

Court officials prepping for huge RICO trial

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Court officials are making plans for a massive and expensive gang-related RICO trial that could last up to two months.

"We've never really had anything of this magnitude before," Dublin Circuit Superior Court Chief Judge Jon Helton told the Laurens County Commission at its meeting on Tuesday.

Seven defendants will be tried at once, with more

than 100 court officials and 400 witnesses, Helton said.

"They told us to estimate 60 days on this. We'll have seven attorneys, so we've got to have seven microphones, seven tables ... things we don't have. There are going to be some extraordinary expenses that we don't have."

Additional security measures will be taken, and Helton said he expects jurors will be "quasi-sequestered." That means they might be

allowed to go home each night, but precautions will be taken to keep them separated from anyone at or near the courthouse. For instance, Helton said, jurors could be required to meet each day at a secret location and be bused to and from the courthouse.

"You're going to have some pretty serious stuff going on," the judge said.

State Attorney General Chris Carr's office will prosecute the case. In January

2024, his Gang Prosecution Unit secured the indictment of 11 defendants, all from Dublin, for conspiracy to violate or violating the Rackeeter Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. All but two also were charged with violating the Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act, but some of the other charges included murder, aggravated assault, armed robbery and drug dealing.

After several plea deals,

the case is down to seven defendants, Helton said.

According to the 114-count indictment, the defendants were members of "Money Power Loyalty," or "MPL," a hybrid criminal street gang that originated in Laurens County whose associates typically align themselves with the 1831 Pirus and the Rollin' 20s Neighborhood Bloods, both of which are traditional West Coast Blood sets.

Finding a jury will be a

challenge, and Helton told the commission he is sending out a jury summons to 1,500 residents, just to find 24 who can serve on a 60-day trial.

Each of the seven defendants, as well as the prosecution, will have preemptive strikes to remove jurors, and they can have them removed for cause, as well. "You're talking up to 130 to 140 strikes," Helton said.

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Red Cross opens new Dublin office

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The American Red Cross has a new home in Dublin.

The organization moved from its previous location on U.S. 441 South to its new digs at 1825 Veterans Blvd. Suite 6, holding an open house on Thursday, March 13.

The new office is located across from the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, where the Red Cross regularly holds blood drives.

"We are extremely excited and wanted to invite people to stop by and see everything that is going on and show how the Red Cross works," said Peggy Bentz, community disaster program specialist. "We are now right here on this main road. I am excited for what is to come. I can't wait to see our volunteers and partners join in like we used to have. We want people to know we need volunteers."

Volunteer Paul Williams likes the location since it is also closer to The Salvation Army, another organization he helps out during the year.

"It seems like we'll be out more in the community and they'll be able to see us a little bit more," Williams said. "I've been helping with the Red Cross for 13 years."

Bentz said they were researching areas for them to move to when the building on Veterans Boulevard popped up.

"We were blessed to find it," she said. "(Curry) worked with us to make sure we were able to get in here."

The Red Cross is now back toward town, hoping that this will bring in more people. Bentz would like to see more people get involved in what the Red Cross does in the community.

"We try to make sure people who go through a disaster have us respond immediately," she said. "We are able to do that with volunteer help. As we all know, it doesn't happen at 2 in the afternoon. Sometimes people don't make it out with anything. We try to make sure they have those immediately emergency needs."

A majority of what they do is house fires. Volunteers may be called to an assignment out of the state or in a different part of the state.

Jackie Shoemaker, executive director of the South Central Georgia, likes the nice spacious conference room that they will be able to use to offer training.

"We'll be able to offer more services from right here to our public," Shoemaker said. "We really appreciate volunteers. We are 90 percent volunteer based. If people want to volunteer, they can stop by here and talk to our staff here. We always appreciate financial support because without that, we can't do our mission."

"The training for the preparedness classes we'd like to



Visitors check out information at a tent set up outside the new Red Cross location on Veterans Boulevard/PAYTON TOWNS III

offer can happen here or we can go to their facility. They are free of charge to get folks ready for a number of different disasters. Home fires are the most common disaster that we face, but we have to be ready for tornadoes, thunderstorms and hurricanes."

