

DDA eyeing new downtown parking plan for '25

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The Downtown Development Authority board is moving closer to having a plan for its 20 designated parking spaces, where drivers continue to leave their vehicles in those spots for more than the allotted two hours.

Since the beginning of this year, 20 designated parking spaces have been set aside for two-hour parking behind Deano's, Saltwater Fishery and other businesses.

Glenda Berry, DDA executive director, said Dublin City Engineer Matthew Bradshaw provided a map showing the addresses where parking is available downtown. The parking lots are: Dublin City Hall (100

S. Church St.); DDA (404 Academy Ave.); Theatre Dublin and Market on Madison (314 W. Madison St.); City of Dublin public parking (Madison Street); DDA public parking (Madison Street); Skyscraper (Madison Street); Jackson Street Plaza (120 N. Jefferson St.); three Laurens County public parking lots around its annex (East Gaines Street); and Laurens County public parking (both sides of Franklin Street).

When those parking lots are added up with other parking spaces in downtown Dublin, there is a total of 840 places people can park.

"I think this is extremely helpful, especially when people say there are no parking spaces in downtown, because there are,"

Berry said. "Actually, when you look the private parking that is available, the total number is probably pushing 1,400. There is a lot. I think sometimes people need to be reminded."

Berry has noticed that people do not complain about parking during Saint Patrick's Day events.

"But, if they are going to work or going downtown, it just depends on the day and what's going on," she said.

Berry wants to take a look at the 20 designated parking spaces, especially for those who continue to stay more than the time limited.

"There are folks who are bound and determined to stay in the two-hour



The DDA is looking at a plan for its 20 designated spots in lot behind Saltwater Fishery, Deano's and other businesses/PAYTON TOWNS III

Power to the people

Oconee EMC faced tall task in aftermath of Hurricane Helene

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

After Hurricane Helene made its way through Laurens County, power companies faced the daunting task of returning power to its customers. Easier said than done.

For Oconee EMC officials, it was hard to get a look at the total picture because their metering infrastructure allowing them to see their outage numbers was down. Once they were able to see the outage numbers, they knew a majority of its members were in the dark.

"We were between 8,500 and 9,000 meters out for our whole system," said Jennifer Bryant, member services manager at Oconee EMC. "Our whole system is around 13,500."

Dudley-based Oconee EMC covers parts of seven counties, with Laurens County being the largest portion of its coverage area. The first thing the EMC had to do was to get out and see what the problems were.

"We have what we call 'bird dogs' who ride the lines to see where the problems might be," Bryant said. "With any major outage, we attack it from getting the largest number of members on at a time. That is where we know to send our guys and crews and focus our efforts."

Fortunately, the affected areas were more centralized to Laurens County, where the "dirty" side of the storm hit.

"We didn't have to focus on our entire seven-county service area," Bryant said. "There were other members outside of Laurens County who were impacted by the hurricane and had outages, but we were able to focus on certain areas and we were fortunate for that."

They had a lot of broken poles and trees down on power lines.

"Just the number of trees that were down, and not just broken but completely uprooted, and were on the power lines or had fallen and clipped the power lines, was just unreal for us," Bryant said. "The support staff went out to make sure the crews had what they need, not only for equipment



BACK AT IT: Linemen ready themselves for another day of hard work at getting power restored in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene after the storm ripped through Laurens and surrounding counties/SPECIAL PHOTOS

and supplies, but we also made sure they had what they needed for meals, drinks, hydration and stuff like that. When we took these items to the crews we were able to really see the damage that was out there."

Bryant had to drive really slowly not only because of the amount of damage but also to take in everything she was seeing.

"I've been at Oconee EMC for working on 20 years and this is the worst storm that I've seen," she said.

Oconee EMC, like other power companies, knew Helene was coming. While it was approaching, Oconee EMC prepared for the worse while hoping for the best.

"We are very thankful when we do dodge a bad storm, but we've got to stay ready and prepared to serve our members," Bryant said. "I'm very thankful that we have warehousemen

that keep our warehouse, supplies and equipment stocked as best as we can. We were as prepared as we could have been."

The night of the storm, some of the workers were at home waiting while some were at the office. Linemen and support staff spent the night, not sure what the area would look like and wanting to make sure they were available to work after the storm moved away.

"Safety is our top priority here," Bryant said. "With those kinds of winds we don't want to send our guys out in anything over 35 mph thinking they are going to climb poles or get into a bucket truck. Ultimately, we want to be able to send our linemen home to their families when they were done here."

They also want people to have power. Bryant said their members were



understanding about power being out.

"It was important to make sure our members were as informed as we could keep them with whatever information we had at that time," Bryant said. "We were very fortunate that we were able to manage their expectations as best as we could. They knew we were working and it was just going to take time."

Oconee EMC's website informed their customers where their workers were and where the outages were. One advantage Oconee EMC had was that they had a crew already in Wilkinson County on its broadband project.

"The Lord really worked different things out for us," Bryant said. "We had several crews who were relocated to our headquarters the days before Helene hit. We had several right-of-way crews too. Right off the bat, we had eight to 10 additional crews in here before it ever hit. We were very fortunate."

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Salvation Army needs angels to bring Christmas to 360 children

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The local Salvation Army is looking for more than 360 angels to help make Christmas special for area children this year.

Charika Todd, service center director, said some of the children have been chosen for the Angel Tree program but they will need more to help children whose ages ranges from infant to 12.

"We have to receive the gifts unwrapped by Dec. 13," Todd said. "Even if peo-

ple do not want to do the Angel Tree, they can purchase any toy and bring it by The Salvation Army Thrift Store and remain anonymous. This is more kids this year than we had last year."

People can go to the store, located at 2378 U.S. 80, and inform them that they would like to adopt an angel. Someone in the office will give them an angel and they can purchase the items and bring them back to the thrift store.

There are Angel Trees at Dairy Queen, Dublin Mall, Orr Insurance and Brown and Co. Salon. To give, contributors remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags.

Todd is also looking for volunteers to ring bells for The Salvation Army kettle drive, which will come to an end on Christmas Eve. For more information, call (478) 275-7336.



NEW WINDOWS AT THE COURTHOUSE

Workers recently completed a \$239,000 project at the Laurens County Courthouse to replace all 53 old windows with more energy-efficient ones/RODNEY MANLEY

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OBITUARIES



Bunistine Hines Eagle

Funeral services for Mrs. Bunistine Hines Eagle of East Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brown Grove Baptist Church, 1210 Buckeye Road, in East Dublin. The Rev. Cecil Moore will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery.

Bunistine was born on Thursday, Jan. 8, 1953. She graduated from East Laurens High School. She spent her life living in East Dublin. She joined Zion Hill Church and later moved her membership to Brown Grove Baptist Church where she was a devoted member. She dedicated herself uplifting others and her dear loved ones.

Bunistine passed away on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024. She was preceded in death by her mother, Christine Palmer Spikes; a daughter, Stephanie Hazel Thomas; uncles and aunts, Queen Esther, Lucion Robinson Ola Mae and Carl D. Wright, Bernice Wright, Solomon Wright, Albert Coley, Charlie Jason, Willie Palmer, Debra Wright, Juwon Edmond, Bruce Hines, J.W. Robinson, Glenda Plummer and Sim Palmer.

She is survived by her husband, Cedric Eagle; a devoted friend, Willis Walker Jr.; grandchildren, Robert Thomas III, Miyah Thomas, Teyah Thomas (TK) Flowers; great grandchild, Tru Hazel Flowers; cousins, Patricia (James) Coleman, Barbara (Hugh) Hudson, Carol Wright, Delores Wright, Jeremiah White, Christian Marsh, Jacorey Coleman, Caleb Jackson, Tracey (Gerald) Edmond, Frankie (Melissa) Wright, Desi (Kathy) Robinson, Rosa (Jeff) May, Mae Ola Robinson, Jackie Dudley, Annie Queen (Bennie) Pierce, Janice Sims, Ateeya Hudson, Lateeya Hudson, Annie Queen aunt, Eva Mae Allen, Homer Lee (Debra) Allen, Shalett & Stacey Palmer, Amy (Lonnie) Smith; sisters, Rosa Mae Spikes, Diane Hayward; and a host of nieces, nephews, and all the children she helped to raise.

Please post your condolences online at Servicesby-Dudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.

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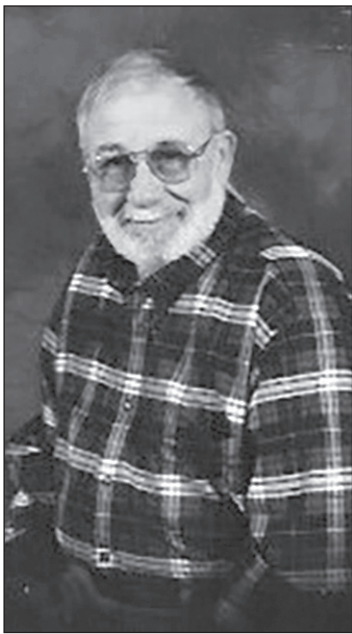
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Jonathan Bennett Capece

Jonathan Bennett Capece was born on Dec. 28, 1940, to Daniel Joseph Capece and Elizabeth Kleiner (Isadore) in Brooklyn, New York, who has preceded him in death. Jonathan's siblings were as follows: Joanne, Danny (with God), and Victor (Debbie)

Jonathan joined the Army in 1961 and retired in 1981. He was a Vietnam veteran who earned several medals including three Bronze stars and the soldier's medal. He proudly served 20 years in the military. His career as an operations sergeant was to devise plans and carry them out in order to protect the people involved as well as the American people. During this time, he was active as a Shriner and 32nd Degree Mason with the Masonic Lodge.

