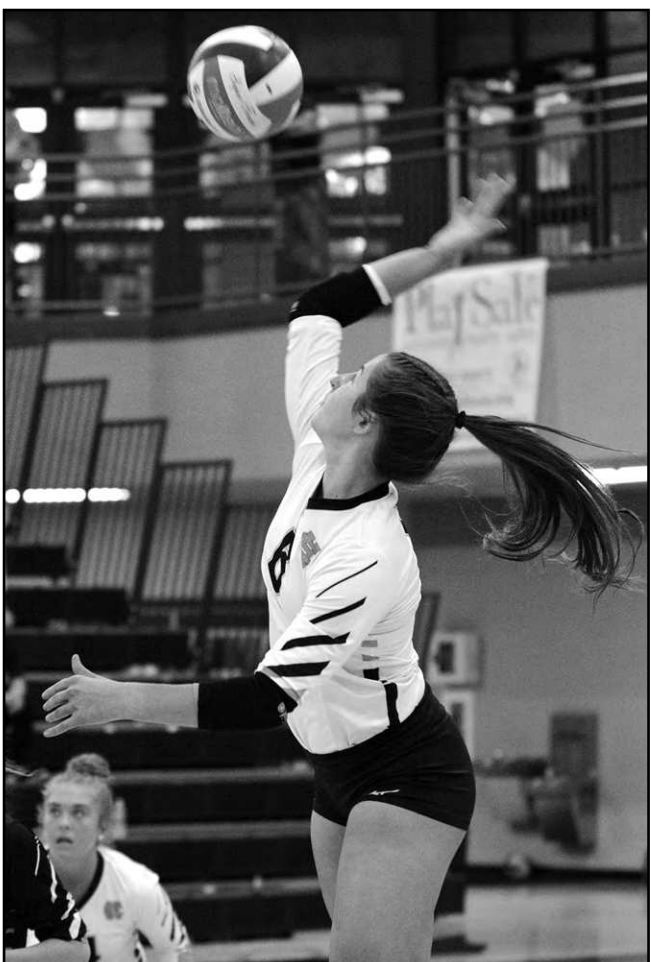
Now the Lady Dogs have a week off before starting the part of the season that matters the most — region play. Gentry and the Lady Dogs will take time to heal up and get their minds right before seeing the Lady Purple Hurricanes to begin region play.

"Our main goal is just picking up the intensity offensively, and making sure we string the hits together like we need to," she said. "We are looking forward to having these next few days to heal and recover. Then we will get our mentality right for Monroe Area on Tuesday."

Hart (4-4-1) will begin a three game stretch in three days by hosting Monroe Area Sept. 5 to begin region play with first pitch set for 5:30 p.m. Then will travel to Rabun County Sept. 6 to play in their final non-region game before hosting Franklin County Sept. 7 with both of those games beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## VOLLEY

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Senior Lillie Kate Rogers winds up for the kill against Walhalla Aug. 24 in a three set win.

After a slow start against Madison County in the first set, Beardsley was proud that the core of her team cleaned up the mistakes quickly and went onto dominate the remainder of the match.

"Against Madison, we came out flat in the beginning," she said. "They had some pretty tall middles that they were using. They also had a lot of energy that they were bringing on the court. But, we cleaned things up and communicated well. We had our leaders stepping up on the court and finished that game out pretty strong."

The Volley Dogs then took on Elbert County and rolled through the Blue Devils in two sets by scores of (25-11) and (25-8).

Hart had their starters in

for only half of the first set before Beardsley began to rotate her younger group of varsity players in to get experience.

"It was definitely a good game for some of the younger girls to get experience, especially since we have nine seniors that we are having to replace next year," she said. "It's always good to see that we don't play down [to the level of our competition]. We stayed at our level and kept our pace. It was great to give opportunities to players who typically don't get those opportunities."

Hart (13-1) will host Stephens County and Pendleton out of South Carolina Sept. 5 beginning at 5 p.m., before traveling to North Oconee to take on them and Temple High School beginning at 6 p.m.



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Seniors Alexis Walker (left) and Kiera Jester go up for the block in the two set win over Madison County Aug. 29.

# Barnes Academy breaks ground on new soccer field

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Barnes Academy broke ground Aug. 25 on what will be the new home of Viking's soccer. "We have had a few international kids here at the school for quite some time," said Barnes Academy administrator Sarah LeCroy. "We have wanted to have wanted to field a soccer team for years, but we have not had the numbers to do it, and we did not have a field to play on. I prayed about it, and our secretary put a post out on Facebook that said we need someone who does grading for a soccer field. We got referred to a company called Quality Grading and Clearing. We prayed and the Lord told me the cap was \$10,000. We couldn't do more than that. I knew if they said it was under \$10,000, it was a go. When they gave us the quote, it was \$9,250. I said, 'Okay. When can you start?' They started on Friday and it is just super exciting for us!" The field is projected to be finished by the Spring of 2024. Pictured from left is Sarah LeCroy, Administrator, Nahom Haile (Ethiopia), Amanuel Haile (Ethiopia), Yu Deng (Japan), Chris Hajabakiga (Rwanda), Oune Hijazeen (Jordan), Yosilas Feyisa (Ethiopia), Jimin Chhun (South Korea), Coach Steve Lux, Eli Hajabakiga (Rwanda), and Nolawi Gulti (Ethiopia).





**COUNTRY**

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with freshman Powell Chiang being the final finisher for the Dogs placing 229th out of 266 runners. With those placement and times, that earned Hart County a fifth place finish overall.

For the girls, freshman Isla Bell was the top finisher for the Lady Dogs placing 82nd, and was the lone finisher in the Top 100. Senior Chloe Bennett was just shy of finishing in the Top 100 as she finished 103rd. Senior Marantha Gordy placed 143rd, junior Kathryn Serrano placed 174th, and Skylar Forbes placed 176th out of 192 runners. With those placement and times, Hart County placed 20th overall.

HCHS cross country head coach Ana Gordy was proud of both team's performances. Especially the boys fifth place finish.

"We are very proud of our teams and their performances this weekend," Gordy said. "The boys pushed their pace that resulted in having three in the top 20 out of 266 runners. The girls were missing several of their top five girls but we had two newcomers join us and we were proud of their finishes as well. Everyone is putting in the work at practices and shaving off time. We are excited to see times this Thursday at North Oconee."

The teams will compete Aug. 31 in the Flying Biscuit Cafe High School Invitational at North Oconee High School with the girls beginning at 6:50 p.m. and the boys beginning at 7:20 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**

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players, mainly in the second half, went down with injury or cramps. Nori Moore is expected to return on Friday night at running back after an injury early in the third quarter against Elbert. Kip Phillips will be expected behind center and allow Jashon Gaines to be the elusive playmaker that he is at wide receiver.

The biggest battle in this game for Hart will be field position. In the game versus Elbert, the Blue Devils had seven of their 13 offensive drives start past Hart County's 35-yard-line Three touchdowns resulted in those seven drives, and in the second half alone, two of those seven drives started in Hart County territory.

The best news for the Hart County defense, didn't allow many big plays to happen. All but one of Elbert's scoring drives took over 10 plus plays to score. Hart had a ton of big offensive plays, especially on their first offensive drive which took two plays and ended in a 27-yard touchdown run from Moore.