In 2024, volunteers responded to more than 270 disaster in the South Central Georgia Chapter area. Volunteers assisted with almost 1,800 people after those events in the 25 area counties.

"We service those counties through our volunteers spread throughout those counties," Shoemaker said. "We have offices in Dublin and in Valdosta."



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Laurens County Fire Department Chief Josh McCard shakes hands with people inside the new local Red Cross location/PAYTON TOWNS III

UGA Archway names area professional, preps for the next phase of partnership

By KYLE DOMINY
Staff Reporter

With a person in place to coordinate the program, the Archway Partnership is gearing up for the next phase of helping local leaders tackle the major issues facing Dublin and Laurens County.

Milledgeville native Valerie Dixon has been working as Dublin's Archway professional for about a month now. The past few weeks have been spent learning about the area and meeting as many people as possible.

"I'm in the very beginning stages right now, meeting key leaders, having lunch, coffee and one-on-ones," Dixon said during a recent conversation in downtown's First National Bank building, where Archway as established its local office. "I'm doing a lot of listening about what's going on in the community from their perspective, figuring out what the overarching issues facing the community are."

Formalized last year, the Archway



Valerie Dixon, of Milledgeville, has been named the UGA Archway Professional for Dublin-Laurens County. She began work in February/KYLE DOMINY

Partnership is a University of Georgia program aimed at helping bolster Georgia communities by connecting towns and counties to university resources and serving as an unbiased intermediary helping guide elected officials, civic leaders and community groups to common goals. The

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Council members encourage public come forward with info about deadly shooting

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

City Council members encouraged those who know anything about last Sunday's deadly shooting to step up and give that information to the Dublin Police Department.

According to Dublin Police Chief Keith Moon, local law enforcement responded to the shooting death of 19-year-old Tayon Dopson at 9:23 p.m. on March 16 at Coleman Court Apartments on Kersey Lane. They found Dopson dead near the apartments. The DPD and Georgia Bureau of Investigations continue to work the incident.

City Councilman Bennie Jones said this and another deadly shooting that has happened within the last couple of weeks are very sad.

"We are not that type of community," Jones said. "My condolences go out to the family. I pray for comfort for them."

Dublin Police Chief Keith Moon was asked if some of the flock cameras and gun detection equipment was being used for the current investigation.

"It is being used as we speak," Moon said.

Jones said the officers are doing the best they can.

"I will say the public, our citizens, have a job to do with this too," he said. "Somebody knows something. Somebody saw something and they know what happened. You need to talk with the police officers. Don't say it's their job to catch them. No, it our job to catch them. We got a shooter out there on the loose. ... As city council, we have provided (DPD) with the technology and the stuff that they need to keep the city safe. Our budget is in public safety, but you citizens, I'm begging. Don't put this all on the police officers and on city council."

Councilwoman Tess Godfrey asked people to pray for the families and the children.

"They are our future," she said.

Because youth seem to have been involved in this tragedy, Dublin City Manager Josh Powell encourages parents to, "know where their children are and what they are doing."

"I hear from the police

department sometimes that when they go to talk with the parents about what their children are doing that the parents are scared of their children," he said. "We've got to get society where it is not that way."

Jones urged people to be careful when they are out and about.

"Be diligent," he said. "If people come to your house, call the police and let them know. But this unsolved crime, somebody saw something. Pick up that phone and privately let them know so that we can go get a criminal and murderer off the street. We've been quiet the last couple of years, and I'd like to keep it that way."

Anonymous information can be text to (478) 595-7279.

"It will go to the police department if you have any tips," said Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight.

In other news, the council:

- Approved the purchase of brush cutter from Yancey Caterpillar for the water construction division for \$18,908.34.

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OBITUARIES



Wiley Cecil Stuckey

Wiley Cecil Stuckey, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, on March 18, 2025, at the age of 78. He was surrounded by his loving family in his hometown of Dublin, Georgia. He was born on Feb. 14, 1947, to the late Fred Stuckey Jr. and Lillian Moon Stuckey. Wiley was a man whose life was marked by dedication and service.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Ronnie Stuckey and Mike Stuckey.