Jonathan was married in 1962 to Judy E. Gibson in Opelika, Alabama, on Aug. 31. She ascended herself into God's hands on Sept. 4, 2018. They were together for 57 years and four days.

He leaves his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to carry on the memories, the strength, and the integrity that was Jon Capece. He is survived by his children, Michelle and Jay (Christy); his grandchildren, Amy (Brian), Chris (Coley), and Jake; and his great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Kaleb, Kamden, Kiera, Aiden, Riley, and Evelyn.

Celebration of life services for Jonathan Bennett Capece will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024. at Serenity Funeral Home, 414 Telfair St., Dublin.

ALMANAC

Today is the 328th day of 2024 and the 63rd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1954, more than 25 years after "Black Thursday," the Dow Jones Industrial Average finally reached its pre-Depression high.

In 1963, the first episode of the long-running science fiction drama "Doctor Who" aired on the BBC.

In 2001, the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia charged former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with genocide for his role in the 1992-1995 Bosnia and Herzegovina conflict.

In 2005, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected president of Liberia, becoming the first female elected head of state in Africa.

Brainda Nell Conley Hulett

Brainda Nell Conley Hulett, 68, of Eastman, Ga., died Monday, Nov. 18, 2024.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

She is survived by her daughters – Barbara Kemp, Leslie Hulett and Mona Hulett; sisters – Linda Peacock (Larry Veal), Nell Pol-

lard and Katie Bozeman; brothers – Harris Conley (Dot), William Conley (Georgia Mae) and James Conley (Pat); and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family may be contacted at the residence of Harris and Dot Conley, 844 Ag Best Rd., Eastman, Ga.

Stokes-Southerland Funeral Home of Eastman has charge of arrangements.

Carr first to enter 2026 Georgia governor's race

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Serie

ATLANTA – Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr Thursday became the first candidate to enter the race for governor in 2026.

The Republican said GOP victories in Georgia and across the nation two weeks ago have built momentum for his bid to succeed term-limited Gov. Brian Kemp.

"There's a groundswell of support around the country for strong conservative leadership," Carr said. "The time is now to prioritize better jobs, make our communities safer, and reverse the left's failed immigration policies. I am and will remain committed to justifying these principles, further as I've done as your attorney general."

While Carr is the first Republican to enter the gubernatorial race, he won't be the last. Other likely candidates to succeed Kemp include Lt. Gov. Burt Jones and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.

Jones could have the inside track to gain the support of President-elect Donald Trump. While the

lieutenant governor is a staunch Trump ally, the former president backed unsuccessful primary challenges to both Carr and Raffensperger in 2022.

Raffensperger's refusal to "find" the 11,780 votes Trump needed to carry Georgia in 2020 following his defeat by Democrat Joe Biden in the Peach State garnered most of the attention. However, Carr also declined to take part in Trump's efforts to overturn the election results.

On Thursday, Carr cited his work as attorney general to protect Georgia families from human trafficking, gang violence, and fentanyl. He also pointed to his role in making Georgia a business-friendly state while serving as commissioner of the state Department of Economic Development from 2013 until 2016.

Then-Gov. Nathan Deal appointed Carr attorney general in 2016. He won election to a full four-year term in 2018 and was re-elected in 2022.

Before moving into state government, Carr served six years as chief of staff to U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson.

Audit confirms Trump carried Ga.

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Serie

ATLANTA – A statewide audit of the Nov. 5 presidential election in Georgia found minor discrepancies but nothing that would alter Republican Donald Trump's victory over Democrat Kamala Harris.

A hand count of randomly selected ballots in all 159 counties gave Trump 11 more votes than he received from the machine count after the polls closed on Election

Night, while Harris received six fewer votes. Trump defeated Harris in Georgia by 184,259 votes on his way to recapturing the presidency, according to audit results released Wednesday.

"Georgia's election systems are our nation's best," said Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, whose office oversees elections in Georgia. "This audit shows that our system works and that our county election officials conducted a secure, accurate election."

defeated the Orlando Magic 95-93, ending the longest road losing streak in NBA history at 43 games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have one rave New York Times review framed next to a flop Los Angeles Times review. And it's for the same show. These people watched the same show. That's what happens. They love it, they hate it." -- Bruce Vilanch

TODAY'S NUMBER: 5.4 million -- estimated population of Liberia in 2024.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (Nov. 22) and new moon (Nov. 30).

Vitamin D and autoimmunity

DRS. OZ AND ROIZEN
By MICHAEL ROIZEN, M.D.
AND MEHMET OZ, M.D.

Autoimmune diseases remain some of the most difficult to prevent and treat of all common conditions. For the 80 or so disorders -- from alopecia causing hair loss to rheumatoid arthritis causing foot pain -- there are no known cures. Fortunately, newer medications can often effectively control symptoms or slow progression.

But wouldn't it be good to understand what might cause them in the first place and what could help prevent them from developing?

According to Cleveland Clinic physicians, some medications, a family history, smoking, exposure to toxins, obesity and infections may increase your risk. So does being female -- 78% of people with an autoimmune condition are female. And it turns out that a vitamin D deficiency may promote autoimmune diseases. One study in the journal Biomolecules highlighted the association of vitamin D deficiency with everything from lupus to Sjogren's syndrome and psoriatic arthritis.

Now, a new study explains that taking vitamin D supplements can help protect you from developing an autoimmune condition. The Autoimmune Disease Prevention study enrolled folks ages 65 and older and found that when women 55 and older and men 50 and older took 2,000 IU of vitamin D daily, they reduced their risk of developing any autoimmune disease by 22%. Plus, taking 1,000 milligrams of omega-3 fish oil daily reduced the risk by 15%. We think it's smart to take both!

For more info on how to maintain a healthy immune system, sign up for the free newsletter at LongevityPlaybook.com and read "Immunity 101 -- How it Works + Practices to Bolster our Body's Defenses" at iHerb.com/blog.

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Thanksgiving Holiday Publishing Schedule for The Courier Herald

The Courier Herald will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and a combo paper for Thursday, Nov 28, & Saturday, Nov 30.

Deadlines for the Thurs-Sat combo paper will be Tuesday Nov. 26th at 1 pm

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On the discovery of mummies and the cleaning of sheds

The excavation team was silent in the dark, submerged hallway. Only the dim light of a lantern illuminated the sealed doorway at the end of the passage. A worker, armed with a mallet and chisel, steadily worked at the stone. Each whack of the hammer echoed off the walls of the long corridor.

Slowly but surely the wall began to give way. Eventually, the worker made a hole large enough to shine the lantern's light. The head of the expedition, an Englishman with much experience digging through the sands of the north African desert, but little luck finding anything of great importance, shoved his way through the others, seized the light and peered through the opening.

Behind the wall, glistening in the low light, were stacks of gold- and jewel-encrusted treasures. Further inside, would be the burial chamber of the young Egyptian king Tutankhamun, his body perfectly preserved and his riches untouched by tomb raiders.

The man was Howard Carter, and on that November day in 1922, he and his team made what is possibly the greatest archeological discovery ever recorded. However, many believe that Carter unearthed more than history and a fortune that day. Shortly after the discovery, Carter's benefactor and business partner, Lord Carnarvon, died of blood poisoning. Seven others would be dead within a dozen years.

TASTEFOOD by LINDA BALSLEV

There is a place for salad on the holiday table. With festive feasts that consist of meaty roasts, gooey casseroles and creamy mashies, a fresh and leafy salad is a welcome accompaniment to a celebratory meal. You could simply rely on a bowl of tossed seasonal greens as a go-to palate cleanser. Or, better yet, assemble a heartier salad, layered with sturdy greens and chicories, wintry vegetables and wholesome grains. Not only is it a vibrant and healthy bowl worthy of the season, but it's a dish that will satisfy vegetarians and carnivores alike.

Each component of this autumnal salad brings flavor and texture to the bowl: crisp radicchio shards, peppery arugula leaves, protein-rich quinoa and sweet delicata squash. Delicata is a small oblong squash with an edible green and yellow striated skin, so there is no need to peel it. It cooks quickly, and roasting is an easy method that amplifies its sweet and creamy flavor. A rich, assertive balsamic vinaigrette coats the salad, which is then garnished with dried cranberries and pepitas.

Don't let the separate components of this recipe deter you from making it. The dressing, quinoa and squash can be prepared in advance, and the salad can be easily assembled just before serving, which is ideal for entertaining or transporting to a potluck gathering.

Roasted Squash, Radicchio and Quinoa Salad
Prep time: 30 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, plus cooling time
Yield: Serves 4 to 6

Dressing:
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 small garlic clove, grated
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Salad:
1/2 cup red quinoa, rinsed
Kosher salt
2 narrow delicata squash, about 1 1/2 pounds total
Olive oil
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 large head radicchio, about 12 ounces

1 packed cup arugula, about 1 ounce
2 to 3 tablespoons dried cranberries
1 to 2 tablespoons pepitas

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk the vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, mustard, cumin, salt and black pepper. Add the oil in a steady stream, whisking to emulsify.

Put the quinoa in a small saucepan. Cover with 1 1/2 inches of water. Bring to a boil, then simmer until the quinoa seeds release their germ (a little white tail), 12 to 15 minutes. Drain the quinoa and transfer to a bowl. Stir in 1 tablespoon of the dressing and season with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Set aside to cool.

