

OUTDOORS

Be Gatorwise: Smart choices beat close encounters

Sharing our waterways with alligators is nothing new in Georgia. With summer right around the corner, sightings may increase this time of year. Whether you are spending a quiet day on the water or spending the day outside with family and friends, it's important that Georgians stay GatorWise, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

"Warmer weather and longer days mean more opportunities to see alligators while enjoying the outdoors. Alligators become more active this time of year - basking on banks and swimming in rivers, creeks, ponds and lakes," said Kara Nitschke, WRD's state alligator biologist. "Remember the GatorWise basics when spending time in the water to ensure everyone has a safe and fun experience. These simple principles can go a long way in minimizing potential conflicts with alligators."

Learn The GatorWise Basics:

Assume Alligators are Present: Alligators can live in any water body in their range. They are good at hiding and may be found in places where you have never seen them, especially after storms or floods. Keep your distance.

Never Feed Alligators: Feeding alligators on purpose or by accident is illegal in Georgia. Fed alligators learn to associate people with food and lose their natural fear of people.

Don't Dispose of Fish or Food Scraps in the Water: Throwing fish scraps in the water is one of the most common ways people unintentionally feed alligators. Properly dispose of bait, fish scraps and food items.

Never Harass, Capture or Handle an Alligator: Approaching, capturing or handling alligators puts you at risk. View and photograph alligators from a distance.

Be Responsible for People and Pets in Your Care: Keep pets on a leash and away from the water's edge. Supervise small children near the water.



Go to www.gatorwise.org to find about more about being safe around alligators.

Maintain Awareness: Observe alligator warning signs. Stay away from the water if you see an alligator. Avoid swimming in areas with dense vegetation and only swim during daylight hours.

In Georgia, alligators typically live along and south of the fall line (which roughly traverses the cities of Columbus, Macon and Augusta). On rare occasions, they may be seen further north due to excessive rain and/or drought causing movement or if they have been placed in waterways by humans.

GatorWise promotes realistic public perceptions

about alligators and provides guidance on responsible human behavior to minimize conflict between people and alligators.

GatorWise was developed with cooperation from state fish and wildlife agencies of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas, all states within the range of the American Alligator.

More about GatorWise at <https://www.gatorwise.org/>. More about alligators in Georgia at <https://georgiawildlife.com/alligator-info>.

Public Notices

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CLINCH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MYRTLE CASON DOUGLAS, ESTATE NO. 2026-ES-14
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

To whom it may concern: TOMMIE DOUGLAS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MYRTLE CASON DOUGLAS 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 22, 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
5/27-6/17

STATE OF GEORGIA CLINCH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of Nancy Carolyn Scruggs Garrett
All debtors and creditors of the Estate of Nancy Carolyn Scruggs Garrett, 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.

Matty Lynn Garrett
Executors of Estate of
Nancy Carolyn Scruggs Garrett
Matty Lynn Garrett
4496 Lake Ivanhoe Dr.
Tucker, GA 30084
By: Kassi Knight
Deputy Probate Clerk
110 Court Sq.
Homerville, GA 31634
104w ch. Clinch Probate
5/27-6/17

NOTICE OF LAST DATE TO CLAIM SLASH PINE ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION CAPITAL CREDITS

In compliance with O.C.G.A. § 44-12-236 of The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, Slash Pine Electric Membership Corporation is attempting to locate former members whose capital credit checks were issued in 2020 but have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as "undeliverable" or have otherwise been unclaimed.

A current list of these members, with their last known addresses and instructions for claiming these funds, is posted at our corporate office located at 794 West Dame Avenue, Homerville, Georgia 31634, for review from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The last possible date to claim these funds is October 30, 2026. If these funds are not claimed by this date, they will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 44-12-236.

To claim a refund or submit any questions about this notice or the lists, please contact Slash Pine Electric Membership Corporation.
157w ch. Slash Pine 6/3-6/24

NOTICE

We at S&B Towing and Recovery declare that the following vehicle was impounded by our company:

S&B Towing and Recovery 272 April Road Homerville, GA 31634
Vehicle: 2014 Hyundai Eiantra
Color: Gray
VIN: 5NPDH4AE2EH512199
Impound Date: 12/28/2025

We have acquired a court order dated 05/27/2026 to sell this vehicle in a public sale.
Vehicle: 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee
Color: Gray
VIN: 1J4GX58S93C507280
Impound Date: 01/14/2026

We have acquired a court order dated 05/27/2026 to sell this vehicle in a public sale.
Vehicle: 2009 Toyota Yaris
Color: Black
VIN: JTDBT903991298103
Impound Date: 02/02/2026

We have acquired a court order dated 05/27/2026 to sell this vehicle in a public sale.
Date requested for publication and date for public sale are as follows:
1st Week: 06/10/2026
2nd Week: 06/17/2026
PUBLIC SALE WILL BE HELD ON 06/24/2026

PUBLIC SALE LOCATION AND TIME: 9:00 @ S&B Towing and Recovery, 272 April Road Homerville, GA 31634
153w ch. S&B Towing 6/10-6/17

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
To: The Estates of

Cunningham Archie, Cunningham Larry, Cunningham William, Holmes Isaac, and all heirs, successors, assigns, executors, administrators, and all persons having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the below-described property.

Take notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after **August 3, 2026**:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 043-007B, Clinch County, Georgia, being 10.2 acres, Lot 2, shown in Plat Book 1, Page 417, described in Deed Book 8N, Page 5, located off County Road 111.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 6, 2024.

The property may be redeemed at any time before **August 3, 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

C.O.P.E. Inc.
8651 Dawes Lake Road
Mobile, AL 36619
Please be governed accordingly.
C.O.P.E. Inc.
By: Donna Marsh
Date: 06/08/2026
Donna Marsh, President
163w PAID 6/17-7/8

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

In accordance with O.C.G.A Section 40-11-6 the following described vehicles have been impounded and are presently stored at Clinch Brake and Alignment, 173 South Church Street Homerville, GA. 31634
912-487-2500

*2012 Hyundai Sonata
VIN: 5NPEC4AC8CH391824
*2011 Hyundai Genesis
VIN: KMHGC4DEIBU123493
*2016 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL3AP5GC111473
Sale Date July 2 at 9:00 am
56w ch. Clinch Brake 6/17-6/24

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CLINCH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF EVERAL CHAUNCEY, ESTATE NO. 2026-

ES-16
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

To whom it may concern: DAMON CHAUNCEY has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of EVERAL CHAUNCEY 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 July 13, 2026.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CLINCH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF IDABELL HALL

MALONE, ESTATE NO. 2026-ES-15
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

To whom it may concern: LEDONTEE M. MALONE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of IDABELL HALL MALONE 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 July 13, 2026.

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