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Tasty Paws Pet Treats - Organic pet treats and handsewn collar bandanas and leashes

Advance voting for runoffs begins Monday

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The advanced voting for two Republican runoff races will be held for a week, beginning Monday.

Early voting will go from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Laurens County Registrar's Office, 117 E. Jackson St. There will be no Saturday voting, said Laurens County Registrar Susan Rooks.

"I've started mailing ballots Thursday and Friday," Rooks said. "They have to have them

back to me by Election Day (June 18). Because of the problem with the mail system like it has been lately, I would encourage them to bring them back to the office if they can."

Those who voted on a Democratic ticket on May 21 will not be able to vote in this runoff. Those who voted Republican, non-partisan or did not vote will be able to cast a ballot in the runoff.

People living in District 2 will be able to vote between incumbent Trae Kemp and challenger Keith Oliver. On Election Day, Kemp led in the votes but did not get more than 50 percent of the

votes and will face Oliver. Oliver edged out third candidate Mike Roberson.

Besides the commission race for District 2, there will be a runoff between Darla Brown and Tim Aldridge for tax commissioner. Brown received the most votes on May 21 with 2,408. Aldridge was second with 1,819.

"This time there will be a winner," Rooks said. "These candidates have no opponents on the Democratic side, so the winners in this runoff will appear in the November election and get one vote."

For questions, call (478) 272-2841.



Performer Todd Key receives help from a volunteer during his juggling act at the Laurens County Library. Key has performed in 14 countries across the globe. His show, dubbed Cirque du Todd is a mainstay act of the library's summer reading program /ANNA BOURASSA

Cirque du Todd ... Juggling, comedy act returns for summer program

By ANNA BOURASSA
GPA Intern

Laurens County Library continues their weekly summer reading program with the comedic juggler Todd Key, who is known for his lively and engaging show named Cirque Du Todd.

Key, a well versed performer with 45 years of professional juggling experience, delighted the audience with a series of impressive and interactive acts. The show featured traditional juggling routines with bouncy balls and bowling pins, as well as unique balancing acts involving stacked blocks and various objects.

One of the highlights of the show was the audience participation segments, which brought an extra layer of excitement and engagement. In one act, Key invited a child to assist him by holding pointy sticks in each hand while he balanced spinning balls on top of them. Another memorable moment was when Key juggled three bowling pins, periodically tossing one to a young boy from the audience who eagerly threw it back.

A crowd favorite was Key's lasso trick. He used a wide lasso and had a participant walk under it to stand in the middle while it circled around them. The theatrics escalated when Key introduced three more children, managing to lasso all four together, much to the delight and laughter of the crowd.

At the end of the show, Key generously handed out free copies of his children's book, "Who Stole My Homework?" to every family in attendance. This gesture was part of his effort to further promote the summer reading program among the children, emphasizing the importance of making reading a fun and lifelong habit.

Key shared his unique perspective on juggling, explaining, "I have my own definition of juggling. My definition of juggling is manipulating it in a weird way."

This captivating approach has taken him to 14 countries around the world, including Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and Dji-



Key shows his skills juggling while balancing on a mini-Viking longboat/ANNA BOURASSA

County deeds Georgia State Patrol post land to state

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

It has taken more than 20 years but the Georgia State Patrol location is about to officially belong to the state.

The Laurens County Commissioners approved a resolution deeding to GSP to the state properties commission during Tuesday evening's meeting. There is a reversion clause in case it was shut down and stopped being a GSP post, said Laurens County Administrator Bryan Rogers. If that happened, the building and the property would return to the county, who built the GSP post from 2003 to 2004. In 2004, the commissioners passed a resolution to deed that property to the state. The building was built with SPLOST funds.

"At the time, the state properties commission was not satisfied with the title because Laurens County could never show how we got the property, of course it was always Laurens County's property ever since Laurens County was in place," Rogers said. "There's never been a deed on it and that complicated things for the state. They wanted a clear title, so 20 years later, we've got the title for them."

Rogers said this was the first process and there will be a closing where documents will be signed.

Commissioners also approved upgrades to the Laurens County Jail kitchen, voting to replace aging equipment.

"They have done a good job of patching it and keeping it together," Rogers said. "We've got to upgrade it. We have some funds in there allocated for those upgrades in SPLOST. We are going to try to make those upgrades now before it tears up on us again."

The upgrades will cost approximately \$18,000.

Sheriff Larry Dean said the maintenance man had been work-

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Local church funded container clinic to open soon in Ghana

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

One of two containers sent from two Laurens County churches to house medical clinics should be opening soon.

Pine Forest Methodist Church and Buckhorn Methodist Church teamed up in 2022 to form a what they called Operation Lifesavers. Toward the end of that year, they sent both containers to be used as a three-room OBGYN clinics to be shipped to Ghana.

Pine Forest member Bucky Dixon recently heard from Jonathan Hartsfield that one of the containers had made it to a village called Nungua close to a town called Elubo in the Jomoro District of Ghana.

"(Jonathan) is the guy who specializes

on the solar side of the whole project," Dixon said. "He was actually able to go to the site and he just turned on the lights. Hopefully, we're going to have it up and running by September."

Dixon said there were some issues with things in the village.

"The container is there and it's set up," he said. "It feels good to see it over there."

The water tower has been built but they still have to get the water supply hooked up. The well needs to be drilled and the solar power needs to be connected.

"We have sent the funds to get it done," Dixon said. "They are getting closer and it is honestly out of our hands now. It's in God's

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Jonathan Hartsfield was recently in Nungua, the site of one of the containers sent there by a group effort by Pine Forest Methodist Church and Buckhorn Methodist Church/SPECIAL PHOTO

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OBITUARIES



Dorothy Jean Love

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Love, 67, beloved wife of George Love of Soperton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, June 5, 2024 at their home.

Born in Tampa, Florida, she was the eldest of four children born to the late Jamie Antonio “Tony” Teruel Sr. and Jeanette Powell Teruel. As a young child her family moved to Georgia where she attended the Treutlen County public school system.

Being the eldest child, she quickly stepped in and helped raise her brothers. She worked in various roles in Treutlen County but was primarily a mother, wife and homemaker. In 1987 she married George Love, of Treutlen County.

Dorothy enjoyed browsing flea markets, estates sales and thrift stores in search of that special find. She was fond of hand crafts and refinishing furniture. She and George spent special times together in the Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg and Sevierville, Tennessee. When not spending time with her grand and great-grandchildren, she could be found at their sporting events or at the dirt track in Swainsboro or watching her favorite NASCAR driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr.

She was a people person and enjoyed any time spent with her family and friends.

Dorothy had attended and was baptized at Faith Baptist Church in Treutlen County.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother, Jamie “James” Teruel Jr. and her maternal grandparents, William Grady Powell and Onie Zell Grizzard Powell.

Dorothy leaves behind, her husband, George Love, Soperton, Ga., children,

Charles Carpenter (Wendy), Butler, Ga., Dwayne Carpenter (Jackie), Soperton, Ga., Lynn Carpenter, Soperton, Ga., a brother, Willie Powell (Angie), Dublin, Ga., a sister, Mary Ann of Tampa, FL, grandchildren, Charles William Carpenter Jr., Brittany McDaniel (Nathan), Taylor Bridges (Andrew), Lindsay Carpenter, great-grand children, Jayce McDaniel, Delilah McDaniel and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024 in the Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Hammock and Pastor Dan Raburn officiating.

Mrs. Love will be laid to rest beside her aunt in Westview Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be: Dusty Foskey, Derek Powell, Curt Landrum, Matthew Teruel, Nathan McDaniel, Andrew Bridges and William Carpenter.

Her family received friends on Friday, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Sammons Funeral Home or friends and family may call at the

family home.

Please share a memory, leave a condolence message and sign the online guest register at www.sammons-funeralhome.com.

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Bishop D. Moss Jr.

Mr. Bishop D. Moss Jr., of Sumter, South Carolina, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024. Funeral arrangements are incomplete but will be announced later.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin

Robert Lee Cherry

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Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.

Burt Jones: Economic worries will help Trump win presidency

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

JEKYLL ISLAND – Inflation will drive support for former President Donald Trump’s bid to return to the White House, Lt. Gov. Burt Jones predicted Thursday.

“2020 was the personality vote,” Jones, the first Georgia elected official to back Trump’s first campaign for president in 2015, said during a luncheon speech at the Georgia Press Association’s annual conference. “2024 is going to be a pocketbook vote.”

Jones cited the high price of gasoline and other necessities under President Joe Biden as more important to voters in the 2024 election cycle than the concerns over Trump’s character that marked the Republican’s narrow loss to Democrat Biden four years ago.

Indeed, 29 percent of

1,203 registered Georgia voters who responded to a Quinnipiac University poll earlier this week said the economy is the most important issue in determining how they will vote for president. The state of the economy outranked preserving democracy in the United States and immigration, rated most important by 23 percent and 14 percent of those surveyed, respectively.

Jones, who presides over the state Senate, also highlighted a couple of bills the General Assembly passed during this year’s session after years of failure.

He said a private-school vouchers bill Republican leaders steered through the legislature will give parents with children living in neighborhoods with low-performing public schools a chance to send them to a private school if

they choose.

“Even the best public schools might not be the best fit for every child,” he said.

Jones also praised lawmakers for passing long-awaited legislation to reform Georgia’s “antiquated” Certificate of Need (CON) process governing the construction of new health-care facilities and the provision of new medical services.

He said rural communities looking to expand health-care access have been blocked repeatedly by the need to undergo an expensive, cumbersome CON review at the state level that forces them to demonstrate a need for a new hospital or medical service in their area.

“I watched a lot of these communities hindered around the state,” Jones said. “Everybody was shocked that we got it

Georgia appellate court pauses Trump election interference case

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – The Georgia Court of Appeals declared Wednesday that it will not move forward with an election interference prosecution of former President Donald Trump until after deciding whether to disqualify Fulton District Attorney Fani Willis from the case.

The one-page ruling came just two days after the appellate court set a hearing date of Oct. 4 on the appeal, virtually guaranteeing the case won’t go to trial before the Nov. 5 presidential election pitting Trump in a rematch against incumbent President Joe Biden.

Lawyers for Trump and eight of the co-de-

fendants in the election interference case sought Willis’ removal after she admitted a prior romantic relationship with attorney Nathan Wade, who she hired to lead the prosecution. The relationship first came to light last January in a motion filed by Ashleigh Merchant, a lawyer from Cobb County representing Republican political operative and Trump ally Mike Roman.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee ruled in April that Willis could remain on the case but only if Wade stepped down, which he did several hours after the decision was handed down.

A Fulton grand jury indicted Trump and 18 codefendants last August, charging the Republican with participating in a conspiracy to over-

turn the 2020 presidential election in Georgia, which saw Joe Biden become the first Democrat to carry the Peach State in nearly 30 years.

With the Georgia case on hold, Trump’s conviction last week for falsifying business records to cover up a hush-money scheme appears to be the only one of four criminal cases against the ex-president likely to be tried before the election.

Two other cases charging Trump in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol and with retaining classified documents after leaving office are moving through the legal system so slowly they also aren’t expected to go to trial before November.

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Whichever olive oil you use, the Cleveland Clinic says that substituting it for saturated fats can help lower LDL cholesterol, reduce blood pressure and protect you from vascular disease -- and EVOO can help lower your cancer risk. A 2022 study found that those who consumed the most olive oil were 19 percent less likely to die of cardiovascular disease and 17 percent less likely to die of cancer over 28 years than folks who didn't consume much olive oil.

And a new long-range

study of 90,000 people found that eating about half a tablespoon of olive oil a day lowers the risk of dementia by 28 percent compared to folks who don't ever or rarely eat it. So, whether you're using it straight from the bottle on salads or as a dip for bread or cooking with (it's still beneficial if you don't heat it above its smoke point), it's a good way to lubricate your health.

Dr. Mike Roizen is the founder of www.longevityplaybook.com, and Dr. Mehmet Oz is global advisor to www.iHerb.com, the world's leading online



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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By LUCIE WINBORNE

King Features

* "Witch windows," or diagonal windows, exist almost exclusively in Vermont. Their moniker comes from the superstition that witches can't maneuver their broomsticks through slanted windows.

* More than 70 species of mushrooms glow in the dark.

* A 67-year-old woman named Dorothy Fletcher had a heart attack on a plane. When the stewardess asked if a doctor was on board, luck was on Dorothy's side: Fifteen people on their way to a cardiology conference stood up! Dorothy survived.

* A killer fog that swathed London in 1952 and left as many as 12,000 people dead led to Parliament's passing the first Clean Air Act in 1956.

* "Percussive maintenance" is the technical term for hitting something until it works.

* Richard Anthony Jones spent 17 years in jail on a robbery charge until talk by some of his fellow inmates revealed he had a doppelganger with the same first name in the same jail. This second Jones was actually the guilty party.

* Before his acting career took off, Harrison Ford worked as a roadie for The Doors. That gig proved so intense that he humorously claimed he was "one step away from joining a Jesuit monastery" after it ended.

* Black cats are considered to bring good luck in Japan.

* While doing research for the film "Castaway," William Broyles Jr. isolated himself on a beach for a week to immerse himself in the survival experience, which lent authenticity to the screenplay.

Thought for the Day: "By seeing each day and each situation as a kind of training exercise, the stakes suddenly become a lot lower. The way you interpret your own mistakes and the mistakes of others is suddenly a lot more generous." -- Ryan Holiday

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The customer was charged with three counts of terrorist threats and acts and one count of simple assault. The officer also did a criminal trespass sheet on the customer, banning him from the Pilot gas store in-

The woman was arrested and transported to the po-

- Property was damaged around 8:12 p.m. on May 22 on Earnest Stinson Road.

Editor's note: This information is public record and was taken from reports of local law enforcement agencies. These reports do not reflect guilt or innocence. An "arrest" does not always indicate incarceration. Readers are cautioned that people may have similar names. Police Beat does not identify minor children, victims of sexual assault, suicide attempts or medical conditions. Cases dismissed do not appear if the newspaper is notified before deadline.