Heat the oven to 425 degrees.
Cut the squash crosswise in 1/3-inch-thick slices. Scoop out the seeds with a spoon. Arrange the squash rings on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment. Brush the rings on both sides with oil and lightly season with salt and black pepper. Transfer to the oven and roast until charred in spots and tender, about 25 minutes, flipping once. Remove from the oven and cool to lukewarm or room temperature.

Halve the radicchio and cut out the core with a paring knife. Cut each half into wedges. Tear the wedges into bite-size pieces.

Spread half of the quinoa in a serving bowl. Scatter the radicchio and arugula over the quinoa and lightly drizzle with some of the dressing. Arrange the squash rings over the salad. Spoon the remaining quinoa over and around the squash. Garnish with the cranberries and pepitas. Drizzle with the remaining dressing to your taste.

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THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Rumors swirled that the Pharaoh's Curse, a legend warning against disturbing the resting places of Egypt's ancient rulers, had been unleashed.

Anyone laying claim to one of the artifacts was susceptible to an untimely death. A warning was even adorned to a golden bracelet, "Cursed be he who moves my body. To him shall come fire, water and pestilence." The bracelet adorned a mummified hand being used as a paper weight

on the desk of famed publisher Sir Bruce Ingram, a friend of Carter.

Why would you want a human hand as a paper weight? Maybe that's what my desk is missing ...

Fast forward 102 years to the yard of a rural Georgia home. In front of a metal-sided building, a tomb if you will, is a team of people, including myself. We were working the breach the door, but with a simple key, no hammer or sharp object necessary. Was there treasure inside? Maybe to some. But there were no artifacts, just stacks of boxes and bags containing my mother's Christmas decoration collection. I was helping my parents clean and cipher through the piles for items to donate or throw away.

Among the items to-go was a 3-foot, full color Santa statue. I laid claim to the likeness of Saint Nick. I'll give him a good home this Christmas season, after Thanksgiving of course. I'm sure it is hex free.

Carter never put much faith in the alleged curse, though why should he? He wasn't one of the eight who died. I'm not one to believe in that sort of thing either, but all the same, I'll stick to cleaning out the shed and leave the grave exploring for someone else.

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

A Psalm of thanksgiving praise

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness:
Come before His presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord, He is God:
It is He Who hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise:
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting;
And His truth endures to all generations.
(Psalm 100 King James Version)

The words of our first president George Washington (1732-1799), from old documents and printed in "The War Cry" November 2006, are now shared: "The Governing Council of Council of Charleston, Massachusetts has thought it meet to appoint and set apart a day of solemn



By JACK BROWN

Thanksgiving and praise to God for such His goodness and favor that the Lord may behold us as a people offering praise and thereby glorifying Him ...

"Both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many favors of Almighty God ..."

This, then is another reference to America's religious heritage right from the founding of our country. The tradition of setting aside a special day every year to express our collective thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings upon the United States of America continues to this day. The fourth Thursday in November is our National Thanksgiving Holiday. This special day is proclaimed by America's president every year ... every November. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise ..." Grant to us, O Lord, thankful hearts for your blessings upon us every new day. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Dublin Police Department

- A 63-year-old man was charged with theft by shoplifting at Walmart on Highway 80 West around 9:20 a.m. on Oct. 20. This also led to the man having a warrant out of Laurens County for failure to appear and in Bleckley County for obstruction.

An officer met with an employee who said he had a man on a scooter who had shoplifted several items in the past. He did not know if the man had taken anything that day but requested that the man be banned.

The officer and employee met with the man at the self-checkout grocery side of the store. The officer told the man he was being detained due to suspicion of shoplifting. At first, the man gave his brother's name as his identification. When the officer requested 911 to send him the suspect's photo, the man asked to talk in the loss prevention office.

Once in the office, the man confessed to giving the wrong name and then lifted up his shirt and pulled several assorted items out that he had placed there. The employee took these items which totaled up worth \$247. The man was taken to the county jail.

- A 36-year-old man was charged with driving under the influence at Pickle Barrel on Highway 441 South around 12:14 a.m. on Oct. 20. Officers were dispatched to the location to remove a customer who was harassing the staff and was still in the parking lot.

An employee said the man was in a black truck by the dumpsters and was making vulgar comments about what he wanted the bartender to do to him. The employee said they were trying to close up after the Georgia vs. Texas game and he kept coming back inside. He was sitting in the parking lot and the bartender did not feel comfortable leaving while he was still out there.

He told the officer the man had had at least four beers or more. The officer agreed to get him to leave the parking lot. They made

POLICE BEAT...

their way to a black Chevy that was running. A man was behind the wheel of the vehicle slumped forward in the driver's seat with the vehicle running. The officer shined his flashlight at him to see if he was awake. He was passed out in the seat.

The officer tapped on the window, but the man did not wake up. The officer opened the unlocked door and reached in to cut the truck off. The man woke up and put the vehicle in drive, but as soon as the vehicle was cut off, he tried to grab the keys from the officer. The man tried to kiss the officer, who pushed him back and told him to get out of the truck.

When asked how much he had to drink, he stated, "How much do you want me to drink?" After further questions, the man was arrested and transported to the Laurens County Jail.

- A 30-year-old woman and 48-year-old woman both were charged with shoplifting at Walmart on Highway 80 West around 4:32 p.m. on Oct. 18.

An officer met with an employee who said two women had attempted to walk out of the store without paying for a large shopping buggy in a dollar amount more than \$500. Both women had paid for a few items in their buggy and attempted to walk out of the store with the rest. The employee said the dollar amount for the items not paid totaled \$727.12.

The officer watched video of the two women at the register scan only a few items then walking out of the store. Both women were banned from all Walmarts. They were handcuffed and transported to the LEC.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- A deputy received a

phone call about abandoned property on Wayne Road in Dudley around noon on Nov. 3.

- A deputy talked with someone who walked into the sheriff's office about an incident that happened Oct. 29 on Tattnall Lake Road.

- A 36-year-old Ellabell man and 37-year-old Ellabell woman were arrested after a deputy made a traffic stop on a gold Ford Fusion around 4:14 p.m. on Oct. 29 on the 441 North bypass for expired registration and because the registered owner of the vehicle was wanted. The man was charged with possession of schedule I drugs while the woman was charged with possession of schedule 1 drugs and possession of drug-related objects.

- A deputy responded to someone shoplifting at Malone's Gas Station on Highway 257 in Dexter around 4:20 p.m. on Oct. 29.

- On Nov. 3, around 3:12 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to the sheriff's office to talk with someone about an incident that happened on In The Pines Lane in East Dublin.

- Property was damaged on New Evergreen Road in East Dublin around 4:30 p.m on Nov. 2.

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.

BUSINESS NEWS

Prime Senior Benefits celebrates ribbon cutting



SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Prime Senior Benefits officially opened its doors Nov. 4 with a festive ribbon-cutting ceremony that drew members of the Dublin-Laurens Chamber of Commerce, local ambassadors, staff, and community residents. This new agency aims to provide essential insurance services tailored specifically for seniors.

With years of experience in the senior market, Prime Senior Benefits is dedicated to operating with integrity and honesty in every client interaction. The agency prides itself on its ability to offer personalized support, helping seniors and their families make informed decisions about their insurance coverage.

"As an independent agency, we can compare and combine plans from multiple carriers," said Vince Connell, owner/CEO of Prime Senior Benefits. "This flexibility allows us to find the best coverage options tailored specifically to each client's needs, rather than being tied to a single provider."

The ribbon-cutting event not only marked the agency's launch in a new location but also showcased a commitment to serving the local community. Attendees engaged in discussions about the resources Prime Senior Benefits will provide, highlighting the importance of accessible insurance solutions for seniors.

For more information about Prime Senior Benefits, call 1-888-549-0995, Prime Senior Benefit invites any interested individuals to visit their website or contact the agency directly.

Square, Dublin.

Local 7-day Forecast:

The next 48 hours:

SATURDAY:

61°

Plenty of sunshine.

Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT:

36°

Clear and colder.

Sunset: 5:27 p.m.

SUNDAY:

70°

Nice with lots of sun.

Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.

SUNDAY NIGHT:

39°

Clear skies..

Sunset: 5:27 p.m.

Monday 11/25

HIGH/LOW

76/54

Warmer with a few clouds.

Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.

Sunset: 5:27 p.m.

Tuesday 11/26

HIGH/LOW

74/41

Partly cloudy and nice.

Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.

Sunset: 5:26 p.m.

Wednesday 11/27

HIGH/LOW

69/45

Mostly sunny.

Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.

Sunset: 5:26 p.m.

Thursday 11/28

HIGH/LOW

72/49

Nice weather for Thanksgiving!

Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.

Sunset: 5:26 p.m.

Friday 11/29

HIGH/LOW

64/38

Cooler and the appropriate time to start decorating for Christmas.

Sunrise: 7:15 a.m.

Sunset: 5:26 p.m.

River levels...

Oconee (at Dublin) 5'

Ocmulgee (at Macon) 7.6'

TELL IT!

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I agree with the comments and editorial made about seeing Christmas decorations now and seemingly forgetting Thanksgiving. We in Dublin/Laurens County have so much to be thankful for. I, for one am going to celebrate Thanksgiving then take care of Christmas after that.

Dublin and Laurens property owners do not forget forget what the school boards did to us through their irresponsible "money slinging" with our tax dollars and vote these clowns out! We need money-wise leaders.

Are we or are we not getting a Hobby Lobby?

Glad the county commissioners

decided not to purchase the federal courthouse. Now if they will make the same decision on an unneeded senior center and the \$5 million sports center.