Could Hart County catch Aplachee at the right time after a 50-7 loss on the road? Or will the Wildcats rebound and get their first win at home versus the Dogs? Time will tell as Hart County travels to Apalachee Sept. 1 with kickoff at 7:30.

**HCMS Sports Recap**

Aug. 23

Football defeated Habersham Central on the road, 32-14.

Volleyball A-Team beat Franklin County in two sets.

Aug. 24

Softball lost to Franklin County in extra innings by a score of 11-10.

Aug. 26

The boys and girls cross country teams competed in the North Georgia Championships in Jefferson. The boys finished second out of 19 teams while the girls finished 13th out of 19 teams.

Aug. 28

Volleyball swept Stephens County by winning in all sets. A-Team won by scores of 25-5 and 25-3. B-Team won by scores of 25-19 and 25-11.

Softball lost to Stephens County by a score of 10-0.

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## REMAINING SCHEDULE

9/5	Monroe Area	5:30 p.m.	Home
9/6	Rabun County	6:30 p.m.	Away
9/7	Franklin County	6:30 p.m.	Home
9/12	Stephens County	6:30 p.m.	Away
9/14	Oconee County	6:30 p.m.	Away
9/19	Hebron Christian	5:30 p.m.	Away
9/21	Monroe Area	5:30 p.m.	Away
9/26	Franklin County	6:30 p.m.	Away
9/28	Stephens County	5:30 p.m.	Home
10/2	Hebron Christian	5:30 p.m.	Home
10/3	Oconee County	5:30 p.m.	Home

## JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

First row from left is Kyleigh Haulk, Kamryn McIntosh, Carly Dutton, and Erika Royston. Second row from left is Endiya Burton, Peyton McCollum, MaryBeth White, Chesnee Strickland, Ava Buffington, and Abigail McNeill. Third row from left is head coach Katie Jo Gentry, assistant coach Meredith Dunn, Skylar Dutton, Emma Mitchell, Madi Bennett, Kinsley Duncan, Ava Carey, and assistant coach Gerald Gates.



## REMAINING SCHEDULE

8/31	Tallulah Falls	4:30 p.m.	Home
8/31	Tallulah Falls	6:30 p.m.	Home
9/6	Rabun County	4:30 p.m.	Away
9/7	Franklin County	4:30 p.m.	Home
9/12	Stephens County	4:30 p.m.	Away



## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

First row from left is Jackson Carter, Powell Chiang, Damian Childres, Sevyn Singleton, and Kaiden Carter. Second row from left is Zachary Simmons, Nate Harris, Jorge Gomez Rodriguez, Braydon Lane, Malachi Wells, and Harrison Krause. Third row from left is head coach Ana Gordy, Ethan Stovall, Brody Bunner, Elisha McCurley, assistant coach Todd Townsend, and assistant coach Jeff Krause.



## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

First row from left is Melody Blomberg, Marintha Gordy, Chloe Bennett, Nicole Whaley, and Katelyn McClain. Second row from left is head coach Ana Gordy, Skylar Forbes, Madison McLane, Isla Bell, Kathryn Serrano, assistant coach Todd Townsend, and assistant coach Jeff Krause.

## REMAINING SCHEDULE

8/31	Flying Biscuit Cafe Invitational	North Oconee High School
9/7	North Hall Invitational	North Hall High School
9/16	North Georgia XC Invitational	University of North Georgia (Gainesville)
9/23	TFS Heroes Invitational	Tallulah Falls School
9/28	Mountain Invitational	White County High School
10/12	Kent Kramer Classic	Athens Christian School
10/21	Region 8-AAA Meet	Oconee County High School





# MEET THE FALL SPORTS DOGS



## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

First row from left is head coach Kate Beardsley, Hannah Harris, Teague Pierce, Alexis Walker, Abby Hubbard, Olivia Hancock, Kiera Jester, Takarria Smith, and assistant coach Ashley Teasley. Second row from left is assistant coach Luke Christopher, Ella Franklin, Ryann Williamson, Lillie Kate Rogers, Brooke Hubbard, Peyton Mewborn, Dakota Phillips, Piper Phillips, Mallory Claire Wiggs, and assistant coach Mike Atkins.

## REMAINING SCHEDULE

9/5	Stephens County	5 p.m.	Home
9/5	Pendleton	6 p.m.	Home
9/7	Temple	6 p.m.	Away
9/7	North Oconee	7 p.m.	Away
9/12	Oconee County	5:30 p.m.	Away
9/12	Franklin County	7:30 p.m.	Away
9/14	Madison County	5 p.m.	Away
9/14	Clarke Central	6 p.m.	Away
9/19	Monroe Area	5:30 p.m.	Home
9/19	Hebron Christian	6:30 p.m.	Home
9/26	Stephens County	5 p.m.	Away
9/26	Commerce	6 p.m.	Away
9/28	North Oconee	6:30 p.m.	Home
9/30	Dig Pink Tournament	TBA	Home
10/9	Westside (SC)	6:30 p.m.	Home

## JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

First row from left is Mia Nguyen, Ava Karasek, Maddie Pittman, Ashton King, Gabriella Bernazky, and Nyiemah Smith. Second row from left is assistant coach Luke Christopher, head coach Kate Beardsley, Josee Fleming, Alaynah Kennedy, Ashlyn Wicker, Aidyn Craft, Erin Miller, assistant coach Ashley Teasley, and assistant coach Mike Atkins.



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9/26	Commerce	6 p.m.	Away
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**LIBERTY HILL METHODIST** • Michele May, Min., S.S. 10:30 am; W.S. 9 am  
**MACEDONIA UNITED METHODIST** • 1925 Airline Goldmine Road., 757-238-7777, Timothy Baer, Min., S.S. 11 am; W.S. 10 am  
**REDWINE UNITED METHODIST** • 3548 Redwine Church Rd., Canon, 757-238-7777, Timothy Baer, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am  
**ST. JAMES C.M.E.** • 2744 Sanders Rd., 706-376-9651, Walter Richie, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am  
**ST. JOHN CATHEDRAL** • 955 St. John CME Church Rd., Dale Sanders, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am

**ST. LUKE C.M.E.** • Richardson St., 706-376-5712, Bennie Ardister, Min., S.S. 9:45 am; W.S. 10:45 am  
**SHILOH C.M.E.** • 850 Shiloh Church Rd., 706-376-7640, Charles Pittman, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am  
**VANNA UNITED METHODIST** • Gale Seibert and Rich Seibert, Co Pastors, W.S. 9:30 am, vanna-methodistchurch.com  
**ZION C.M.E.** • Zion CME Church Rd., Richard Sheller, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am

**PENTECOSTAL**

**GOLDMINE CHURCH** • 2081 Goldmine Holly Springs Rd., Royston, Pastor Chris Maxwell, W.S. 10:30 am

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**SHARON PRESBYTERIAN - ECO** • 270 Sharon Church Rd., 706-245-9490, Jim Lugo, Min., S.S. 10:30 am; Morning worship 11am, Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 pm  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** • Karen Fletcher, Pastor. Sunday S.S. 10 am; Morning Worship 11 am

