

OUTDOORS

Loggerhead nesting season starting in Georgia

Georgia's nesting season for loggerhead sea turtles is on with nests confirmed on St. Catherines and Cumberland islands Tuesday.

Georgia Sea Turtle Program Coordinator Mark Dodd said the turtles' annual return to lay eggs on beaches along the Southeast starts around the first of May. "It's like clockwork," added Dodd, a senior wildlife biologist with the state Department of Natural Resources.

Daily nest monitoring on all Georgia beaches starts in mid-May. But the first loggerhead nests this year were reported Tuesday from St. Catherines, a

privately owned barrier island in Liberty County, and Cumberland Island National Seashore off St. Marys.

As for how the season will go for the state's primary nesting sea turtle, that outlook is less predictable. Population modeling that shows nesting in the region following a three-year pattern pointed to a surge last summer. Instead, the nest total slid to 1,879, the fewest since the Georgia Sea Turtle Cooperative reported 4,071 loggerhead nests in 2022. The latter marked a record high since comprehensive surveys on all of the state's barrier island beaches began in 1989.

So while Dodd and many of his colleagues are bracing for an unusually busy nesting season, they're also realistic. "Just when you think we have it figured out, the turtles go do something different," he said.

Although nest counts vary by season, the loggerhead population has been increasing at about 4 percent annually since the early 1990s. The model developed by DNR, the University of Georgia and the U.S. Geological Survey using nesting and genetics data indicates that while the population will plateau at current levels for more than a decade – thanks to

low recruitment during the early 2000s – if current protections remain in place at least through that period, loggerhead numbers will then begin to grow again. At that point, the turtles could reach levels not seen since the late 1950s, Dodd said.

Two of the last four summers have exceeded the recovery goal of 2,800 nests a year, a target set in the National Marine Fisheries Service/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recovery plan for the federally protected turtles. Helping loggerheads meet that goal is the focus of the Sea Turtle Cooperative.

Public Notices

STATE OF GEORGIA CLINCH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of Donna Sherrie Mikell
All debtors and creditors of the Estate of Donna Sherrie Mikell, deceased, late of Clinch 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.

Misty Peterson McQuaig and Winston D. Peterson
Executors of Estate of Donna Sherrie Mikell
1511 Chester Mattox Rd
Homerville GA 31634
By: Kass Knight
Deputy Probate Clerk
110 Court Sq.
Homerville, GA 31634
102w ch. Clinch Probate 4/22-5/13

IN THE JUVENILE COURT CLINCH COUNTY

IN THE INTEREST OF: K.D.J.
JUVENILE CASE NO.: 032-26J-004
DOB: 12/09/2025
GENDER: Male
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: TASHANTI JOHNSON
Any potential unknown father of the child, K.D.J.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to terminate your parental rights and place custody of said child with the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting through the Clinch County Department of Family and Children Services, was filed in said Court on March 27, 2026. A copy of the Petition can be obtained from the Clerk of this Court during business hours.

You are summoned to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Clinch County for a hearing on the Motion for Determination of Legal Representation for Respondents and Motion for Discovery to be held on the 21a day of May, 2026 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the

Clinch County Courthouse, 25 Court Square, Homerville, Georgia, 31634. Should you fail to appear at the above-mentioned hearing, the Order entered pursuant to the hearing will be made the Final Order of the Court.

You are summoned to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Clinch County for the Final Hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights in this matter set for the 18th day of June, 2026 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the Clinch County Courthouse, 25 Court Square, Homerville, Georgia, 31634. Should you fail to appear at the above-mentioned hearing, the Order entered pursuant to the hearing will be made the Final Order of the Court.

Now, therefore, you the party named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated above and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged by the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all other business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Clinch County, Georgia, located at 25 Court Square, Homerville, Georgia, 31634 on the date and time specified in this Summons, and you the said parent, guardian or legal custodian are likewise hereby commanded to be and appear with the aforesaid children in said Court at the times and place herein stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said children and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provision of law.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 15-11-281, you are hereby notified that these proceedings and the hearings specified herein are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

Georgia law provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.

If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

Even if your parental rights are terminated:

(1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and

(2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 912-487-5854.

