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## TURKEY DAY: SALVATION ARMY GIVES AWAY DINNERS

Volunteers of The Salvation Army and local civic clubs provided Thanksgiving meals to 85 families in need Tuesday afternoon at the Dublin Civitan Fairgrounds. Each meal included a turkey and all sides. The Dublin Rotary Club also donated \$2,500 to The Salvation Army to help provide additional meals for this project, which was made possible by a district disaster relief grant awarded by the Rotary Foundation/PAYTON TOWNS III



## New 'Holiday House' to benefit United Way

By PAYTON TOWNS III  
Senior Reporter

What looked like no way, became a way after all. And just like the Christmas story found in the Gospel of Luke, the ladies who led the Christmas Bazaar at a local church went from having no room to sell their items to at least having one room at The United Way.

This created the first Holiday House for the Heart of Georgia United Way, located at 1405 W. Moore St. behind Moore Street School. Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, collectibles, ornaments and other items will be on sale with all donations going to help the the local United Way, which covers Laurens, Johnson, Bleckley, Treutlen, Dodge and Telfair counties.

For the last couple of years, Marcia Malave and Mary Schrock have been selling used Christmas decorations at the corner of Madison and Church Street, with the proceeds going to the Christ Episcopal Church. This year the house was in need of repairs.

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Marcia Malave (above) looks over some of the items inside the Holiday House, which include the popular Precious Moments figurines (below)/PAYTON TOWNS III



## Thanksgiving food drive: 'We want everybody to eat and be jolly and merry'

By PAYTON TOWNS III  
Senior Reporter

A non-profit charitable organization honored the woman it is named after by giving away turkeys and food to those in need the Friday before Thanksgiving.

The Mother Ruby Dell Jefferson Foundation handed out meals of a turkey, two cans of yams and two cans of collard greens last week at the Woodland Senior Apartments (44), Williams Chapel Baptist Church (25) and Dublin Headstart (70), for a total of 139. Their goal was to give out 150 meals by the end of Friday.

"We are giving these out to the underprivileged and people who are on tight budgets," said Gary Jefferson, CEO of the Mother Ruby Dell Jefferson Foundation. "Many have been hit by Hurricane Helene that came straight through this area. It really did a lot of damage to this area, and it became a great expense to people in this area. We are trying to give back by giving them a little bit of help to get people back on their feet



Gary Jefferson hands out a bag of food. The Mother Ruby Dell Jefferson Foundation plans to distribute 150 Thanksgiving meals/PAYTON TOWNS III

and back to normalcy. "Thanksgiving is a good time for that," he added. "We want everybody to eat and be jolly and merry."

The Mother Ruby Dell Jefferson Foundation began five years ago in memory of his mother. Members of the

board are Yohance Brown (co-founder), Gwendolyn Jefferson Reeves (executive director of community outreach), Annie B. Jefferson, Brenda Jefferson Brown, Nairobi Brown, Lakeshia Jefferson Watts, Nikki Reeves and Jimmy S.

Reeves. "She was very instrumental, very helpful and very caring in the Laurens County community," Jefferson said. "In memory of her, when you are around that type of behavior, it rubs off on you. No matter where



The Rev. Jimmy Reeves gives away a turkey/PAYTON TOWNS III

you go, you have that type of spirit. We got together and wanted to do something for the community in memory of our mother so we started this foundation for people who needs help."

Dublin Head Start was a special place for the foundation because Jefferson's

mother spearheaded the Head Start in East Dublin. "The Head Start was something that was very dear to my mother," Jefferson said. "We are basically a family foundation."

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## Henry Memorial to host 'Afternoon of Christmas Music - Season 2'

By RODNEY MANLEY  
Staff Reporter

Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church will host "An Afternoon of Christmas Music - Season 2" on Sun-

day, following up its popular debut of the event last year with another "great lineup of outstanding musicians."

The program is the second since the church began

bringing in professionals and other top musicians for its "Sounds of the Season" music series. Until last year, the church traditionally had hosted a community-wide Christmas cantata on the

first Sunday of December. "We had a great congregation last year, probably 230 to 250 people," Charles Lang III, director of music ministries at Henry Memorial.

"It's a way to bring high-level professionals to Dublin. It's going to be a great mix of classical,

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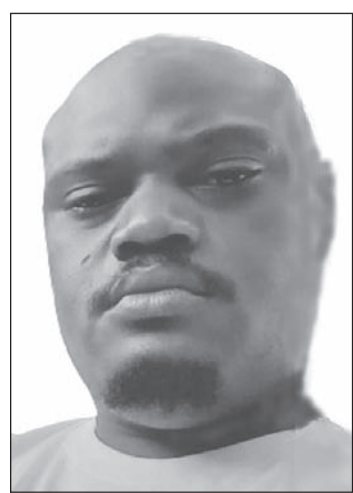


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**OBITUARIES**



**Michael Dewayne Stewart**

Funeral services for Mr. Michael Dewayne Stewart of Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Christ Deliverance Temple, 403 East Garner Street in Dublin. Apostle Kenneth J. Kates will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in Williams Chapel Mission Cemetery.

Michael Dewayne Stewart was born on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 1989, to the late Janice Williams Stewart and Eddie Fuqua in Dublin, Georgia. He graduated from Dublin High School in the Class of 2009. He was employed at Burger King where he worked for six years.

He was a free spirit who loved and lived life to the fullest with no regrets. He loved music, dancing and rapping where he went by "YK" as his rap name. He was big on family and friends and was the true life of the party.

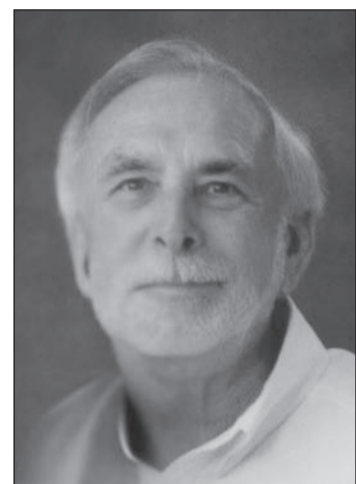
On Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, Jesus Almighty, with his infinite wisdom, removed Mr. Michael Stewart from his walk of life. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, the late Mr. Ike Williams and Mrs. Emma Lou Blasingame Williams; brother, Matthew Stewart; sister, Vanessa Stewart; nephews, Jalen Williams and Jorden Stewart; maternal aunts and uncles, Fred, Robert, Tommy, Albert, and Clarence Williams. Nora Mae Allen, Roberta Mitchell, Mary Dell Williams, Geneva Blue, Al-

berta Williams, and Annie Pearl Holliman.

Despite Michael's sudden death, we know it was done in Jesus's will. His outlook on life will continue to live on through his children and family. Mr. Stewart leaves to reflect upon countless memories his three loving boys, Christopher Washington, Mydarrius and Kha'Morrian Parris, all of Dublin, Georgia; three siblings, Curtis Williams of Winter Haven, Florida, Yolanda and Nikitia Stewart of Dublin, Georgia, his companion, Mary McKinney; two devoted friends, Corey Coley and Raymond Ross, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.



**Ivey Wilburn Woodard**

Funeral services for Mr. Ivey Wilburn Woodard, 82, will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29, 2024 at the Mary Whitaker Townsend Memorial Chapel with burial to follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens with Rev. Robert Rogers and Rev. Wes Moye officiating.

Mr. Woodard was born Oct. 22, 1942 in Laurens County. He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Perry Wilburn Woodard and Pauline O'Neal Woodard; a son, Michael "Mike" Woodard; and a great-grandson, Hayes Michael Woodard. He was a graduate of Dudley High School and for over 20 years, he was the owner/operator of Woodard Tower Company. He was a very dedicated member of Oconee Baptist Church where he served as chairman of deacons. Mr. Woodard passed away Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra C. Woodard; a son, Greg (Michele) Woodard; step-daughter, Brandi Rowland; grandchildren, Dusty Woodard, Tyler (Delight) Woodard and Cody (Miranda) Woodard; great-grand-

children, Lawson Woodard, Tres Butts, Jagger Butts, Arlee Woodard and Cullen Woodard; sisters, Elaine (Harry) Hansen, Judy (Frank) Brooks and Diane (Winda) Wickizer; sister-in-law, Ginger Johnson and two brothers-in-law, Larry (Phyllis) Sanders and Waymon (Jennie) Cannon.

Pallbearers will be Dusty Woodard, Tyler Woodard, Cody Woodard, Jamie Brock, Randy Wilkins and Jeff Soles.

The family will receive friends one hour before the service Friday, Nov. 29, 2024.

Please visit [www.townsendfuneralhome.com](http://www.townsendfuneralhome.com) to sign the online memorial register.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.

**Tressie M. Lewis**

Mrs. Tressie M. Lewis of Dublin, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but will be announced later.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin. [servicesbydudley.com](http://servicesbydudley.com).



**Inez L. Johnson**

Graveside funeral services for Inez L. Johnson, 80 will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Mr. Thurmon Foskey will officiate.

Mrs. Johnson was born Jan. 14, 1944, in Dublin, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Dewey Lee Umphures and Pearl Young Umphures. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Harvey Bostick; and two children, Homer Lee Bostick, and Karen Diane Bostick. She was of the Baptist faith. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Johnson passed away Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at Dublinair Nursing Home.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her two daughters, Tammy Michelle Bostick, and Judy Lynn Bostick; a brother, Mack Umphures;

eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024, at the funeral home.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel has charge of funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit [www.stanleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stanleyfuneralhome.com)



**Jean Williams Couey**

Jean Williams Couey, 93, passed away this week at Twelve Oaks Assisted Living surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Laurens County, Georgia Oct. 8, 1931, to the late John H. and Assenith Williams. Jean was married in 1946 to OC Couey. They were married 63 years before his death in 2009. She is predeceased by her husband, nine siblings and a baby daughter Lynn. Jean was a member of Dublin First Church of the Nazarene. She was gloriously saved in 1954 and was active in the church for as long as her health allowed.