The chairman (of an auto maker) has admitted that they lied about safety certification on three of their models. It's okay because he apologized.

ture five speakers, is Uphill Journey, It's Only Up From Here. Founder senior pastor Chief Apostle Shirley Parker, is also the founder of Women of Essence. Everyone is invited to come out.

River levels...

Oconee (at Dublin)	4.2'
Ocmulgee (at Macon)	9.20'

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All the world's a stage: A few notes on being a dance dad

I’ve stumbled, nay, been thrust into, a sub-genre of the zeitgeist of our age – I am a dance dad.

The youth dance culture has been widely documented, from social media influencers to reality television shows. The world is well aware of the ups, downs, stress and drama in the world of competitive dance. Like travel ball leagues, dance is an expensive and time-consuming activity. There is always a practice or class to go to, some that end too late for my taste, and the first quarter of the year is a hectic dash to prepare and travel to competitions.

If I had only known this would be my life when, six years ago, my little girl child looked up at me doe-eyed and said she wanted to be a ballerina.

Dance competitions are a bizarre spectacle. A mass of people gathers from across the region, sometimes the country, to crowd the lobby and ballrooms of ritzy hotels to take lessons from more experienced peers and showcase their own talents. Dancers anxiously await their numbers to come up on the schedule, instructors make sure everyone is accounted for and the moms hurriedly check costumes and makeup.

What about the dads? We wait until we’re needed. Dance dads are chauffeurs, food fetchers, prop movers and moral support. We sit quietly in the spectators area, holding seats for the ones working backstage and cheering like we’re at the Super Bowl when our daughters finally take the

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By KYLE DOMINY

spotlight.

After a series of performances all the dancers return to the stage for the judges’ decisions. I’ve yet to grasp the scoring system. Each dance is individually scored. It seems very arbitrary to me, like your destiny depends on the mood and taste of the judges, whom I have dubbed “the lords of the dance” at that given time. The awards bestowed are named after precious metals but are received in the form of a plas-

tic button.

At the Olympics the gold medal award is the pinnacle for an athlete, but at a dance competition a gold award means the lords of the dance have dealt harshly with you. Gold is third place on the score card. The next, better, award is a high gold. The highest accolade the judges can grant is a platinum, a near perfect score on a scale of 300 points.

There are also silver awards, but the announcer doesn’t waste their breath on those. These performers are shunned by the lords of the dance. They are cast into the lake of disappointment where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The dance year is winding down with the summer. Only one competition remains on the calendar, the upcoming nationals event. Then there will be a much-needed, but much-too-short, two-week break before preparations for next season begin. But my daughter loves absolutely every minute of it. She dances because she wants to. She cheers on her friends, even in her own failure, and eagerly awaits every practice, performance and contest.

If I had known this would be my life when, six years ago, my little girl child looked up at me doe-eyed and said she wanted to be a ballerina? I still say yes.

You can reach Kyle Dominy at k.l.dominy@gmail.com or write to 115 South Jefferson Street Dublin, Ga. 31021.

Thomas Anthony Dooley III, M.D. (1927-1961)

Dr. Tom Dooley was a genuine humanitarian who demonstrated his love for people who are hurting during the years 1954-1961. Initially, as a young U.S. Navy doctor, he helped in the evacuation of 600,000 refugees from North to South Vietnam as they fled the communist invasion from the north. Seven years later in 1961, as this Roman Catholic physician lay dying of cancer, the priest who last visited him and administered last rites described Tom Dooley as "dedication personified" ("Before I Sleep, the Last Days of Dr. Tom Dooley, New York: Farrar Straus and Co. 1961, p.236).

Soon after the Southeast Asia (Into-China) evacuation named "Passage to Freedom," assisted the U.S. Navy, Tom Dooley resigned his commission and returned to Laos to a "people who ain't got it so good," said his friend. In 1958, he founded Medical International Cooperation Organization (MEDICO), that later became a service of Care, Inc.

This skilled doctor, whose heart was "as big as the ocean," literally wore

By JACK
BROWN



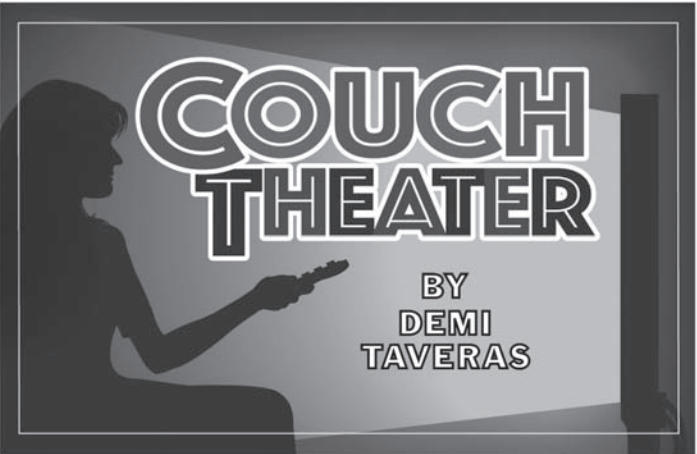
himself out as a medical missionary doctor to people who were hurting in the countries of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. He helped in founding village clinics, hospitals and orphanages, and he traveled and spoke extensively to promote these causes and to elicit help for the work. He once said, "The only way a man can achieve happiness is to strive for the happiness of others."

He wrote three deeply touching books describing his work, and they are: "Deliver Us From Evil," 1956; "The Edge of Tomorrow," 1958; and "The Night They Burned the Mountain," 1960. Further, the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Center

has been established in his memory at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Ill. It has been this chaplain's distinct honor to visit there on three occasions, 1996, 2001 and 2002, to attend his denominational chaplain's conferences.

The Scriptures teach much about compassion for others and commitment to worthy endeavors. We are encouraged to love God with our whole being and to love others as we love ourselves. And, by doing this others will know that we belong to God. May God help us all to have a similar dedication in life as we refocus and readjust our priorities.

Peace!



"Challengers" (R) -- Director Luca Guadagnino ("Call Me by Your Name") usually excels with critics and fails at the box office, but his latest release seems as if it has succeeded in both respects. This romantic-sports drama immediately had Gen Z swooning on TikTok, no doubt due to the incredible trio leading the film: Zendaya ("Dune: Part Two"), Josh O'Connor ("The Crown") and Mike Faist ("West Side Story"). Zendaya portrays Tashi, a former tennis player turned coach, who now coaches her husband - tennis champion Art Donaldson (Faist). Although he's struggling with an injury, Art just needs one more U.S. Open title to get a Career Grand Slam, so Tashi enters him in what seems to be a simple Challenger event. But when Art finds out his opponent is Patrick Zweig (O'Connor), his ex-best friend and Tashi's ex-boyfriend, Art realizes that this match might be the most important one of his life. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

"Spacey Unmasked" (TV-14) -- A documentary detailing a mountain of allegations against disgraced actor Kevin Spacey has arrived, yet still, this might not be enough to keep Spacey out of Hollywood. The two-part docuseries, out now, includes interviews with 10 men who allege that Spacey sexually harassed them over the span of five decades. A completely different set of people from those whose cases have since been settled, these men worked alongside him in theaters in New York and London, met him in dodgy places like The Viper Room, and even knew him in high school. With so many individuals pinpointing the same atrocious behavior since the 1970s all the way to the 2010s, it's astonishing that Spacey himself said this was "a dying network's one-sided 'documentary' about me in their desperate attempt for ratings." The only desper-

ate one here seems to be you, Spacey. (Max)

"Mother of the Bride" (TV-PG) -- Looks like it's Comeback City for these handful of actors who decided to star in this cheesy, tropey rom-com out now. Starring Brooke Shields, Miranda Cosgrove, Chad Michael Murray, and Benjamin Bratt, this film follows mom-and-daughter duo Emma (Cosgrove) and Lana (Shields), who are very close since the death of Emma's father when she was 8. So, naturally, Emma shocks Lana with the news that she's getting married in Phuket, Thailand, with her company footing the bill. (Must be nice.) But when they arrive in Thailand, Lana receives an even bigger shock when she realizes that the groom's father is her college ex-boyfriend, Will (Bratt) - the same guy who smashed her heart into smithereens. What a totally unplanned coincidence that definitely isn't going to make the movie completely unbelievable, right? Well, let's hope this gets some better projects off the ground for these actors. (Netflix)

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Miranda Cosgrove, left, and Brooke Shields star in "Mother of the Bride"/Photo courtesy of Netflix

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 17, 2015, 21-year-old Dylann Roof joined members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., for a Bible study session before drawing a gun, telling the others that African Americans were "taking over the country," and killing nine people. Roof was arrested the following morning and eventually sentenced to death for the crime.

* On June 18, 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Salt II agreement dealing with limitations and guidelines for nuclear weapons. However, due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan the following year, it never went into effect and Carter withdrew the U.S. from the agreement.

* On June 19, 1821, Jesuit missionary Pierre-Jean De Smet met with Sioux leader Sitting Bull in present-day Montana in an attempt to convince local Native Americans to make peace with the United States. While the chief refused to personally sign a peace treaty, he sent one of his lesser chiefs to Fort Laramie, WY, to sign a pact in which the Sioux would allow white travel and settlement in specified

areas.

* On June 20, 1937, W2XBS (later WCBS-TV) televised the first TV opera, "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan. It became the pair's most popular creation.

* On June 21, 2005, 80-year-old Edgar Ray Killen, a former KKK organizer, was declared guilty on three counts of manslaughter in the deaths of three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, MS, 41 years earlier, and sentenced to 60 years in prison.

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Moment of Inspiration

Are you to busy?

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, and time to every purpose under the heaven:

Increasingly, I have noticed that when I ask people how they are doing, they respond with "busy". Our society has become busier than ever and we are all feeling the effects. I have counseled many people who are having difficulty achieving a healthy work/life balance. They feel a pressure, often internal, to get more accomplished at work, make more money, have their children involved in many activities, and maintain a fulfilling relationship with their spouse. For many of us, busy quickly becomes overwhelmed. Is this the way God desires for us to live? Ecclesiastes 3 references how there is a time for everything. It goes on to show that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and find satisfaction in their work, home and spiritual life.

God's design for us includes a healthy work/life balance. He wants us to be able to experience His great gifts. When we have balance in our lives, we are best positioned to receive those gifts.

When you find yourself experiencing anxiety or feeling overwhelmed by the demands on your time, ask yourself, "What am I trying to accomplish?" "Is my busyness part of a greater goal and does that goal honor God?" Does my current schedule allow me to fully experience His presence or does it create an obstacle to my spiritual growth?"

We are all busy. Let yours have a purpose that makes God and family the priority.

Dr. Curt Lysaker, Pastor Shady Grove Baptist Church
Pastor: Shady Grove Baptist Church
Pastors if you would like to share a devotional please email to: advertisingtch@gmail.com





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Very light vote expected in state election; huge tent revival to begin Sunday night

DUBLIN COURIER - HERALD, DISPATCH, AND PRESS

Voters in Georgia have been called in a special state-wide election to ratify or reject 33 amendments to the constitution as well as elect one out of four candidates to fill the office of Solicitor General of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

Justice of Peace of the militia districts of the county secured the election ballots and supplies for the purpose of holding the election from the office of Laurens Count Ordinary Wiley H. Adams over the weekend.

A light vote had been anticipated here and throughout the county due to lack of local interest in the constitutional amendments and the Solicitor General race, and, as of noon today, this was the case.

In voting on the Brunswick office, Laurens Countians are to choose one of the following four candidates: W. Glenn Thomas, W.D. Turner, H.L. Williams, or M.E. Woods.

A certified copy of the qualified voters list was filed on Monday by the Board of Registrars and reveals that Laurens County has 2404 qualified voters, as listed below.

Dublin District: 1735 white voters, 56 colored
Bailey District: 85
Buckeye District: 56
Burch District: 206 white; 10 colored
Burgamy District: 91 white; 19 colored
Cadwell District: 116
Carter District: 91
Dudley District: 106 white; 5 colored
Hampton Mills District: 373 white; 1 colored
Harvard District: 64 white; 3 colored
Jackson District: 112 white; 4 colored
Lowery District: 181 white; 5 colored
Oconee District: 102 white; 2 colored
Pinetucky District: 210 white; 2 colored
Reedy Springs District: 284 white; 2 colored
Rockledge District: 124 white; 1 colored
Smith District: 88 white; 5 colored

TENT REVIVAL STARTS SUNDAY

Everything will be in readiness for holding the huge county-wide tent revival here beginning at 8:30 Sunday night, and one of the largest crowds in church history is expected to attend the initial service, it was announced today.

Rev. A.C. Baker of the Baptist Tabernacle in Macon, whose church membership showed the largest gain last year of any Baptist church in the Southern Baptist Convention, will do the preaching. Alvin Hirsch, noted song leader, will lead the singing, and choirs of the various churches of the county will take part.

Much interest has been shown in the erection of the large tent this week, and the glamour of the endless rows of seats and sawdust aisles will no doubt draw out hundreds of people otherwise.

Sunday night's service is expected to be a record breaker in many ways, it is said.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and take part. Dr. Baker will preach at the following churches during the day next week, and everyone residing in these communities is invited to attend these meetings.

Monday: 11 a.m., Cadwell; 3 p.m., Pleasant Hill
Tuesday: 11 a.m., Poplar Springs, North; 3 p.m., Centerville
Wednesday: 11 a.m., Mt. Carmel; 3 p.m., Dexter

Thursday: 11 a.m. White Springs; 3 p.m., Rock Springs
Friday: 3 p.m., Laurens Hill

431 FAMILIES GIVEN HELP

The Commodity Division of the State Department of Public Welfare successfully reached 431 families in Laurens County during May with surplus commodities, having a total value of \$1,938.33.

In the State of Georgia, there are 85,000 families comprised of 315,000 persons who are not able to buy needed foods and clothes and are, therefore, receiving surplus commodities. Each month the monetary value of these commodities distributed throughout the State is approximately \$500,000.

SING TO ATTRACT LARGE CROWD

The largest crowd in history is expected to attend the Laurens County Singing Convention that meets at the Court House on Sunday morning, starting at 10 o'clock.

Committees have worked untiringly to make this the best convention ever held in this county, and nothing has been left undone to make every visitor have an enjoyable day.