Wiley's legacy is carried on by his beloved wife of 56 years, Diane Smith Stuckey; his daughter, Melissa (Brad) Stephens, of Dublin, and his son, Kevin (Jennifer) Stuckey, of Greenville, S.C. His grandchildren, Caitlyn and Sydney Stephens of Dublin; Jaxon and Savannah Stuckey of Greenville, S.C, and Ashley Stephens, of San Francisco, Calif., will forever cherish the memories of their doting grandfather. He is also survived by his sister, Eugenia Haskins of Dublin, and brother, Randy Stuckey of Helena, Ga., as well as several nieces and nephews.

A proud alumnus of Middle Georgia College, Wiley's intellect and passion for technology led him to obtain a degree in electrical engineering. His commitment to his country was evident through his service in the United States Army, a period of his life that shaped much of his character and resolve. Following his military service, Wiley embarked on a distinguished career with the Department of Veteran Affairs, where he retired as Chief Information Officer.

Wiley's dedication to his community was unwavering. He served as a Dublin city councilman, first from 1986-1988 and then from 1992-2004, during which time he was instrumental in bringing the Dublin Wifi Broadband Network to fruition and advocating for the establishment of the Dublin Northside Fire Station. His civic engagement extended to his membership in the Dublin Exchange Club and his devout service as a member and deacon at Jefferson

Street Baptist Church.

Even after retirement, Wiley's passion for technology and service continued. For the last nine and a half years, he worked as an IT Consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, where he was revered as a Vista Subject Matter Expert. His professional achievements were many, but it was his personal touch that left a lasting impact on those he worked with.

Wiley's love for his family was evident in everything he did. He coached every youth athletic sport his children participated in, and he was a constant presence on the sidelines, cheering on his grandchildren in their various endeavors. His sense of humor, wisdom, and loving nature made him a pillar in the lives of his family and friends.

Those who knew Wiley will remember him as a man who could light up a room with his humor, and whose love for his family was as deep and enduring as his faith. Wiley's life was a testament to the power of love, service, and commitment to one's community and family.

The family received friends on Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home.

A funeral service celebrating his life was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 21 in the Mary Whitaker Townsend Memorial Chapel at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home. Burial followed at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jay Moore and Rev. Kyle Giddens will officiate.

Pallbearers were Brad Grainger, Stacy Hardy, Chris Mathews, Tommy Martin, Donovan Walker and Jason Woodard.

Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com for service updates and to sign the online memorial register.

Evelyn M. Graham

Mrs. Evelyn M. Graham, 88, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in at Home Senior Living, surrounded by her family. A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the chapel of Mathis Funeral Home. A graveside funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. in Pulaski-Bleckley Memorial Gardens.

Born and raised in Chester, she was the daughter of the late Walter Lee and Clyde Bryan Minter. A devoted homemaker and talented seamstress, Mrs. Evelyn was known for her kindness and generosity. She was deeply involved in her community, frequently visiting shut-ins in Chester and the surrounding areas. She was a faithful member of Chester

Baptist Church, where she served in the Georgia WMU and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Her unwavering dedication to Christ was evident in all aspects of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.A. "Quarter" Graham; her son, Wendell Graham; and her siblings, Edith Garnto, Don Minter, and Elsie Allen. She is survived by her children, Jan (Carroll) Williams of Vidalia, Joan (Charles) Ealy of Eatonton, Sharon Graham of Gordon, and Rickey (Cathy) Graham of Dublin; her daughter-in-law, Johnnie Fay Graham of Chester; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her sisters, Emily (Charles) Allen of Dexter and Elaine (Ted) Niblett of Plainfield; numerous nieces and nephews.

Flowers are accepted, but donations may be made to Gideons International – Dublin, P.O. Box 27, Dublin, GA 31040, Gideons International – Vidalia, P.O. Box 156, Vidalia, GA 30475 or the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, 9420 Blackshear Hwy, Baxley, GA 31513.

Mrs. Evelyn's kindness and faith touched many lives, leaving behind a legacy of love and service that will be cherished forever.



Joseph Huff Forness Sr.