Jean is survived by her three children, Glenda Couey Garnto, Eddie (Cathy) Couey and Brad Couey, four grandchildren, Wendy (Daniel) Owens, Erin Thompson, Brooke (Bobby) Hancock and Rebekah Couey, five great-grandchildren Emmalee (Glen) Jones, Ivy and Jackson Thompson, Bennett and Brady Hancock, two great-great grandchildren, Gracie and Emmie Jones, numerous nieces and nephews that she loved as her own. Her nephews are requested to act as active and honorary pallbearers.

The family would like to give their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Twelve Oaks Assisted Living and Remarkable Hospice for the care compassion for their momma.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 1045 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 at Stanley Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 11 a.m. at Northview Cemetery with Rev. Don Hicks officiating.

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**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1895, the first automobile race in the United States was held in Chicago.

In 1905, Arthur Griffith formed the Sinn Fein political party, with the goal of independence for all of Ireland.

In 2016, a chartered plane carrying the Chapecoense football team of Brazil crashed in Colombia, killing 71 of its 77 passengers.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** William Blake (1757-1827), poet/artist/philosopher; Friedrich Engels (1820-1895), social philosopher; Claude Levi-Strauss (1908-2009), social anthropologist; Berry Gordy Jr. (1929-), Motown Records founder; Randy Newman (1943-), composer; Paul Shaffer (1949-

), bandleader; Ed Harris (1950-), actor; Alfonso Cuarón (1961-), filmmaker; Jon Stewart (1962-), TV personality; Chamillionaire (1979-), rapper; Trey Songz (1984-), singer-songwriter/rapper; Karen Gillan (1987-), actress; Chase Elliott (1995-), race car driver.

**TODAY'S FACT:** Berry Gordy Jr. fought 17 times as an amateur and professional boxer, winning 12 bouts, before founding Motown Records (as Tamla Records) in 1959 using an \$800 loan from his family.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1979, Billy Smith of the New York Islanders became the first goalie in NHL history to be credited with a goal. After a Colorado Rockies player mistakenly hit the puck into his own team's net, Smith was awarded the goal as the last Islander to touch the puck.

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



**Reginald Lachaun Kellam**

Mr. Reginald Lachaun Kellam of East Dublin, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but will be announced later. Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin. [servicesbydudley.com](http://servicesbydudley.com).

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Nov. 28  
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Nov. 30  
**Jerry & Sharon Chapman**

Dec. 1  
**Bill & Elaine Evans - 51 years**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 28  
**Latonya Mae Rozier  
Brenda Williams  
Jayla Williams**

Nov. 29  
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OUR TAKE...

# Happy Thanksgiving from The Courier Herald

Thanksgiving has been celebrated on the American continent in some form since the first colonists arrived here in the 1600s. Our students still learn about the celebratory festival shared between those early settlers, thankful to survive their first harsh year in the "New World," and the native people who shared their knowledge and traditions with the newcomers.

Though not a uniquely American holiday (Thanksgiving is widely celebrated in Canada and recognized in a handful of other countries and regions around the world), the Thanksgiving tradition is deeply rooted in our history. George Washington issued a proclamation at the request of the first U.S. Congress to declare a day of thanksgiving and prayer. The first U.S. Thanksgiving was on Nov. 26, 1789. Other presidents would follow suit, but the day would be scattered across the calendar to dates in February and April.

It was Abraham Lincoln that set November, the last Thursday of the month be exact, as the national day of Thanksgiving. The day would officially become a federal holiday under the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who signed the resolution in 1941 officially declaring the fourth Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day.

Over the decades Thanksgiving has seemed to lose its meaning. A day set aside to recognize our blessings and give thanks for them has become just a day off between Halloween and Christmas to practice gluttony and argue with distant relatives. That's a generalization for sure, but you get the idea.

In this fast-paced world, where we are constantly reminded of our differences, a day to recognize how good we have it side-by-side with family and friends can be good for the soul. We hope your Thanksgiving holiday is rejuvenating and we are thankful that you're spending part of it with us (we couldn't survive if people like you didn't read).

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours from The Courier Herald.

-Kyle Dominy

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

- Psalm 106:1

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

- William Arthur Ward

EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY

November 28, 2024 is...

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- National French Toast Day
- National Family Health History Day
- Turkey Free Thanksgiving

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# Decades to grow, minutes to destroy

I spent a good portion of last Saturday winding my way back and forth across at least a half-dozen southeast Georgia counties battered by Hurricane Helene. I'd be driving along, thinking, this isn't all that bad. Then I'd top a hill or round a bend and it was like I was on another planet.

Long stretches of fields, front yards and right-of-way would be piled with trees that had been blown down and then cut and stacked up, waiting for someone to come haul it off. Or huge stretches of pine forest would be flattened, the trees bent and broken like they had been crushed by God's own boot.

The Georgia Forestry Commission and the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources have estimated the total timber resource impact at a staggering \$1.28 billion. This figure alone is sobering, but it only scratches the surface of the long-term economic and environmental consequences facing the state.

Hurricane Helene traversed 8.9 million acres of Georgia's timberland, affecting approximately 37 percent of the state's total timberland. The storm's path cut a swath from Valdosta to Augusta, with winds reaching up to 100 mph, devastating even well-managed forests.

What makes this disaster particularly concerning is its disproportionate impact on small landowners. Private forested lands accounted for 88 percent of the impacted land ownership. Farmers of row crops were also hard hit in many places, but they potentially have the partial lifeline of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's crop insurance program.

But under the vagaries of public policy, trees are not crops. Perhaps this disaster is so rare, no thought was given to its impact. For many of these landowners, their timber represented more than just a crop; it was their retirement plan or a college fund for their children. An average investment of up to 20 years was lost overnight.

Before my Saturday trip across southeast Georgia, I spent Friday afternoon



By CHARLIE HAYSLETT

and part of Saturday morning with Lindsay Thomas. Through the 1980s and early '90s, Thomas represented southeast Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he was that body's only certified tree farmer. Now, he lives back home in Screven, Ga., on land that has been in his family for 150 years. I was getting a crash course in timber management and Helene's gob smacking implications for the state.

"This isn't just a problem for the timber industry and those of us out here in the country," he told me. "The impact of this is going to ripple through the economy and be felt all the way to the tops of those high-rise office buildings in Atlanta. We are talking about the restructuring or even the destruction of a way of life."

The repercussions extend far beyond the immediate loss of trees. The timber industry is deeply intertwined with various

sectors of the economy. Products affected include traditional lumber for construction, paper and paper products, furniture, fabrics, and even components in electronics like cellphone screens. In the short term, we may see price fluctuations for wood and cellulose products due to the sudden influx of salvage trees flooding the market.

The road to recovery will be long and challenging. Replanting efforts will be extensive, and it will take from 15 to 30 years for trees to fully grow back, depending on the end products they will be used for. This timeline presents a significant challenge for both the industry and individual landowners. The cleanup process alone is daunting, with many areas still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael from 2018. Tree farmers have struggled even to find sufficient trucking resources to pick up the loads, and the glut in the market means the prospective sale price at delivery to storage areas could be less than the cost of transporting the wood.

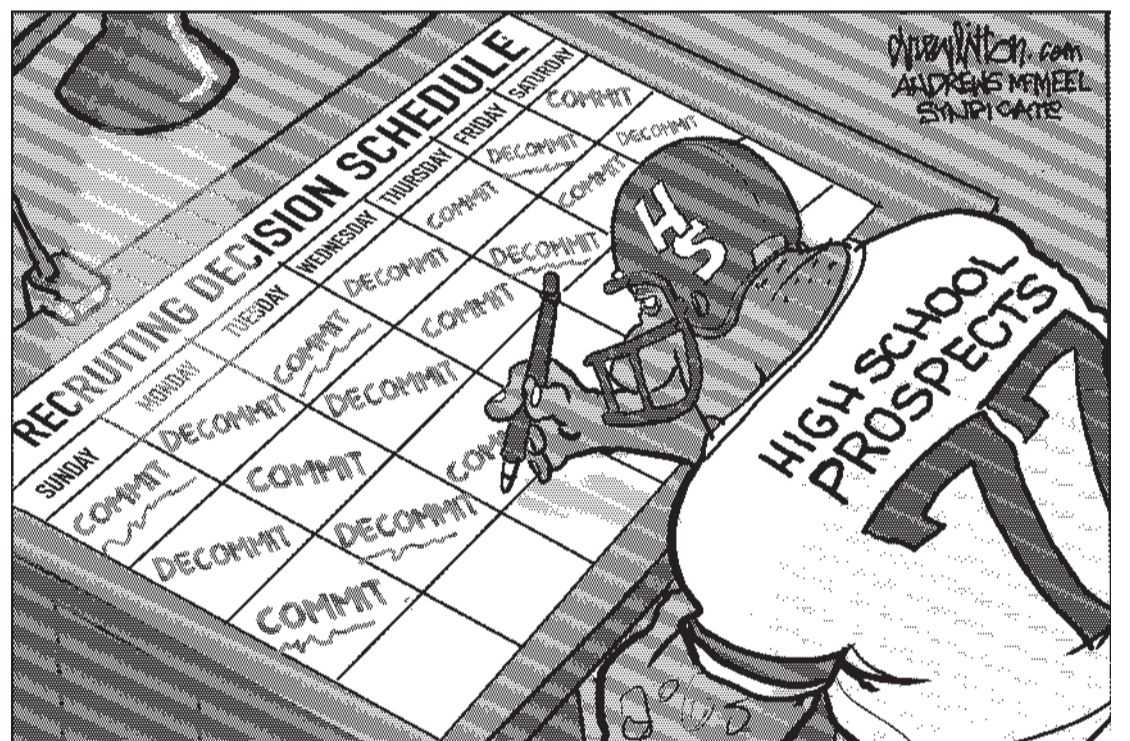
Beyond these formidable impacts, the environmental consequences of the disaster cannot be overstated. Wildlife habitat and water quality will be impaired. There will be an increased risk of forest fires in the coming dry seasons, fueled by fallen timber and debris that is not easily accessed and removed.