Famed singers and song groups throughout the state are expected to attend, including the Sisk Trio of Toccoa and Mrs. Bethea's Quartette of Macon.

Mayor Charles A. Hodges of Dublin will welcome the visitors, and the response will be made by G.L. Hattaway, prominent attorney from Alamo.

There will be plenty of ice water, and a loud speaker system is being set up to carry the singing outside to those who may be unable to find seats in the Court House Auditorium.

JOB HUNTERS ASKED TO REGISTER

Domestic workers Having practically exhausted the active file of domestic workers, Manager Aubrin U. Hogan of the Georgia State Employment Service here, requests that all experienced cooks, maids, and children's nurses who want work file application at his office.

During the past few months 38 domestic workers have been placed by the local office.

Housewives' attention is also called to this convenient method of securing help. There is no charge to either applicant or employer.

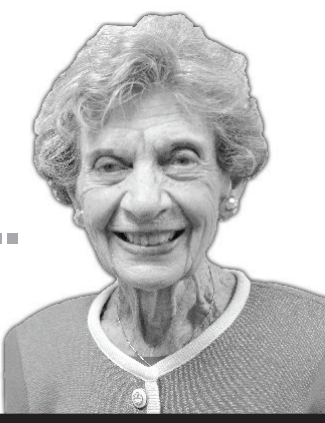
The office is located at 124 East Madison Street. The telephone number is 532.

Jobs found

The Dublin Office of the Georgia State Employment Service placed 67 unemployed workers in jobs during the week ending June 10, 1939, the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation has announced. Of this number 16 were found jobs in private employment and 49 on public works projects.

LOOKING BACK... 85 YEARS AGO

JUNE 8, 1939



By HARRIETT CLAXTON

COURT OF HONOR AWARDS

Carl Sullivan, scout executive, and E.D. Carpenter of Macon were present at the local Scout Court of Honor, which was held in the auditorium of Calhoun Street School last Thursday evening.

Jeff McConnell, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel McConnell, received the coveted Eagle Scout award, the highest honor bestowed in scouting, and was pinned by his mother in the presence of the Court of Honor, composed of A.J. Hargrove, C.C. Crockett, W.H. Proctor, Clarence Devereaux, Jack Hart, Blakely Parrot, E.L. Wilson, W.R. Manry, C.U. Smith, W.W. Brinson, and Peter S. Twitty.

Other awards presented were these:

Moffett Kendrick, Troop 63, and Brawner Smoot, Troop 5, advanced to Star Scout

Lester Porter, Troop 65, advanced to Second Class Scout

Merit badges:
Moody Brown, Troop 63, cooking and scholarship
Frarie Smalley, Troop 65, hog and pork production and scholarship

Randall Robertson, Troop 63, safety
Brawner Smoot, Troop 65, safety

Jeff McConnell, Troop 65, scholarship and painting.

Dublin City Court Solicitor Stanley Reese was the principal speaker of the evening.

LOWERY CLUB TO MEET

Lowery Consolidated Community Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday evening at 8 at which time all members are urged to be present. Buses will run in order that all may have transportation.

An interesting program has been arranged, after which there will be a business session. The program is as follows:

Devotional - Miss Alma Curry
Singing - Baum Wilkes, leader
Dublin Quartet
Address - Lester F. Watson, Dublin Attorney

RENTZ RECITAL ENJOYED

Pupils of M.W. Ouzts were presented in a music recital in the Rentz school auditorium on Monday evening, giving a program of vocal and piano numbers and ensemble singing.

Marshals for the occasion

were Evelyn Bush, Dorothy Burch, Martha Williams, and Janet Proctor.

Pianists taking part were these:

Betty Ann Dominy, John Will Dominy, Gloria Waites, Elinor Smith, Edith Woodard

Vocalists - Tenor, Earl Smith; Baritone, Doris Burch

Boy Sopranos - Edwin Davidson, Danny Fordham
Sextete - First Sopranos, Sarah Lowery, Elinor Smith
Second Sopranos, Mable Lindsey, John Will Dominy
Altos, Ellene Faircloth, Lois Lindsey

Glee club - Sopranos, Bertha Ussery, Dorothy Woodard, Alice Dixon, Euteva Bass, Winnie Maddox, Sarah Lowery, Margaret Thomas, Margaret Goodrum, Lemerie Browning, Myrtle Browning, Mary Frances Silas, Julia Horne, Isabel Colter, Corola Warren

Altos, Elinor Smith, Ellene Faircloth, Clio Horne, Louis Lindsey, Myrtie Myers, Doris Hobbs, John Will Dominy

Expression - Edith Woodard, Elinor Smith

FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion was held on the 65th anniversary of the birthday of W.C. Currie on Sunday, June 4. Children, grandchildren, and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Currie gathered at their pleasant home for the day, and a delicious luncheon was served at noon.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Currie who were present included Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herringdine, Miss Erma Currie of Chicago; Miss Nina Currie of Atlanta; Earl Currie, Mrs. Noah Williams, Mrs. Leo Radford, Mr. and Mrs. Euree Currie, Miss Blanche Currie, Curtis Currie, and sixteen grandchildren.

B.Y.P.U. PICNIC

The Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Class of the First Baptist Church, with their leaders, Mrs. R.M. Stanley and Mrs. Rutland, enjoyed a picnic on Thursday at Sessions Lake. After an afternoon of boating and swimming, they were served a delicious picnic lunch.

In the party were Jean Stanley, Guynelle Hattaway, Louise Rountree, Alice Stanley, Martha Jordan, Clyde and Ann Chivers, Betty Page, Mae Hightower, Topsy Williams, Brooks Rice, Bob Hicks, Lamar and John Rutland, Milo Smith, Fred Bell, Edward Kersey, and Randall Bennett.

LAURENS HARDWARE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Laurens Hardware Company tonight closed 25 years of continuous business in Dublin, and Carl D. Hilbun spoke with gratitude to the public of this section for their patronage, "which has made it possible for us to stay in business," and, he added, "I hope our service to the public will warrant 25 years more."

S.T. Hall and Hilbun organized Laurens Hardware Company on the eve of the World War, July 1, 1914, and the business has continued uninterrupted ever since. "It's been a pleasure," Mr. Hall and Mr. Hilbun agree as the 25th anniversary rolled by today. "People of this section have been splendid.

"I hope we can continue to give the public a service that will warrant another quarter century here. It is our purpose to be, just as our slogan indicates, 'The Farmer's Friend'", Mr. Hilbun explained.

BREWTON NEWS

By Mrs. Harvey Brantley Ernest Curl has returned to his home in Dublin after visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Hubert Jones and Mrs. Bob McGuire of Brunswick are visiting their mother, Mrs. Morris Mimbs.

Miss Esther Shepard was the recent guest of Misses Zadie Pearl and Virginia Cooper.

Miss Carolyn Boone of near Jay Bird Springs was the guest of Misses Anna Mae and Esther Shepard.

Mrs. Morris Mimbs and Mrs. Cleo Jones and daughter and Mrs. Bob McGuire were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foskey of near Minter.

John and Tyrus Gaillard were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brantley.

Friends of Miss Eva Brantley are pleased to learn that she is able to be out after a recent illness.

Miss Alma Garnto was the Tuesday guest of Mrs. Harvey Brantley.

Miss Ruby Brantley is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Brown in Macon.

DUBLIN-RENTZ TO PLAY

The Dublin-Rentz baseball club in he South Georgia League will play the Mount Vernon Club on Tuesday at Rentz. The game will start at 4 p.m., the regular League starting time.

Mount Vernon Club is in second place in the League, and Dublin-Rentz is in third; so this game will be a hard fought affair, as the two standings in the League will be at stake.

The last time these two clubs met, the game was at Dublin, and Mount Vernon was the victor in that game by the close score of 2-1.

Dublin-Rentz will be trying extra hard for revenge for that defeat. Lumpkin will pitch for Dublin-Rentz, and if this boy is right, the Mount Vernon team will do very little with his offerings. Gates will probably pitch for Mount Vernon. He is supposed to be the best in this

league, and several remarks have been made about him recently that he is way too good for this league.

Mount Vernon graduated three of their best players last week to the fast Griffin semi-pro team known as the Dundee Towels, but they claim to have three others to take their place who will continue to show very good baseball.

Come out, Dublin and Rentz, and see this game, and you will probably see one of the best of the whole season.

COCHRAN BROS ADDS PAINT LINE

Cochran Bros. Co., local wholesale grocers, announce the addition of the famous Sherwin-Williams line of paints to their stock of merchandise and are now ready to supply any amount of paint for any job. Their stocks carry all kinds of inside and outside paints.

Manager Guy Cochran stated that even though the paints had been in their stock for only a few days, several paint jobs have already been sold and that many other painters and home builders have shown considerable interest in the addition of these famous paints for sale in Dublin.

A booklet, "Home Decorator," has been distributed, but anyone not having received a copy is requested to call Cochran Bros. Co., who will be delighted to get one to you. This booklet contains many interesting facts concerning the modern methods of decorating and arranging homes. The booklet is free and will be presented upon request.

BALL TOURNAY IN JULY

An eight-day baseball tournament to be made up of 16 clubs of semi-pro calibre will be played in Dublin July 11-14 and July 18-21.

The 12 clubs of the Ogeechee ad South Georgia leagues were extended invitations to enter, but at least four other clubs will be needed to make up the 16. Dublin is in the South Georgia League.

"There should be especial rivalry in games between the clubs of the Ogeechee and South Georgia Leagues, as members of each think their league is the strongest," H.M. Hatcher, head of the Dublin tournaments, said.

Clubs interested in entering should get in touch with Mr. Hatcher.

OLDEST ROOSTER

Laurens County's oldest and toughest rooster, nine years of age, was entered into the National Pressure Cooker demonstration held at the Lovett-Tharpe Hardware Co. last Saturday afternoon, and he emerged tender and delicious in exactly one hour and 35 minutes and was sampled by a number of the large crowd present for the demonstration.

The Lovett-Tharpe Company had offered \$2.50 for the oldest rooster in the county, and Julia Thomas' rooster was chosen for the demonstration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of East Dublin will hold a public hearing on June 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Terrie E Drew Council Chambers at City Hall.

The hearing will be held for the purpose of discussion and adoption of the proposed FY 2025 budget. The proposed budget may be examined Monday through Friday at the Clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

NOTICE OF COMPUTATIONS AND CANVASSING OF RETURNS

LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to O.I.C.G.A. 21-2-492, notice is hereby given that the computation and canvassing of the returns of votes cast in the June 18, 2024 General Primary Runoff within Laurens County will take place in the Office of the Election Superintendent. The office is located at the Laurens County Courthouse, 1st Floor Dublin, Georgia beginning on Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm. and continue from day to day until computation and canvassing of returns have been completed.

This 28th day of May 2024.

Genola O. Jackson, Judge of Probate Court as Election Superintendent

Official summons: Emerald City seeking new recruits in effort to restore ranks of football refs

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Have a few hours free weekday evenings in the fall? Do you find black and white stripes fashionable? Can you blow a whistle?

If so, the local Emerald City Football Officials Association is interested in making you a part of its team.

The organization, responsible for adjudicating most middle and high school football games over its several-county area each season, is actively seeking recruits to join its ranks as soon as this fall. Its new president Tanner Lords is renewing a yearly push to interest new folks in joining the ECFOA's army of referees, which – in line with a national and statewide trend – has seen a recent decline in the number of fresh faces coming on board with passing seasons.

It, like many others across the Georgia High School Association and National Federation of High Schools, is working to tackle the issues that underlie patterns of dwindling involvement, as well as tendencies toward hesitation in potential prospects, in an exciting and rewarding sideline that's as easy as ever to get started in.

"I think people are just maybe intimidated by it," Lords said. "And I don't think they should be."

An NFHS survey conducted in 2022 estimated that high school athletics, across all sports nationwide, had lost a total of 50,000 or more officials in only the two and a half years since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020.

A study conducted by researchers with the University of Virginia, and published in The Sport Journal this past February, also found 56 to be the median age of high school football officials, pointing to a similar reality that the sport's population of zebras is aging out much faster than it can be replenished.

Reasons are complex, and subject to a lot of debate, though consensus among experts is that an already downward trend in numbers, compounded by pressures of the pandemic, has placed high school athletics at a juncture where need for solutions to the problem is critical for its future.

Locally, Emerald City has felt the same type of crunch when it comes to building back its ranks as officials, for various reasons, hang up their hats and whistles.

While its core of long-serving refs has remained healthy and stable, recruiting and retaining new conscripts has been a struggle, and left the association lacking for much depth as it works to cover nearly the same amount of territory it has through the years, with a network of area schools scattered across Laurens, Johnson, Treutlen, Washington, Wheeler and other nearby counties.

Lords, in his 14th season calling games through ECFOA (primarily as a line judge/linesman) has become one of the association's most experienced veterans since picking up officiating during college in 2011.

The Dublin High School alum – a lineman and linebacker for the Irish in his playing days – got his start with the hometown association, and has never left.

"I started when I was 18," he said. "It just worked out. I was in college and I needed a job and I



THINNING STRIPES: Though there are still enough to get by, numbers of officials available to call middle and high school football games across the state and country have quickly begun to thin out since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The Dublin area's Emerald City Officials Association is out to find some new recruits as it works to build up a new generation of refs to join familiar faces like Lee Newsome (top left) Joey Stinson, Walter Wright (top right), Walt Farmer (bottom left) and Tanner Lords (bottom right) in its membership/CLAY REYNOLDS, File



didn't want to work in a bar or something like that, so I found this."

Back when he began, ECFOA's membership was pushing about 60 officials, and typically five crews strong on a given Friday night.

"We were very well-equipped for the area," Lords said. "We didn't ever have a huge organization, but we were able to fill our games and rotate officials pretty well."

In the years to follow, there were some slight dips in numbers, though the most significant dropoff was from 2019 to 2020. The sudden exodus of retirees, or those close enough to decide against a return, affected associations statewide, though smaller, more rural ones were the hardest hit.

"It's been very difficult to recover," Lords said.

For most the size of the Dublin-based coalition, a workaround during the regular season has been reducing the size of crews to five on-field (plus an additional two as game and play-clock operators) from the standard six.