**OTHER**

**AGAPE TEMPLE OF MIRACLES** • Craig Pender, Min., W.S. 10 am & 6 pm  
**CALVARY TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE** • Danny Cheek, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am & 6:30 pm, Thur. 7:30 pm  
**CHRISTIAN WORSHIP ASSEMBLY** • 3874 Royston Hwy., 706-376-7707, Fred Vehe, Min., W.S. 9:30 am  
**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY** • 114 Earnest Oliver Dr., 706-376-2393, Danny Hughes, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am  
**DISPENSATIONAL BIBLE** • 48 S. Carter St., 706-371-4736, Terry Cleveland, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am  
**FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY** • 1541 Anderson Hwy., 706-599-3636, Austin Canen, Min., W.S. 10:30 am  
**FRONTLINE OUTREACH** • 254 W. Franklin St., Jimmy & Tabitha Wilson, Min., W.S. 11 am  
**ENCOUNTER CHURCH** • 318 Reed Creek Hwy., Ryan Winne, Min., W.S. 10:30 am  
**HARTWELL ASSEMBLY CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** • 1128 Liberty Hill Rd., 706-376-5958, Roland F., Min., W.S. 10 am & 6 pm  
**HARTWELL MENNONITE** • Friendship Rd., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am; 1st & 3rd Sundays, prayer meeting at 7 pm  
**IMPACT CHURCH** • 764 Benson St., Hartwell, 706-376-1007, W.S. 11 am. www.impacthartwell.com  
**LIBERTY CONGREGATIONAL** • Billy Walker, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 11 am  
**LIFE LINE** • W.S. 3 pm  
**MATTHEW CAWTHORN EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION** • 11 South Forest Avenue, Hartwell, Georgia 30643, Toll Free 1-888-530-WLRB, www.matthew-cawthorn.org  
**NEW BETHEL CONGREGATIONAL** • Clay Huff, Min., S.S. 10 am; W.S. 10:45 am & 6 pm  
**NEW HOPE DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE** • R.L. Hughey, Min., W.S. 1 pm.  
**RIVER OF LIFE** • 3966 Elberton Hwy., 706-376-5680, Ken Buffington, Min., W.S. 10 am & 7 pm  
**SEEKING THE HEART OF HART CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OUTREACH** • 1246 Liberty Hill Church Rd., 706-961-7150, Robert A. Humphrey, Sr., Min.  
**SONSHIP HARVEST MINISTRIES** • 550 Rome St., 706-376-7994, Nathan Botley, Min., W.S. 10 am.  
**THE WAY CHURCH** • 1322 Airline Goldmine Rd., Canon, 706-376-7729, Riley Shelton, Min., Stuart Graham, Assoc.; Sun. W.S. 10:30 am weekly & 7 pm (1st Sun. each month, No S.S., Bible Study Wed. 7 p.m.  
**THREE ANGELS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (old Church of God)** • 10094 Lavonia Rd., Carnesville, Steve Keiser, Pastor, Sat.: Sabbath School 10 am; Worship Service 11:15 am  
**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST** • Canon, Don Randall, Min., W.S. 3rd Sun. 11 am

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*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. - John 8:32,26*

*A new commandment I give you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you.  
 John 13:34*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
 The Lord is my strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid. Psalm 27:1*

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prosperity.  
 3 John 2*



# THE WEEKLY PLANNER

Where to go and what to do in the Hart land this week

ALL NOTICES MUST BE IN WRITING. DEADLINE FOR HART NEWS IS 5 P.M. EACH MONDAY. BRING TO THE SUN; FAX TO 706-376-1374; OR E-MAIL MFRANKUM@THEHARTWELLSUN.COM

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### Hartwell First UMC

Please join us for our August-September sermon series, "When We Pray." Traditional services are at 9 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Contemporary service is at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Note:** Please join us for a special Labor Day weekend service on Sunday, Sept. 3. We will have an informal service at 9 a.m. in our Sanctuary or join us at 10:30 a.m. for a service at the Hartwell First United Methodist Church Lake Lot, 400 Methodist Park Lane. There will be a picnic after the service at the lake lot. Hamburgers and hot-dogs will be served. Bring a side dish if you like. Come by boat or by car. \*\*If raining service will be called by 7:30 a.m.\*\*

### Greater Heights in Christ

The Greater Heights in Christ church family will celebrate their 25th church anniversary at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 3. The guest speaker will be Rev. Neal Lingard of New Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Ruffin, S.C.

### Back to the Bible

The Back to the Bible Church Family invites your family to attend their three-night Labor Day revival at 7 p.m. nightly Sept. 4-6. The church is located on 72 Savannah St., Hartwell. The speaker and special guest will be Pastor Joe Norman. He is a 1966 graduate of Hart County Training School.

### First Baptist Hartwell

Please join us for Sunday worship as we dive into the book of Philippians. Bible study is at 9:45 for all ages and worship is at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening activities start at 6 p.m. for Children, Students, ESL, and Adults. Suppers will start back at 5 p.m. Sept. 6.

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 579 Fairview Ave., Hartwell invites you to worship with them Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship follows each worship service. The Wednesday evening adult class series for Sept. 6 through Oct. 11 will be "Prayer," with the study aid being drawn from the For People podcast series by Bishop Rob Wright. Gather at 6 p.m. for pizza, with the discussion to start at 6:30 p.m. The podcasts can be found at <https://forpeople.buzzsprout.com/>.

On a different note, there will be an informal gathering of those interested for "pub theology" Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Juice Plus at 95 West Franklin St.

All are always welcome. Rev. Reid Hamilton is the priest. Online worship services can be found live and recorded on Facebook@StAndrewsEpiscopalChurchHartwellGA and at the parish website [www.standrewshartwell.org](http://www.standrewshartwell.org).

### Lake Hartwell Community Class

The Lake Hartwell Community Bible Study class is an interdenominational in-depth Bible study for women of all ages and all levels of Bible knowledge. This year the class will study Ruth, I and II Samuel, and Ephesians. We also have a children and youth program taught by loving teachers. The children learn about Jesus through Bible stories and other fun activities while the youth study age-appropriate versions of the adult studies.

The class meets Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Lavonia First Baptist Church; 95 Bowman Street in Lavonia. We also offer a remote class in Clemson beginning Aug. 31 that meets at the United Methodist Church on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

For more information or to register contact Betty Springer at [betacspr@gmail.com](mailto:betacspr@gmail.com) or visit [communitybiblestudy.org](http://communitybiblestudy.org) to learn more.

### Destiny Fellowship

Homecoming will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 10, at Destiny Fellowship Church, 73 Depot St., Canon. Come enjoy the service, special singing, fellowship and bring your favorite dish and enjoy a blessed lunch. For more information call Pastor Paul Hood at 706-680-0775.

### Serenity Baptist

Hands and Feet of Jesus is a Christian centered ministry that provides a Support system for those facing difficult times. Meets at Serenity Baptist Church, 76 Johnny St. every second and fourth Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. We provide free food, fellowship and child care.

### Pennington Chapel

Pennington Chapel Church, 2712 Sandy Cross Road, Royston Cancer Survivor Support Group meets the second Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. with a Potluck lunch.

### Clothes & Food

Clothes Closet & Food Pantry - Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 1333 Church Hill Road, Martin (across from Zaxby's at Interstate). Ministering

and serving the people of Hart, Franklin and Stephens Counties in the name of Jesus. Clothes for all the family, free to those who are in need. Come and let us love and serve you in Jesus' name. The Clothes Closet is open the first Saturday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the third Tuesday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Flat Shoals Baptist

All God's Family Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, Flat Shoals Baptist Church, 2999 Bowersville Hwy., Bowersville. Open every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Available for the needed - homeless and house fires. We take donations also. For more information contact: David Partain 706-436-1814 or Shirley Partain 706-436-1815.