The economic fallout

may lead to a restructuring of landownership in affected areas. Many forestry farmers, unable to pay their loans due to the loss of their timber assets, may be forced to sell their land at drastically reduced prices. This could pave the way for large forestry companies or investor groups to acquire substantial tracts of land, potentially moving towards a more monopolistic control of the forestry production chain. And farmers who live on their land are the kind of owners who take care of their land—they care about the wildlife and wetlands. An industrial corporate owner is by his nature looking to maximize its profits.

The timber industry has been a vital economic lifeline for these communities, with some analysts saying every dollar spent on forestry turning over eight times in the local economy. It took years to grow these trees, and just minutes to destroy them. Now we must hope that Georgia's public policy makers and federal lawmakers have time to save what can be saved to restore this livelihood.

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# Welcome to bread and circuses week

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving. For fans of college football, it is also rivalry week. This is as good of a time as any to talk about bread and circuses.

The concept of bread and circuses comes from the Roman empire roughly two thousand years ago. To keep the populous happy, Roman emperors were said to keep the price of grain low so that the commoners could have plenty to eat. Chariot races, fights among gladiators, and even wild animal hunts were provided for free as entertainment in order to keep the public entertained, distracted, or to keep them from getting restless.

One could argue that not much has changed over a couple of millennia. We just had an election where the common folk rejected the incumbent party largely on the basis that grocery prices are dramatically higher than they were four years ago. Those pesky voters didn't take to the statistics showing the economy is actually great, nor were they comforted in the knowledge that prices are now going up at a slower rate.

As for the circuses, the government is not in charge of providing those, but we have plenty to choose from. Here in the American south, we tend to choose football. "Free" only comes if our team is on a broadcast network and your home still

has an antenna. Most of us are still paying too much for cable and/or trying to figure out which app we need to watch our team this week.

A lot more bread is flowing into the coffers of sports leagues. Professional and college sports alike continue to get more and more coin for their broadcast rights. I've noted in many prior pieces in this space that the quest for more and more revenue is slowly killing the college sport as we know it.

It's already largely occurred, and yet we continue to enjoy the games. How does this happen? Because the games themselves and the progression of changes are designed to keep us distracted while the adults make and charge more and more.

We're less than two weeks away from the playoff selections, and irritated fans are returning to form. The playoff ranking committee doesn't seem to understand that strength of schedule is a thing — especially now that most top tier programs have been consolidated into two mega-conferences with more quality head to head play.

No, instead they told us last week with a straight face that Indiana was a top 5 team and perineal over ranked Notre Dame was number 6. And so we accept their premise and we argue about it. We'll argue over



By CHARLIE HARPER

whether or not the SEC has a good system for choosing how teams get into the SEC Championship game — and then complain when the loser gets punished by even playing in it.

Remember when this expansion of playoffs was supposed to settle everything, once and for all? Just like the last playoff was supposed to? And the BCS system before that?

As long as someone has our attention, and can keep us arguing, we will remain invested. We'll continue to pay more and more of our bread to keep the circus growing and taking in even more money. I can't wait to see what the next fix to the current set of playoff problems is going to cost us.

Before we get to the state's biggest rivalry game on Friday, when a much im-

proved Georgia Tech comes to Athens to face a Georgia team still in the hunt for the big prize, we'll gather with family and friends for our own day to reflect and give thanks. The bread will come in the form of dressing, hopefully with plenty of gravy.

Too many words have been spilled in think pieces over how to handle these events, when so many sitting at the table have differing opinions on the election, world events, and other substantive matters. Some have gone so far as to suggest those with whom we disagree shouldn't be invited into a home that promotes virtue so long as it resembles the virtue of the homeowner.

The people suggesting that — like those who keep tinkering with college football — have a vested interest in keeping the argument going. One way or another, they hope to keep you distracted while they monetize your anger.

Whether sitting at the table with your family and friends, or in front of a TV cheering on your favorite team, I truly hope you enjoy your bread and circuses this week. Take pleasure in these events and be thankful we have them. Just be wary of those who seek to use either as an opportunity to feed your anger as part of their business model.



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## Black Friday in the Bowl: Dublin, Thomasville collide again in quarters

No. 2 Dublin will square off with a familiar postseason rival Friday as No. 4 Thomasville visits the Shamrock Bowl for a state quarterfinal battle kicking off at 7:30 p.m. The Irish and Bulldogs meet for the sixth time ever as playoff foes (Dublin leads the all-time series 5-4 by virtue of a 55-45 semifinal win five years ago in the Rose City).

"We've had some wars with Thomasville over the years," head coach Roger Holmes said this week on the Dublin Irish Coaches Show.

Their latest matchup will likewise be marked by the maneuvers of big-play offenses on each side, Dublin's rattling off over 50 points per game out of likely its most balanced rushing attack since 2006, and Thomasville's averaging a more modest 33 with more pronounced use of the passing game. Both defenses are yielding just more than a dozen a night.

The Bulldogs, true to their identity of years past, run an

up-tempo spread offense similar in structure to Houston County that relies on the efficient arm of 61 percent passer Cam Hill to set up the run and screen game. It'll be the most talented combination of quarterback and receiving weapons the Irish defense has faced all season. And though they've come up with the answers needed to win shootouts with teams like Southwest and Dodge County who best capitalized on matchups with their secondary, this one will provide a comparatively slimmer margin for early mistakes, and a tighter timetable on making the needed adjustments.

No matter how things go, the ball is likely to end up in the court of Dublin's offense, which will need both some big plays and key conversions to stay in front on the scoreboard, ahead in the turnover margin and in control of the clock.

— Clay Reynolds



**TIME FOR MAKING MOVES:** Willie Batts and the Irish are hoping to keep their prolific ground game rolling as they vie to reach the semifinals for the first time in five years/**CLAY REYNOLDS**

### SCOREBOARD

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**BOYS HOOPS**  
Monday  
George Walton 67,  
Trinity 40

### PREP SCHEDULE

**FOOTBALL**  
GHSAA Quarterfinals  
Friday  
Thomasville at Dublin  
/7:30 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**  
Monday  
East Laurens at  
Central Macon  
Trinity at Stratford  
West Laurens at Baldwin  
/6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**  
Trinity at Twiggs Co./6 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 6**  
Northeast Macon at EL  
Trinity at FPD  
WL at Westside Augusta  
/6 p.m.

### READ MORE ONLINE...

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### ROUNDUP

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on the clock. The Grayhounds had their final drive halted on downs at the Marist 22. Jones County threw for 307 of its 321 total yards, while Marist rushed for 239 of its 261, with Gaynes responsible for two of its three scores.

#### Rockmart 37, Westside Macon 30

This one had something for everybody, with a safety, a blocked punt and PAT, a scoop-and-score and back-to-back kickoff return touchdowns... all in the first half. The Seminoles went back and forth with Rockmart, but couldn't overcome but one score of a late 13-point deficit that was cut to seven by James Neville's touchdown pass to Tristan Houston. They got a great opportunity to tie or win it after taking over within scoring range via botched snap on a Rockmart punt with half a minute to go. But two great shots at a third touchdown for Neville fell incomplete, and the Seminoles fell just short. Rockmart's Luke Parker was 7-of-9 passing for 112 yards and a touchdown to Tristan Anderson. Luke Clay had the scoop and An-

derson the kickoff runback for the Jackets' non-offensive scores. The Seminoles' Tristan - Tristan Houston - likewise caught a touchdown pass and housed a kickoff.

#### Peach Co. 37, Baldwin 3

The Trojans' D.J. Hudson took Baldwin apart with his arm, completing 11 of 16 passes for 189 yards and three touchdowns to brother Zion Hudson, and his legs, with two rushing scores before halftime, in a blowout that was headed downhill from the opening Baldwin possession, which ended with a fumble on the first play. The Braves gained some offensive footing later in the half, and hit a daily double after Josh Rhodes' 28-yard field goal with the recovery of an onside kick, but stalled out on a fourth down before two more Peach touchdowns to lead 34-3 at the break. The Trojans will host Calhoun on Friday.

#### Toombs Co. 49, Commerce 21

The Bulldogs flexed their offensive muscle, and a good bit of defensive strength as well, to withstand a second-round challenge from the seventh-ranked Tigers. Their 458 total yards, including hundred-yard performances rushing and pass-

ing from quarterback T.J. Stanley as well as on the ground from tailback Dabvn Wadley, helped them run away from an opponent that stuck around. Jaiden Daniels rushed for Commerce's only first half touchdown (to cut into Toombs' two-touchdown lead after a couple of drives) and ran back an interception 59 yards for a touchdown to briefly make it a two-score game on the Bulldogs' first possession of the second half. But a Justin Powell rushing touchdown for the first set of 14 unanswered points to follow was the beginning of the end for the Tigers. Stanley was 8-of-12 passing for 174 yards, and a touchdown each to Lagonza Hayward, Justice Wilds and Gavin Fletcher. He took 10 carries for 102 yards. Wadley rushed for 109 yards on 12 carries, and scored a couple touchdowns. Hayden Roy had three tackles for loss and forced a fumble. The Bulldogs will welcome Elbert County to Booster Stadium Friday.