But even when going skeletal, current numbers still only allow ECFOA to field three varsity-strength crews on a given Friday night. So when a local schedule is particularly heavy on home games – and another association's crew from out-of-town can't be secured to step in – many schools are asked to play games on Thurs-

day nights.

The switcheroo, while inconvenient enough for programs affected, can also have a ripple effect on junior varsity games scheduled for the same nights, which often have to be cancelled due to those conflicts, depriving younger players of the valuable developmental experience.

GHSA playoff crews, compiled by district, run with seven on-field members (just one shy of the eight making up college and NFL officiating teams) who are required to meet some slightly higher training and certification requirements that thin the pool of available bodies despite the more doable number of postseason games.

That's why, each year since 2020, the GHSA has also pushed a portion of matchups in rotating classifications to Saturday during the first round of the tournament.

The stretch, for both local associations and the statewide committee overseeing the playoffs, has created plenty of challenges in making do that will only continue and increase if recruitment doesn't trend back in the right direction.

"The good news is, that means there's a lot of opportunity," Lords said. "Right now's a great time to enter the officiating workforce. You've got opportunity to call as much as you want, make as much as you want money-wise, because there's a lot of opportunity right now."

On a given week, ECFOA covers an average of 25 games, starting Wednesday nights with middle school action, then JV games on Thursdays, which both call for crews of 3-4 members. Varsity games follow on Fridays, with the occasional Thursday and Saturday thrown in due to scheduling, or weather-related postponements.

The pay is pretty attractive, and it only keeps getting better each year.

The GHSA's new fee chart for 2024 sets rates of \$120 per official for a varsity game, and \$70 for each sub-varsity game. Postseason pay, if you're selected to a playoff crew and advance in the competitive evaluation process, is a touch better, and also includes travel reimbursement.

Besides having an interest in the profession, and some initiative to learn and improve, the required buy-in to get started officiating football is at an all-time low. Plus, there's now a solution for virtually every one of the most common

hangups among those torn about giving it a shot.

Topping the list is concerns about having to cut out of work in time to make early kickoffs, which have been mostly eliminated in an era where the majority of games are played in stadiums with lights.

Games, now overwhelmingly favoring starts at 5:30 p.m. or later, give those with a standard 8-5 workday plenty of time to wrap things up at the office and get to the stadium.

Another common excuse: I'm not in good enough shape.

Lords, who in his 30s and hits the gym pretty regularly, is definitely among the fittest of ECFOA's bunch, though the general athletic profile of its roster is much more average in comparison, with membership across the board in levels of fitness.

Anyone who's generally mobile can make it just fine. And the organization, with many current members in their 60s, has seen at least one in recent years officiate into his 70s.

"I would recommend being able to jog a little bit, but I don't think you have to be a track star or marathon runner," Lords said. "The mechanics of where to stand and what to do ensure that anyone can do it."

ECFOA officials come from almost every line of work, with common day jobs ranging from law enforcement and insurance to law and education.

"We have got everything from medical doctors to janitors, and anywhere in between," Lords said. "There's not an ideal age. It's never too late to start. It's never too early to start... As long as you're able, there's no reason not to."

The start-up cost – purchase of rulebooks, uniforms, whistles, flags and what not – is also now a non-issue. In the past, getting properly outfitted required shelling out several hundred dollars, though that cost has now been covered by a stipend courtesy of the Atlanta Falcons that's been provided to local officials' association for every new recruit.

"If you're a first-year official, you get your fees, your uniform, all of that, paid for," Lords said. "So getting into it, there's no barrier to entry monetarily anymore."

He's found that the biggest objections for candidates mostly stem from the fear factor associated with pressure, potential criticism and a general lack of self-as-

surance.

The learning curve for football refs is one that looks pretty steep from the outside, until going through a training process that makes building your confidence on the field a simple and stress-free proposition.

Several ECFOA faithful – veteran ECFOA "white hat" Anthony Foston the head trainer – lead preseason preparations, then budget time weekly to coach, critique, evaluate and give feedback to officials, new and active, in-season.

Newcomers generally get plenty of experience calling middle school and JV games before they're thrust into the fires of the real deal on Friday nights.

Though putting in some of the leg work to get up to speed on rules and techniques, there are no shortage of opportunities to practice and get on top of things to be ready to go.

"You're not going to get out there and be unprepared," Lords said. "You're not going to get out there and not know where to stand, not know what to do. We prepare you. We take all the training and the guesswork out of it. So you're going to be ready to hit the field your first game."

And having a football background is by no means a prerequisite for officiating the sport. In fact, it's quite the opposite, since former players or coaches usually have to overcome habits developed coming up in the sport that affect their ability to observe the game the correct way.

"You don't have to have played football to be a great official," Lords said. "Some of the best officials in our association, and statewide, didn't play the game, didn't play one snap of it... I humbly think that people who didn't play are better officials."

As time commitments go, officials are able to work as many, or as few games as their schedule allows. An hourlong weekly association meeting, taking place one of multiple nights, is all besides the games themselves that is required attendance.

Traditional 11-man padded football games are the bulk of the fall slate, but ECFOA also administers the newer GHSA sport of flag football for area schools – Dodge County and WACO among them – who participate.

"It's another opportunity to get

OFFICIALS

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TOSSING OUT THE RED FLAG: ECFOA, joining state and national sports governing bodies, is blowing the whistle to call attention to trends over the past five years that have set overall numbers of high school officials on a nationwide decline. All are hopeful that efforts to correct issues behind the shortage can restore stability to the sport's population of referees/HORACE AUSTIN, File

BULLETIN BOARD...

Teen Challenge Golf Classic coming up June 10 at Dublin Country Club
Teen Challenge is gearing up to host its 13th annual charity golf tournament June 10 at Dublin Country Club. The 18-hole scramble will begin at 9 a.m. The \$400 entry fee per foursome includes range access, golf goodies, a pre-round breakfast, lunch and more. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third-place finishers. Mulligans will be available for purchase. There will also be closest to the pin, longest drive and hole-in-one contests, a raffle drawing, door prizes and a silent auction. Sponsorship packages are also available. For more information or to register, call (478) 353-6700. Register as a team or sponsor online at one.bidpal.net/dublingolf24

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some training if you don't feel like varsity or sub varsity boys football is more your speed," Lords said. "It is a lot of fun to call. It's fast. It's not as critical. But the girls still take it pretty seriously."

The higher and further you go, the more intense the atmosphere of high-stakes games tends to be. When there are close calls, things can get a bit heated. But a certain amount of friction with fans and coaches simply comes with the territory, and is easily overcome when you have a supportive team around you.

Mistakes are inevitable, but are opportunities to learn and get better.

"You're out there with your friends. You're gonna have fun," Lords said. "Nobody's gonna be highly critical of you."

Sound like something you'd like to give a shot, or at least look into?

Give Lords a call at (478) 290-7944, or buzz ECFOA secretary Joey Stinson at (478) 304-3127, to find out more.

Calling football, or officiating any high school sport, is almost universally a labor of love. Whether football's a sport you enjoy following or not, there's little about any part of the job of calling games that's not an enjoyable and mentally stimulating experience.

"I love the game of football, and I didn't get to play it as long as I wanted to," Lords said. "Like everybody else, I had that childhood dream of playing forever, and I didn't get to play it forever. This brings you as close as you can to reliving that feeling you got every Friday night when you played, or every Saturday when you played, whatever capacity you got to."

He also contends that there's nothing like the fellowship shared by members of an officiating crew working a game together any night of the week, nor the atmosphere of the big games – at small stadiums and large – you get to take part in.

"We're fortunate in the Middle Georgia area, we have some schools with some of the best atmospheres in the state," Lords said. "When you're on the field, and you're getting ready for a big game, and it's loud and the crowd's there, there's nothing like it. I wouldn't trade that feeling for anything. It's unreal."



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RACING THIS WEEK...

XFINITY RECAP

• **Saturday's** PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION 147, Portland International



WINNER: SHANE VAN GISBERGEN

New Zealander Shane van Gisbergen claimed his first Xfinity Series victory in Saturday's Pacific Office Automation 147 at Portland International Raceway. The popular Kiwi celebrated the hard-earned win with a burnout all the way around the 1.967-mile road course and then climbing out of his Chevy and topping it off by kicking a soccer ball into the thrilled crowd.

It was a popular win all-around for the 35-year-old three-time Australian Supercar champion, but he had to work for it. The series rookie – who won the inaugural Chicago Street Race in his first NASCAR Cup Series start last summer – led laps early in the No. 97 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet but struggled with race re-starts for much of the day. He lost positions on the early restarts and even had to overcome a couple miscues – dropping his tires off track into the dirt – before steadily and masterfully working his way forward in the closing laps to challenge for the win.

He passed the day's most dominant driver, JR Motorsports' Justin Allgaier on the final restart with four laps to go and pulled away to a .941-second victory over the series veteran, who led a race best 46 of the race's 75 laps.

JR Motorsports' Sam Mayer, van Gisbergen's Kaulig teammate A.J. Allmendinger – who started last in the field – and Sam Hunt Racing's Ed Jones – an IMSA sportscar and IndyCar veteran – rounded out the Top-5.

TRUCKS RECAP

• **Saturday's** TOYOTA 200, World Wide Technology Raceway (IL)



WINNER: COREY HEIM

The early bird got the victory on Saturday afternoon at World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway.

In a long green-flag run to start the final stage of the Toyota 200, Corey Heim brought his No. 11 TRICON Garage Tundra to pit road before any of the other top trucks made green-flag stops, and the move paid off with optimum track position.

Heim held the top spot for a restart on Lap 138 of 160 and led the rest of the way, beating runner-up Christian Eckes to the finish line by 1.854 seconds, earning a \$50,000 bonus as the winner of the second Triple Truck Challenge.

The victory was a welcome turnaround after Heim's truck was disqualified from second place May 24 at Charlotte for three lug nuts not secure. Heim won for the fourth time this season—all within the last eight races—the second time at Gateway and the ninth time in 53 career starts.

Note: The start of the race was delayed for two-and-a-half hours by rain... The final Triple Truck Challenge race is scheduled for June 28 at Nashville Superspeedway. Heim and Sanchez, last week's Charlotte winner, could collect an additional \$100,000 as the winners of two of three events in "The Trip." A \$50,000 bonus is available to all other drivers.

ENJOY ILLINOIS 300

Austin Cindric's win at WWT Raceway Sunday was his first since he won the 2022 DAYTONA 500 as a rookie, a dry spell that lasted 85 races.



Austin Cindric, driver of the #2 Freightliner Ford, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Enjoy Illinois 300 at WWT Raceway on Sunday. (Logan Riely/Getty Images)

Cindric outduels (outfuels) Blaney

MADISON, Ill. – Surprise and elation were the watchwords for Team Penske driver Austin Cindric, who won Sunday's Enjoy Illinois 300 at World Wide Technology Raceway at the expense of teammate Ryan Blaney.

The race was Blaney's to win—until the reigning Cup Series champ ran out of fuel on the next-to-last lap and handed the lead to his teammate. Cindric charged past Blaney at the finish line and completed the checkered-flag lap as Blaney rolled slowly to 24th-place result.

The victory was Cindric's first since he won the 2022 DAYTONA 500 as a rookie, a dry spell that lasted 85 races. Nevertheless, Cindric expressed conflicting emotions after he climbed from his No. 2 Ford.

"This weekend was a great weekend for everybody involved," Cindric said. "But, yeah, to have two cars in the fight, eventual 1-2. Heartbroken for those guys."

"This is huge for me. This is huge for this team. I'm so glad I was able to get a win with Brian (Wilson) as my crew chief in the Cup Series. You never know when it's going to happen again. Just drove my butt off, hope for the best."

All three Team Penske drivers—Cindric, Blaney and Joey Logano—made only three pit stops to at least four for all other competitors. They stayed out under caution for the Stage 2 break and restarted 1-2-3 on Lap 149.

After pitting early in the ensuing cycle (Blaney on Lap 176, Cindric on Lap 177 and Logano on Lap 179, Blaney gained a spot on Cindric and began working his way through the field, improving his position as cars ahead of him came to pit road.

On Lap 217, when Kyle Larson pitted, Blaney assumed the lead, but with the race's fastest car—the No. 20 Toyota of Christopher Bell—in hot pursuit. Bell soon caught Blaney and pulled alongside several times before engine issues caused Bell to slow dramatically.

"I'm blowing up, I'm blowing up," Bell radioed to his crew.

But Bell, who had won the first two stages, nursed his car to the finish with help from Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Martin Truex Jr. Three laps down and mired in 34th place, Truex repeatedly pushed Bell's Camry in the closing laps.

Then it was Blaney's turn to suffer game-changing misfortune.

"Never thought in my mind we were short," Blaney said. "One of those things. Gosh, proud of the 12 boys. We were fast. Had my work cut out for me holding off Christopher. That was a fun battle. I don't know what happened to him."

"Yeah, one lap short, which just stinks. Congrats to the 2 team. They did a good job all day. Props to them, Austin. Proud for Team Penske and Ford."

"Really happy with our showing today. I don't know what I've got to do to get some luck on our side. Gosh, wrecked the last two points races. Thought we had a great shot to win today. Ended up bad."

Bell was fresh from victory in the rain-shortened May 26 Coca-Cola 600 and had a car that was dominant from the outset. He passed pole winner Michael McDowell on Lap 41 to win Stage 1 and stayed on the track under caution for Josh Berry's collision with the Turn 3 wall to win Stage 2.

In the closing laps, it seemed inevitable that Bell would overtake Blaney, until Bell's engine turned over.

"I have no idea what happened," said Bell, who rolled to a seventh-place finish. "Some sort of motor issue. I'm surprised that I made it to the end. Glad we were able to salvage something out of it."

"You don't get race cars like that very often. Whenever you do, you need to take advantage of it. Disappointing day."

Tyler Reddick finished fourth and Logano fifth, followed by Austin Dillon, Bell, Sunoco rookie Carson Hocevar (a career-best eighth), Justin Haley and Larson.