### River of Life Church

The Coming Together - This is a meeting for anyone who may be struggling with an addiction or going thru recovery or who just loves coffee to come together to talk and share feelings. It is a time of encouragement. Come join us for coffee and refreshments at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month. The church is located on 3366 Elberton Highway. For information call 706-371-2297.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### Free English Class

Free classes for international adults - come to learn the English language or improve your conversational English. Wednesdays 6 to 7:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Hartwell. Call 706-376-3151 for more information. Classes follow the Hart County School calendar.

### The Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market will be in *The Hartwell Sun* parking lot from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. every Saturday until November. The vegetables are very limited now. The hot weather has hurt the crops. We have tomatoes, peppers, okra, arugula, eggs, few cucumbers, peas and squash. Also, potted plants, cookies, cakes, breads, figs, jams, jellies, arts and crafts. For information call 706-376-7505.

### VFW Post 8076

August Events: Monthly meeting on first Thursday at 6 p.m. for dinner; 6:30 for business. Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. for dinner followed by business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Community potluck supper is scheduled at 6 p.m. every other Friday with karaoke following at 7 p.m. All invited; kids sing too. Cash awards. Post is open Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday 4 to 9 p.m. All activities held on post at 173 Ack Powell Road on the lake.

Follow us on Facebook VFW Post 8076 Hartwell, Georgia. A member of Hart County Chamber of Commerce.

### Hartwell Farmer's Market

Hartwell farmers will be in the Tractor Supply parking lot from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 2. Farmers will have a flavorful variety of freshly picked local produce as well as fresh eggs, honey, baked goods, flowers and craft items, all produced locally. Come by and plan some great meals around fresh food grown right here. Local farmers will be at the Tractor Supply lot every Saturday Morning, weather permitting, through early October.

### GriefShare Group

Our Local GriefShare Support Group will continue their 13-Week Session at 5:30 p.m. at the Sardis Baptist Church Family Life Center until Nov. 13. This is a free Grief Support Group. For additional information, or to pre-register visit [www.griefshare.org/groups/169025](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/169025) or call Jennifer at 706-376-8568.

### Elbert Theatre

Encore Productions is having performances for the third show of the 2023 season *Artifice* Sept. 1-3 in the Elbert Theatre. Performances will be on stage Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Elbert Theatre located at 100 S. Oliver St. Elberton. Tickets for performances are \$11 in advance, \$9 for students/groups and \$16 at the door. Please call the Elbert Theatre Office at 706-283-1049 or email [tking@cityofelberton.net](mailto:tking@cityofelberton.net) to reserve tickets or for more information. Tickets are also available online at [bigtickets.com/events/elbert-theatre/](http://bigtickets.com/events/elbert-theatre/).

### Hart Co. 4-H Home School Meeting

Hart County 4-H would love for home school students in grades four, five, and six join them the first Tuesday of each month to learn more about leadership, citizenship and life skills. The first meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office located at 200 Arthur Street in Hartwell. If you have any questions, please call Hart County 4-H at 706-376-3134.

### Hart Co. Community Theatre Events

A board meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A Christmas Story Auditions - Sept. 8, 9 and 10, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Little Shop of Horrors - Sept. 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and Oct. 1. Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

[HHCCT.org](http://HHCCT.org) for more details.

### Hart County Library

Camp Read S'More will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Hart County Library, 150 Benson St., Hartwell. This will be a family event to celebrate National Library Card sign-up month. Join us for a lot

of family fun, games, campfire songs, crafts, camp snacks and prizes. Each family who participates has a chance to win a giant towable float. For more information please call 706-376-4655.

## Weekend of Hart Events:

### -9/11 Memorial Motorcade Meal

The 9/11 Memorial Motorcade Meal will be held Friday, Sept. 8. Meet for appetizers from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Knotheads Bar & Grill. Travel downtown to one of several participating restaurants for the main course from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wind up at the Yacht Club for dessert and dancing from 8 to midnight.

### -9/11 Memorial 5K

The Weekend of Hart 5K 9/11 Memorial Run will be held Sept. 9, at Hartwell Garden Club. Registration starts at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. start. 5K Race Entry (applies to virtual and in-person option). Race fees: Early registration \$25 through Sept. 1, and \$30 thereafter (includes event memento).

Virtual runners: Choose your day and route. Virtual times must be turned in to AAA Race Services by Sept. 9. Email to [aaaraceservices@gmail.com](mailto:aaaraceservices@gmail.com).

Please mail application to: Make check payable to Weekend of Hart and mail to: Hart County Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 146, Hartwell, GA 30643. For more information call 706-376-3258 or 706-436-2169.

### -9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 9. Tournament fee: \$60 per golfer or \$240 per team Captain's Choice (Lauderdale). Fee includes greens fee cart, lunch, snacks, beverages, goodie bags and one raffle ticket. Mulligan package \$15 (optional) two mulligans (any shot) and putter length (one putt). Raffle ticket for barbecue grill from Home Depot: \$5 per ticket. The location is 755 Golf Course Road, Hartwell. Golf team tournament registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Payment may be made the day of tournament. Mail form to Hart Habitat, P.O. Box 146, Hartwell, GA 30643 or call 706-376-3258 to register or for more information.

### Elbert County Support Group

Elbert County Support Group Colon Cancer presents - Sept. 9, at 8 a.m. Walkathon Annual 1k/3k Fun Run. \$20 Registration fee. Registration begins at 7 a.m. T-shirts can be purchased on site for \$15. Pop-up tables at the park registration. Prizes to be given. Sutton Park at Forest Hill and Lake Forest Circle, Elberton. Run/Walk will begin and end at the Rotary Pavilion.

For more information contact Mrs. Pam Allen at 706-207-6575 or Dr. Edna Eberhardt at 706-988-0902.

### Hart Area Community Chorus

Rehearsals will resume on Monday, Sept. 11, from 5:30-7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 579 Fairview Avenue, Hartwell. The Chorus plans to rehearse Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's thereafter. The Chorus (with more than 70 voices) is sponsored by the Hart Area Regional Arts Council (HARAC) and hopes to provide several public performances in its Fall 2023-Summer 2024 season. For more information, please contact Chorus director Maureen Deloach at [maureendeloach@gmail.com](mailto:maureendeloach@gmail.com) or via phone at 508-560-3405. Check out the Chorus Facebook page: Hartwell Community Chorus.

### Drive-Thru Pantry

MedLink and the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia will have a Drive-Thru Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Hartwell First United Methodist Church, 200 E. Howell St., Hartwell. There will be free fruits, veggies, food boxes and hygiene items. While supplies last!

### Northeast GA CASA

Due to the increased number of children entering the foster care system, Northeast GA. CASA is recruiting volunteer advocates. The Northeast GA CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is an agency that advocates for children who are experiencing foster care. CASA volunteers collect information on the children, their needs, and their unique circumstances and communicate to the court what is in the best interest of the child. They also facilitate getting children services that they need. Children with a CASA spend an average of 8 months less time in foster care than children without one. They also are more likely to be unified with their families, do better in school and receive more services than other children in care.

Volunteers will receive ample training and support from experienced staff who will support them and help them navigate the system to provide the best possible advocacy for young people.