Joseph Huff Forness Sr, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully on March 8 at the age of 79 in Panama City, Fla. He was born on April 20, 1945 in Sharon, Penn. to the late Andrew William Forness and Elizabeth Huff Forness. He owned and operated The Huff House Resort in Roscoe N.Y. for 17 years and transitioned to residential development after selling the business. He was a proud resident of Roscoe N.Y., Dublin, Ga., Alpharet-

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Mar. 23
Tommy Craft
Georgette Reynolds

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Greg Hudgins
Shirley Jordan

ta, Ga., and Port St. Joe, Fla.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joanne B. Forness, brother A. William Forness, many nieces and nephews, sons Gregory Saxon Forness married to Nicole Forness and Joseph Huff Forness Jr. married to Elise Hurley Forness and grandchildren, Reagan Anne Forness, Leighton Claire Forness, Emery Grace Forness, Caroline Elise Forness and Wells Huff Forness.

Joe was a loving husband, father, and grandfather with a passion for cooking, entertaining and woodworking.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Dublin, Ga. on March 29 at 1 p.m. with reception to follow.



William Norman Rozier

Funeral services for Mr. William Norman Rozier, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the C.D. Dudley Memorial Chapel at the Dudley Funeral Home, 617 East Jackson Street in Dublin. Interment will follow in the Mission Cemetery in East Dublin.

William Norman Rozier was born on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1932, in Laurens County, Georgia, to Jim Fed and Everline Rozier. He attended the Royal Chapel School. He joined the United States Army and after three years of services, was honorably discharged. He worked at Pan American World Airways for 37 years retiring in 1985.

Affectionately known as Norman by family and friends, he lived on during his 92 years on earth. He joined the Williams Chapel Baptist Church at a young age and served willing in many capacities through the years.

In 1961, he wed the late Sallie H Rozier. They were married for 64 years. They had one son, the late Jerome Hayes, and two daughters, the late Norma Jean Rozier, and the late Charade Harrison. His siblings were Lady Bea Jimmerson Odessa Berry, , Autherline Ware, Sarah Macklin, Thelma Jackson, Jewell Reese, and Milton (M. C.) Rozier, Clester Rozier, Roosevelt Rozier, Willie James (Bobby) Rozier and Charles (C.J.) Rozier.

He transitioned on Saturday, March 1, 2025. He leaves behind a loving family to mourn his treasured memories including his five children, Ricky Rozier,

Brenda Rozier, Ruthie Rozier, Regina Danzy and Michael Rozier, all of Miami, Florida, bonus son, Ralph Arline of Leeville, Louisiana, one brother, Eddie (Ruth) Rozier of East Dublin, one son-in-law, Cletis Harrison of Miami, Florida, one sister-in-law, Christine Rozier of East Dublin, and one brother-in-law, Howard Ware of Detroit, Michigan, devoted grandson, Brad Rozier of Grand Rapids, Michigan, many great-grandchildren and a host of nieces nephews, cousins and many friends.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.



Callie Mae Bailey

Funeral services for Mrs. Callie Mae Bailey of Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 2 p.m. in the C.D. Dudley Memorial Chapel in the Dudley Funeral Home, 617 East Jackson Street in Dublin. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery.

Callie Mae Bailey was born on Tuesday, July 11, 1939, in Laurens County, Georgia, to the late James Mitchell and Susie Mae Edmond. She retired after 32 years of service at Fairview Park Hospital. She received the Humanitarian Award from the Southside Recognition Committee. As a pillar in her community, her home was open to anyone to share a meal whether you were old

or young. She was a member of the Faith Center Ministry where she was recognized as the mother of the church.

Mrs. Bailey passed away on Monday, March 17, 2025. She was surrounded by her family in her last days. She was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Bailey, sons, Ronnie Bailey, Freddie Bailey, grandson, Jo'siah Bell, great-grandson, Twan Loyd.

Callie is survived by her children, James Bailey, Larry (Debbie) Bailey, Patricia (Frankie) Lloyd, Letha (Willie) Bailey and Glenda (Larry) Bailey, her brother, Lamar Mitchell, sister, Mage Mitchell, her loving aunt, Mable Edmond, 17 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, as well as a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.