TO: Any potential unknown father of the child, K.D.J.
You are hereby given notice, that:

Further: "The biological father who is not the legal father may lose all rights to the child named in the petition brought pursuant to this article and will not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights to such child unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, he files: (1) A petition to legitimate such child; and (2) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the court in which the termination of parental rights proceeding is pending."

"The court may enter an order terminating all the parental rights of a biological father, including any right to object thereafter to such proceedings: (1) Who failed to file a timely petition to legitimate the child named in the petition brought pursuant to this article and notice in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section; (2) Whose petition to legitimate is subsequently dismissed for failure to prosecute; or (3) Whose petition to legitimate does not result in a court order finding that he is the legal father of the child named in a petition brought pursuant to this article.

1 THIS IS IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

Any party to this matter is entitled to representation by an attorney. If the Court determines that said party is unable, without undue financial hardship to provide payment for an attorney and all other legal expenses for representation, then such party becomes an "indigent person" and is entitled to counsel as provided by O.C.G.A. §15-11-103. All parties who feel that they cannot afford an attorney are hereby required to personally contact the Clinch County Juvenile Court, 25 Court Square, Homerville, Georgia, 31634, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. to determine whether they are entitled to the appointment of an attorney. In the event any party to this matter fails to PERSONALLY contact said Clinch County Juvenile Court prior to the date

set for a hearing on this matter, said party will be deemed to have waived the right to appointed representation and the Court will proceed accordingly. NO CONTINUANCES OF THIS MATTER SHALL BE GRANTED BY THE COURT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING COUNSEL, except in those situations where the interests of two or more parties conflict, and the same is determined by the Court.

Further, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-700, please be advised that Personal Health Information (PHI) will be disclosed. Each party should seek to protect their PHI as that party deems appropriate.

WITNESS the Honorable Suzanne P. Mathis, Judge of Juvenile Court, on this 17 day of April, 2026.

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Deputy Clerk, Juvenile Court of Clinch County, Georgia
1223w ch. Charles Reddick
4/29-5/20

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER CLINCH COUNTY, GEORGIA

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kathryn A Dodd to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., dated October 27, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 10J, Page 35, Clinch County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded March 26, 2024 in Book 10M, Page 118 in the amount of Two Hundred Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine and 00/100 (\$204,369.00) Clinch County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Union Home Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on February 4, 2026 in Book 0011E Page 0245 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Clinch County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine and 0/100 dollars (\$204,369.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Clinch County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on June 2, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 403 in the 7th Land District of Clinch County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as Parcel "C", containing 1.27 acres, more or less, according to a plat prepared by Robert L. Cheeseman, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2514 of Kaleigh Forestry & Land Management Services, dated March 20, 2016, recorded in Plat Book I, Page 266, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Clinch County, Georgia. Said plat being incorporated herein for all legal and descriptive purposes.

This being the same property conveyed unto Kathy Dodd by Warranty Deed of Jessie Annette Mayes dated March 24, 2016, recorded in DB 7T, Page 637, Clinch County Superior Court Clerk's records.

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Union Home Mortgage they can be contacted at 269-324-4240 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 6444

Monroe Street, Suite 6, Sylvania, Ohio 43560, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Kathy Dodd or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **201 Creekside Dr, Homerville, GA 31634.**

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

Union Home Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Kathryn A Dodd, Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 26-01109
642w ch. BCNS 5/6-5/27

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CLINCH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JONAH BLAKE PITTMAN, ESTATE NO. 2026-

ES-13
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE

To whom it may concern: LILY-ANA PITTMAN has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JONAH BLAKE PITTMAN 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 JUNE 8, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel 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.

WITNESS, the Hon. Tony Spradley, Judge
By: KASSI KNIGHT
CLERK, PROBATE COURT OF CLINCH COUNTY
110 Court Square
Homerville, Georgia 31634
912-487-5523 (Telephone)
239w ch. Clinch Probate 5/13-6/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Margaret Douglas, late of Clinch County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned Administrator according to the law and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the Administrator.

Jerry Ronald Douglas
The Estate of Margaret Douglas
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