#### Northeast Macon 21, Lamar Co. 10

The Raiders are winners of 10 games for the first time ever, and in the quarterfinals for just the second (their first in 2020, when they were

edged out in triple-OT by Swainsboro), after battling past some early roadblocks to pull in front, and away, on a pair of second-half touchdowns. Nick Woodford ran for two of their three on 19 carries for 159 yards, his last with some gymnastics to keep from going down on a play everyone else thought was over that took him to the end zone from 13 yards away to up the Northeast lead to 21-10 and ice the game. Lamar County's Kaden Carter rushed for 105 yards on 17 touches, and the touchdown to tie the early score for the Trojans near halftime. They'd take a lead to halftime on a 36-yard field goal a few minutes later. Reginald Glover threw to Zahkie Denson on a jump-ball for the 29-yard touchdown that put the Raiders back up after a slight deficit early in the fourth period. Northeast now takes on top seed Fannin County.

#### Other midstate finals...

Houston Co. 63, Lakeside 12  
Trion 17, Telfair Co. 6  
Bowdon 42, Metter 14  
Jenkins Co. 35, Macon Co. 21  
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**CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

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secular and popular Christmas music."

"An Afternoon of Christmas Music" begins at 4 p.m. at the church, located at 511 Bellevue Ave. Selections will range from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Silent Night" to "Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas" and "Skating" from "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Lang, who has served as the church's music director since 1997, said "a lot of background work" over the last two or three months has gone into putting the

program together.

"It's a good gathering for Christmas, to get the Christmas spirit into your heart and into your home," Lang said. "It's going to be a great afternoon. People are going to be blessed."

The seven musicians scheduled to perform are:

•Greg Beck, pianist/tenor soloist, director of music and pianist at the Jesup Presbyterian Church, who



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has performed on Broadway and on tour in musicals such as "Beauty and the Beast," "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera."

•Riley Greer, soprano soloist, a senior music major at Georgia College & State University and three-time National Association of

Teachers of Singing (NATS) finalist.

•Roy Grenade, pianist, music director for traditional services at First Methodist Church, Dublin, where he oversees and directs the Chancel Choir and coordinates the children's music and handbell programs.

•Owen Lovell, pianist, who has appeared as a soloist and critically acclaimed chamber musician in 21 U.S. states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

•Anna Kate Peed, organist, is currently studying or-

gan under Dr. Jack Mitchener at Mercer University and member of the Mercer Singers.

•Steven Taylor, cellist, part-time faculty at Georgia College and State University who has appeared principal cellist or soloist for the Juilliard Conductor's Orchestra, Toledo Symphony, Brevard Music Center Orchestra, Savannah Symphony and Valdosta Symphony.

•Matt Turbeville, pianist/tenor soloist, a native of Dublin and part-time director of Music Ministries at Oconee Street United Methodist Church, Athens.



Some of the Christmas decor for sale at the Holiday House/PAYTON TOWNS III

**HOLIDAY HOUSE**

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"By the time that decision was made, we were already halfway into the year," Malave said. "We had to buy storage units to put stuff in."

The Holiday House, which is asking for cash or checks (to be made out to The United Way) for payments, will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 3-5; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 6; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 7; and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 10.

Since 2022, Malave and Schrock have received a lot of items donated to them from area charities. It began with a charity in Warner Robins who was going to get rid of Christmas decorations. They brought the items to Dublin, worked on them with a group of friends, and sold them in the house behind the church.

"We make something out of it," Malave said. "Some items we get are just perfect. We've found an opportunity for this stuff to be used again. ... To me, this is fun. It something to help the community. I get excited during this time of year when people come in and their eyes light up at finding something that they never thought they would find."

Someone told Denise Creel, United Way executive director, to contact Malave because they were looking for a location to do their Christmas decoration sale. Creel invited Malave to The United Way location.

"I didn't know if we would have enough room for them but she took a look and said that it would be perfect," Creel said.

Creel and Malave have

been friends since high school, though they did not go to the same school. They also know each other from the Dublin Civitan.

"I heard she was getting started over here and there is a huge need for not only people in Laurens County but in the surrounding counties," Malave said. "The United Way is a great organization, and we need to take advantage of it."

The Heart of Georgia United Way's partnering agencies are the American Red Cross, Dublin-Laurens County Teen Court, Healthy Start, Stepping Stone Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center, The Lighthouse Adult Day Care Center, The Salvation Army, TLC Court Appointed Special Advocate and Women In Need of God's Shelter.

In addition to The United Way, Malave and Schrock have placed Christmas items with Hope and Darkness ministry with Angela Stanley and with the Katherine W. Gray Resource Center.

"Like anything in life, you hit a challenge and you have to pivot," Malave said. "You have to keep going. God still finds a way. When God puts something in your hands, and He won't leave you alone about it, then you best do something with it because this is your opportunity to do his work."

Malave and Schrock began decorating at The United Way more than a week ago. They said students from West Laurens High School helped decorate the trees.

"This was something that was very unplanned," Creel said. "It's great that they wanted to be here and wanted to help us, help the community."

About a month ago, people were still talking about Hurricane Helen. Creel said most of them are looking for help to recover from that storm.

"We will do anything we can do to help," Creel said.

Anyone with questions can call the H.O.G. United Way at (478) 353-1811.



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Director of Music Ministries, Oconee Street United Methodist Church, Athens, Georgia

**Greg Beck, Pianist/Soloist**

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**CHARITY**

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Jefferson was glad to be able to hand out turkeys and the food. The foundation has been working with the local Salvation Army for a while.

"They have become a very, very good partner with us, and we really appreciate it," Jefferson said.

"They are the experts when it comes to obtaining the goods."

Jefferson knows his

mother is proud of their work.

"I'm sure she is smiling up there in heaven," Jefferson said. "Giving back to the community was something that was dear to her, Head Start was something that was dear to her and so I'm sure this is something she would be very proud of. I'm sure many people will find this food to be really helpful."



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# Eating crow for Thanksgiving: Backtracking on past statements

Written historical record shows that the people of the Wampanoag tribe fed the starving early American settlers fowl during the meal that has become recognized as the first Thanksgiving. Exactly what kind of fowl was on the menu wasn't noted, but it's safe to assume it was turkey.

The turkey, of course, is native to North America, so it only makes sense that the native people would take advantage of the local, plentiful game. The good folks of the Wampanoag certainly couldn't go down to the Piggly Wiggly for a Butterball. Benjamin Franklin was so impressed with the turkey that he wanted the creature to be the national bird. Unfortunately, the great statesman couldn't convince anyone else, and the turkey lost out to the more majestic and frowned upon-if-you-eat-one bald eagle.

Wild turkeys are quite remarkable animals. Unlike their domesticated counterparts, native turkey can fly and run up to about 20 miles per hour. They are very smart, and if they don't want you to know they are around, you won't. Why do you think hunters have to use decoys, calls and completely disguise themselves on the hunt?

I hope you are reading this with a belly full of turkey and all the trimmings and surrounded by loved ones in between arguments about politics. I'm celebrating this season of giving thanks by eating a little crow.

## THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

Recently, I opined on early Christmas decorating. In about 500 words, brilliantly written I must say, I railed against individuals, towns and businesses decking the halls immediately after Halloween and seemingly skipping over Thanksgiving. Though there may be mental health benefits in premature decoration, I argued that Christmas trees and

wreaths should appear no sooner than Black Friday. Now I must admit that throughout the past week a Christmas tree, a wreath and some yard decorations were installed at my home. Lights were even turned on, against my self-imposed time frame. I daresay that the soft warm glow of the twinkling lights has left me awash in the comforting flow of nostalgia.

My early decorating is not an admission of being wrong but done out of necessity. The most wonderful time of year is also the busiest, and my days, like many other folks', are booked between now and, well, Christmas.

But I am always thankful for an opportunity to backtrack and eat my words. There are many other things to be thankful for, too many to list here. It has been a difficult year for many, and you don't have to look far to find someone facing tragedy. Whether sickness, the death of a loved one, financial strain or some other personal setback, a body can find themselves in a lot of trouble.

So, I am thankful for my lot in life, for the family that supports me and the health I've had throughout this year. And I'm thankful for you, not holding that early wreath on my door against me.

Happy Thanksgiving.

## Thankful for a flat tire

By **JACK BROWN**

It was a wet Thanksgiving Day afternoon, in November 1976, as my assistant, Specialist Fifth Class Dennis Wilson, and I journeyed by jeep down a country road in Korea. We had just that morning conducted a Thanksgiving Day service, had visited the men and enjoyed a delicious meal at one of the our 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade's isolated missile sites in western Korea near the Yellow Sea. We were now on our way to another site ... some two and a half hours away by jeep over dirt roads.

The road was muddy and bumpy and the jeep, or any vehicle for that matter, was taking its constant jolts. Then, the very possible happened. We actually thought our steering mechanism had broken, but upon stopping the jeep discovered that our right front tire had gone flat. Since we were right on the road, we put on our blinking caution lights and started to change the tire.

As we raised the front seat and looked in the tool compartment, we were floored! There were no tools at all, not even a jack! We were in a real jam and many miles from the nearest town.

We prepared to flag down the next passing vehicle for assistance.

In about five minutes a Korean gentleman named Mr. Dong Koo Chang simply walked out of the woods, approached our jeep and said in perfect English, "May I help you?"

He worked for a bank in Seoul and was on vacation at his near-by family home. It was as if he were right there by Divine appointment. Believe me, we were way out in the country.