On Lap 140, the final circuit of Stage 2, Kyle Busch and Larson were battling in close quarters for the seventh position when Larson's No. 5 Chevrolet broke loose underneath Busch's No. 8 Camaro, sending both cars sliding into the outside wall.

Busch's car was damaged beyond repair and exited the race in the 35th position—the first DNF of the season for the two-time Cup champion. Larson, on the other hand, was able to salvage the 10th-place result.

"We can't afford days like this," said Busch, who is winless this year and squarely on the bubble for a Playoff spot. "Yeah, he got loose and wiped us out."

NEXT: TOYOTA/SAVE MART 350



Sonoma (CA) Raceway
3:30 p.m. ET Sunday, FOX

• Located about one hour north of San Francisco on approximately 1,600 acres, the multi-use complex is the largest motorsports facility in Northern California and features a 2.52-mile road course and an NHRA-sanctioned 1/4 mile drag strip.

• The raceway hosts the only NASCAR events held in the Northern California region. In addition to the major NASCAR races, the track hosts several professional racing series, including the NHRA Drag Racing Series, Ferrari Challenge, GT World Challenge America and much more.

• After a year of NASCAR removing stage break cautions from road courses, they will be bringing them back, potentially offering more hard racing (and excitement for fans).

TRACK RECORDS - NASCAR

Most Wins: 5, Jeff Gordon
Most Poles: 5, Jeff Gordon
Most Top Fives: 14, Jeff Gordon
Most Top 10s: 18, Jeff Gordon
Most Lead Changes: 13; 2 times, recently 6/6/21
Fewest Lead Changes: 3, 6/11/23
Most Leaders: 10, 6/25/17
Fewest Leaders: 3, 6/11/23
Most Cautions: 9, 6/10/90
Fewest Cautions: 3, 6/11/89
Most Wins by a Manufacturer: 13, Chevrolet
Closest Margin of Victory: 0.197 seconds, 6/27/99
Greatest Margin of Victory: 10.513 seconds, 6/24/8

TRUEX AIMING TO MAKE HISTORY

With a win at Sonoma in 2024, four-time Toyota/Save Mart 350 winner ('13, '18, '19, '23) Martin Truex Jr. would join elite company, tying the Sonoma king, Jeff Gordon, for the most NASCAR wins in Sonoma in history with five.

2024 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of June 2

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 D. Hamlin Toyota	534	16 J. Logano Ford	354
2 K. Larson Chevrolet	513	17 Ky. Busch Chevrolet	348
3 C. Elliott Chevrolet	507	18 A. Cindric Ford	305
4 M. Truex Jr. Toyota	490	19 D. Suárez Chevrolet	290
5 W. Byron Chevrolet	488	20 J. Berry Ford	264
6 T. Reddick Toyota	473	21 C. Hocevar Chevy	259
7 T. Gibbs Toyota	465	22 T. Gilliland Ford	258
8 C. Bell Toyota	437	23 N. Gragson Ford	255
9 B. Keselowski Ford	437	24 M. McDowell Ford	255
10 A. Bowman Chevy	417	25 J. Nemechek Toyota	228
11 R. Chastain Chevrolet	417	26 E. Jones Toyota	228
12 R. Blaney Ford	405	27 R. Stenhouse Chevy	223
13 D. Wallace Jr. Toyota	371	28 D. Hernic Chevrolet	217
14 C. Buescher Ford	368	29 R. Preece Ford	211
15 C. Briscoe Ford	358	30 A. Dillon Chevrolet	210

2024 XFINITY SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of June 1

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Cole Custer #00	475	11 Sam Mayer #1	315
2 Austin Hill #21	457	12 Ryan Sieg #39	308
3 Chandler Smith #81	457	13 Brandon Jones #9	305
4 Justin Allgaier #7	452	14 Shane V. Gisbergen #97	303
5 Jesse Love #2	402	15 Anthony Alfredo #5	296
6 A.J. Allmendinger #16	380	16 Parker Retzlaff #31	242
7 Riley Herbst #98	378	17 Brennan Poole #44	240
8 Sheldon Creed #18	354	18 Josh Williams #11	219
9 Parker Kligerman #48	342	19 Aric Almirola #20	202
10 Sammy Smith #8	328	20 Jeremy Clements #51	197

NEXT RACE: ZIP BUY NOW, PAY LATER 250, Sonoma Raceway, 8 p.m. ET Saturday, FS1

2024 TRUCK SERIES STANDINGS

Top 20 as of June 1

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Christian Eckes #19	506	11 Stewart Friesen #52	293
2 Corey Heim #11	475	12 Daniel Dye #43	282
3 Nicholas Sanchez #2	453	13 Matt Crafton #88	273
4 Ty Majeski #98	442	14 Chase Purdy #77	267
5 Taylor Gray #17	365	15 Jake Garcia #13	250
6 Rajah Caruth #71	357	16 Layne Riggs #38	243
7 Tyler Ankrum #18	343	17 Dean Thompson #5	240
8 Ben Rhodes #99	329	18 Bayley Currey #41	222
9 Tanner Gray #15	321	19 Bret Holmes #32	221
10 Grant Enfinger #9	319	20 Ty Dillon #25	215

NEXT RACE: RACKLEY ROOFING 200, Nashville Superspeedway, 8 p.m. ET Friday, June 28, FS1

ENJOY ILLINOIS WINNER QUOTE

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- Austin Cindric, who outfueled Ryan Blaney to win Sunday at WWT Raceway



Austin Cindric in Victory Lane Sunday at WWT Raceway.
DAVID JENSEN / GETTY IMAGES

2024 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

FEB. 3, 8 PM, FOX: Busch Light Clash at the (LA) Coliseum (D. Hamlin)
FEB. 15, 7 PM, FS1: Bluegreen Vacations Duel 1 at DAYTONA (T. Reddick)
FEB. 15, 9 PM, FS1: Bluegreen Vacations Duel 2 at DAYTONA (C. Bell)
FEB. 19, 4 PM, FOX: DAYTONA 500 (W. Byron)
FEB. 25, 3 PM FOX: Ambetter Health 400 at ATLANTA (D. Suarez)
MARCH 3, 3:30 PM, FOX: Pennzoil 400 at LAS VEGAS (K. Larson)
MARCH 10, 3:30 PM, FOX: Shriners Children's 500 at PHOENIX (C. Bell)
MARCH 17, 3:30 PM, FOX: Food City 500 at BRISTOL (D. Hamlin)

MARCH 24, 3:30 PM, FOX: EchoPark at CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS (W. Byron)
MARCH 31, 7 PM, FOX: Toyota Owners 400 at RICHMOND (D. Hamlin)
APRIL 7, 3 PM, FS1: Cook Out 400 at MARTINSVILLE (W. Byron)
APRIL 14, 3:30 PM, FS1: Auto Trader EchoPark 400 at TEXAS (C. Elliott)
APRIL 21, 3 PM, FOX: GEICO 500 at TALLADEGA (T. Reddick)
APRIL 28, 2 PM, FS1: WURTH 400 at DOVER (D. Hamlin)
MAY 5, 3 PM, FS1: AdventHealth 400 at KANSAS (K. Larson)
MAY 12, 3 PM, FS1: Goodyear 400 at DARLINGTON (B. Keselowski)
MAY 19, 8 PM, FS1: NASCAR All-Star Race at N. Wilkesboro, NC (J. Logano)
MAY 26, 6 PM, FOX: Coca-Cola 600 at CHARLOTTE (C. Bell)
JUNE 2, 3:30 PM, FS1: Enjoy Illinois 300 at WORLD WIDE TECH (A. Cindric)

JUNE 9, 3:30 PM, FOX: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at SONOMA (M. Truex Jr.)
JUNE 16, 7 PM, USA: Iowa Corn 350 at IOWA (Inaugural Cup race)
JUNE 23, 2:30 PM, USA: Cup Race at NEW HAMPSHIRE (M. Truex)
JUNE 30, 3:30 PM, NBC: Ally 400 at NASHVILLE (R. Chastain)
JULY 7, 4:30 PM, NBC: Grant Park 165 Chicago Street Race (S. van Gisbergen)
JULY 14, 2:30 PM, USA: Highpoint.com 400 at POCONO (D. Hamlin)
JULY 21, 2:30 PM, NBC: Brickyard 400 at INDIANAPOLIS (M. McDowell)
AUG. 11, 6 PM, USA: Cook Out 400 at RICHMOND (C. Buescher)
AUG. 18, 2:30 PM, USA: FireKeepers Casino 400 at MICHIGAN (C. Buescher)
AUG. 24, 7:30 PM, NBC: Coke Zero Sugar 400 at DAYTONA (C. Buescher)
SEPT. 1, 6 PM, USA: Cookout Southern 500 at DARLINGTON (K. Larson)

PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16
SEPT. 8, 3 PM, USA: Quaker State 400 at ATLANTA (W. Byron)
SEPT. 15, 3 PM, USA: Go Bowling at the Glen at WATKINS GLEN (W. Byron)
SEPT. 21, 7:30 PM, USA: Bass Pro Shops Night Race at BRISTOL (D. Hamlin)
PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12
SEPT. 29, 3 PM, USA: Hollywood Casino 400 at KANSAS (T. Reddick)
OCT. 6, 2 PM, NBC: YellaWood 500 at TALLADEGA (R. Blaney)
OCT. 13, 2 PM, NBC: BoF A ROVAL 400 at CHARLOTTE (A.J. Allmendinger)
PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8
OCT. 20, 2:30 PM, NBC: South Point 400 at LAS VEGAS (K. Larson)
OCT. 27, 2:30 PM, NBC: Cup Race at HOMESTEAD-MIAMI (C. Bell)
NOV. 3, 2 PM, NBC: Xfinity 500 at MARTINSVILLE (R. Blaney)
PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP 4
NOV. 10, 3 PM, NBC: Championship at PHO. (R. Blaney, title; R. Chastain race)

2023 winners in parenthesis; 2024 winners in bold as the schedule unfolds; times ET

TRUCKS FINISH LINE



Corey Heim, driver of the No. 11 Safelite Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win Saturday's Craftsman Truck Series Toyota 200 at WWT Raceway. Logan Riely/Getty Images

COMMISSION

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ing on the ovens.

“We are just a hope and a prayer that we are still getting by with them,” Dean said. “I think we have picked the middle of the line that will last us another 10 to 15 years again.”

In other news:

- Ernestine Holder was appointed to the library board. Holder will fill the unexpired term of Annie Bonner, which will be completed at the end of 2025.
- Approved moving the June 18 meeting to noon on June 25. The runoff election on June 18 was the reason for the move.
- “This works out good for us because we were going to have to have a meeting the following week to officially adopt the budget,” Rogers said.
- Approved Truly Blessed Cleaning Services to clean the administrative complex.
- Linda Jones returned

to talk to the commissioners about paving Rock Road.

“I’m still begging and asking for that,” she said. “One lane with no line would be great.”

- Veatrice Rozier thanked the commissioners for paving Buckeye Road, but wants them to pave New Buckeye Road also.
- Denise Creel, new executive director for the Heart of Georgia United Way, introduced herself to the commissioners.
- “We are here and we are trying to get it back up and running as it should be,” Creel said.
- Carolyn McCune thanked the commissioners for paving J W Warren Road.
- “We want that one day,” Jones said after McCue’s comments.
- Commissioner Kevin Tanner thanked McCue.
- “It’s a board decision,” Tanner said. “I can’t do this without this board.”

CONTAINER

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hands, like it has been this whole time.”

Hartsfield told Dixon that it took him three hours to get from where he was staying in a nearby town to where the container is located in that village.

“That is how remote (the container’s location) is,” Dixon said. “Without our churches doing what we did, that place where the container is would be empty. They would be having babies on the ground like they are doing now.”

Dixon showed pictures of the containers with workers putting things together inside, including extra lumber for a shelter.

“The whole plan the whole time was to put a shelter over the top,” he said. “It worked out well. This is going to be one of the first clinics they are going to be able to get up and going. Fourteen (containers) have been sent. But this one is for some reason ahead of the rest of them.”

The Yonkofa Project, out of Atlanta, started the clinic projects and Bobby Gale, who is with Unto the Least of His, pitched it to Dixon and Jared Middleton, who is with Buckhorn.

“COVID-19 did away with our mission trip at the church,” Dixon said.

“Jared and I were together when the idea was tossed and we took this as a way to do a foreign mission trip local.”

The clinic will have a reception room, an exam room and a birthing room in the back. The churches asked for community support. People donated new items like cloth diapers, soccer balls with a pump, toilet paper, bar soap and grooming supplies, children’s books and Bibles, school supplies, kids sunglasses, kids flip flops or sandals and financial donations.

While the container will help women, it will also be beneficial for children. They will be able to go to the clinic and receive care, though the primary purpose for it will be for prenatal and postnatal care for women who are expecting.

Dixon said the all of the lumber, lighting, cabinets and windows were donated. When completed, the churches sent the containers on their way across the ocean to South Africa. What happens now is out of the churches hands.

“We let it go when it left us,” Dixon said. “Our side of it is done. There’s not a way we can touch it, feel it or see it, but God still continues to bless it. We are praying that He will continue to use our efforts that we started and hope it will bless the people there.”



Workers set up the container in a village called Nungua close to a town called Elubo in the Jomoro District of Ghana/SPECIAL PHOTO



Denise Creel, new executive director for the Heart of Georgia United Way, speaks to commissioners and handed out cards/ANNA BOURASSA

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bouti. Key’s performance traveling has even led him to perform for the Obamas at the White House during former President Barack

Obama’s presidency.

Reflecting on his experiences, Key stated, “Doing these shows are super fun. Something fun at the library to keep encouraging your kids to read during the summer. You make it fun

for the kids and it’ll become a lifelong habit for them.”

He performs about 75 library shows each summer, with this year being his seventh summer performing at the Laurens County Library.

The summer reading performances will continue at 2 p.m. Wednesday with the long anticipated snake show from Jason Clark and Southeastern Reptile Rescue.



Left, Key spins a lasso around a volunteer. Above, Key speaks to the crowd standing on a ladder/ANNA BOURASSA

VOTE

RUNOFF
June 18

Darla

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Dear Voters,

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This tax office is the financial hub and economic engine for Laurens County. I will bring unique financial experience as well as innovation and leadership to this position. I would be the first accountant to hold this office. My degree is from the University of Georgia, and I have worked as an independent auditor and financial examiner.