The people making the decisions to keep spending money don't have to worry because they have jobs. They need to consider what people on fixed incomes are faced with before they waste our tax dollars.

Does anyone know who drove the Love Machine and I love Curley Fries?

How do you expect us to be on time for jury duty when the clock inside the courthouse doesn't even work? I don't think it's worked in a long time. If we can't get it to work it needs to be removed.

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Moment of Inspiration

Family Worship

1 Samuel 1:19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her.

Worship is important to the Father. Early in the morning, at the beginning of the week, it should become one of the very first acts we do. It will set up the spiritual tone for the rest of your week. Here are a few suggestions to pull this off every week. Ensure that you get plenty of rest. Set out your clothes for the next day. Wake upon time.

If your pastor has shared the scripture for study or sermon read the text before. Leave home in time to arrive early. Pray as a family before going to church Pray, Pray and Pray When we make worship, a personal priority be being prepared, we will grow to anticipate the activity of God, when we live in this humble expectation, we will look forward to worship.

Dr. Curt Lysaker

Pastor: Shady Grove Baptist Church

East Dublin, GA.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My best friend of 40 years, "Savannah," has been in a bad marriage for 20 of those. Her husband has cheated on her repeatedly. He can't keep a job, and he emotionally abuses her and her daughter. Now that she's finally fed up, he refuses to leave the house.

Despite how bad his behavior has been, Savannah is doing nothing to move the divorce forward. She continues paying for his travel and includes him in family get-togethers in what she calls a "sacrifice," made at her daughter's request.

It has been incredibly difficult to be supportive, hear about how harmful this has been, support her when she says she's getting out, and then hear that for one reason or another he's still there. When I challenge her and suggest she's making excuses for not progressing with the divorce, she becomes defensive and shuts down the conversation.

Over the last two years, she has taken to calling me twice a day, and becomes frustrated if I don't answer. I have asked her to stop telling me stories about her husband's behavior -- which usually lasts a week or two. I am at my wits' end about how to be a good friend without taking on the stress of her horrible situation and feeling generally overwhelmed by her outreach. What can I do to help her, but also prevent our friendship from imploding? -- WEARY FRIEND IN MICHIGAN

DEAR WEARY FRIEND: What you may need to do is accept that one of the reasons Savannah's dysfunctional marriage has lasted as long as it has is because she wants it to. She doesn't need to move forward because she has you to dump on when the pressure becomes too great.

It may be time to stop focusing on what you can do to help Savannah and concentrate on what you need to do to help yourself. If that means stepping back and letting her find solutions to her problems without your help, don't feel guilty for doing it.

DEAR ABBY: For years, a group of us former co-workers has been going out to dinner once a month. My daughter is part of the group and is also the youngest. Lately, she has been dismissed and ignored by two members of our group (there are six of us).

Being her mother, I am hurt by how they have treated her. She has stopped going out with us, but I'm uncertain if I should also stop. They have been nothing but nice to me. I'm lost on what to do anymore -- to go, or not to go? -- HURT IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR HURT: Have you asked these two former co-workers why they made your daughter feel unwelcome? Their behavior was rude. Have you asked the two who were welcoming what they think about all of this? Perhaps you (and your daughter) would feel more comfortable socializing with only them. That said, I do not think you should drop out of the group if you enjoy their company.

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers:
1. Missing acorn on plate 2. Extra yellow gourd 3. Glass has beverage in it 4. Extra candle on the right

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Soccer score
5 Betty ___
9 Give consent
14 Queue at a counter
15 No more than: 2 wds.
16 Cheer for an opera star
17 Touched the ground
18 Give a grade to
19 Keeps for later
20 Vacation residence: 2 wds.
23 Soil
24 Skimpy swimsuit brand
25 Fully fill
27 Anheuser-___
30 "___ Street" (kids' TV classic)
34 Ancient Mexican
37 Singer Mann
39 Texter's "tee-hee"
40 "La ___" (Debussy work)

- 41 Recliner part
43 Two in Spanish
44 Noteworthy time
45 Wax candle
46 Clean chalk from
48 "Sure, I'll do it": 2 wds.
50 Big name in tractors
52 Spheres in space
54 Political promise, often
58 One from the UK
61 Makes acquainted with
64 Toy bricks
66 Extremely dry
67 Uttered
68 Really love
69 Organ part
70 Red Muppet
71 Steed
72 Exceeded the limit
73 Impertinence

- DOWN
1 Window material
2 Lubricate: 2 wds.

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Created by Stella Zawistowski

8/19/24

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5 Pack animals	A	L	I	A	S		D	I	G	S		G	A	Z	E				
6 Colorful food fish	R	E	C	I	T	A	L					S	E	A	L	E	D		
7 _____ von Bismarck							R	E	L	Y		F	O	G	S				
8 Works with verses							T	I	M	E		L	I	N	G	U	I	N	E
9 Crunch muscles	C	U	R	E	S		G	E	O			S	N	A	G				
10 School marks	A	B	E				R	A	N			K	I	A					
11 Sitarist Shankar	R	E	A	D			E	P	A			W	I	E	L	D			
12 "Will I _____ learn?"	A	R	T	I	C	L	E	S			B	I	N	D					
13 The "E" in SSE							M	O	A	N		W	I	L	T				
14 Teacher	I	C	E	P	O	P					H	O	L	E	S		S	U	P
15 Makes simpler	R	O	L	L			S	A	V	E		I	N	A	N	E			
16 Balanced	I	D	L	E			E	V	E	R		A	S	I	D	E			
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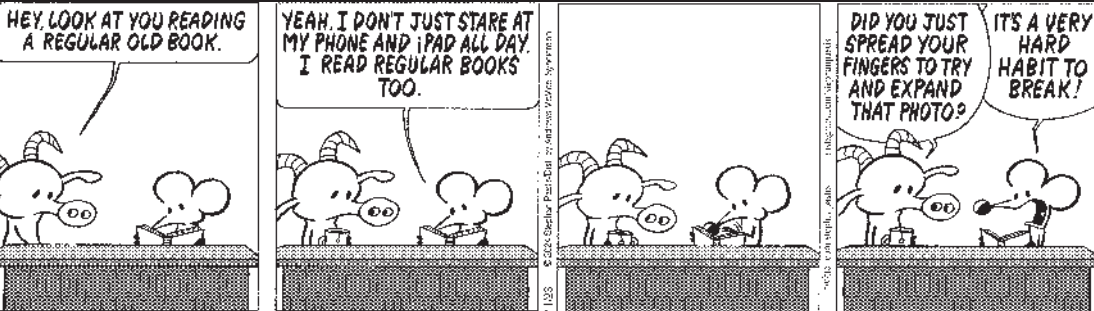
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51 Ate away at
53 Ginger cookies
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58 Unexciting
59 Mulligan
60 Composer Stravinsky
62 Journey
63 Ready to harvest
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



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BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to crochet.

L R S C O O

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Answer: Colors

Guess Who?

I am a retired athlete born in Pennsylvania on June 11, 1956. I was a quarterback for the Ringgold High School Rams, and invited to Parade magazine's All-American team. I won a national championship for Notre Dame, and later led the 49ers to four Super Bowl victories.

Answer: Joe Montana

Saturday, November 23, 2024

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ K 5 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ Q J 5 4 3 2 ♣ A 7

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ Q 7 5 2 ♥ K J 10 9 5 ♦ A 4 ♣ 9 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
10 2♣ 20 ?
What call would you make?

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

♠ A 9 2 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ A J 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1NT Pass 2♥* Pass
?
*Transfer to spades

What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 5 ♥ A Q J 7 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ 6

Partner opens 1C and right-hand opponent bids 2S. What call would you make?

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

♠ Q 9 ♥ K Q 9 8 5 ♦ 7 ♣ A K 8 6 4

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
10 1♥ 1♠ Pass
2♠ ?
What call would you make?

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

♠ K ♥ J 6 4 ♦ 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ K 10 8 7

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
2♥ Pass ?
What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

Trinity softball's Lowery signs with Georgia College

One of Trinity's most accomplished softball players in recent memory signed Thursday to continue her playing career at Milledgeville's Georgia College. Crusader outfielder Madison Lowery celebrated joining the Bobcats next fall in a ceremony at the school. With this past season's state tournament run, Lowery finished out a five-year varsity career that covered more than 120 games, with totals including a .361 career batting average, 131 hits, 80 RBIs, three home runs, 24 stolen bases and a .943 fielding percentage. "We're excited for her as she takes that next step," Trinity head coach Gary Sanders said. "She's paid her dues... She's put in a lot of time on the field getting out there for extra swings, having balls hit to her on weekends. To be successful, you've gotta step up and put in the extra work. We're extremely proud of her. It's an important day for her"/CLAY REYNOLDS



SCOREBOARD

GIRLS HOOPS Thursday Warner Robins 65, West Laurens 23
BOYS HOOPS Thursday Warner Robins 76, WL 67
PREP SCHEDULE
BASKETBALL Friday Northside (W.R.) at West Laurens (girls) Trinity at Loganville Christian/6 p.m.
Saturday Calvary Day at East Laurens /2:30 p.m. WL (boys) at Jeff Davis /8:30 p.m.
Monday George Walton at Trinity /5 p.m.
FOOTBALL GHSAA Playoffs, Round 2 Friday Jasper Co. at Dublin Clinch Co. at Johnson Co. Dodge Co. at Worth Co. Bleckley Co. at Fitzgerald /7:30 p.m.
Saturday GIAA AA State Finals (at Paulson Stadium, Statesboro) Brentwood vs. Southwest Georgia/5 p.m.