For more information on how to become a CASA volunteer and join in the Sept. 18 training, call 706-886-1098 or visit their website at: [northeastgacasa.org/volunteer](http://northeastgacasa.org/volunteer).

### Encore Productions

Encore Productions will be having auditions for the final show in the 2023 season *A Gift to Remember* on Monday, Sept. 18 and Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Elberton Arts Center located at 17 W. Church



## EVENTS

Street, Elberton. The directors are looking to cast a mid-sized group of adult men and adult women in this holiday production. Anyone planning to audition should drop in between 6 and 8 p.m. on either date and be prepared to read excerpts from the script for Directors Ken Little & Patrick Bell. Those auditioning should be available during most evening hours from Oct. through mid December. Performances of A Gift to Remember will be held Dec. 1-3 and 8-10, in the Elbert Theatre. No experience is necessary to audition! Please call the Elbert Theatre Office at 706-213-3109 or email tking@cityofelberton.net for more audition information.

### Food Bank/Hartwell

The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia and Cornerstone Baptist Church will be sponsoring a free food distribution starting around 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. Only one unit per household. If you are picking up for someone else, please have proper identification.

### Boot Scootin' Boogie Fundraiser

Who's ready for some Boot Scootin' Boogie on Sept. 22, at the Founder's Hall, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1009 Benson St., Hartwell. Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. \$25 advance purchase. \$35 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Hart County Humane Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. There will be Steve Kelly's country music review. Visit Tribute Kings on Facebook. Silent Auction. All beverages available for donations. Pre-order your meal at the time of purchase, provided by The Farmer's Daughter. Purchase tickets: <https://goo.by/DytQO>

### AARP Driver Safety Class

The AARP Driver Safety Class will be Sept. 28, at the Hart County Library, 110 Benson St., Hartwell.

### Friends of the Hart Co. Library

The Friends of the Hart County Library will be sponsoring a concert by The Piatigorsky Foundation at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Methodist Church. The concert will feature Evan Drachman on cello and Wan-Chi Su on piano. The concert is free. The book store is open Thursday-Saturday, 11-1. There will be another book sale for Black Friday starting in November.

Mark your calendar for A Night of Delights, good food and good music. Good Cause on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Tickets will be on sale starting in September for \$25 per person. More information to come.

### 1983 HCHS 40th Class Reunion

The 1983 HCHS 40th class reunion will be held 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Hartwell Golf Club. There will be dinner, a DJ and a class photo. Buffet dinner provided by Top Dawg Grillers, tea/water provided, BYOB. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP deadline is Sept. 7. Please email hartclassof1983@gmail.com for RSVP information.

There will also be a meet and greet in the HCHS Fine Arts Building before the football game on Friday, Oct. 6. More information on Facebook at Hart County (Georgia) High School Class of '83.

### Seeking Craft Vendors

Huge Indoor Arts and Crafts Sale – Sacred Heart Church in Hartwell on 1009 Benson Street (across the street from Quality Foods), will hold the 15th Annual Arts and Crafts Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The table rental is \$30. All work must be totally or partially handcrafted.

For more information call 706-963-0770 or email ourladyscircle.shjchurch@gmail.com

### Holiday Bazaar

The annual Hart Life Holiday Bazaar is set to take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 2, at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Enjoy over 50 local vendors and artisans' creative and exquisitely crafted handmade goods including artwork, Christmas ornaments, home decor, wreaths, jewelry, soaps and scrubs, wood-works, boutique items, baked goods, and much more. Breakfast and lunch will be served during the event.

Vendors are welcome to apply by emailing hartlifepcc@gmail.com or calling 706-436-3544.

## ONGOING

### Tiny Stitches

The Tiny Stitches workshop meets the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hart County Library. They provide garments and bedding for disadvantaged newborns. For more information contact Dona at 802-379-7043 or Josephine at 516-578-5544.

### Peace of Mind

Peace of Mind Support Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Hartwell First United Methodist Church, in the church office library at 5 p.m. This is a great chance to get to know others in similar situations who share your concerns. For more info., please contact Kristi Zemaitis at 706-376-3164 ext. 107.

### Cancer Support

The Cancer Support Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Hartwell First United Methodist Church in the church library. This is a community support group for those impacted by cancer, either you or a loved one. Con-

tact the DeWeerth's at josiedeweerth@gmail.com for more information.

### Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meetings every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Hartwell First United Methodist Church, in the Gym kitchen. Is your life being affected by someone else's drinking? Contact Jeanne at 404-316-7318 for more information.

### Retired Educators

Hart County Retired Educators meets the first Tuesday of the month (except January, June, July and August) at 11:30 a.m. at Casa Grande. Interesting programs and fellowship. All former educators (teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, etc.) and friends of educators are welcome to attend.

### Hartwell Art Center

The Hartwell Art Center Photo Guild meets every third Monday of the month at the Hartwell Art Center at 7 p.m. We welcome beginners and pros to bring their work on a thumb drive so that we may project and share on the big screen. Learn camera tips and where and how to show your photos. We have a Facebook page where we post current work and notices. (Hartwell Art Center Photo Guild). Contact Don Kelemen at dkelemen@bellsouth.net for more information.

### Tai Chi & Qigong

The internal martial arts of Tai Chi and Qigong are practiced for Mind-Body health. Bonnie Kelemen, is a certified instructor since 2009. Classes are held at the Bell Family YMCA on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and at the Hartwell Senior Center on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Questions? Call 706-245-4308.

### NARCONON HELPS

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### Historical Museum

The Hart County Historical Museum is open every Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a great opportunity to see some interesting bits of Hart County history.

### Friends of Garden

The Friends of the Garden meet on the third Tuesday of each month at various locations. For more information, visit [www.hartcogardens.com](http://www.hartcogardens.com), The Hart County Botanical Garden on Facebook, [hartcountybotanical.com](http://hartcountybotanical.com) on Instagram, email [thehartcountybotanicalgarden@gmail.com](mailto:thehartcountybotanicalgarden@gmail.com) or call 706-436-1557. The garden is open from dawn until dusk seven days a week. It is an all-volunteer maintained non-profit organization that receives no public funding.

### Friendship House

The Pilot Club of Hartwell offers the Friendship House to everyone in Hartwell and Hart County, loaning out medical equipment like crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, potty chairs, shower chairs, canes and hospital beds free of charge. We also accept donations of your good like items which you no longer need. You can contact club members through Facebook or call any Pilot member. Also, if you've borrowed an item from the club and no longer need it, please return in good, clean condition so items can be loaned out to someone else in need.

### American Legion

American Legion Post 109 meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Hartwell Golf Course, 755 Golf Course Road, Hartwell. Refreshments 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Hart Co. Preservation Commission

The City of Hartwell Historic Preservation Commission, 500 East Howell St., meets every second Tuesday at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

### Hart Co. Food Pantry

Hart County Food Pantry provides groceries for those in need. There is paperwork to fill out and you can only be served once every month. We are also in need of donations to give out - canned vegetables, canned soup, canned beef stew, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, rice, or cash donations. The Food Pantry is located at 130 E. Howell Street. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30-1. Call 706-376-2022 or 706-376-9444 for more information.

### Hart County AARP

Hart County AARP Chapter 2006 meets the third Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Hartwell Senior Center. Bring a friend. For information call 706-805-5266 or 443-223-1979.