Additionally, I have hundreds of hours of financial training with the FDIC and State of Georgia Department of Banking and Finance and the Georgia Department of Revenue. My unique experience will be valuable for our county and more than qualifies me to run this financial and customer service center.

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Darla

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Yard Sale-- Sat, June 8, 8-7 at 209 Clairmont Dr, Lots of New Items! No Early Birds Please!

Selling the estate of the late Helen Harper. Furniture, Jim Shore and Bel-snickle Santa's, Lisa Moore Keen and Freuasee art, Arthur Court, Masters, Pilot Club, Rotary, plus items from another estate!
Moore Station, near hospital and Clark's gym. Sat., 9am; Sun., 1pm, Southern Estate Sales

Yard Sale-- 203 Fox Ridge Dr, off of Claxton Dairy Rd, Sat., June 8, 7a-1p Clothing, Lots of Home Decor, Shoes, Furniture, Lawn Mower, & Much More

Legals

24-229 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY. IN RE: ESTATE OF HERMAN GRADY HAGGARD III

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: All creditors of the Estate of **Herman Grady Haggard III**, deceased, late of Laurens 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 the undersigned. Executors of the Estate of Herman Grady Haggard III C/O Edward B. Claxton III Attorney for Executors P. O. Box 16459 Dublin, Georgia 31040

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2024

24-247 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. BUIE, DECEASED

ESTAE NO. 24-97

NOTICE

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: **Linda Martin; Linda Martin's heirs-at-law or their heirs, beneficiaries, or assigns; Vance Wayne; and Vance Wayne's heirs-at-law or their heirs, beneficiaries, or assigns.**
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate ill in solemn form, in this Court or on before July 1, 2024.
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.
Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: HJ Fremont Clerk of the Probate Court PO Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

24-256 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Dennis Taylor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated April 26, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 1774, Page 282, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee for GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2023-RPL1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3480, Page 142, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$89,250.00), 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 Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2024, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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 the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee for GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2023-RPL1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Dennis Taylor or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 1006 Brewton Lovett Road, East Dublin, Georgia 31027. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee for GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2023-RPL1 as Attorney in Fact for Dennis Taylor McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1309TH G.M. DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: 1.69 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FRONTING C.R. #519 A DISTANCE OF 253.3 FEET AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY LARRY C. JONES, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED JUNE 7, 1992, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 693, PAGE 62, IN THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE LAURENS COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT. THE ANGLES, DISTANCES AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN BY SAID PLAT ARE INCORPORATED IN THIS DISCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT TO ALTAMAHA E.M.C. HEREIN BY DEED RECORDED 11/16/99 IN DEED BOOK 1082 AT PAGE 97.

MR/mac 7/2/24

Our file no. 24-13994-GA - FT18

June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-258 State of Georgia County of Laurens.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the Estate of Deloris Juanita Simmons, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 29th day of May, 2024.
Estate of Deloris Juanita Simmons
Tina Simmons Adkins, Executor
250 Northwood Trail
Dudley, GA 31022
Margaret Greer Evans

Attorney at Law

State Bar No. 488189 (478) 272-2885

June 1, 8, 2024

24-263 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of Brauleen M. Wynn, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Executor of her Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of Brauleen M. Wynn, are required to make immediate payment to the Executor.

This 3rd day of June, 2024.
Brauleen M. Wynn
Executor of the Estate of Brauleen M. Wynn
Francis M. Lewis
Attorney for the Estate
1808 Bellevue Road
Dublin, GA 31021

June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-254 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, LAURENS COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Reginald L. Graham Sr to Bankamerica Housing Services, a Division of Bank of America, FSB dated 2/12/1998 and recorded in Deed Book 957 Page 214 Laurens County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company N.A. as successor in interest to all permitted successors and assigns of The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee, for BankAmerica Manufactured Housing Contract Trust V, Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1998-2, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$107,893.62, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on July 2, 2024 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE 52nd G.M.D. OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 13 OF EAGLE RIDGE SUBDIVISION ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED 01/17/97 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 380, REVISED AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 424, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS LOT IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 863, PAGE 186, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AT DEED BOOK 863, PAGE 186, AND EASEMENTS AT DEED BOOK 870, PAGE 180 AND DEED BOOK 907, PAGE 97, LAURENS COUNTY RECORS.

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 the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property is commonly known as 525 Dove Ln, East Dublin, GA 31027 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Reginald L. Graham Sr or tenant or tenants.

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PO Box 10826 Greenville, SC 29603-0826 1-800-365-7107

Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable); (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record; (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited

under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; 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. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial 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 immediately above. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company N.A. as successor in interest to all permitted successors and assigns of The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee, for BankAmerica Manufactured Housing Contract Trust V, Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1998-2 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Reginald L. Graham Sr Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1263-3633A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1263-3633A

June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-261 Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Sophisticated Solutions Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 214 Glen Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027 and its registered agent at such address is Kellie Utroska.

June 8, 15, 2024

24-246 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Essie Louis Bell, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 24-96 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: **DELMAS LEE WATKINS** has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **ESSIE LOUIS BELL** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bound, 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 1, 2024.**

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.

Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: HJ Fremont Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 DUBLIN, GA 31040 (478) 272-2566

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

24-223 "State of Georgia County of Laurens.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the Estate of **Mae Helen C. Bassett**, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 7th day of May, 2024.
Estate of Mae Helen C. Bassett
Georgia B. Veal, Co-Executor
582 Robert Plummer Road
East Dublin, GA 31027
Sandra B. Wiley, Co-Executor
415 Manning Street
East Dublin, GA 31027
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189 (478) 272-2885

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2024

24-234 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA LAURENS LAND 1, LLC, Petitioner,

v. CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 20.02 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LYING AND 24-CG-0338-JG BEING IN LAND LOT 188, 17TH LAND DISTRICT, 343RD GMD, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND SHOWN AS 22.02 ACRES ON PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 313, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, RECORDS, LESS AND EXCEPT 2.00 ACRES SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 509, SAID RECORDS, KNOWN AS TAX MAP / PARCEL I.D. NO. 133 040,) AND WALTER SMITH; ESTATE OF WALTER SMITH; ALL HEIRS-AT-LAW OF WALTER SMITH; LENORA GRAVES; ESTATE OF LENORA GRAVES; ALL HEIRS-AT-LAW OF LENORA GRAVES; CLAUDIE MAE SMITH; ESTATE OF CLAUDIE MAE SMITH; ALL HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CLAUDIE MAE SMITH; ADDIE MAE CLEMONS; ESTATE OF ADDIE MAE CLEMONS; ALL HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ADDIE MAE CLEMONS; EVA MAE SMITH; ESTATE OF EVA MAE SMITH; ALL HEIRS-AT-LAW OF EVA MAE SMITH; AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MIGHT CLAIM ADVERSELY TO PETITIONER'S TITLE IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTY, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: (1) Walter Smith; (2) Estate of Walter Smith; (3) All heirs-at-law of Walter Smith; (4) Lenora Graves; (5) Estate of Lenora Graves; (6) All heirs-at-law of Lenora Graves; (7) Claudie Mae Smith; (8) Estate of Claudie Mae Smith; (9) All heirs-at-law of Claudie Mae Smith; (10) Addie Mae Clemmons; (11) Estate of Addie Mae Clemmons; (12) All heirs-at-law of Addie Mae Clemmons; (13) Eva Mae Smith; (14) Estate of Eva Mae Smith; (15) All heirs-at-law of Eva Mae Smith; (16) All persons unknown who claim or might claim adversely to Petitioner's title in the above-referenced property. By Order for Service by Publication dated the 14th day of May, 2024, you are hereby notified that the Petitioner herein has filed a Petition to Establish Title to Land Against All the World requesting, among other relief, an order establishing Petitioner's title to the above-referenced property. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, and to serve upon the Petitioner's attorney, Russell W.

Wall, at 122 North Main Street, Greensboro, Georgia 30642, any objections to said Petition within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. Witness the Honorable Judson L. Green, IV, Judge of this Court. This 14th day of May, 2024. Rhonda Spires Deputy Clerk, Superior Court of Laurens County 101 N. Jefferson St. P.O. Box 2028 Dublin, GA 31040

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2024

24-257 TRADE NAME REGISTRATION OFFICE OF JACKIE H. DALTON CLERK SUPERIOR COURT LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT: M & J Dublin INC 214 Central Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027 AND JAAFAIR JOUBAIR 3157 Creston Park Ct Duluth, GA 30096 IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA UNDER THE NAME OF: TRADE NAME: JJ'S FISH AND CHICKEN 214 Central Drive East Dublin, GA 31027 AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON IS: RESTAURANT

June 1, 8, 2024

24-265 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA TITSHAW BOBBITT, DECEASED

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN All creditors of the Estate of Martha Titshaw Bobbitt, deceased, late of Laurens 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 the undersigned.

This 5th day of June, 2024.
T.C. Bobbitt III
Nancy M. Bobbitt
Co-Executors of the Estate of Martha Titshaw Bobbitt, deceased
Thomas C. Bobbitt, III
Attorney for the Estate of MARTHA TITSHAW BOBBITT
P.O. Box 1676
Dublin, GA 31040

June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-230 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS

All creditors of the Estate of **Nadetta Johnson**, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 9th day of May, 2024.
J. Enrique Morales, Esq.
Attorney to the Administrator of the Estate of Nadetta Johnson, Deceased
Gwendolyn Johnson
3725 Hwy 46
Cadwell, GA 31009

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2024

24-255 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by HEATHER GARNER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. in the original principal amount of \$64,800.00 dated July 25, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1683, Page 178, Laurens County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING in Deed Book 3482, Page 112, Laurens 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 July 02, 2024, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING PART OF LOT 58 AND PART OF LOT 59 OF KINGS FOREST SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY DANIEL R. RIGGS, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 10, 1972, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 298, Page 66, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID REAL PROPERTY IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN SITUATE ON THE NORTHER MARGIN OF VICTORIA CIRCLE 10 SQUARE FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF LOT 57 AND LOT 58 WITH THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF VICTORIA CIRCLE; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AS THUS ESTABLISHED, THENCE NORTH 6 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 145 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 108 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 145 FEET TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE NORTHER MARGIN OF VICTORIA CIRCLE; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF VICTORIA CIRCLE, SOUTH 83 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 108 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING/ SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Said property being known as: **702 VICTORIA CIR, DUBLIN, GA 31021**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are HEATHER GARNER 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 individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all

terms of the mortgage is as follows: NEWREZ LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300 Greenville, SC 29601 866-825-2174 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. NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, as Attorney-in-Fact for HEATHER GARNER Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 13010 Morris Rd. Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Phone: 470.321.7112 Firm File No. 24-202957 - DoP

June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-248 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GREGORY LAMAR JONES, DECEASED

ESTATE NO.24-98

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: SUNDRA LUTRELL JONES has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of GREGORY LAMAR JONES, 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 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 1, 2024.

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.

Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: HJ Fremont Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

24-232 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of CHARLENE D. MOORE, deceased, late of Laurens 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 the 13 day of May, 2024.
Charles C. Butler
Attorney for the Estate of CHARLENE D. MOORE
P.O. Drawer 4430
Dublin, GA 31040-4430

May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2024

24-262 TS # 2024-09115-GA

Notice Of Sale Under Power Georgia, Laurens County Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by Jerry Grandpierre, an unmarried man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, A division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A., a National Bank, dated 9/20/2023, and recorded on 9/25/2023, in Deed Book 03421, Page 00249, Laurens County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 2/23/2024 in Deed Book 03455, Page 00050, along with Scrivener's Affidavit recorded 5/6/24 as Deed Book: 3475 Page: 154 conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$203,663.00, with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 7/2/2024, the following described property: The Land Referred To Herein Below Is Situated In The County Of Laurens, State Of Georgia, And Is Described As Follows: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In Green Acres Estates Subdivision, In Land Lot 229 Of The 1st Land District, And In The City Of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, Known As Lot 79, And More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At An Iron Pin Located On The Southwest Margin Of Palm Drive A Distance Of 163 Feet Northwest Of The Intersection Of The Southwest Margin Of Palm Drive And The Northwest Margin Of Hillcrest Drive; Thence South 43 Degrees 53 Minutes West A Distance Of 122.25 Feet To An Iron Pin; Thence North 43 Degrees 53 Minutes East A Distance Of 125 Feet To An Iron Pin Located On The Southwest Margin Of Palm Drive; Thence Along The Southwest Margin Of Palm Drive South 46 Degrees 07 Minutes East A Distance Of 125 Feet To An Iron Pin And The Point Of Beginning. Subject To All Easements, Ordinances, Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, And Rights-Of-Way Of Record, If Any, Said property is commonly known as 903 Palm Drive Dublin, GA 31021. The indebtedness 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 the sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' 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: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Attention: Loss Mitigation Department, 11988 EXIT 5 PKWY BLDG 4 FISHERS IN 46037-7939, Telephone No.: 855-690-5900. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the security instrument. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any other matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party(ies) in possession of the property is (are) Jerry Grandpierre or tenant(s) or other occupants.