ALMANAC

Today is the 81st day of 2025 and the third day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1882, Congress passed an act that made polygamy a felony.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Beer and Wine Revenue Act, which legalized the sale of alcoholic beverages.

In 1945, the Arab League charter was adopted in Cairo.

In 1995, cosmonaut Valeri Polyakov returned to Earth after completing the longest single spaceflight in history, at 437 days, 18 hours.

In 2017, a terrorist attack near the Palace of Westminster in London left six dead and more than 50 injured.

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter moon (March 22).

NEWS DIGEST

THE DUBLIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 24, at the board of education office. Items on the agenda include:

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes
- DCS Board norm/protocol
- Public comments
- Superintendent announcements/comments
- General administration
- Amazing Shake Competition at Ron Academy
- DCS Board Norms and Protocols
- Selection of Exemplary Committee for GSBA Board Recognition Program

- GSBA Dublin City Schools Action Plan 2024-2025
- GSBA Summer Conference update
- Financials
- FY25 Budget Amendment 1
- Executive Session
- a. Discussion of personnel
- b. Discussion of real estate
- c. Discussion of litigation
- Return to regular session
- Approval of personnel
- Board member comments
- Adjourn

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Go to church Easter Sunday

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Perhaps as a yougster, with so many other things to do, regular church attendance was an allegiance not of your choice. Now you are along the highway of life to realize more clearly the comfort and peace to be found in His Word. There is strife and hatred on other shores... your own responsibilities and cares may have increased in many fold. Find the hope, the composure you seek in your church this Easter, Sunday. No doubt you are planning to attend.

EASTER MUSIC AT CHURCHES

First Baptist
"Victorious King," an Easter choir cantata will be rendered by the choir of the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning proclaiming the glorious Easter day.
The cantata includes solos, duets, and the chorus for women's and men's voices with Miss Grace Cowart, Mrs. W.S. Reese, Mrs. Fred L. Brown, Mrs. C.C. Crockett, Mrs. M.Z. Claxton, and Cecil Walters,Jr. singing solo parts.

Mrs. F.R. Zetterower is the choir pianist, and members of the choir singing with those named above are these: sopranos, Misses Louise Rountree, Rose and Maria Waldron, Maude New Shepard, Tal Williams, T.H. McDaniel; altos, Flora Turlington, Mrs. E.B. Claxton; Tenor, Baum Wilkes; Bass, W.F. Willingham, J.W. Butler, Dr. C.H. Kittrell, Jim English.

Dr. C.D. Graves, pastor of the church, will conduct the devotional.

First Methodist
A program of beautiful music will be presented by th"e choir of the First Methodist Church in the church on Sunday morning at 11:30. Rev. J.N. Peacock, pastor of the church, will bring a message in keeping with the glorious season. He issues the invitation, "Let us worship the risen Christ his Sabbath Day.
"The glorious Easter tide comes around again. What a

sad world if it did not arrive. It comes to bring us hope and good cheer and to make something within every heart say, 'I am immortal, and those who have gone on I hold dearer today than I did before they passed to their reward.'

"The morning hour is 'Why I believe in the Resurrection.' It is not a time for argument about a mystery, but for the exercise of faith in the things that cannot be seen."

The choir will use as Voluntary the anthem, "The Entry into Jerusalem." They will also sing the anthem, "The Dawn of a Wonderful Day." Mrs. Annelie Peacock Brown, soloist, will sing, "In the End of the Sabbath" by Oley Speaks. Edison Harbin's solo will be "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Mrs. James F. Flanders is the organist, and Mrs. James R. Laney is the pianist for the singers. As an offertory, they will play a piano and organ duo, "Meditation at the [[Cross."

Members of the choir are Sopranos - Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Sam Swinson, and Miss Annie Moore
Altos - Misses Mary Peacock and Emma Tarpley
Tenors - Edison Harbin and Neely Peacock,Jr.
Bass - James F. Flanders

PIGGLY WIGGLY OPENS

Piggly Wiggly Southern, Inc., Vidalia-based chain, opened its 55th supermarket, coming to Dublin on Wednesday, February 26. This new supermarket is located in the Westgate Shopping Center in front of the Veterans Hospital. A grand opening celebration began when the doors opened at 8:30 A.M. and continued through Wednesday, March 5.