Very soon a beverage truck approached from our front. Our Korean friend flagged it down and spoke briefly to the driver and his companion. And, as if it had all been prearranged, they parked their truck, removed their own jack and tools and changed the tire on our jeep ... themselves. One of the men even skinned his knuckles raw removing the lug nuts with a large adjustable wrench. Their act of kindness was completed in about 10 minutes.

Those three Korean gentlemen refused to accept any payment for their assistance (actually, I only had about 30 cents in Korean money!), and with smiles and handshakes the two truckers climbed into their truck and were off. Our interpreter friend remained for a short conversation, and then we parted company ... he to his home and we to our next missile battery.

In reflecting back on this, I am convinced that God was quite active on that whole scene. There we were ... on our way to serve others and in the process were served.

The Thanksgiving Day lesson is obvious. Dennis and I both expressed our gratitude too God for those three "strangers" who had shown kindness to two American soldiers on the open road. In fact, I even thanked God for that flat tire!

Letters of appreciation were soon written and mailed to those three Korean gentlemen .. to those Good Samaritans ... Through them God had taught us a powerful lesson on thankfulness, and He had chosen a perfect day and a perfect setting for His lesson.

## Moment of Inspiration

Giving Thanks  
*Colossians 3:17*

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

As thanksgiving is almost upon us, we should consider not just being thankful but actually giving thanks to the Lord. Sometimes it seems the point of Christianity is relegated to going to church, saying a quick prayer over our food and maybe reading a few bible verses from time to time. These things are great and should be elements of our faith, but according to scripture our whole selves are to reflect a picture of who Jesus really is. The word Christian means "Christ like". And everything we do should point to Jesus and show gratefulness for all He has done for us.

Whatever we say, whatever we do, we should do it for Jesus. We should be grateful for all the blessings we have been given. But most of all for the gift of salvation. We all have been offered that gift, and all we have to do is accept it. We should be grateful to live in the United States where we can still come together and worship. As many in the world today do not have our religious freedoms, we should NEVER take for granted what we do have and ever be thankful. So I would encourage you this Thanksgiving to remember our blessings and to truly be thankful for them.

Dr. Curt Lysaker Pastor: Shady Grove Baptist Church East Dublin, GA.

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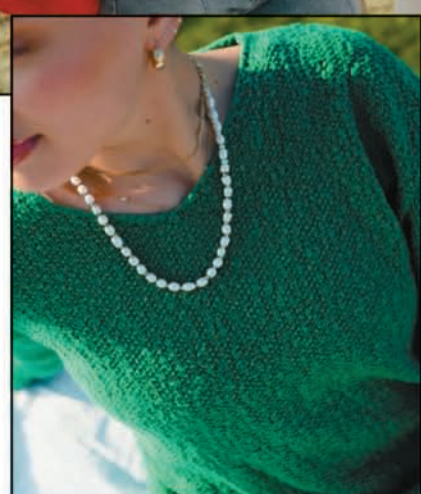


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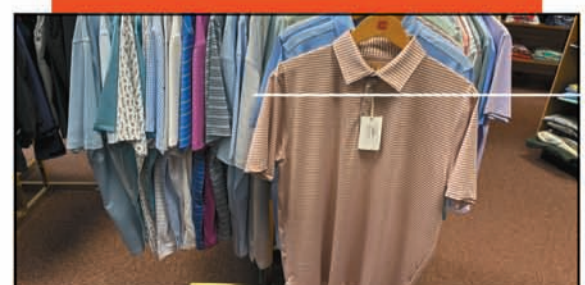
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Legals

**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#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

**24-494**  
**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.

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State Bar No. 099517  
November 9, 16, 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

**24-501**  
**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

**24-512**  
**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

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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

**24-504**  
**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

**24-510**  
**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

**24-520**  
**NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL**

**P. I. 270736- , BRZLB-0175-00(024) LAURENS COUNTY**  
Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia

Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.  
The date of location and design approval is: **November 18, 2024**

The proposed project replaces the bridge over Turkey Creek Overflow on CR 395/ Ellington Road located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Montrose in GMD 345 & 341 on existing alignment. The project length is approximately 0.1 miles and will be built in conjunction with PI 270730-. The proposed bridge will be approximately 105-ft long and 30-ft wide. The roadway typical section would consist of two unpaved 10-ft travel lanes with varying shoulder widths. The bridge will be closed and traffic detoured using an offsite detour with a net detour length of 4.5 miles. The overall construction time for the project will be approximately 12 months.

Georgia Department of Transportation would be responsible for acquiring property rights for this project.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation: Danielle Hollinshead, Area Manager District 2, Area 2  
dhollinshead@dot.ga.gov  
2003 US Highway 441 South  
Dublin, GA 31021  
(478) 275-6596

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to: Kimberly Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administration Officer  
Office of Program Delivery  
Attn: Michael Nash  
mnash@dot.ga.gov  
600 West Peachtree St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
(678) 665-3896  
Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.  
November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 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

**24-507**  
**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

**24-511**

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) (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

**24-489**  
**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 the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is Joseph David Thomas. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Consumer Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees. Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments 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 Deed to Secure Debt.

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 Deed to Secure Debt.

**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 Deed to Secure Debt is Mr. Ben Bradshaw, President, First Laurens Bank, 2040 Veterans Boulevard, Dublin, GA 31021.

First Laurens Bank  
Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph David Thomas  
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

**24-513**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**

**GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDITH A. BROWN**  
**TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

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

**24-522**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RUSSELL COUNTY**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**MAKALA LEE MEREDITH, PLAINTIFF**  
**v. RICHARD IVISON SMILEY, et al.,**  
**DEFENDANTS**

TO: Richard Ivison Smiley and Richard Smiley Trucking, INC.  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff filed her complaint on March 12, 2024, in the Circuit Court of Russell County, Alabama, against Defendants, Richard Ivison Smiley and Richard Smiley Trucking, Inc. Numerous attempts to locate the Defendants have been unsuccessful. This Notice is to run for four (4) consecutive weeks. You are hereby notified that you must answer the Complaint within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication or default judgment may be entered against you for not answering. Done the 21st day of November, 2024.

Charles Greene  
Morgan & Morgan  
216 Summit Blvd., Suite 300  
Birmingham, AL 35243  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 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

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/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

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**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**

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/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

**24-509**  
**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  
Attorney for the Estate of RAY SMITH  
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

**24-505**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**<

**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

P. O. Box 16459  
Dublin, Georgia 31040  
478-272-9965  
ebcatty@bellsouth.net

November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

**24-521**  
**NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL**  
**P. I. 270730-, BRZLB-0175-00(018)**  
**LAURENS COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: **November 18, 2024**  
The proposed project replaces the bridge over Turkey Creek on CR 395/Ellington Road located approximately 2.6 miles northwest of Montrose in GMD 345 & 341 on existing alignment. The project length is approximately 0.1 miles and will be built in conjunction with PI 270736-.

The proposed bridge will be approximately 118-ft long and 30-ft wide. The roadway typical section would consist of two unpaved 10-ft wide travel lanes with varying shoulder widths. The bridge will be closed, and traffic detoured using an offsite detour with a net detour length of 4.5 miles. The overall construction time for the project will be approximately 12 months.

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Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administration Officer  
Office of Program Delivery  
Attn: Michael Nash  
mnash@dot.ga.gov  
600 West Peachtree St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
(678) 665-3896

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 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

**24-502**

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

**24-490**

State of Georgia  
County of Laurens

Notice is hereby given that the property of each and all persons listed below will be sold at public auction, separately and individually, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 starting at 10:00 AM. In case of inclement weather sale will be held on December 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

1. Tamica Kelsey, Unit Y-26;
2. Maresa Martinez, Unit W-16;
3. Carolyn Pheil, 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



Georgia Hunters for The Hungry prepare to ship out 800 pounds of venison/SPECIAL PHOTO, Georgia Wildlife Federation

# Hunters for the Hungry: Thankful for deer harvest? Consider donating your next deer

**SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD**

The Georgia Hunters for The Hungry program gives hunters a great way to participate in getting venison, the ultimate high-protein, low-fat, organic meat, to those less fortunate.

"There are a couple of months left in the deer season; if you've filled your freezer, you don't have to stop hunting. Please consider harvesting a deer for the Hunters for the Hungry program! You can donate deer at a participating processor at no cost to you. It will be processed and distributed to those in need," said Ted Will, director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division. "This year, we have expanded the number of participating processors and the distribution goal. Venison donation is a true win-win for hunters, managing your deer herd, and getting much needed meat to food banks across Georgia."

GHFTH has been providing high quality protein to hungry Georgians since 1993. Since the program's inception, hunters have donated over 375,000 pounds of ground venison. Processing expenses are provided by the program.

While donating a deer to a processor is one way to help, there are other ways to participate:

- Donating to the Georgia Wildlife Federation or becoming a sponsor. A \$15 gift will process enough venison for 24 meals.
- Promoting GHFTH and identifying new processors in underserved areas, or becoming a participating processor.

The Georgia Hunters for the Hungry program is a partnership of the Georgia Wildlife Federation, the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division, the Georgia Food Bank Association and Municipal Development Services. To find a participating deer processor or for more information, visit [gwf.org/ghfth/](http://gwf.org/ghfth/).



**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 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.

**THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 2883 DUBLIN EASTMAN ROAD, DEXTER, GA 31019.**

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is ROBERT W. LONG. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Consumer Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees.

Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments 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.