### Hart Co. Golden K

Hart County Golden K is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We meet for fellowship and lunch every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church on Fairview Ave. Golden K is known for their community service projects of building handicapped ramps for residents of Hart County. Material costs are covered by donations from businesses and individuals. Labor is provided free of charge by club members. For inquiries about ramps call 706-963-0288. If interested in joining Golden K and need more information about the club visit our website at [www.hartcogk.com](http://www.hartcogk.com).

To support our ramp program mail donations to Hart County Golden K, P.O. Box 832, Hartwell, GA 30643. All donations are used to service the community.

### Food Bank

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Food Pantry – We

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welcome anyone that is in need of food to come join us on the first Tuesday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at 2537 Pleasant Grove Road, Bowman. Please bring a photo ID showing current residence address (first time only). For more information call 706-245-5429.

### Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis is an international organization whose purpose is "to improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide." We are actively involved in raising funds to support local organizations including Imagination Library, REACH Hart Community Education Foundation, and the Bell Family YMCA. Our dues also help fund the Kiwanis Children's Fund as well as Kiwanis Youth Leadership Programs around the world. We are a "hands on" organization seeking to serve Hartwell in projects with Habitat for Humanity, Hart County Botanical Gardens and Hartwell "Main Street". Please join us for lunch each Wednesday at 12 p.m. at Catechee Golf Center. For more information call John Rhodes at 404-317-4713.

### AA To Light the Way

AA To Light the Way Meeting. When? Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Where? Lavonia Church of God, 107 Bear Creek Road Lavonia, 706-668-8424.

### Tiny Stitches

Tiny Stitches Workshop is held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you sew, quilt, knit, crochet or would like to learn, join your fellow crafters to cut out and make garments and bedding for disadvantaged newborns. All materials, patterns, and instructions are provided. Stop by anytime during the workshop and don't forget to bring your lunch. The workshop meets at the Hart County Library, 150 Benson St. For information, contact Dona Hoard at 802-379-7043 or [donaheard@hotmail.com](mailto:donaheard@hotmail.com). Also Josephine Meyer at 516-578-5544 or [robbiejo1630@yahoo.com](mailto:robbiejo1630@yahoo.com).

### Moms In Prayer

Moms In Prayer is an international ministry for Moms who want to pray for their children and their schools. Hartwell's group meets on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. We welcome all Christian women. For more information and the location please contact Sheryl Brooks at 706-376-3303 or 706-961-0916, or [brooks@hartcom.net](mailto:brooks@hartcom.net). If you're not praying for your child, who is?

Announcing our newest group for Moms in Prayer: Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30. Please contact Michelle Mann at 770-540-0906 or [mannchiro06@yahoo.com](mailto:mannchiro06@yahoo.com) for location.

### Hartwell Lions Club

The Hartwell Lions Club is a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. We serve Hart County community and throughout the world in vision care and hearing needs as well as national disasters. We meet at Casa Grande Restaurant the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact President Judd Bailey 706-567-0805.

### Narcotics Anonymous

The Common Ground Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at 1409 Bailey's Garage Road, Bow-ersville.

### HYDRA Programs

An after-school program for children in grades kindergarten to eighth grade is available through Hart Youth Development Resource Association on Mondays to Fridays, from 3-5:45 p.m., at 200 Clay Street in Hartwell. Transportation is provided. Tutoring program – High schooler paired with elementary kids ages 5-18, 3 to 6 p.m. School Break Camp – Coincides with long breaks in the school year calendar, ages 5-13, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact the HYDRA program director at 706-376-8899 or by email at [hartwellhydra@gmail.com](mailto:hartwellhydra@gmail.com). The program is on Facebook @hydraofhart.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alive & Well Group of Alcoholics Anonymous – We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. at 296 Ulyanovsk Road, Hartwell. Also: Women's Meeting Tuesdays at 6 p.m., 296 Ulyanovsk Road, Hartwell.

### Narcotics Anonymous

Above Ground Group, Thursdays at 7 p.m., 296 Ulyanovsk Road, Hartwell (Behind Wendy's).

### Humane Society

We need volunteers – One hour a week would help tremendously. Please consider fostering – all expenses are covered for the foster animal.

If you would like to help care for our rescued pets please message us, email [hartcohumane@yahoo.com](mailto:hartcohumane@yahoo.com) or call 706-436-0965.

Donated items are greatly appreciated and can be left at the J. Robert Mauldin Animal Sanctuary 1364 Reed Creek Hwy., All Hart Realty 83 W. Franklin St., Lake Hartwell Veterinary Clinic 1087 E. Franklin St. or PetSmart on Clemson Blvd. in Anderson SC. Monetary donations are also desperately needed and greatly appreciated, they can be mailed to Hart County Humane Society, P.O. BOX 1062, Hartwell, GA 30643 or by visiting [hartcohumane.org](http://hartcohumane.org).



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 For a male gray tabby cat that has only one eye. Last seen at 233 W. Franklin Place. If found call Cathy at 706-376-5336. HRT-777986

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 Doodle - Brown curly hair. Last seen on Scott Mill Road. Call 706-371-5298.

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 Commercial building for lease 4119 Anderson Hwy. Approximately 2700 Sq Ft

### LEGALS

#### Debtors and Creditors

Gpn07 774700 GEORGIA HART COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 All creditors of the Estate of **ARTIS M. RUCKER**, deceased, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned, and all debtors are required to make immediate payment. This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2023.

**ANGELA RENETTA RUCKER HEARD**, Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of **ARTIS M. RUCKER**, deceased  
 Johnelle Simpson II Fortson, Bentley and Griffin, P.A. 2500 Daniell's Bridge Road Building 200, Suite 3A Athens, Georgia 30606

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#### NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, HART COUNTY  
 All creditors of the ESTATE OF **BARBARA GAYLE HUNTER NORMAN**, deceased, of Hart County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 10th day of August 2023.

Wake G. Norman, Executor Estate of Barbara Gayle Hunter Norman

R. Keith Milford Attorney-at-Law P.O. Box 247 Carnesville, GA 30521

Gpn07 777129

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF **BARBARA ANN WYRICK BROWN**, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **BARBARA ANN WYRICK BROWN**, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 22nd day of August, 2023.

Chandler Thomas Brown 420 North Washington Street Rutherfordord, NC 28139

Michael Granville Brown 105 Turnhouse Lane Simpsonville, SC 29681

The Gordon Law Firm Attorneys at Law, LLC Post Office Box 870 Hartwell, Georgia 30643 (706) 376-5418

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#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **BARNARD CHARLES WHITING JR.** late of HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, deceased 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. This 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

/s/ Christopher Scott Whiting 120 Hartwood Drive Woodstock, GA 30189

Gpn07 777127

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF **CHANDLER THORNTON BROWN**, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **CHANDLER THORNTON BROWN**, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 22nd day of August, 2023.

Chandler Thomas Brown 420 North Washington Street Rutherfordord, NC 28139

Michael Granville Brown 105 Turnhouse Lane Simpsonville, SC 29681

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#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART  
 IN RE: **ELEANOR JANE HURLEY**, DECEASED.

### Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the Estate of **Eleanor Jane Hurley**, deceased, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Kateri Mealor Executor of the Estate of Eleanor Jane Hurley 318 Shady Hill Road Hartwell, GA 30643

Robert E. Ridgway, Jr. Ridgway & Ridgway, LLP Attorneys and Counselors at Law 93 Chandler Center P.O. Box 710 Hartwell, Georgia 30643 (706) 376-3991

Gpn07 776922

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **FRANKLIN DAVID SANDERS**, late of HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, deceased 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. This 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023.