There was a \$1,000 cash giveaway and free gifts for the ladies and children plus special low prices in every department of the store and S&H Green Stamps with every purchase.

This new Piggly Wiggly is over 30,000 square feet, equipped with colorful fixtures, pastel walls, terraz-

zo tile floors, 10 electronic checkstands, and automatic heating and cooling. Located within the aisles are over 152 feet of produce cases, 56 feet of dairy cases, 21 feet of frozen food and ice cream cases, and 140 feet of modern, self-service meat counters with Piggly Wiggly's vairety of meats. Also there are over 500 spaces for parking, assuring ample parking for customers.

The supermarket has an electronic ordering system,which enables the Manager to place his order by computer direct unto the Data processing Department at Piggly Wiggly Southern's headquarters in Vidalia.

Store Manager
This new store is managed by Claude Vines, former manager of the Fitzgerald Piggly Wiggly. A native of Laurens County, Vines has been with Piggly Wiggly for 17 years. He is a Mason and a Shriner and member of the Elks and Lions clubs. He is married to the former Celia Thoams, and they have three children, Chris, 13, Gina, 8, and Greg, 5. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C.E. Vines of Dublin.

Market Manager
Piggly Wiggly will now have two stores in Dublin with the opening of the one at West Gate. Hubert Sears, the manager of the downtown store for almost 14 years, will now move to the new store.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Dublin Civitan Club. He and his wife, Frances, have three children, Mrs. Mary Frances Coody of Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. Wylene Jones of St. Simons Island, and Hugh, a student at Georgia Southern College.

Downtown Store Manager
Reno Powell, manager of the downtown store for the past 11 years, will remain in that capacity. He has been with Piggly Wiggly for 11 years.

He was born and reared in Dodge County and is married to the former Leone Hough. They have two children, Renoe, 13, and

Tim, 7.
The Powells are members of the First Baptist Chrch. He is a member of the Dublin Kiwanis Club and the Downtown Merchants Association.

Downtown Market Manager
The new market manager downtown will be Billy Mathis, former market manager in Augusta. He has been with Piggly Wiggly for 17 years.

A Laurens Count nataive, he is married to the former Rachel Waites, and they have four children, Billy, David, Ronnie, an Jeff. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Mathis of Dublin, Route 4. He is a member of the Bethesda Baptist Church.

Produce Manager
Wayne Wyatt, produce manager at the downtown store, will move to the new store in the same capacity.

Fisher Barfoot, formerly of Laurens County, is Vice President, Marketing of the Piggly Wiggly Southern, Inc.

6,000 JOBLESS REGISTERED

More than 6,000 workers are registred with the Dublin office of the Georgia State Employment Service, and approximately 5000 of them are available for work at the present time, Manager Aubarin U. Hogan said today.

The employment service through the local and other offices located at employment centers throughout the state, Mr. Hogan said, is charged with the responsibility of bringing together jobless men and women jobs at absolutely no cost to the worker or employer.

Jobs filled by the public employment offices are of three primary types: (1) with private employers, (2) in public employment, that is, on work of regular governmental units - federal, state, or local, or on public construction projects, and (3) on work-relief projects. Placements in private employment now compose the greatest part of all placements made through the offices he said.

Petition For Review - Appeal From Magistrate Court: Swift Transportation Company Of Arizona LLC V. George Welch

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Garnishment: Capital One V. Julie Alexander & Warehouse Home Furnishings; Capital One V. Towan-



By HARRIETT CLAXTON

U.S. 1812 MEETS
When the roll call was made a at the March meeting of the Thomas McCall Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812, it was found that every local member was present. The chapter also has many out of town members. Miss Katharine Chappell, president, was in charge, and Mrs. S.M. Kellam, secretary, assisted.

Hostesses of the afternoon meeting were Mrs. R.E. Garrard, Mrs. Izzie Bashinsk Mrs. E.B. Freeman, and Mrs. E.T. Barnes, in whose hospitable home the meeting was held.