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First Laurens Bank  
Attorney-in-Fact for  
Robert W. Long  
Edward B. Claxton III  
Attorney at Law

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# 16th Annual Town Of Dexter Christmas Parade

**DEC. 7, 2024**  
**10:30 AM**

**Parade Entry Form**  
*No Entry Fee - Mail to Address Below*

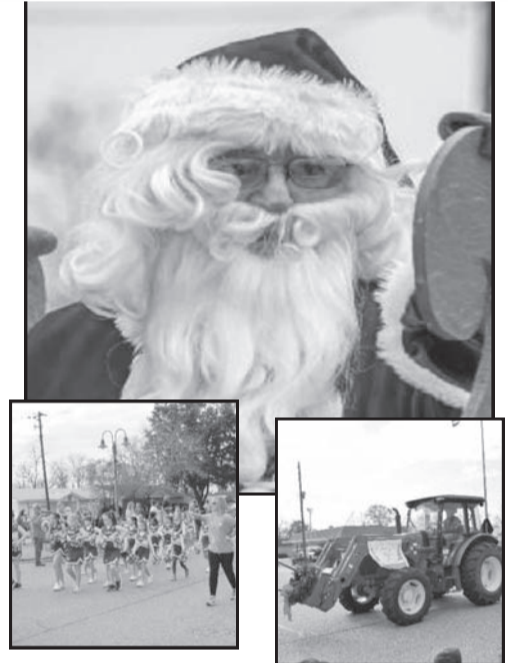
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**Type Entry**

Homemade Float: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Float: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commercial Float: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walking Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Riding Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

As usual there will be no entry fee but donations will be appreciated. Any proceeds donated will be used to purchase Christmas decorations to enhance the beauty of our town.

\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
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**Grand Marshalls will be Retired Teachers from all Laurens County Schools. Teachers will need to send in an application to the Town of Dexter.**

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**Hello Dublin, I'm just** letting you know that I had an aggressive contractor come to my home yesterday from Tifton, Ga. I declined their business and just wanted you to be aware of it. They are going around to the older citizens in the neighborhood trying to get roof work done. They are very aggressive so be careful. Blessings!

**A while back there** was a lot of talk from the city about "traffic calming" and we saw a plan for stopping the speeding and other traffic violations in our neighborhoods. The place where we live was on that list to be handled, but, to date, nothing has been done. The speeding is still a problem as are others mentioned to be handled. When will we get any relief from the noise, speeding, etc.?

**The intersection of Claxton Dairy Road** and the 441 Bypass is dangerous and has been the site of many automobile accidents. This has been going on since it was built. We have recently seen that road work has been done at that spot, but nothing was done

about the danger at the intersection. There was talk of a roundabout to slow the traffic there and reduce the

danger. Who is in charge of this and what has to be done to get something done?

## Local 7-day Forecast:

### The next 48 hours:



**THANKSGIVING DAY:**  
**70°**  
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers and a heavy thunderstorm.  
Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.



**THANKSGIVING NIGHT:**  
**43°**  
A couple of showers and a heavy thunderstorm in the evening.  
Sunset: 5:26 p.m.



**BLACK FRIDAY:**  
**59°**  
Mostly sunny and cooler.  
Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.

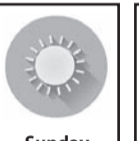


**BLACK FRIDAY NIGHT:**  
**31°**  
Clear and chilly.  
Sunset: 5:26 p.m.



**Saturday 11/30**  
HIGH/LOW  
**55/30**  
Partly sunny.

Sunrise: 7:15 a.m.  
Sunset: 5:26 p.m.



**Sunday 12/1**  
HIGH/LOW  
**55/27**  
Sunny.

Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.  
Sunset: 5:26 p.m.



**Monday 12/2**  
HIGH/LOW  
**50/24**  
Partly cloudy with a chance of whatever...

Sunrise: 7:29 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:15 p.m.



**Tuesday 12/3**  
HIGH/LOW  
**54/31**  
Partly cloudy with a chance of whatever...

Sunrise: 7:29 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:15 p.m.



**Wednesday 12/4**  
HIGH/LOW  
**57/37**  
Partly cloudy with a chance of whatever...

Sunrise: 7:29 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:15 p.m.

**River levels...**  
Oconee (at Dublin) ..... 2.9'  
Ocmulgee (at Macon) ..... 6.7'

**I am 78 years old.** When I was a child we had no money, no coloring books and no presents, but guess what? I went to the store and bought me a coloring book with Santa, Christmas trees and all the trimmings. I'm sitting here now coloring my coloring book and going back years ago. It's a good place to visit, so get you some coloring book and colors.

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now that it is just me. I don't want to get out of any other that Oconee EMC does not supply the people. I love Oconee EMC and thank God for them. Thank you and hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Take care!

**The only reason** there's so much complaining about parking downtown is because able-bodied people are too lazy to walk a ways to patronize downtown Dublin local businesses.

**Four thousand dollars per** new window at the courthouse?

**Parking is a problem** to some. Going to a St. Patrick's parade is not like going to eat downtown. People don't want to park two

blocks away just to go eat, especially at night and bad weather.

**If you want to quit** that's fine. Just don't do it today. Keep the faith until the sun rises tomorrow.

**Them Miami Gators** and Florida Hurricanes did real good this last weekend.

**The prison vans** at the hospital should have to park at the front door so everyone is aware their safety at the hospital is compromised. There were two vans there Monday morning.

**The schools or the** county needs to get out of the recreation business. If you play, you have to pay. Nothing is free in this world!

## RELIGION DIGEST

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 Rose Hill Baptist Church family cordially invites you to our Pastor Gregory Jones' 18th anniversary on Dec. 8 at noon. Laurens Hill Baptist Church

## NEWS DIGEST

The Laurens County Board of Registrars will be holding their monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 2 in the registrars' office of the Laurens County Courthouse annex building located at 117 E. Jackson St., Suite A. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Roll call
- Recognition of visitors
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Old business
- Discussion of office procedures
- Revenue expenditures and outlay
- New business
- 2025 ... What is coming?
- Executive session

in charge of service. Everyone is invited.

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 tehnewsreporter@gmail.com by 9 a.m. every Thursday to appear in the upcoming Saturday edition of The Courier Herald.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm the mother of a 16-year-old girl, "Leia." She has been living with my parents since she was 10 because that's what she and my folks wanted at the time. I didn't want her to, but I allowed it to happen because I was having health issues.

Leia chose to remain there because my parents spoiled her rotten, and they continue to spoil and pamper her. This has resulted in her becoming the most self-centered, demanding, disrespectful person my parents and I have ever seen, and they now want her to live with me. I predicted (to myself only) that she'd turn out this way due to their "parenting." My parents created an entitled teenager and now they expect me to suffer the consequences of what they did.

They guilt-trip me with their health problems as a reason they want her to leave. I do not want her to come here. I don't want to have to deal with her attitude and try to prevent her from running away. I also don't want to lose my daughter forever because they kicked her out, but she doesn't like my rules. What advice do you have? -- MOM OF A MONSTER

DEAR MOM: Your parents took your daughter in because of your health issues. You enabled their poor parenting to continue by allowing your daughter to live with them and not speaking up. Ultimately, Leia is your responsibility until she is 18, and possibly longer.

Your parents must now explain to Leia that because of their poor health, she will be staying with you. As a minor, this decision is not hers to make. (It shouldn't have been in the first place.) When she and her belongings arrive, explain what YOUR house rules will be and the reasons for them. If she threatens to run away, point out that if that happens, she may become a ward of the state, and foster care could be less pleasant than staying with the mother who loves her but doesn't like who Leia has become while living with the grands.

DEAR ABBY: Two couples I know are getting married soon. Both couples plan on having small, intimate weddings in the near future and larger, grander weddings later on. Each has their own reasons for doing so.

What's the gift policy when someone holds two weddings? I have already purchased something for one couple's upcoming small wedding and will likely attend their big one, but must I buy them a gift for that one as well? Or is one gift at the small wedding for each couple enough? -- EXCITED GUEST IN OHIO

DEAR GUEST: Wedding gifts are given in celebration of the WEDDING. What these friends are scheduling is an "event" FOLLOWING their intimate wedding. No rule of etiquette demands that you give the couple two separate gifts.

SUDOKU

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

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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!

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

ANSWER:

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

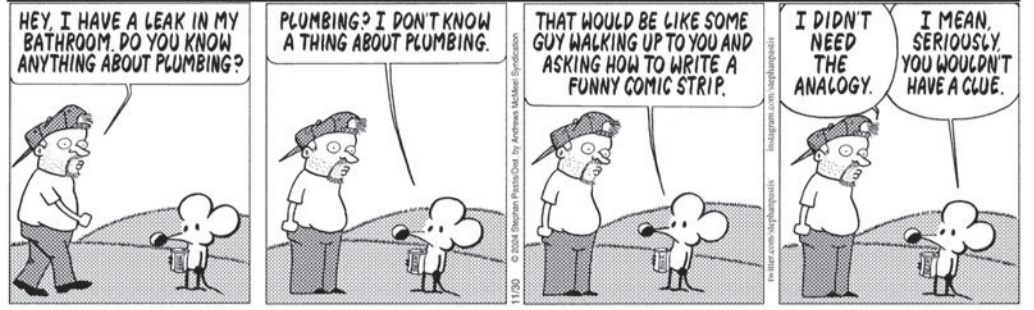
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers: 1. Different face on pie 2. Missing stick in apple 3. Extra little pumpkin front left 4. Missing candy corns

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the peanuts.

T B R U E T

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Answer: Butter

Guess Who?

I am a singer/songwriter born in Alabama on June 20, 1949. I founded several R&B groups and also played tennis on scholarship. I co-wrote a song to help raise funds for famine in Africa. Today, I'm a judge on "American Idol."