/s/ Angela S. McGee 7230 Bowman Hwy. Hartwell, GA 30643

Gpn07 774719

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All debtors and creditors of the Estate of **Hazel J. Welborn**, deceased, late of Hart County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands and payments to the Personal Representative of the estate, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the Personal Representative. This 1st day of August, 2023.

Lisa Diane Hoffman, Executor of the Estate of Hazel J. Welborn, deceased

Daniel J. Moore Attorney at Law P.O. Box 861 Hartwell, GA 30643 Phone (706) 376-6500

Gpn07 776497

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART

IN RE: **JAMES CLIFFORD MILLER, SR.**

All creditors of the Estate of **James Clifford Miller, Sr.**, deceased, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 18th day of August, 2023.

Ralph D. Kellar, as Executor under the Last Will and Testament of **James Clifford Miller, Sr.**

S. Ernest Vandiver, III Attorney at Law Vandiver & Vandiver, LLC PO Box 10 5330 Vickery Street Lavonia, Georgia 30553 (706) 356-2323

Gpn07 778069

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors for the Estate of **Jean Irmischer**, deceased in HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, 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. This 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

/s/ Karen J. Rose 287 Shirley's Way Hartwell, GA 30643 Executor/Administrator of the Estate

Gpn07 776645

#### GEORGIA, HART COUNTY IN RE: **MARK J. BAILEY**, DECEASED

All creditors of the estate of **Mark J. Bailey**, late of Hart County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Personal Representative, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Personal Representative. This 21st day of August, 2023.

Pamela McCrary Personal Representative of the Mark J. Bailey Estate 11425 Pat Thomas Parkway Quincy, Florida 32351

McClure, Ramsay, Dickerson & Escoe, LLP P. O. Drawer 1408 Toccoa, Georgia 30577 (706) 886-3178

### Debtors and Creditors

Gpn07 776493

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART

IN RE: **MITCHEL LEE BARTON**, DECEASED.

All creditors of the Estate of **Mitchel Lee Barton**, deceased, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

Melissa Chaffin Barton Administrator of the Estate of Mitchel Lee Barton 7171 N. Grackle Point Hernando, FL 34442

Robert E. Ridgway, III Ridgway & Ridgway, LLP Attorneys and Counselors at Law 93 Chandler Center P.O. Box 710 Hartwell, Georgia 30643 (706) 376-3991

Gpn07 775348

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF **ROYCE EUGENE VEAL**, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **ROYCE EUGENE VEAL**, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 10th day of August, 2023.

Jane Lewis Veal 75 Glendale Avenue Hartwell, Georgia 30643

The Gordon Law Firm Attorneys at Law, LLC Post Office Box 870 Hartwell, Georgia 30643 (706) 376-5418

Gpn07 774606

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF **WALTER JAMES GORDON, SR.**, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **WALTER JAMES GORDON, SR.**, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 7th day of August, 2023.

Pamela J. Gordon 890 Melody Lane Hartwell, Georgia 30643

The Gordon Law Firm Attorneys at Law, LLC Post Office Box 870 Hartwell, Georgia 30643 (706) 376-5418

### Foreclosures

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#### Notice of Sale Under Power

State of Georgia, County of Hart

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Christopher Reid Southerners to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp. (the Secured Creditor), dated August 29, 2011, and Recorded on September 8, 2011 as Book No. 686 and Page No. 586, Hart County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$101,063.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Hart County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Hart County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2023, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land, with improvements thereon, lying and being in the 1117th G.M.D., Hart County, Georgia, CONTAINING 0.44 OF AN ACRE, more or less, and being more particularly described and designated as LOT 305, SECTION 2, TUGALOO BAY SUBDIVISION, on a Plat of Survey for Robert Dalton as prepared by Russell N. Bartlett, Bartlett & Cash Land Surveyors, Inc., Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated April 22, 2004, and recorded in Plat Book 33, Page 512, Hart County Records. Said Plat and the recordation thereof are hereby expressly by reference incorporated into and made a part of this description.

This is a portion of that property conveyed by Deed Under Power from CitiMortgage, Inc., as Attorney in Fact for William J. Wolpert, Jr. and Molly Jo Wolpert a/a Jo Wolpert to CitiMortgage dated April 27, 2011, and record-

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ed in Deed Book 680, Pages 164-167, Hart Co1mty Records.

This conveyance is made subject to Restrictive Covenants for Tugaloo Bay Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2B, Page 31, Hart County Records; and as amended on December 8, 1977, in Deed Book 138, Pages 772-773, Hart County Records.

Tax ID: C26E 289

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. Because the debt remains 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). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglas Road, Suite 110 and 200-A, Anahaim, CA 92806-5951.

Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **455 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, LAVONIA, GA 30553** is/are: Christopher Reid Southerners or tenant/tenants. 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) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC". Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Christopher Reid Southerners.

Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the bell collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 23-55142

Gpn11 772684  
**COUNTY OF HART NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by KEITH L. ASHLEY to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP. in the original principal amount of \$83,000.00 dated July 23, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 385, Page 510, Hart County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER in Deed Book 914, Page 640, Hart County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on September 05, 2023, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

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ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1113TH G.M. DISTRICT OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE AND BEING BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHWEST BY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 137 (KAY NURSERY ROAD) FOR A DISTANCE OF 126.92 FEET; ON THE SOUTHWEST BY LANDS OF BOND FOR A DISTANCE OF 324.40 FEET; ON THE SOUTHEAST BY LANDS OF PHILLIPS FOR A DISTANCE OF 132.62 FEET; ON THE NORTHEAST BY LANDS OF TAYLOR FOR A DISTANCE OF 358.62 FEET.

SAID LANDS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A PLAT OF SURVEY FOR TRACIE COILE DATED MAY 6, 1997, PREPARED BY BARTLETT & CASH LAND SURVEYORS, INC. RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGE 151, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDATION THEREOF ARE BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO 2001 FLEETWOOD OAK KNOLL 28 X 74 MOBILE HOME TO BE AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

Said property being known as: **353 KAY NURSERY ROAD ROYSTON, GA 30662.**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are KEITH L. ASHLEY or tenant(s).

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

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

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

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:



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**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HART**  
**NOTICE OF  
SALE UNDER POWER**  
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by MATTHEW S. WESP to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. in the original principal amount of \$78,470.00 dated October 24, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 570, Page 555, Hart County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. in Deed Book 969, Page 618, Hart County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on September 05, 2023, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1114TH DISTRICT, G.M., HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT BY BAUKNIGHT & ASSOCIATES, DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1992, RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 513, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA WHICH SAID PLAT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF, "ALSO" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1114TH DISTRICT, C.M., HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.96 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT BY A.M. BRITT, SURVEYOR, DATED JULY 2, 1986, RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 166, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF HART COUNTY,

**Foreclosures**

GEORGIA WHICH SAID PLAT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF. "ALSO" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1114TH DISTRICT, G.M., HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 7.350 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT BY W. SLATE BAUKNIGHT, SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 10, 1996, RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 473, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA WHICH SAID PLAT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF. Said property being known as: **1198 CRAFT ROAD HARTWELL, GA 30643.**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are MATTHEW S. WESP or tenant(s). The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

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

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the

**Foreclosures**

U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:  
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.  
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84119  
800-635-9698

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

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

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.,  
as Attorney-in-Fact for  
MATTHEW S. WESP

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC  
13010 Morris Rd.  
Suite 450  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Phone: 470.321.7112  
Firm File No. 23-128505 - DaG  
**Forfeiture/Seizure**

Gpn12  
776438

**NOTICE**  
To all persons claiming an interest in 1990 - 32 - FIBERGLASS - SEA RAY - SERT98471990 - USCG# 957399.

RICHARD WAGNER JR. will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3699. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDNR shall issue clear title.