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Raider boys rally, but can't salvage split at Robins

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

The West Laurens boys caught fire late to put some heat on Warner Robins at the very end, but couldn't overtake the equally strong-finishing Demons on a night that was otherwise a tough one as the Raiders were swept to open the regular season Thursday on the road.

Robins out-shot and out-pressed the West Laurens girls to break open the evening's first game early, and rolled to a 65-23 win. The Raider boys, also in a sizable deficit early in the second half, made a final charge to threaten toward the end, though the Demons held them off in an exciting finish to prevail 76-67.



BROOKLYN WITH THE BLOCK: Brooklyn Jackson (11) blocks Korveanna Slaughter's shot in the fast break. Jackson was a leader on the defensive end of the floor as much as she was on offense, with a team-high 10 points/CLAY BROWN, Houston Home Journal



A DIVING EFFORT: West's Nas Jones (2) and Warner Robins' Gavyn Williams (21) scramble to secure a loose ball/CLAY BROWN, Houston Home Journal

Demon boys also opened a sizable early lead that reached 20 before the late West Laurens comeback was sparked by a combined five fourth-quarter 3-pointers – out of the total seven for the game – between Zynn Martin and Omarion Coverson that revitalized the Raiders' chances.

West Laurens, in all, scored 26 points in the last eight minutes, though some clutch buckets going the other way by Gabe Jacobs – with 10 points and two 3-pointers in the same span – helped Warner Robins for the game – between Zynn Martin and Omarion Coverson that revitalized the Raiders' chances.



FALLING AWAY, BUT NOT OUT: Nas Jones (2) fades from the basket for a jumper with Tyler Harris (10) contesting. Jones led the West Laurens boys with 16 points, the bulk in a first half of action that had the Raiders positioned for a potential comeback that materialized in the fourth quarter/CLAY BROWN, Houston Home Journal



PRESSING MATTERS: Both teams made a point of forcing the issue with some full-court pressure Thursday night, though the Warner Robins Demonettes seemed to get more of the early defensive results they were looking for in a 16-0 start/CLAY BROWN, Houston Home Journal

have just as easily gotten away, was a major positive for his team to start off a year they're hoping will be defined by similar resolve.

"I was very pleased with the resilient effort, the positive energy in adverse times throughout the game and the intensity on the defensive end," he said. "These guys have worked extremely hard in the offseason to be better, and it's starting

to show. Although it hasn't showed up in the win column just yet, it's coming soon."

Nas Jones, who led the West Laurens scoring with 16, shouldered a good bit of the early offensive load for the Raiders with eight points in the first quarter, and 11 out of 29 in the half. But two middle quarters on the slow side allowed the Demons to take control thanks to the work of Gavyn Williams, who hit three 3-pointers in the second and third, and Central Fellowship transfer Trey Bradley, who powered a third-quarter surge with nine.

Triples by Martin, R.J. Whipple and Juvon Hill were three out of the team's seven field goals, with the rest of 25 points coming at the foul line, in the 16-minute stretch.

The Raiders' Coverson and Mark Fordham wrapped up with a dozen points each.

Crusaders come up short in Tuesday-night set at Stratford

By JEREMY PAYNE
Correspondent

The Trinity Crusader basketball teams traveled to Macon on Tuesday night for a pair of road contests against Stratford. The girls played their third close game of the season but lost a heartbreaker 59-58, while the boys struggled in their season opener and fell 71-34.

Boys

The last time the Crusaders took the floor they were playing for their second-straight state championship. Unfortunately, they lost that game and a ton of firepower off of last season's squad.

Gone are all-state performers Will George, Hayden Clay and Lincoln Harper as well as all-region guard Daniel Bristol.

Trinity also opens this season with a new coach, its fourth in four seasons, in former Crusader play-

er Nolan Gottlieb.

Gottlieb had a decorated career playing for the Crusaders before going to play at Anderson University in South Carolina. He returns to the bench after taking several years off to sell real estate full-time.

Despite the losses, the Crusaders do return two-time all-region post Anthony Frank-Woji and starting wing Ben Castro-Poveda. Gottlieb will fill out his rotation with some promising, yet unproven players.

Junior guards Kolbi Grooms and Will Foskey both stepped into the starting lineup for the first time on Tuesday and will be counted on for lots of minutes this year. Another pair of juniors will also take on increased roles this season in Carter Lee and Hayden Bowles.

A trio of freshmen will also be counted on for heavy contributions this season. Asher Evans

was the fifth starter for the opener, Tripp Mascaro will see big minutes in the post, and Jag George, who is still recovering from a broken leg, will most likely take over as the starting point guard once healthy.

Holdover Alston Bryan and newcomers Sam Fuller and Graham Forth will also see time off the bench while also gaining valuable experience during practice.

The first game for the new-look Crusaders did not go well against a deep and athletic Eagle squad. Stratford's full-court press gave the inexperienced Trinity guards fits from the opening tip as they raced out to a 26-6 lead after one quarter.

The Crusaders settled down some in the second quarter as they were outscored just 15-10, but the Eagles led 41-16 at the half.

Trinity actually cut into the lead slightly as they outscored Stratford 12-10 in the third but

still trailed 51-28 headed to the fourth.

The final quarter was very lopsided again with mostly the Eagle bench putting up 20 while the Crusaders only managed six again as the final margin ballooned to 71-34.

Frank-Woji led Trinity with 20 while Castro-Poveda added 10. Frankie Raines led Stratford with 27. Bobby Wooten added 10.

Girls

The girls game was back-and-forth throughout as the Lady Crusaders seemed to find their stride offensively. Trinity scored 15 points in each of the first two quarters.

Unfortunately, the Eaglettes were also solid offensively, as they scored 13 and 17 to keep the score deadlocked, 30-30, at the half.

Stratford was able to build a bit of a lead in the third as Trinity went cold. The Eaglettes won the

quarter 16-10 to take a 46-40 lead into the fourth.

The Lady Crusaders caught fire in the final eight minutes, battling back and taking the lead with under a minute left.

Unfortunately a turnover with less than 30 seconds remaining gave the Eaglettes the ball back, and they were able to score late to win the game 59-58.

Maddy George led three Lady Crusaders in double figures with 20. Brinley Vinson had 14 and M.G. Alligood added 13.

Camiya Hudson led Stratford with 24. Dalaila Lowe added 18 and Kaliya Walker added 11.

The difference in the game was at the free-throw line. Trinity was 7-of-11 while Stratford finished 16-of-26.

The Crusaders were set to resume their season at Loganville Christian Friday, with a home debut against George Walton Academy set for Monday night.



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3. Carolyn Pheill, Unit S-16;
4. Darrell Platt, Unit Y-21;
5. Leontyne Reynolds, Unit W-2;
Property is located at Garner's U Store, Incorporated, 1321 North Jefferson Street, and 1687 Hwy 441, North, Dublin, Georgia, 31021. Each unit, starting first at 1321 N Jefferson Street, will be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash at 10:00 AM on above date at the above premises. All contents of each and every person and every unit will be sold as a unit. The contents are personal items such as, but not necessarily limited to household items, personal items, furniture, and other items. You may call 478-272-3724 for more detailed information.

November 23, 30, 2024

24-492

CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
A.W. Initials
SEX: M
DOB: 07/07/2019
FILE#34.13920.1684
CASE#24J-0306

A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ALEXANDER COLLINS, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above. The mother of said child MARQUISHA WILEY.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS in the above-named child was filed against you in said Court on the 4th day of November, 2024, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 4th day of November, 2024;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 15th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The hearing is for the purpose of TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.
WITNESS THE HONORABLE SAMUELA HILBUN, Judge of said Court, this 4th day of November, 2024.
/s/ Samuel A. Hilbun, Judge
Laurens County Juvenile Court
Dublin Judicial Circuit
Presented by:
Charles C. Butler, Attorney for Laurens County Department of Family and Children Services
PO Drawer 4430
Dublin, GA 31040-4430
State Bar No. 099517

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

24-481

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Jacquelyn L. King, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Executrix of her Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of Jacquelyn L. King, are required to make immediate payment to the Executrix.
This 30th day of October, 2024.
Elsie M. Stevens
Executrix of the Estate of Jacquelyn L. King
Francis M. Lewis
Attorney for the Estate
1808 Bellevue Road
Dublin, GA 31021

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

24-499

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:

Sarah Bothwell, LLC
2521 Rock Springs Rd, Glenwood, GA 30428
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA UNDER THE NAME OF:
Southeastern Holistic Health
214 S. Church St, Dublin, GA 31021
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON IS:
Holistic Healthcare
/s/ Sarah E. Bothwell

November 16, 23, 2024

24-504

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Georgia, Laurens County
All creditors of the estate of Ydrate Lakeith Nelson, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing 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 11th day of November, 2024.
Kendra Stewart-Nelson
Administrator of the Estate of Ydrate Lakeith Nelson, deceased
c/o J. Stanley Smith
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC
205 N. Franklin Street
Dublin, GA 31021

November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-489

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN DEED TO SECURE DEBT GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in the DEED TO SECURE DEBT given by JOSEPH DAVID THOMAS to FIRST LAURENS BANK dated January 29, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 3452, Page 205, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Consumer Note given by Joseph David Thomas to First Laurens Bank in the original principal amount of \$43,671.31 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in December, 2024, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 196 in the 17th Land District, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 2.0 acres of land, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Land Surveyor, dated 4/23/90, and recorded in Deed Book 580, Page 146, records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. Said plat is by reference incorporated and toads a part of this description. Said land is more particularly described as BEGINNING at an iron pin in the center of County Road 306, said beginning point being 6,534 feet southwest

of a point which is the intersection between County Roads 292 and 306 and running from said beginning point North 41 degrees 13 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 450 feet to an iron pin; thence running South 39 degrees 12 minutes 23 seconds West 200 feet to an iron pin; thence running South 41 degrees 13 minutes 32 seconds East 450 feet to an iron pin in the center of said County Road 306; thence running down the center of said County Road 306 North 39 degrees, 12 minutes 23 seconds East a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.
There is a mobile home located on the land and is to remain on the land and has been permanently affixed to the land described herein so as to become a part of the real property. Said mobile home is a 1990 Horton Summit, Model 70' x 28', Serial Number H61202GLSK & K.
THEREFORE, the court orders that the Respondent Curtis Whittington does hereby gives, grants, and conveys unto William Bohannon, his heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, hereinafter called grantee, a perpetual, nonexclusive easement for access, ingress and egress to grantee's property over and across property of the undersigned lying and being in Land Lot 196, 17th Land District Laurens County, Georgia, by means of an existing roadway shown on plat of grantee's property dated April 5, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 1038, page 34, Clerk's Office Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. Reference to said plat is hereby made for a more complete description of said easement hereby granted.
Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record.
Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 1595 Dewey Thomas Rd., Dexter, GA 31019. Map/Parcel: 104/016.
THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 1595 DEWEY THOMAS ROAD, DEXTER, GA 31019.