The home was a bower of spring flowers; rare blossoms of daffodils of the newer varieties, purple and white roman hyacinths and campanelle jonquils were used as decoration.

To add to the ocasion of the meeting, there were two distinguished 1812 members from other chapters. Miss Anna Gordon Palmer of the Governor Milledge Chapter of Augusta, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Stevens, Sr., and Mrs. Frank Callan of Ilion, New York, the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Callan. She is at present the President of the New York 1812 Officers Club and is past State President of the Daughters of 1812.

The Thomas McCall Chapter is fortunate in having the State President a member of the chapter, Mrs. John Samuel Adams, who has just returned from Florida. She brought a message to the chapter of three chapters that have been organized from the Thomas McCall Chapter. They are General David Blackshear

Victor Davidson, prominent Georgia historian, will address the chapter at the April meeting.
At the close of the meeting, the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

PINETUCKY NEWS
Miss Mamie Register, Sam, and M.C. Register were Saturday guests of Mrs. Gladys Kennedy, Bo, and Audry Lee.
Issac Carey made a busines trip to Dublin last Monday.
Charles Brantley is improving after a recent illness with flu and whooping cough, friends are delighted to learn.

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Contempt - Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Vs Destiny Smith Et Al Vs. Donovan Smith; GA Dept of EX REL Kasen Bell vs. Travis Bell; GA Dept of EX REL Victoria Jones Vs. Tevin Jones; Ga Dept Of Ex Rel Christopher Wrong Davis Vs Christopher Davis

Complaint To Do-

FROM THE RECORD

Marriages: Danny Paul Powell to Kelly Ann Dinicolantonio; Dawson Steven Brooks to Rachael Renae Ellis; John Berry Kennedy to Joni Annette Roberts; Darius Tywon Stanley to Mikayla Nishae Wiggins; Brody Bonham Tucker to Macie Gabrielle Mccary

Modification Of Child Custody & Child Support: Jody Allen V. Roxie

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Complaint For Divorce: Aaliyah Melton V. Kwequeonna Ward; Antonio O'Neal V. Tiffany Collick

Contempt: Sarah Wright V. Rita Todd

Complaint For Contract: OneMain Financial Group LLC V. Derek Durham

Contract: Bank Of America V. Christopher Dollar; Navy Federal Credit Union V. Kelvin Wright; Consolidated Chassis Management LLC V. Driven By Purpose (GA) Llc

Real Property: William F.B. Moorman V. William R.B. Moorman & Lisa Pasley

TO ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF

CADWELL VOTING PRECINCT

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-262© it appearing that in order to better serve the Voters in the aforesaid Voting Precinct of Laurens County, Georgia, the alterations of the bounds of Cadwell Precinct will be combined with the Reedy Springs Precinct, and

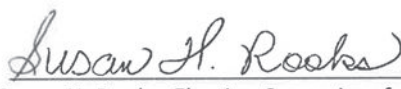
WHEAREAS, the existing Polling Place at Cadwell Baptist Church is no longer available, the building not belonging to Laurens County, the need to consolidate the Voting Precincts and move to a different location is apparent, and

WHEAREAS, it being the responsibility of the Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration to provide the citizens with an adequate and convenient place in which to cast their ballot.

NOTICE is hereby given that effective June 17, 2025, the Cadwell Precinct will be combined with the Reedy Springs Precinct and all qualified electors who reside within the Cadwell Precinct will be required to cast their ballot at:

REEDY SPRINGS PRECINCT
Rentz Fire Department
215 Davidson St.
Rentz, GA 31075

Any person objecting thereto is hereby given notice that they must file their objections in writing with the Office of the Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration 117 E Jackson St Dublin, GA or mail them to said office at P. O. Box 2130 Dublin, GA 31040. Such filings must be received no later than April 07, 2025 at 5:00 PM, the date upon which the foregoing matter will be considered.