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. The sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor

no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: HJ Fremont
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
(478) 272-2566

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

24-253
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by NELSON E. AMMERMAN to BANK OF DUDLEY in the original principal amount of \$167,375.00 dated June 27, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 1672, Page 162, Laurens County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2020-2 in Deed Book 3475, Page 116, Laurens 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 July 02, 2024, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 32 IN THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.264 ACRES, DESIGNATED AS LOT 13 OF PINEGROVE SUBDIVISION, AS DESCRIBED BY THAT PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS & ASSOCIATES, SURVEYORS, DATED MARCH 20, 2002 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 256, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. SAID TRACT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO FIND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEAST-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 474, AND RUN THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 505.29 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD, NORTH 64 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 205.06 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 265.52 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 88.64 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 186.13 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 203.72 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT IS BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: NORTHWEST BY LOT 14; NORTHEAST BY LOTS 1 AND 12; SOUTHEAST BY LANDS OF ROY AND ELMA WILLIAMS (SHOWN AS "OUT" ON THE SUBDIVISION PLAT); AND SOUTHWEST BY PINEHILL ROAD. THIS IS A PORTION OF THE LANDS CONVEYED FROM MRS. ROBERTA VEAL BURCH AND BEN C. BURCH TO JAMES ROY MALONE, SR., BY DEED DATED JANUARY 17, 1973 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 306, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS SAID TRACT IS SUBJECT TO THAT DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 733, PAGE 345-347, LAURENS COUNTY DEED RECORDS. Said property being known as: **290 PINEHILL RD DUBLIN, GA 31021**
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are NELSON E. AMMERMAN 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:
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.
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2020-2, as Attorney-in-Fact for NELSON E. AMMERMAN
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd.
Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470.321.7112
Firm File No. 23-170303 - DaG
June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-259
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale by Curry Management Corporation on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, starting at StorageAuctions.com. The proceeds of said sale will be used to first satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.
SPACE Tenechia Harden Claxton Dairy A18
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Robert Jones Kellam Road A15
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
SPACE Shakima Hill Kellam Road F5
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
SPACE Marissa Maddox Market Square A9
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
SPACE Reid Higginbotham Market Square F19
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

June 1, 8, 2024

24-251
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JO ANN W. SMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-99
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: **Wanda Smith, Val Smith and Phillis Simpson** and to whom it may concern: **Pattii Rowe** has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **JO ANN W. SMITH** 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. 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.

Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: HJ Fremont
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
(478) 272-2566

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

24-244
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LAYSON AMIRE BRADY, MINOR
ESTATE NO. 24-44
NOTICE
Date of mailing, if any Date of second publication, if any June 8, 2024

TO:
You are hereby notified that Jessica Natasha Darrisaw has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Gail Belflower
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Dublin, GA 31040
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June 1, 8, 2024

24-249
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the Consent Summary Final Judgment in the civil action First Federal Bank v. SME Dublin LLC, Mathis Family Holdings, LLC, Smisson Energy, LLC, Dawn Smisson Lipfert, Dr. Hugh F. Smisson, Smisson Mathis Energy, LLC, and Franklin Mathis, Civil Action No. 23-CG-0486-JG, in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, as well as the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from SME-Dublin LLC, to First Federal Bank dated July 15, 2019, filed for record July 23, 2019, and recorded in Deed Book 2974, at Page 56 Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated July 15, 2019, in the original principal sum of Five Million Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place for conducting Sheriff's sales in Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on July 2, 2024, the real property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan, and pursuant to the aforementioned Consent Summary Final Judgment. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees. The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: First Federal Bank. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. Said property will be sold "as-is" without any representation, warranty, or recourse against the above-named creditor or the undersigned, and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and other matters of records, if any, having priority over this Deed to Secure Debt. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is SME-Dublin LLC, and/or tenant(s). 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 Deed to Secure Debt.
First Federal Bank, as Attorney-in-Fact for SME-Dublin LLC
Plaintiff's Attorney Contact:
C. Brent Wardrop
Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.
365 Northridge Rd, Suite 230

Atlanta, GA 30350
Email: brent.wardrop@qpwblaw.com
June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-238
Notice of Sale Under Power
State of Georgia, County of Laurens
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Willie L. Coney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wyatt Mortgage, Inc. (the Secured Creditor), dated August 8, 2007, and Recorded on August 9, 2007 as Book No. 1933 and Page No. 164, Laurens County, Georgia records, conveying the after- described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$49,362.00, 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 Laurens County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2024, the following described property: All those tracts or parcels of land, each situate, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and more particularly described as follows:
Lots 49, 51 and 53 in City Block 247, as shown by the Official Map of the City of Dublin, Georgia, said property lying in the Eastern corner of the intersection of Cul-lens Street and Woodard Street, each lot fronting 50 feet on Cullens Street and lying adjacent to each other, extending back in equal width a distance of 140 feet, lot lying adjacent to Woodard Street; also, all rights in the alley at the rear of said lots, on the southeastern side thereof. Being a portion of that property conveyed by Deed dated 02/26/74, recorded in Deed Book 318, Page 223, said Clerk's Office.

Also conveyed herewith is a 1999 Palm Harbor, Model 7532, Mobile Home, Serial Number PH1410748AB, which is permanently attached to and made a part of the real property. Tax ID: D17C 183

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 Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806. 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 **409 WOODARD STREET, DUBLIN, GA 31021** is/are: Willie L. Coney 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 Willie L. Coney. Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 24-41262

May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

24-252
My Storage Building located at 1720 Claxton Dairy Road, Dublin, GA 31210 will hold an online public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The auction will be held on website www.storageauctions.com (http://www.storageauctions.com) and will end at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #	Stored Items
Gerald Fordham	A13	HHG Furn Boxes
Brandon Colson	B09	HHG Furn Boxes

June 1, 8, 2024

24-264
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF EMELINE MASH-BURN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-04
NOTICE

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in the Court on or before August 5, 2024.

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.

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By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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June 8, 2024

24-243
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL B. WOOD, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24-84

2023-2024 Laurens Dublin Retired Educators Association thanks its partnerships

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Thanks goes out to the local businesses for the yearly support of the Laurens Dublin Retired Educators Association.

Their support and encouragement has allowed the retired educators to promote volunteerism, foster health, safety and wellness, and support the 2023-2024 State humanitarian project—"Totes for Tots, Inc."

They have also been enabled to promote and support projects to help this community and the local school systems.

The Laurens Dublin Re-

tired Educators continue to support and serve their students past, present and future.

Remember, once a teacher...always a teacher.

1. Alexander's (in kind)
2. Bear Hug Learning, LLC
3. Christy's Floral & Gifts
4. Clements & Keen Insurance
5. Courier Herald (in kind)
6. Danny E Davis State Farm Insurance
7. Dexter New Beginnings Church
8. Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin

9. Greater Macedonia Missionary Baptist
10. Greater New Friendship Baptist Church
11. Home Instead
12. Jackson Income Tax Services
13. Pitts Toyota, Inc.
14. Progressive Rural Telephone
15. Randolph's Jewelry Repair Plus
16. Stanley Funeral Home Inc.
17. Townsend's Funeral Home
18. Widow's Oil Ministry (in kind)

For more information on Partnerships, please contact Carol Roe, Treasurer, carol-sroe54@gmail.com

LDREA honors, remembers educators

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Each year, Laurens Dublin Retired Educators Association offers members and community the opportunity to remember or honor people who have been instrumental in his or her success in education.

The following is the contributions for 2023-2024. The funds received have been used specifically for all children through the schools and the supportive agencies supporting the children of Dublin and Laurens County.

Memorials

1. Jewell Geiger Davis by Merle Geiger
2. Cuthbert & Martha Farmer by Drs. Willie L. & Gwendolyn Edmond

3. Supt. Ira Edwards, Sr. by The Edwards Family
4. Nesbert English by Rosa English and Family
5. Bunny Hatchett by Matt, Kim, Emily, & Camille Hatchett
6. Joanne Hilburn by Jimmy Hilburn and Raef Harrison, Kate, Lanny, Sam and Parks Allgood
7. Diane Keen by Darin Keen
8. Beverly Mallory by Greater Macedonia Baptist Missionary Church
9. Kline & Seebie Scarborough by Carol Scarborough & Tommy Roe
10. Claire Shines by Larry & Freda Woodard

Honorariums

1. Mrs. Martha Bobbitt by The Bobbitt Family:

Tommy, Karen, Thomas, & Nancy

2. Tammy Cook by Dexter New Beginnings Church
3. Lois Henry by Dexter New Beginnings Church
4. Lillie K Hobbs by Family and Friends
5. Gayle Jolley by Dexter New Beginnings Church
6. Lenton O'Neal by Conyues O'Neal and the O'Neal Children
7. Shellie Stroman by Jackson Fordham

For The Children

1. Anonymos

For more information on Honorariums and Memorials, please contact Lydia McClendon, Service Chair, lydiamcc@yahoo.com

SENIOR NEWS LINE by MATILDA CHARLES

While winter cold can cause health problems for seniors, the summer heat can be just as dangerous.

Heat that's too high can lead to heat exhaustion. Nausea, feeling weak or dizzy, being thirsty, having rapid pulse -- those are all signs that we're too hot. Then there is heat rash, heat edema (swollen ankles and feet), heat cramps, heat stroke ... all with their own list of serious medical results. The risks can come not only from the temperature, but from some of the prescription drugs we take, drinking alcohol and caffeine, living without air conditioning and having certain medical conditions.

The National Institutes for Health has a list of suggestions for dealing with summer heat:

Consult with your doctor about how many ounces of water you need to drink on a daily basis. Ask if it needs to be only water, or if juices count in your daily intake of liquid.

Keep the drapes closed to block the sun.

Go somewhere else during the heat of the day, ideally a cool place with air conditioning. Think about the library, a movie theater or the mall during the heat of the afternoon until the sun goes down.

Ask the rec center, senior center, town government or

health department if they have cooling centers.

Wear lightweight cotton clothes instead of synthetics. It's not just the heat, humidity adds to the temperature as well. Seniors don't produce as much sweat as we used to, so there's little natural cooling as breezes blow over us.

Keep an eye on the news for advance notice about heat waves in your area. Plan ahead for where you might go to cool off and for meals that don't heat up the kitchen.

And remember: If you do have air conditioning, use it! A heatwave is not the time to worry about the electric bill!

GBI looks into work death in Cochran

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

COCHRAN - At the request of the Cochran Police Department, GBI agents are investigating the death of Milton Mullis, age 70, of Cochran, GA.

Preliminary information indicates on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at about 9:10 a.m., Mullis was hit by a piece of heavy equipment which resulted in his death.

NOTICE

The petition of Melissa Wood, for an order declaring no administration is necessary in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,

TO: Whom it may concern
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition, in this Court on or before July 1, 2024.

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.

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The incident occurred while Mullis was working at the Cochran Oil Mill and Ginery located on the 100 block of E. Ash St., Bleckley County, Cochran, GA.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the GBI regional investigative office in Eastman at 478-374-6988. Anonymous tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-

597-TIPS (8477), online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

This investigation is active and ongoing. Once complete, it will be given to the Oconee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for review.

GBI arrests Eastman man in child molestation investigation

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

EASTMAN - The GBI has arrested and charged Elvis Davis, 57, of Eastman, with one count of sexual exploitation of children, two counts of child molestation and two counts of improper sexual contact by a foster parent.

On Friday, May 16, 2024, the Eastman Police Department asked the GBI to assist with an investigation into allegations of child molestation involving Davis.

Davis was booked into the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

This investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the GBI Regional Investigative Office in Eastman at 478-374-6988.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-597-TIPS (8477), online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be given to the Dodge County DA's Office in the Oconee Judicial Circuit for prosecution.



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends for 20 years with a kind and caring woman, "Brenda." We always shared life moments, until recently. I thought of her children as my own. Her son got married (not in a formal or traditional wedding) and didn't want anyone there except his parents, siblings and a few friends. I was hurt that I wasn't included, since Brenda always integrated herself into my life even when I may not have wanted her to.

That son and his wife are now having a baby. At first, Brenda told us to "save the date" for a couple's shower. Then the wife's parents chose a venue that holds a limited number of guests, so none of Brenda's friends were invited. (They both come from big families and the expectant parents invited a lot of their friends.)

Brenda said she feels terrible and will have something else for us to celebrate another time. Or, if people can't come, she will then go to the "B list." I'm trying to be understanding, but I'm so hurt and insulted I no longer want to be a part of this. I told her how I felt, and we dropped it.

I don't want to end a friendship over it, but I am harboring ill feelings. I couldn't even fathom celebrating something without her, and I am deeply disappointed she isn't fighting for me. Brenda doesn't want to make waves with the "new" in-laws and her kids. I don't want to give a gift or share in future events as a "B lister." How do I get over this slight and not hold it against her or her children? -- SORE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SORE: Here's how: Understand the pecking order in that family. The mother-to-be and her parents are in control, NOT BRENDA, who I'm sure is embarrassed as heck by what's happening. Her dear friends were excluded from the wedding, and now this. Forgive Brenda, refuse any invitation in which you are expected to give gifts to her daughter-in-law, go on with your life and stop making this all about you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who lost my domestic partner five years ago. My neighbor is a single father of a 12-year-old son. When I first met him, he told me he once had a domestic partner. He talks openly about his personal life (he was married to a woman before living with his son's mother).

He does small jobs at my house, and I have taken him and his son out to dinner. He writes messages to me about three times a week, and he told me he plans to have me to dinner soon. He treats me kindly. I think he may be interested in me, but I don't want to be presumptuous.