TO: whom it may concern: NANCY FENNEL WARNOCK has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JAMES ALLEN WARNOCK deceased, of said county. (The petitioners has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before December 2, 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

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-500

The undersigned hereby certify that they are conducting a business at 1205 Bellevue Pl., Ste. G in the City of Dublin, County of Laurens, State of Georgia under the name of AudioNova, and that the nature of the business is hearing aid retail business, and that said business is composed of the following corporation: Connect Hearing, Inc., 750 N Commons Dr., Ste. 200, Aurora, IL 60504.

November 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-502

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by ROBERT W. LONG to FIRST LAURENS BANK dated December 7, 2015, and recorded in Deed Book 2660, Page 105, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Consumer Note given by Robert W. Long to First Laurens Bank in the original principal amount of \$50,208.50 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in December, 2024, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 3 & 4 of the 19th Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 12.28 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and described on a plat of survey prepared by Ila Mae Locke and Ralph Dann by Billy Flanders & Associates, Land Surveyors, dated April 18, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 853, page 319, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by reference.
LESS AND EXCEPT:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot No. 3 and 4 in the 19th Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, consisting of 7.02 acres, more or less, and more particularly described in that plat of survey prepared by William P. Johnson, GRLS No. 1713, dated August 12, 1999, said plat being recorded at Deed Book 1069, page 27, Laurens County Records, said plat being incorporated by reference as is fully set out herein. This parcel is subject to all easements and right of way of record for public road and utilities now in use.
THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 2883 DUBLIN EASTMAN ROAD, DEXTER, GA 31019.

24-488

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by ROBERT W. LONG to FIRST LAURENS BANK dated December 7, 2015, and recorded in Deed Book 2660, Page 105, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Consumer Note given by Robert W. Long to First Laurens Bank in the original principal amount of \$50,208.50 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in December, 2024, the following described property:
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THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 2883 DUBLIN EASTMAN ROAD, DEXTER, GA 31019.

24-508

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
Georgia, County of Laurens
All creditors of the estate of James Walter Smith, 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: Laurens County Probate Court
PO Box 2098, Dublin, GA 31040
This 20th day of November, 2024.
Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney
November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-502

TO Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that Cecil Carlton Claxton, Sr. alcohol agent, has submitted and application to the City of Dublin for a 2025 license to sell beer, wine, liquor, consumption on premises, at Dublin Moose Lodge 1609, Moose Lodge Inc located at 520 Academy Avenue, Dublin, GA 31021. Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.
This notice is given this 14th day of November, 2024.
/s/ Cecil Carlton Claxton Sr
November 23, 30, 2024

24-503

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate LIVING WITH AN OPEN HEART INCORPORATED 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 117 South Lawrence Street and 514 Bellevue Avenue #4724 Dublin, Georgia 31040 and its initial registered agent at such

sessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed. Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Consumer Note secured by the property.
Additionally, this 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.
THIS LAW FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed is Mr. Ben Bradshaw, President, First Laurens Bank, 2040 Veterans Boulevard, Dublin, GA 31021.
First Laurens Bank
Attorney-in-Fact for Robert W. Long
Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-9965
ebcatty@bellsouth.net

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

24-485

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN WARNOCK, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-187
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern: NANCY FENNEL WARNOCK has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JAMES ALLEN WARNOCK deceased, of said county. (The petitioners has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before December 2, 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

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-494

CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
N.W. Initials
SEX: F
DOB: 04/20/2018
FILE#34.13920.1682
CASE#24J-0307

A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ALEXANDER COLLINS, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above. The mother of said child MARQUISHA WILEY.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS in the above-named child was filed against you in said Court on the 4th day of November, 2024, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 4th day of November, 2024;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 15th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The hearing is for the purpose of TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.
WITNESS THE HONORABLE SAMUELA HILBUN, Judge of said Court, this 4th day of November, 2024.
/s/ Samuel A. Hilbun, Judge
Laurens County Juvenile Court
Dublin Judicial Circuit
Presented by:
Charles C. Butler, Attorney for Laurens County Department of Family and Children Services
PO Drawer 4430
Dublin, GA 31040-4430
State Bar No. 099517

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

24-506

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY ANDREW ECHOLS, Estate No. 24-197
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of LARRY ANDREW ECHOLS, 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 5th day of November, 2024.
Jordan S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of Larry Andrew Echols
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 816
Dublin, Georgia 31040

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

24-506

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF LILLIE CHAMBERS ELLINGTON, Estate No. 24-175
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of LILLIE CHAMBERS ELLINGTON, 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 20th day of November, 2024.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of LILLIE CHAMBERS ELLINGTON
Kight Law, LLC
PO Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-508

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
Georgia, County of Laurens
All creditors of the estate of James Walter Smith, 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: Laurens County Probate Court
PO Box 2098, Dublin, GA 31040
This 20th day of November, 2024.
Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney
November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-502

TO Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that Cecil Carlton Claxton, Sr. alcohol agent, has submitted and application to the City of Dublin for a 2025 license to sell beer, wine, liquor, consumption on premises, at Dublin Moose Lodge 1609, Moose Lodge Inc located at 520 Academy Avenue, Dublin, GA 31021. Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.
This notice is given this 14th day of November, 2024.
/s/ Cecil Carlton Claxton Sr
November 23, 30, 2024

24-503

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate LIVING WITH AN OPEN HEART INCORPORATED 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 117 South Lawrence Street and 514 Bellevue Avenue #4724 Dublin, Georgia 31040 and its initial registered agent at such

address is 117 South Lawrence Street and 215 Monarch Drive Albany Georgia 31705.
November 23, 30, 2024

24-507

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD V. ELLINGTON, JR, Estate No. 24-176
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of EDWARD V. ELLINGTON, JR, 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 20th day of November, 2024.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of EDWARD V. ELLINGTON, JR
Kight Law, LLC
PO Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-505

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARCIA M. VINCI
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of MARCIA M. VINCI 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 me.
This 19th Day of November, 2024.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of MARCIA M. VINCI
Kight Law, LLC
PO Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-511

My Storage Building located at 1720 Claxton Dairy Road, Dublin, GA 31021 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. This auction will be held on website www.storageauctions.com. (http://www.storageauctions.com) and will end at 2pm on Tuesday December 17, 2024.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name: Tony Collins
Unit #: A35
Stored Items: HHG Furn Boxes
November 23, 30, 2024

24-501

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Love Outreach National Services Incorporation 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 614 Briarcliff Road Dublin, Georgia 31021 and its initial registered agent at such address is 117 South Lawrence Street PO Box 84 Rentz, Georgia 31075.

November 23, 30, 2024

24-496

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY ANDREW ECHOLS, Estate No. 24-197
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of LARRY ANDREW ECHOLS, 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 5th day of November, 2024.
Jordan S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of Larry Andrew Echols
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 816
Dublin, Georgia 31040

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

24-506

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF LILLIE CHAMBERS ELLINGTON, Estate No. 24-175
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of LILLIE CHAMBERS ELLINGTON, 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 20th day of November, 2024.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of LILLIE CHAMBERS ELLINGTON
Kight Law, LLC
PO Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-509

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF RAY SMITH
ESTATE NO. 24-73
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the Estate of RAY SMITH, 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 20th day of November, 2024.
Emily F. Kight

Invitation to Bid

CSBMG is requesting bids for construction of a 31,245 square foot behavioral health crisis center to be built in Dublin, GA. Advertisement for Bids can be found at CSBMG.com. Additional information and instructions are available on Georgia DOAS Team Georgia Marketplace.