Answer: Lionel Richie

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- Make tweaks to
- Servings of corn
- Angry
- 31-ounce Starbucks order
- Sheer delight
- Self-image
- Mind-related
- Some toothpastes
- Lower limb
- Pen fillers
- Motives
- Part of the Bible: 2 wds.
- Cul-de-\_\_
- Immerse in water
- Big body of water
- Frozen water
- Nominate
- Social sensitivity
- National symbol
- Behaved
- Mark from an old injury
- Melody
- Have to have
- Utility
- \_\_ the season to be jolly"
- Tears
- Definite article
- "Phew!": 3 wds.
- Despises
- Not dangerous
- Industrious insect
- Dry as a desert
- Sculpted artwork
- Very tiny
- Formally give up
- Computer capacity
- Fourth-yr. students: Abbr.
- Yemen city
- \_\_ for tennis?"

Created by Stella Zawistowski 8/21/24

4 As far as

5 Rises

6 Have a chat with: 2 wds.

7 Challah ingredient

8 Warning message

9 Set free

10 "Open \_\_\_"

11 Cantaloupe, e.g.

12 Hollywood deal-maker

13 Dachshunds and Dobermans

21 Spiritual session

23 Restaurant capacity

24 Whale's home

25 Performers on ice

26 De-clump, as flour

27 Human rights org.

32 Battlefield docs

34 Type of angle

35 Money

36 Forest part

38 Insinuate: 2 wds.

39 Replied

45 Cornell's city

47 Blood component

48 Tenderize

50 Copier cartridge contents

51 Despises

52 "\_\_\_ from that..."

53 Disreputable

54 Legal regulations

58 Lion's lair

60 Also

61 Cremation vessel

62 Look over

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Saturday, November 30, 2024

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ 8♥ K J 10 4 2♦ J 7 4♣ K J 6 5

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
1NT Pass 20\* Pass  
2♥ Pass ?  
\*Transfer to hearts

What call would you make?

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

♠ A 10 8 5 4♥ A Q 10 7 2♦ K 7♣ 8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass  
2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass  
?

What call would you make?

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

♠ 10 9 4♥ K♦ A K J 10 9 7 3♣ J 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
1♥ 1♠ 20 Pass  
2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

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

♠ J 7 6 3♥ A 8 6♦ A Q J 5♣ K 8

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

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

♠ A 10 4♥ Q♦ K 8 7 4♣ A K J 6 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
?

What call would you make?

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

♠ 10 3♥ K 7 5 4 2♦ Q 9♣ K 8 5 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass  
2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

# Dublin back to work after holiday

DUBLIN COURIER HERALD, DISPATCH, AND PRESS

Today is November 30th, the last Thursday in November, and last Thursdays in Novembers have been Thanksgiving days since the time of Lincoln, but Dublin and cities in 23 states have already celebrated Thanksgiving, following a proclamation by the President, FDR.

The subject has been a source of countless jokes, which go something like this:

"We had a fine turkey dinner last Thursday, and this Thursday the Republicans will celebrate."

And "23 states celebrated last week; 23 will celebrate this Thursday, but Maine and Vermont are waiting to hear from Alf Landon."

There are a few in this section who observe Thanksgiving today, however, although the banks and other institutions and businesses remained open. No one announced a holiday here for today.

The Courier Herald, to quote Mrs. FDR, "celebrated fully" last Thursday and published as usual today.

And now that Thanksgiving has been celebrated according to everybody's pleasure, the December season begins, and Christmas is only 20 shopping days away, and it will be celebrated as usual on the 25th of December - barring proclamations. Thanksgiving here was quiet.

Law enforcement agencies of Dublin and Laurens County today reported one of the quietest Thanksgiving holidays in memory. With the exception of a "few cases of over indulgence in intoxicants," it was exceptionally quiet.

"Thanksgiving Day was one of the dullest days I think I have ever had in Dublin; there wasn't even anyone on the streets," it was said.

Local policemen reported nothing of unusual importance in their work over the week end. Several persons charged with being drunk were jailed by police but otherwise everything was about as usual, they said.

Sheriff I.F. Coleman said that everything with his force was quiet.

Members of the Dublin substation of Georgia Highway Patrol also reported "all quiet" along their district.

Trooper Ray Pope said that no accidents were reported in the Dublin District, and with the exception of a few arrests for drunken driving Thanksgiving passed without mishap as far as the highway patrolmen in Dublin were concerned.

Dublin hospitals also reported a quiet Thanksgiving with no serious accidents to mar the holiday.

## IRISHMEN MEET ARCH FOE ON DECEMBER 1

Improving with each week of the 1939 campaign, Dublin's Irishmen today looked forward to a post-season encounter with a strong Wrightsville eleven on December 1 for the final burst of gridiron fireworks on the local battlefield.

Fred Driver, Dean of Boys at the high school, announced that negotiations had been completed for the post-season game with Wrightsville, long Dublin's most bitter rival on the gridiron. Mr. Driver said that the game will be played on the local battlefield on Friday afternoon, December 1, following completion of the regular 1939 schedule.

Wrightsville was not included on the 1939 Irishmen schedule due to the fact that they were on the black list of the district during the first stages of the present campaign for allegedly

playing ineligible men last season; however, officials of the Wrightsville school and the district conference finally straightened out all difficulties and brought the Johnson County team back into the conference.

Fans throughout this section of the state were disappointed when the Dublin schedule was announced at the first of the season and not listing Wrightsville. Arrangements for the game, highlight of sportsmanic operations in this section during the entire year, brought happy smiles of anticipation to the face of many a grid fan in Laurens and Johnson counties. Both Dublin and Wrightsville seem headed up the grade from ineffectiveness to real football.

Wrightsville romped Dublin for an 18-0 victory last year, the first loss to Wrightsville in five years, but Wrightsville will do good to score against the Irish this year. The Irish have showed their ability to play ball by vanquishing the Eastman team, 26-0; Statesboro 20-0; and Douglas 12-0. The locals are determined to leave the football stadium on Friday afternoon with a victory. Skinny Clarke, a senior, who has played outstanding ball throughout the entire year, may miss the starting line-up. He is suffering with a bruised leg that he received last week while playing basketball. He is held for the initial kickoff, but his diminutive running mate Dinky Brunson will start the game at the spinback position. Brunson is also a senior and has shown up exceptionally well this season.

The Dublin High School 45 piece band will furnish thrilling music for the benefit of the fans.

Everyone is expecting one of the most exciting and thrilling games of the season. This being the last tilt of the season that the Irish will have, it is expected that this will be a harder and better play. Season tickets and complimentary passes will not be good for the game. Admission will be: grade school children, 10 cents; high school students, 25 cents; and adults, 50 cents.

## PRIMED FOR DUBLIN

Wrightsville: "Not beaten yet" With the best weeks work of the year behind them, Wrightsville High football team is definitely ready for the Dublin game on Friday. The spirit of the team has been way above normal all week, and Coach Browne has been drilling his team hard in an attempt to stop Dublin.

The team is at full force for the first time in three games. Morris Burns is the only man out, and he is a reserve tackle. A large crowd of supporters and school children will surely follow the team to Dublin.

So far this year the Tigers have lost three games and tied one. However, this record is better than it seems inasmuch as two of the games were against very powerful foes - Savannah "B" team and Jesup. In both games the locals showed up well, holding Savannah to a 6-0 score, the lowest of the year for the Bees, who have won six games to no defeats.

The locals haven't played since they valiantly held and outplayed a Jesup team for the first half, only to weaken in the final frames for four touchdowns to the most powerful Jesup team in history. The Irish have four wins and four losses and one tie chalked up to their credit showing considerable improvement over last year's record.

The Dublin game is the "game of games" for the Tigers, and they have been pointing to this game since they were allowed to start their abbreviated schedule

of five games. The locals started at a disadvantage by being six weeks late in practicing and playing teams that had already played five or six more games. The locals have steadily improved and are expected to reach their peak against the Irish.

When asked about the game, Coach Bull Browne replied, "Dublin supporters have already whipped us by about three or four touchdowns before we get on the field; however, the boys are in prime condition and good spirits, and we should give the Irishmen a good game, and incidentally, we are not beaten yet."

The Wrightsville gridiron machine includes Renfroe, Jackson, McAfee Zeigler, Foster, Jackson, Hutchinson, "Doc" Vickers, Shepard, Burns, Downs, Gillis, Bryan, Chastin, New, Pool, and Martin.

## YULE HOLIDAYS

Dublin and Laurens County school children, some 10,000 strong, trooped back to their desks on Monday morning after a protracted week-end in which they joined with other citizens in this state to celebrate President Roosevelt's new Thanksgiving. Returning to books, school-children looked forward to the more extended Christmas vacation period, when county schools will close down for one week and city schools close shop for the longer two-week period.

Superintendent Elbert Mullis of the county school system said that the 8000 white and colored school pupils of the 22 white and 61 colored schools of Laurens County will close on December 22 for one week in which to enjoy Christmas. They will resume their studies after the Yule tide Holiday on January, New Year's Day.

Superintendent A.J. Hargrove of the city school system said that a definite date for beginning of the Christmas vacation for Dublin pupils had not yet been set by the Board of Education. He said that the date would be set at the regular meeting of the Board on the first Thursday of the month.

The city school superintendent, however, said that Dublin schools would close for two weeks, giving the 2,000 odd students a longer time in which to enjoy the festivities of Christmas time.

Schools of both the city and county system closed last Wednesday afternoon for the remainder of the week in observance of Thanksgiving.

## GUARD OFFICERS THANK DUBLIN

Dublin officers of the Georgia National Guard today literally said "Many thanks" to businessmen of the city for their splendid cooperation in giving employee members of the two Dublin companies leaves in order to attend the seven day field training camp, which begins Sunday at Laura S. Walker Park near Waycross.

"Dublin business men and merchants have been 100 percent cooperative with National Guard officers in arranging for leaves for their employees in order that they may attend the camp," the officers said. "We deeply appreciate this cooperation on the part of Dublin business and sincerely hope that such arrangements will not work hardships on anyone."