Case No: 20230227950141

**Miscellaneous**

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777595

**Notice of Public Sale at The Storage Box & More, LLC, Located at 273 West Howell Street, Hartwell, GA 30643, (706)376-7867.**

Due to Default of Payment, the Following unit/unit(s) will be Sold to the Highest Bidder On Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 2:30 PM:

Unit #'s  
D66 Joseph Cromer  
B09 Jamie Wicker  
C85 Traci Mason  
E160 Floyd Reasons

**Name Changes**

Gpn15  
774339

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: KELAN RAY MONCRIEF CIVIL ACTION NO. 23HV00284 **NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

Notice is hereby given that Kama McCurley filed a Petition to the Superior Court of Hart County, Georgia on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, praying for a change in the name of KELAN RAY MONCRIEF to KELAN RAY MONCRIEF McCURLEY. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said Petition.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.  
/s/ J. Christopher NeSmith  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Georgia Bar No. 535768

**Law Office of J. Christopher NeSmith, LLC**  
111 N. Carolina Street  
Post Office Box 931  
Hartwell, Georgia 30643  
Telephone: 706-376-6554  
Facsimile: 706-376-7721  
chris@chrisnesmithlaw.com

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Gpn18  
776355

**IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF HART STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF BURELL SHELLA, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES178  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
TO: Melissa Ann Teasley, Kimberly

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Shella, Christopher Burell Shella and to whom it may concern:

Mamie Louise Shella has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Burell Shella, deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M., September 18, 2023.

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

/s/ Merry P. Kirk  
Judge of the Probate Court  
P.O. Box 1159  
Hartwell, GA 30643  
706-376-2565

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775498

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: DOUGLAS LAMAR WHITE, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES174  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT**

The petition of Patsy M. White, for a Year's Support from the estate of Douglas Lamar White, 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 10 a.m. September 11, 2023.

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.

/s/ Merry P. Kirk  
Judge of the Probate Court  
185 W. Franklin St., P.O. Box 1159  
Hartwell, GA 30643  
(706) 376-2565

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE IRENE McCARTHA, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES176  
**NOTICE**

GEORGIA, HART COUNTY PROBATE COURT  
To: Whom it May Concern:  
SUSAN SPECTOR, has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of JOYCE IRENE McCARTHA. You 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 10:00 a.m. September 18, 2023. All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/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.

/s/ Merry Kirk, Probate Judge  
Post Office Box 1159  
Hartwell, Georgia 30643  
(706) 376-2565

The Gordon Law Firm  
Attorneys at Law, LLC  
Post Office Box 870  
Hartwell, Georgia 30643  
(706) 376-5418  
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kim@gordonlawfirm.com

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774435

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF Mary Lue Tucker, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES167  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: whom it may concern:  
Rhonda Tucker Morrison has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Mary Lue Tucker, deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M., September 5, 2023.

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

/s/ Merry P. Kirk  
Judge of the Probate Court  
P.O. Box 1159  
Hartwell, GA 30643  
706-376-2565

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL STEWART WALKER, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES166  
**NOTICE**

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above referenced estate having been duly filed,

TO: **Jason Chitwood and Michael Stowe**  
HELEN GRAINGE WALKER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of MICHAEL STEWART WALKER deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 a.m. September 5, 2023.

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

/s/ Merry Kirk,  
Judge of the Probate Court

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Hartwell, Georgia 30643  
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doug@gordonlawfirm.com

Gpn18  
775052

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL W. BISHOP A/K/A PAUL WILLIAM BISHOP, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 21ES137  
**NOTICE IN RE:**

The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.

TO: Steven Andrew Bishop  
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form, in this Court on or before 10:00 AM, September 11, 2023.

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

/s/ Merry Kirk,  
Judge of the Probate Court

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jections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a Notary Public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party.

Contact Probate Court personnel for that required amount of filing fees. If any such 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.

The Honorable Merry Pilgrim Kirk  
Judge of the Probate Court  
PO Box 1159,  
Hartwell, Georgia 30643  
(706) 376-2565

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777869

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF PIYUSH K. PATEL, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES042  
**NOTICE**

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.

TO: Prajyay Patel  
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before 10:00 a.m. September 25, 2023.

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

/s/ Merry P. Kirk  
Judge of the Probate Court  
P.O. Box 1159  
Hartwell, GA 30643  
706-376-2565

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778006

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF VERNON N. BERRYMAN, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 20ES003  
**NOTICE**

[For discharge from office and all liability]

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative  
TO: **Any and all Heirs of Cecil W. Eberhart, Mike Porterfield, Myra Bates, Adam McFarland, Carin Cowan and all whom it may concern.**

[List here all interested parties having unknown addresses to be served by publication]

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before **11:00 am, September 25, 2023.**

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

Merry P. Kirk  
Judge of the Probate Court  
185 W. Franklin St., P.O. Box 1159  
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706-376-2565

**Tax Sales**

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775175

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM PROPERTY AFTER TAX SALE**

TO: STEPHEN STEWART BRADLEY HOMER WAYNE McLEOD HART COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER

AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, INCLUDING THE OCCUPANT, IF ANY, WITH AN INTEREST IN THAT TRACT OF LAND IN THE 1115TH DISTRICT, G.M. OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, KNOWN AS 0 CLIFF ROAD, HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BELOW (TAX PARCEL NO. C78A-011)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land, being in the 1115th G.M. District of Hart County, Georgia, containing 0.3488 of an acre, more or less, and being designated as Lot No. 4 on a plat of survey prepared by Dean H. Teasley, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated February 2, 1987, and recorded in Plat Book 2-D, Page 33, Hart County, Georgia Records, which plat and the recordation thereof is by reference incorporated herein and made a part of this description.

This being the same property as conveyed by Warranty Deed from Norris Perego to Dale Wayne Miller, dated July 9, 1987, and recorded in Deed Book 193, Page 577, Hart County, Georgia Records.

This conveyance is subject to all easements, restrictions and covenants of record;

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 21st day of September, 2023. This property is also known as Hart County Tax Parcel No. C78A-011.

The tax deed to which this notice relate is dated the 2nd day of March, 2021 (in connection with tax sales conducted on March 2, 2021), and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hart County, Georgia, in Deed Book 929 at pages 433-434.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 21st day of September, 2023, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Dwayne Grubbs, c/o Bill Daughtry, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 6267, 704 Elbert Street, Elberton, Georgia 30635, TEL: (706) 283-5543. Please be governed accordingly.

This 7th day of August, 2023.

Bill Daughtry, Attorney at Law, LLC  
P.O. Box 6267  
Elberton, Georgia 30635  
TEL: (706) 283-5543  
FAX: (706) 283-6968

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