Attorney for the Estate of RAY SMITH
Kight Law, LLC
PO Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2024

24-498

LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT:

Sophisticated Solutions, Inc.
214 Glen Drive, E. Dublin, GA 31027
845-304-3568
IS DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA., UNDER THE NAME OF:
Romantications Travel
214 Glen Drive, E. Dublin, GA 31027
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH ADDRESS IS:

Travel Advising
November 16, 23, 2024

24-491

CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
I.W. Initials
SEX: M
DOB: 04/20/2018
FILE#34.13920.1683
CASE#24J-0305

A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ALEXANDER COLLINS, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above. The mother of said child MARQUISHA WILEY.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS in the above-named child was filed against you in said Court on the 4th day of November, 2024, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 4th day of November, 2024;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 15th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The hearing is for the purpose of TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.
WITNESS THE HONORABLE SAMUELA HILBUN, Judge of said Court, this 4th day of November, 2024.
/s/ Samuel A. Hilbun, Judge
Laurens County Juvenile Court
Dublin Judicial Circuit
Presented by:
Charles C. Butler, Attorney for Laurens County Department of Family and Children Services
PO Drawer 4430
Dublin, GA 31040-4430
State Bar No. 099517

November 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-484

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RACHEL WHITE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-199
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
To whom it may concern:
Sheila White has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Rachel White deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before December 2, 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: C Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-489

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
M.S. Initials
SEX: F
DOB: 10/21/2021
FILE#34.13920.1670
CASE#24J-0304

A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above. The mother of said child KRYSTAL SHEFFIELD.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking CUSTODY in the above-named child was filed against you in said Court on the 4th day of November, 2024, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 4th day of November, 2024;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 15th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The hearing is for the purpose of TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.
WITNESS THE HONORABLE SAMUELA HILBUN, Judge of said Court, this 4th day of November, 2024.
/s/ Samuel A. Hilbun, Judge
Laurens County Juvenile Court
Dublin Judicial Circuit
Presented by:
Charles C. Butler, Attorney for Laurens County Department of Family and Children Services
PO Drawer 4430
Dublin, GA 31040-4430
State Bar No. 099517

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

24-480

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF NICKY DOYLE WALL, Estate No. 24-190
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of NICKY DOYLE WALL, 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 28th day of October, 2024.
Jordan S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of NICKY DOYLE WALL
Kight Law, LLC
PO Box 816
Dublin, GA 31040

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-479

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RUBY DELL JEFFERSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-181
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ANNIE BELL JEFFERSON, JAMES JEFFERSON, WESLEY JEFFERSON,

GWENDOLYN JEFFERSON REEVES, BRADY JEFFERSON AND GARY JEFFERSON:
MAUDINE JEFFERSON-WOOD has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of RUBY DELL JEFFERSON 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 DECEMBER 2, 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

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-471

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE DENSON ROZIER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-191
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
To: Alan Denson and to whom it may concern:
Kengela Coney has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Catherine Denson Rozier deceased, late 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 OCGA 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 December 2, 2024.
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By: C Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-493

CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
M.S. Initials
SEX: F
DOB: 10/21/2021
FILE#34.13920.1670
CASE

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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Judge of the Probate Court
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Clerk of the Probate Court
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November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-476
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL DAVID COUEY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-186
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: KELLY COUEY ELEY AND ROBERT MICHAEL COUEY has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of MICHAEL DAVID COUEY 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 DECEMBER 2, 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: C Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

24-510
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage, 1854 Marion Street Dublin on Wednesday December 11, 2024, beginning at 10:00 AM. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to 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.

#313 Tonya Blash
#272 Dominique Wells
#199 Sampson Glover
#46 Rhonda Wells

November 23, 30, 2024

24-512
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et. Seq., there will be a public sale at the location listed below, the proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of this auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale. The sale will be held as follows:

Occupant:

A21 - Chelsea Wilson
A34 - Amber Lynn
A41 - Cassandra Littlejohn
C13 - Leigh Hancock
C48
D20 - Patrick Revel

Name and address of storage facility:
ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
Time and date of sale: Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m.
Place of sale: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
Manner of sale: Public Auction, Household goods.

November 23, 30, 2024

24-513
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDITH A. BROWN
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Judith A. Brown, 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.

Terri L. Watson
Executor of the Estate of
Judith A. Brown
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executor
P.O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
November 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2023



FROM THE RECORD

Marriages: Joshua Monroe Gay to Tiffany Elise Adams; Hayden Coleman Wright to Ryleigh Lane Coleman; Jace Lamar Kennedy to Sydnee Paige Harrison; Jermaine Reginald Wright to Maggie Elisabeth Wicker; Tyler McKinley Bell to Arreana Lynn Wilkins; Corey Bruce Jones to Kaitlin Star Hemingway; Carlton Blake Thompson to Allison McCall Porter; Thomas Spencer Bolland to Dessalyn Callie Johnson; Casey Dalton Oliver to Raybecca Elizabeth Brooks; David Peyton Leverette to Marlee Grace Sumner; James Kevin Woods to Mia Venita Williamson; Skyler Thomas Griffith to Elizabeth Joy Marie Brookins

Complaint for Divorce: April Shan'tel Rhodes-Colts V. Eric Colts; Ricky Thigpen V. Karen Thigpen

Divorce: Johnesha R. Sharpe V. Labrekia S. Cannon; Benny Anthony Thomas V. Delilah Chevere

Modification of Custody, Visitation & Child Support: Amanda Hodges V. James Carlton Daniel

Contract: Galaxy International Purchasing, LLC V. Jeanie Hammond; First Tech Federal Credit Union V. Alonzo Boston; First National Bank of Omaha V. Travis T. Stanley; Prestige Financial Services, Inc. V. Daisey Mincey; American Express National Bank V. Samantha Caruso

Automobile Tort: Kennedy Fountain V. Alexus Chandler; Ka'Rethya Charleston V. Michele Goodwin; John Wilson V. Eric Wood & Charter Communications, LLC

Affidavit of Continuing Garnishment: OneMain Financial Group V. Shelton Bass & Orange Cube Management

Suit On Contract: Velocity Investments, LLC V. Curtis Gay

Damages, Quiet Title & Injunctive Relief: Arlene Bivens V.

Kathleen McDaniel

Complaint For Damages: Skopos Financial LLC V. Crystal Martin

Complaint - Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Ki'ree D. Brinson VS Damien Smith

Contempt - Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Crystal Lowery et al VS. Christopher Knight

Security Deed: Bravo One, LLC (5) to Investor Mortgage Finance LLC; Marlina N. Abrams & Milton L. Abrams to FBC Mortgage, LLC; Anthony Willis (2) to United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service; BCH Development LLC to Morris Bank; Carlos Jones to Farmers State Bank; John Allen Priest & Danielle Renee Priest to Bank of Dudley; Martina N. Abrams & Milton L. Abrams to FBC Mortgage, LLC; BCH Development, LLC to Morris Bank; Dolphus Wells to Alcova Mortgage, LLC; Serena Fluker to Midfirst Bank; Nicholas Thompson & Haley Thompson to Farmers State Bank; Share Properties, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Steven White to New Day Financial, LLC; Derrick Williams to Village Capital & Investment LLC; Devontay Vickers & Diamond Vickers to Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Christopher Trey Powell & Katarina Manning Powell to Flagstar Bank; Charlene L. Wright & Willie Lee Brinson to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Bates and Berry, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Clinton Allen Whiddon Jr. to First Laurens Bank; Heath Harrell & Ashley Harrell to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Shanna Barner to Goodleap, LLC; Jacob Crosby to Robins Financial Credit Union; MSV Holdings, LLC (2) to The Four County Bank; Christopher E. Sparger & Monique Sparger to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; CFB Properties LLC to J Bradford Properties LLC; Turning Doors in Middle GA, LLC to Bank Of Dudley; John Chase Wilson to Lee Ann Manning Nash; Mary Lois Thompson

& Michele Yvonne Evans to Morris Bank; Richard Cody Lord & Lora McTier Lord to Morris Bank; Danny E. Warren to The Citizens Bank of Cochran; Mirands Jerdee & Scott Jerdee to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC; BMajor Real Estate, LLC to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens County; Rodrick Loyd & Astrid Smith to MidFirst Bank; Bryant Hamilton Neal & Christy Ellen Neal to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Timberbend Acres, LLC to The Citizens Bank of Dublin-Laurens County; Angelo Walker to Morris Bank; Thomas Enterprises of Laurens County, LLC to Georgia First Bank; Natalie Erin Hall & Braden James Johnson to The Citizens Bank of Cochran; Brandon Simmons to Farmers State Bank

Warranty Deed: P2 Construction (2), LLC to Marlina N. Abrams & Milton L. Abrams; Bobby E. King & Alicia King to Anthony Willis (2); Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (2) to BCH Development LLC; Joseph E. May, III/ Michelle L. May to Thomas Enterprises of Laurens County, LLC; John Allen Priest to John Allen Priest and Danielle Renee Priest; Louis Lowery to John Allen Priest & Danielle Renee Priest; Dyes Properties, LLC to Dolphus Wells; KMCR Properties, LLC to Rentz Baptist Church, Inc.; Patrick Swinson to Patrick Swinson & Jamie Swinson; Brandon Wilkinson to Share Properties, LLC; Kaitlyn Arnold & Kaitlyn Francis to Mary Lois Thompson & Michelle Yvonne Evans; Jessie Hilliard Warren to Danny Earl Warren; C & C Better Living, LLC to Miranda Jerdee & Scott Jerdee; Southside Community Association, Inc. to BMajor Real Estate, LLC; Darryl James Rutledge to Michael R. McBride & Dustin Michaelorin McBride; David W. Payne to Timberbend Acres, LLC; to The Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Elisha Chambers to Natalie Erin Hall & Braden James Hall; William Brandon Wright to Brandon Simmons; Courtney Batey to Batey and Berry, LLC; Anthony Jerome Wright Jr. to Clinton Allen Whiddon Jr.; Helm-

on Moorman to Helmon Moorman & Jeanie B. Moorman; Barbara A. Daniel to Sheila Daniel Mullis & Eugenia Daniel Phillips; Robert W. Danforth to Jacob Crosby; Ellington Holdings, LLC to CFB Properties LLC