The guardsmen, in two Dublin companies - Headquarters Company of the Third Battalion and Company K - leave here early Sunday morning for Waycross for a seven-day field training period ordered by the War Department in Washington.

An advanced attachment will leave early Saturday morning to get things in

readiness for the guardsmen from the Third Battalion who will take part in the extra training. Army trucks have been stationed in Dublin to take the guardsmen to camp.

Dublin officers who expressed their appreciation of local support are these:

Col. L.C. Pope, Commander of the 121st Infantry

Major Charles F. Pope, plans and training commander during the camp in the absence of Major J.E. Mathews of LaGrange, who is recuperating at his home from an automobile accident.

Captain Clifford H. Prince

Lieutenant A.T. Coleman, Jr. of Company K

Lieutenant R.L. Webb of Headquarters Company of the Third Battalion

About 100 Dublin men will be among the 375 officers and enlisted men to attend the field training camp.

## ROAD CONTRACT SIGNED

A contract for grading the 5.435 miles of the Dudley-Dexter road has been signed by the post roads division of the Georgia Highway Department and the Laurens County Commissioners, revealed Walter Daniell, Clerk of the Commissioners.

Mr. Daniel said that work on the road which has been surveyed and made ready for the grading will begin within the next ten days, according to provisions of the contract.

Signing of the contract leaves about two and one-half miles of the eight-mile Dudley-Dexter stretch to be completed at some later date. Work on the road will begin at the city limits of Dudley and extend toward Dexter for the 5.435 miles.

The contract calls for all work on the road to be done by Works Progress Administration labor, with the county furnishing all needed machinery and equipment. It was estimated that the road would cost \$45,331.27, including labor, materials, and machiner, when completed, will join onto the part of Dexter, giving a through route from the Macon Highway at Dudley to the Eastman Highway at Cadwell.

## ORPHANS' CARS SENT

Two carloads of food stuff and clothing, valued at \$1,288.18, have been shipped to the Georgia Baptist Orphans' Home in

LOOKING BACK...  
85 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 30, 1939



## By HARRIETT CLAXTON

Hapeville by the Laurens County Baptist Association, Rev R.W. Eubanks, pastor of Jefferson Street Baptist Church and chairman of the car loading committee, announced today.

Rev. Eubanks listed churches in the Association and the amount of their contributions to the two car loads.

Loading of one or more cars of food and clothing for the orphans is an annual custom of the Laurens Baptist Association and this year two car loads were sent. This is the 20th year cars have been sent to the Home from Laurens County.

Dexter Church, Rev. Eubanks pointed out, made the largest contribution with the First Baptist Church of Dublin running a close second, and Marie Church was third.

"I wish to express my great gratitude to all the pastors and churches who have so faithfully helped in this work over this period of years," Rev. Eubanks said today. "I cannot close these remarks without mentioning the fact that Brother Henry Roach has been a most efficient helper all these years, and his cooperation and consideration has been one of the main reasons we have done so well. For the past several years, brother Ralph Fountain has come, and he always does a man's job. Several other brethren have helped for a few hours each time, and all of it is appreciated.

"One other thing needs to be said," Rev. Eubanks continued, "the railroad always has given half rate freight, and we have never let a car leave here until freight is paid. closing, let me say that the manager of the Home, Mr. Fortney, was with us for most of the day, and we all fell in love with him and believe he is just the man for the place."

LAURENS DEATHS  
Despite a decrease in the state average, automobile deaths in Laurens County have been gradually hiked

up over the past three years, a report by Director Lon Sullivan of the Georgia Department of Public Safety revealed today.

Director Sullivan reported that highway deaths in Laurens County in the first ten months of 1939 totaled 12 as compared with nine over the corresponding period of 1938 and eight over the same period of 1937. A majority of counties in the state, he said, have shown a decrease in highway fatalities during the past several years.

More than one hundred lives were saved on highways of the state during the first ten months of this year compared with a similar period in 1938, the director reported.

Safety Commissioner Sullivan reported that there were 744 state deaths for this period in 1937; 685 for 1938; and 572 thus far this year. Fulton, Dougherty, and Twiggs counties, the director stated, led the state in reduction of traffic deaths.

## RED CROSS MEETING

By T.J. Simons  
It is to my regret that St. Paul A.M.E. Church was not filled to its capacity on Sunday afternoon because a program was presented that not only pertained to the Red Cross but also furnished information that was beneficial to all humanity.

All due credit must be given to Chairman C.L. Harrison and his cooperative executive staff for the interest that is being manifested today in the organization of the Red Cross.

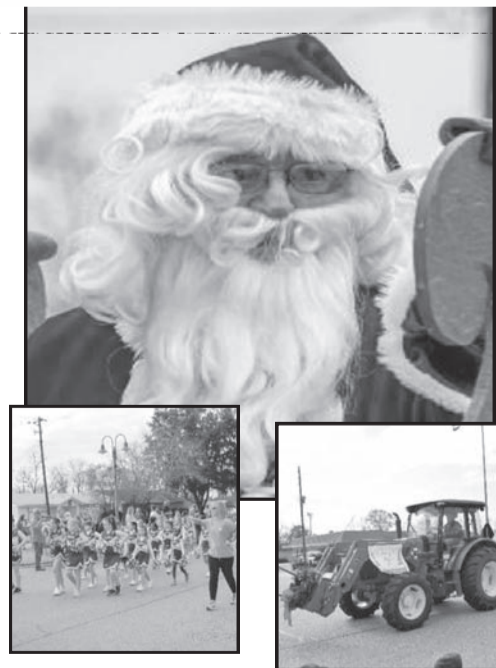
Dr. C.H. Kittrell was the principal speaker, and I wish it were possible for me to write verbatim his address, but space and time do not permit me; however, I can say without any degree of modesty that it was a masterpiece. Dr. Kittrell was introduced by Emory C. Thomas. Also included on the program were interesting talks by Mr. C.E. McKinney, Miss Blanche Metts, D. Foster Watson, W.O. Macansom, and H.H. Dudley.

## 16th Annual Town Of Dexter

# Christmas Parade

DEC. 7, 2024  
10:30 AM

Parade Entry Form		
No Entry Fee - Mail to Address Below		
Name:	_____	
Address:	_____	
Phone:	_____	
Type Entry		
Homemade Float:	_____	
Church Float:	_____	
Commercial Float:	_____	
Walking Unit:	_____	
Riding Unit:	_____	
As usual there will be no entry fee but donations will be appreciated. Any proceeds donated will be used to purchase Christmas decorations to enhance the beauty of our town.		
\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00



Grand Marshalls will be Retired Teachers from all Laurens County Schools. Teachers will need to send in an application to the Town of Dexter.

LINE-UP WILL BE DETERMINED BY DATE OF ENTRY AS WELL AS THE ENTERTAINMENT FLOW OF THE PARADE. LINE-UP WILL START AT 8:00 AM ACROSS FROM POSSOM HOLLOW FIELD. PLEASE BE IN PLACE BY 10:00 AM. THE PARADE WILL START FROM POSSOM HOLLOW FIELD AT 10:30 AM AND CONCLUDE AT THE DEXTER COMMUNITY CENTER. JOIN US FOR A GREAT PARADE TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN OUR WONDERFUL COUNTY. WE HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THE TOWN OF DEXTER WITH YOUR ENTRIES AS WELL AS YOUR ATTENDANCE OF THIS CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS.

## Town of Dexter

Entry Deadline: December 2, 2024

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# Local church raises money for Warming Feet for Christ Ministries

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Warming Feet for Christ Ministries was born in December 2016.

It all started one Christmas Season as Tim Willis Sr. was visiting a friend. During the visit, he began distributing Christmas cards to the residents.

As he continued to visit, he added snacks to his contributions. Feeling the need to do more, Willis prayed and asked the Lord to guide him on his next steps. One night, the Lord spoke to him and

the Warming Feet for Christ Ministries was born.

With this vision, Willis began purchasing socks from his own money and giving them out to Dublin-Laurens County residents as well as in surrounding counties.

His vision was further blessed with the help of a friend, phone calls, and support from the Bombas corporation.

The corporate backing of the Bombas company allowed Willis to bless others across the world: a distribution of over 80,000 pairs of socks! Recipients of the

socks include nursing homes, residents, schools, daycare centers, and Drug & Rehab facilities in addition to Homeless in Atlanta, Macon, Philadelphia, Connecticut, and the Dominican Republic.

Washington Street Presbyterian Church strengthened Willis' efforts by allowing him to set up a give-away station at worship service events. Also, the church was able to raise \$300 for the ministry. Since the picture was taken, WSPC raised an additional \$100 for the price-less cause.

# Lucas Hall earns Eagle Scout Award with food blessing box

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Lucas Hall earned his Eagle Scout Award in August of 2023.

For Hall's Eagle Scout Project, he wanted to bring a valuable resource to the southside community of Dublin. He drafted and carried out a plan for a Food Blessing Box.

To assemble the box, Hall displayed his leadership skills to recruit fellow Scouts, family, and friends. The dedicated group helped with the construction and embedding of the structure on the site of Washington Street Presbyterian Church (WSPC). The church is located at 975 South Washington Street, behind Ocone Gym.

The Bible scripture John 6:35 highlights the symbolism of the Food Blessing Box in the community: Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; the one who comes to Me will not be hungry, and the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty.'

WSPC Members set up a schedule to stock non-perishable items in the Food Blessing Box as well as to

keep it clean. Pastor Dr. Ricky Porter, Elders, and

Congregation Members invite everyone to worship in

the Sanctuary every Sunday at 10 am.



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from our family to yours!

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Take time this Thanksgiving to be thankful for all our blessings.

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