If I'm misinterpreting the situation, I would be satisfied with being friends and good neighbors. But I would like to find out if he wants to pursue a relationship. What would you recommend I do? -- INTERESTED IN TEXAS

DEAR INTERESTED: I recommend you stand pat. Be his friend and a good neighbor until he makes a move that clearly indicates he would like more. That way you won't burn any bridges.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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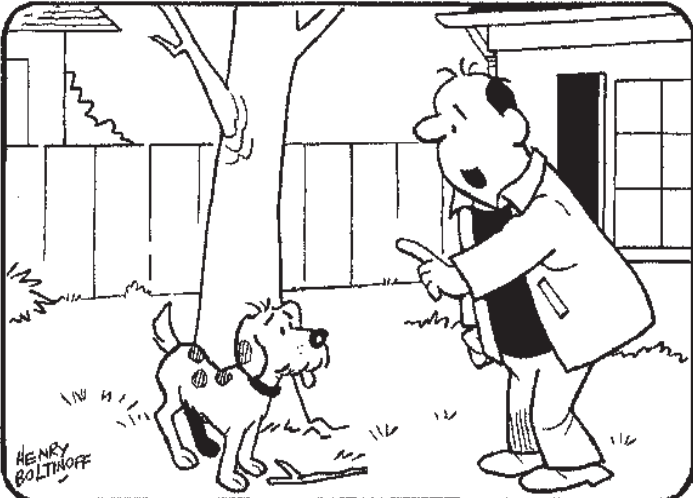
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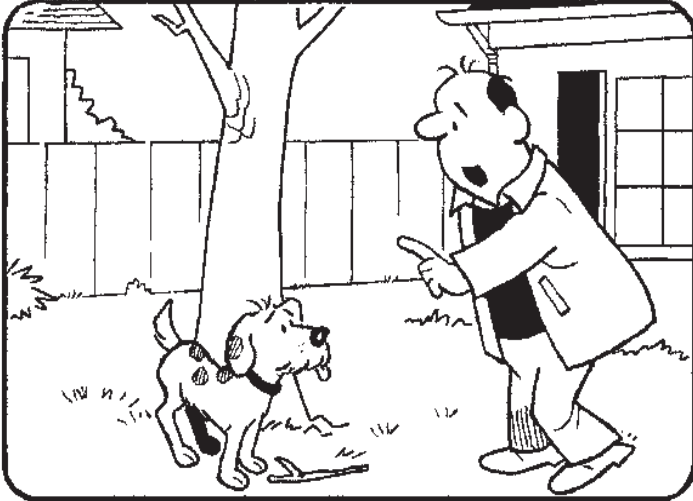
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



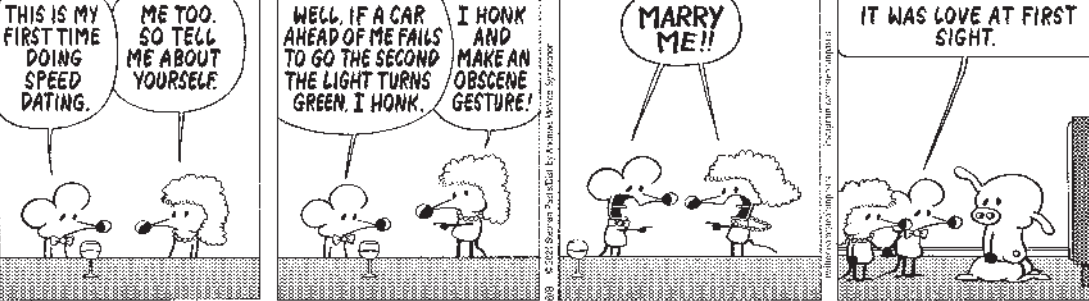
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Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Dog's tongue is moved. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Ear is higher. 5. Tree limb is shorter. 6. Sweater is shorter.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



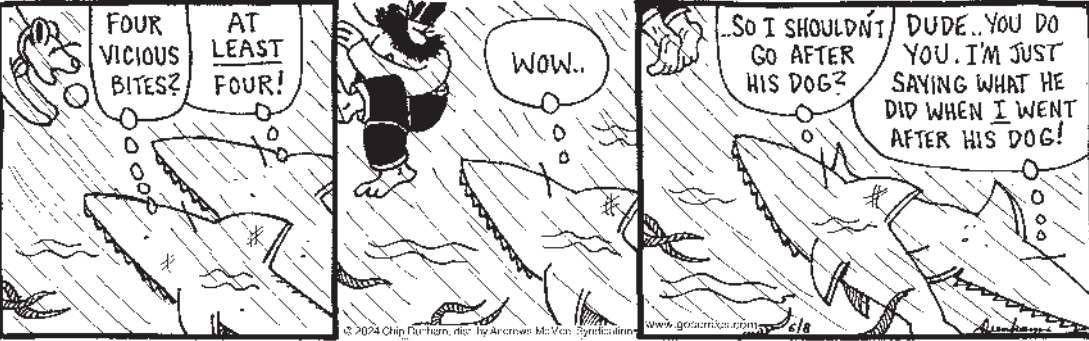
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BY JIM DAVIS



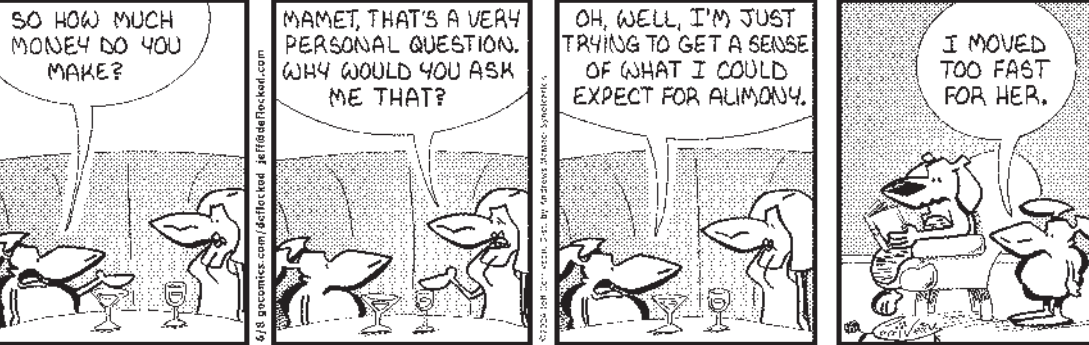
OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the word to spell something pertaining to parks.

G H N I I K

Answer: Hiking

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Saturday, June 8, 2024

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠AK♥J65♦A74♣KJ753

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
INT Pass 2♣ 2♠

What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠Void♥AK63♦AQ107♣109764

Partner opens 1S and right-hand opponent bids 3H. What call would you make?

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠1065♥J762♦A74♣986

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ 1♠ 2♠* Pass

3♠ Pass ?
*Diamond raise, at least invitational values.

What call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠AK1098♥A10♦K75♣AK2

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠J76♥A84♦K1063♣A74

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
2♣ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers'

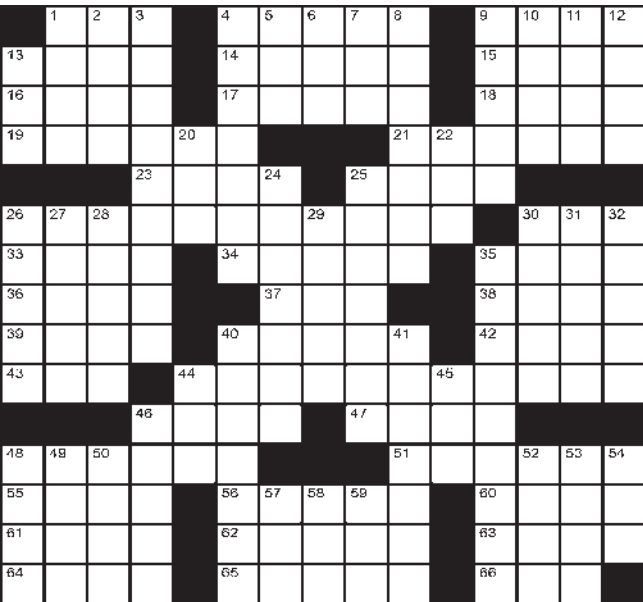
THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Best guess: Abbr.
4 Contemptible person
9 Talk
13 All done
14 Gone from the plate
15 ___ and hearty
16 Author Primo
17 Tire feature
18 Press
19 Deeply fears
21 Hit the ground
23 After-bath powder
25 ___ Millions
26 Catholic district
30 Talk and talk
33 Handle without care
34 Contented cat sounds
35 Inform
36 "For ___ us a child is born" ("Messiah" chorus)
37 Mojito liquor
38 "I'm ___ you!"
39 Fruit peel
40 Ribeye, e.g.
42 Complain loudly
43 Language suffix
44 Item once left by a visitor: 2 wds.
46 Obligation
47 Soap brand
48 Kenyan excursion
51 Looked angrily
55 Field for farming
56 Arrive at
60 Seagoing force
61 "Uh-huh": 2 wds.
62 One living abroad, for short
63 First Nations people
64 Gently throw
65 Bouquet parts
66 Japanese currency

DOWN

- 1 At any time
2 Goller
3 Ballesteros
3 Three-part race



Created by Stella Zawistowski

5/29/24

- 4 Say inadvertently: 2 wds.
5 Rows
6 Plains tribe
7 Briny body of water
8 Without limits
9 Beijing's land
10 Difficult
11 Burn reliever
12 See to
13 Ancient
20 Parental nickname
22 Get 13-Down
24 Gallant
25 Disney's Ariel, e.g.
26 Cause to laugh
27 Echelons
28 Adorable one
29 Inhumane
30 City known for salami
31 Table in a church
32 Fair-haired
35 Jack Ryan's creator: 2 wds.
40 Ironic works



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- 41 Round Table members
44 Mean dog
45 ___ pal (female friend)
46 Romantic outings
48 Expectorate
49 As well
50 Enemies
52 Very uncommon
53 Like 2, 4, or 6
54 Artificial color
57 Office phone number: Abbr.
58 Imitate
59 Recording equipment, for short

Marriages: Paul Lamar Tyson to Gina M. Sheffield; Charles Stephen Tomberlin Jr. to Cinthya Sarahi Lopera-Queen; Danny Abram Kirkland Jr. to Katherine P. Roady; Frederick Cleveland Williams II to Chasity Jada Carter; Eric Chung to Suhyun Oh; Clayton Gage Robertson to Autumn Hope Fletcher; Chandler Ty Flanders to Olivia Margaret Bailey; Westley Alphonzo Royal to Khadijah Simone Taylor

Complaint For Divorce: Tomika S. Devoe V. Napoleon S. Davis

Modification: Steven Hodges V. Amanda Hodges; William Tanner V. Cora Carswell

Contempt: Clifford
Wilder V. Stephanie Wilder

Petition of Paternal Grandparents: Benjamin & Sheryl Wood V. Brandon Wood & Latisha Bishop

Contract: ATC Healthcare Services Inv V. Jennifer Johnson; Bank of America N.A. V. Jeannine Summers; American Express National Bank V. Jason Shenk

Garnishment: Discover Bank V. Amy Jackson & Morris Bank

Contempt—Child
Support: GA DHS EX REL
 Kayden Butler VS Jamar
 Butler; GA DHS EX REL
 Bryston Varner ET AL VS
 Joshua Corbett; GA DHS
 EX REL Ty'Riq Dudley VS
 Rodrickus Dudley; GA DHS
 EX REL Kemiah Demmons
 ET AL VS Racus Gilmore;
 GA DHS EX REL Kade
 Rutherford VS Sherwin
 Rutherford; GA DHS EX
 REL Ayden White ET AL VS
 Jolene Davis; GA DHS EX
 REL Jamorie Payne VS Te-
 win Clay

Support-IV-D: GA
DHS EX REL Zoey Floyd VS
Lavinskiene Floyd

Complaint—Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Kamryn Rogers VS Mikevious J. Askew; GA DHS EX REL Tytawn Gibbens VS Tyreese Blash; GA DHS EX REL Mari Ell Tolin VS Marton Tolin; GA DHS EX REL Jamila Houston VS Brandon Alexander Bailey

Modification—Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Alyssa VS Alexander Jamaal Arline

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The Mount Tilla Baptist Church family will be celebrating their Annual Youth Day and Evelyn Pittman Scholarship Day at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 9. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Harold J. Banks is the pastor.

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Willis III; Tammie Willis;
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Shelia Wommack; Shelia M
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Brenda Kay Woodard; Ray
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Gregory Wright; Jerwaska
Wright; Lakesheia Wright;
Lena Mae Wright; Rodrequis
S. Wright; Shirley A Wright;
Sidney Wright; Sierra M
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Bruce Wynn x2; Wynn
Maintenance x2; Jose-Ibar-
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Security Deed: Donald Ellington to Robins Financial Credit Union; C&C Better Living, LLC to First

sion Deliverance Outreach Ministry, 540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way, at 7 p.m. on June 28. Guest speaker will be Prophetess Joann Holmes, Christ Temple of Mercy. Everyone is invited to come out. Host overseer is Mary Austin.

The Mount Tilla Baptist Church family will be celebrating family fun day at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

Laurens Bank; WF Services, LLC to Georgia First Bank; William Grove Baptist Church to Capital City Bank; Tony Braddy to Mortgage Research Center, LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans; Joel & Abbi Gail Zamora to Mortgage Connect, LP; Mandesh Limited Liability Company to Morris Bank; Veronica R. Edmond to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; John Bruce III & Emily Mitchell Williams; Phyllis B Brooks to Morris Bank; Alvin Brian & Becki N Kilpatrick to Bank of Dudley; Woodlawn West III, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Khari Irvin Homes, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Michael Craig & Karyn Elizabeth Luginbuhl to GCS Ventures LLC; Richard O Scott & Richard O Scott II to Farmers State Bank; April Jamie & Jason Finley to Planet Home Lending, LLC; Twangia Jones to Village Capital & Investments LLC

Warranty Deed: WF & JB Holdings, LLC to WF Services, LLC; Robert Jamieson & Dennis R. Smith to Kee Industries, LLC; Tony Braddy to Tony Braddy & Dorothy Corbett Braddy; Torrey J. English to Tony Braddy; Hillary Ellen Dunn to Hillary Ellen Dunn & Matthew Jason Dunn; Sheila Kay Smith to Hambros, LLC; Steven K & Geraldine M. Peters to Stephen K. & Geraldine M. Peters; Shawn Lewis & Kimberly Lique to Phyllis B Brooks; Phyllis B Brooks to Phyllis B Brooks & Shana Brooks

There will be a grill master cook off, bouncers, games inside and outside. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Harold J. Banks is the pastor.

Please send in announcements about upcoming church special events or pictures to tchnewsreporter@gmail.com by 9 a.m. every Thursday to appear in the upcoming Saturday edition of The Courier Herald.

A campaign poster for Tim Aldridge, Laurens County Tax Commissioner. The poster features the word "ELECT" in large black letters, followed by a blue circle with a red checkmark. Below this is a row of seven stars (red, blue, red, blue, red, blue, red). The name "TIM ALDRIDGE" is written in large blue letters. Below the name is the text "Laurens County Tax Commissioner" in black. A photograph shows five people standing outdoors: a young man in a cowboy hat and plaid shirt, a man in a blue polo shirt, a young man in a black tuxedo with a bow tie, a woman in a red top, and a young woman in a pink top. Below the photo, the text reads: "Working for Change. Working for Laurens County. Working for YOU!". At the bottom, it says "Advanced Voting June 10th - 14th" and "RUNOFF JUNE 18th" in large blue letters.