Liens: Willie A. Young to Republic Finance; Daphne R. Alexander to Bank of America, N.A.; Steven Ibach to Washington County Regional Medical Center; Robert W. Long to Republic Finance; Vickie Gill to LVNV Funding LLC; Linda Thigpen to Synchrony Bank; Donna Sanders to Denali Capital, LLC Assignee of World Finance Company of GA, LLC; Kaneka M. Thomas to Capital One; N.A.; Larry Garrett to Asset Acceptance, LLC; Jaqila Mosley to Midland Funding, LLC; Gilbert Garrett to Asset Acceptance Corp.; Samuel Walker to Midland Funding, LLC; Kijana R. Brown to Gertrude H. Hardin; Chad Lewis to Asset Acceptance; Rhoda-gunda Wright to Republic Finance; Sharmeka S. Parrish to Republic Finance; Gabriel Axson to Republic Finance, LLC; Teneshia Y. Epps to Republic Finance, LLC; Christy M. Thigpen to Cavalry SPV, LLC; Fred Stinson II to Cavalry SPV I, LLC as Assignee of CitiBank, N.A.; Otha Stanley to Georgia Federal Credit Union; George C. Baker to Resolution Financial Corp., as ASSN of; Jalisa Shantrell Denson to Best Buy Autos of Bainbridge, DBA; Deborah Woodfork to AMG Finance/ Access Loans; Matthew Demore to Meadows Multispecialty Associates LLC; Jomekia L. Nelson to Prestige Financial Services, Inc.; Glen Herndon to Benjamin Black/Almond & Whipple Inc. DBA City Drug Store; Stone Site Works to Laurens County Tax Commissioner; Sheila S. Purdue to Republic Finance LLC; Sharon Williams to Republic Finance; Lakeisha Wright to National Collegiate Student Loan Tru; Sherreka R. Thomas to Credit Acceptance Corp; Timothy J. Bloodsaw to Georgia Department of Community Health; Angelia T. Reeser to Georgia Department of Community Health

AT OUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Classic Movie Monday will be held at the Laurens County Library on Monday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon in the auditorium. Join us in watching this 1993 classic comedy about a student who invites her eccentric L.A. dorm counselor home to meet her conserva-

tive family at Thanksgiving. Coffee, tea, and popcorn will be served. Rated PG, 1 hr. 35m. For movie title, please visit: oclrl.org/lc-events

Mechatronics Monday will be held at the Laurens County Library on Monday, Nov. 25, from 3:30

p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Drop by your LEGO Technic lab every Monday. Build with LEGO gears, motors and more! Learn coding, too. Ages 8+ recommended.

Children's Storytime will be held at the Laurens Coun-

try Library on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the children's center. Join us for our weekly storytime where little ones can enjoy stories, dancing and crafts.

BUILD! will be held at the Laurens County Li-

RELIGION DIGEST

An auction to benefit the building fund for Snow Hill Baptist Church in Cadwell to build a social hall will be held at 5 p.m. on Nov. 23 at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Family Life Center. Donations of items to sell are appreciated. Please contact Lauresa Mullis at (478) 595-5181 to donate items for auction. A receipt can be given for tax purposes.

Zion Hill Church is having their missionary program on Sunday, Nov. 24 at

2:00 pm. The guest speaker is Minister Sherry Underwood of the Unity Community Outreach Ministry Church. Zion Hill Pastor is Keith Geter and Missionary President is Sister Erma Coley.

The First Rehoboth Baptist Association of Montrose will have their annual candlelight service the first Sunday on Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. with Rev. Roy Wells of Buckeye Baptist Church of Dublin as the guest speaker. The attire

for ladies is red with a silver corsage. Everyone is invited. Rev. Ellis Carswell is the moderator and Rev. David Flowers is the vice moderator.

The annual end of the year City Wide Mission Program will be held on Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. at the First African Baptist Church on Telfair Street. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship.

Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, 511 Bellevue

Drive in Dublin across the street from the Dublin Post Office, invites everyone to "An Afternoon of Christmas" season 2 at 4 p.m. on Dec. 1. Seven outstanding professional musicians will be sharing their talents. Make plans to attend this Christmas program as you prepare your hearts and homes for the birth of the Christ Child. Nursery provided.

The Hall Sisters will be in concert on Dec. 8 at 6

p.m. at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 2605 Mt. Carmel Church Road in Dexter, Ga. For more information, contact at (478) 277-0770.

Religion Digest is for special services and events at our local churches. Please send in announcements to tchnewsreporter@gmail.com by 9 a.m. every Thursday to appear in the upcoming Saturday edition of The Courier Herald.

Local church gives away 100 boxes in Thanksgiving giveaway

Word in Season Ministries held a Thanksgiving giveaway Wednesday night, Sharing 100 boxes with a turkey and side dishes that equated to a full meal. The event was a beautiful outreach endeavor and a wonderful success, church officials said. WISM, under the leadership of Pastor Micheal Moody, believes in a C3 lifestyle - caring, community and connection and their outreach efforts are an extension of that mantra. They are excited that they have been chosen by God to serve in the community, bless the lives of others and give glory to God/SPECIAL PHOTOS

DOWNTOWN

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parking spaces all day long," she said. "There need to be consequences. I feel like we are clearly showing people where there are options."

Board member Lucas Cowart did not like having a sign that means nothing.

"The next step is towing," he said.

DDA Chairman Rob Miller said they want to sit down and put something in the newspaper describing the parking options in the downtown area. He wants people to be aware of changes coming at the start of 2025.

Another topic brought up was the work happening on Madison Street. Berry said they are trying to stay positive about the situation, and ensure businesses and people that it might not seem like work is going on but it is.

"This is a 12-month project that started in July," said Dublin City Planner Tara Bradshaw. "I think you are doing all of the right things. (Work) may not be progressing in the way people think it should, but that doesn't mean it's not."

In other meeting news:

- Berry told the DDA that the roofs of both Theatre



The DDA board discussed the work that continues on the 12-month Madison Street Project/PAYTON TOWNS III

Dublin and the Carnegie Library will have to be replaced. She said the damage to the roofs was made worse by Hurricane Helene.

"I just wanted the board to have a heads up," Berry said. "We are going to need estimates. In the not-too-distant future, we're going to need new roofs for both. Right now, I would put the Carnegie ahead of the theater, because the Carnegie is an older venue."

- The DDA received a \$10,000 corporative gift from the Georgia Power donation. Berry plans to talk with Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight about the opportuni-

ty to re-imagine the green space where the Community Garden is located.

"We've had troubles sustaining it," Berry said. "We are looking at doing something that will be a low-maintenance green space but it would be something that could become a focal point in downtown that people would be coming to see."

- Lauren Patterson, Main Street manager, gave an update on the Chili Cook-off and Fall Festival.

"Overall, it was a great event," Patterson said. "We're looking for ways to make it better."

OCONEE EMC

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Many churches reached out during the time, as well as people in the community who would stop by the office to bring drinks, snacks and batteries for the linemen's headlamps.

"It was all kinds of stuff," Bryant said. "They wrote encouraging cards and letters. Linemen were stopped en route to different places and given words or encouragement from cards and letters their children had written. We had a lot of community support and church support. We were all-around very fortunate and blessed."

It took Oconee EMC six total days, maybe partially into the seventh day, for power to return to all of its members.

"That is a testament to our employees at Oconee," Bryant said. "Not only our linemen but our support staff, everybody worked together to make sure that the job was done."

And they were not finished restoring power. They helped out other sister EMCs.

"Once we saw we were getting our members connected, we sent all of our contractors and one of our crews to Little Ocmulgee EMC," Bryant said. "We then sent two of our crews to Altamaha EMC. We would switch out linemen because everybody wanted to help and serve. That is the beauty of an EMC. We might be Oconee EMC, Altamaha and Little Ocmulgee as they make up our service territory and community, but the bottom line is we're all family. All of our guys and employees wanted to help out any way they could."



Dudley Baptist Church pastor Rev. Matt Greene speaks to linemen at Oconee EMC headquarters/SPECIAL PHOTO

Oconee EMC's last crew came back on Oct. 16. When looking at the map, the EMCs cover a big rural area. Bryant was thankful that the eye of the storm, which was predicted to go over Bibb County, shifted and went over Laurens County.

"We were very fortunate," Bryant said. "If it had not shifted, we would have been up against what our sister EMCs were up against. Thankfully, we weren't so that we could send them help as quickly as we were able to. Everyone got on their horses and went at it. We had a game plan and went after it."

"We are very blessed with the employees we have here and were able to get as much done as we were in that time frame. We appreciate our members' understanding. Our tagline through this process was that we are all in this together. Our employees didn't have power in areas, members didn't have

power but we're all in this together as we worked as hard and as safe as we could to restore the power."

Household paper products maker expanding in Macon

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A manufacturer of household paper products will invest nearly \$600 million to expand its plant in Macon, Gov. Brian Kemp announced Thursday.

Canada-based Irving Tissue will add at least 100 new jobs to the more than 400 existing jobs at the Macon facility. The company produces a variety of household paper products, including soft bathroom tissue and paper towels.

"We are proud to continue to invest in the state of Georgia and truly appreciate the commitment to help-

ing us expand and grow in Macon," Irving Tissue President Robert Irving said. "We've also been able to expand because of the highly skilled workforce in the area and continued support of our valued employees, customers, and suppliers."

Irving Tissue will be filling management, supervisory and machinist positions. Interested individuals can learn more about those jobs at careers.jdirving.com. The Georgia Department of Economic Development's Global Commerce team worked on the project in partnership with the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority.

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