Susan H. Roofs, Election Supervisor for
Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration
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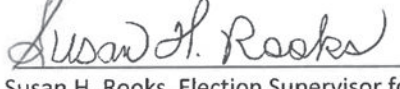
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH/ FAMILY LIFE CENTER PRECINCT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-265, you are hereby notified of proposed changes in the Election Day polling location for those voters in the First Baptist Church/Family Life Center Precinct. The Board of Elections and Registration plan to relocate the voters registered within the City Limits of Dublin, GA to the Calhoun Park Precinct located at Stubbs Park Community Center Gym 309 N Calhoun St. Dublin, GA effective for the next scheduled election on June 17, 2025.

WHEAREAS, the existing Polling Place at First Baptist Church/Family Life Center is currently used for Federal, State, County and/or Special Elections for those voters in said precinct. All City of Dublin Elections are held at the Calhoun Park Precinct which causes confusion for voters when there is a Federal, State, County and/or Special Election in conjunction with a City of Dublin Election. This involves said voters to go to both Precincts to vote.

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Crazy Uncle Kyle's cabinet of curiosities - the sword

Writer's note: Though Uncle Kyle is enjoying teaching you the alphabet, and the importance of literacy, we're going to take a break this week. Few things are as important as a quality, formal education, but occasionally shirking that obligation is vital for quality of life. I mean, I did as often as possible, and just look at me now ... So this week, let's have a little story time. The following tale is from my exploits as a young man and is 100 percent true, except for the parts I made up.

The sword was tucked away in the corner of a booth at an antique mall, hidden behind a sundry list of items, mostly junk, tables and an old desk laden with picture frames, paper weights and a collection wood-carved statuettes of cloaked monks adorned with prayer beads and a holy book spread open across their small, opened hands.

I found the weapon leaning against the partitions, fashioned from two by fours and garden lattice dyed a putrid brown. It was like the object called out to me, drew me within sight of the long handle, black with gold trim, jutting out from behind the monk statues.

"How much for the sword?" I asked the proprietor of that little section of the shop, an old woman hiding behind a pair of dark sunglasses with a cigarette clutched between her fingers.

She lifted her hand to her face and inhaled deeply through the cylinder of burning tobacco.



By KYLE DOMINY

"Twenty dollars," she answered through a cloud of blue smoke. "To one that is worthy."

I reached into my pocket and what did I have on me? A picture of former president and all-around-terrible-person Andrew Jackson.

"Throw in one of the monks, and you have a deal." I said.

The old woman removed her glasses and looked at me with piercing, wizened eyes. She was sizing me up, at-

tempting to judge if I was this chosen one worthy to wield the armament.

"To purchase that sword, you have to pass the test," she said after a long silence.

What sort of labor would I have to endure to purchase that relic? Slay a foul beast? Rescue a fair maiden? Lead an army of misfits through some conquest? I was simply trying to waste an afternoon in a rubbish store and now my very manhood was being put to the test.

"What you have to do," she said, taking another long drag on the cigarette, one of those long, thin kind that old ladies seemed to always smoke. "Is get over all this junk and get it out of the corner."

Theseus himself couldn't have done better than I did shuffling around seven odd-shaped tables and climbing over the executive style desk. I didn't even knock over the picture frames, propped up by their flimsy cardboard flaps. I removed the sword from its prison. It was heavier than I imagined, and it would take all my strength to get it back across the desk and around the tables. I mustered all the power I had and made it back to the starting point.

Triumphantly, I handed the woman the \$20.

"Grab one of the statues too, honey," she said.

The sword remains in my possession. After storing it for several years, it now rests at the ready by my desk. People often ask me, "Why do you have a sword at your desk?"

The better question is "Why do you not?"

Walter Clevenger

When this writer came to the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in 1991, one of the first WW II veterans he met was "Buckeye."

He was in the main lobby of the VA to welcome me and to hand me a real ... buckeye ... thus his nickname.

He always had buckeyes in his pockets to present to persons he met for the first time. He and I became good friends right from the start.

"Buckeye" was not only the unofficial greeter at the VA, he was positive, optimistic, and an encourager of others.

He always had his fellow veterans at heart and did everything he could possibly do to make life a little better for his fellow veterans.

For example, he organized wheelchair escorts for our Sunday morning chapel services to insure that all



By JACK BROWN

patients who wanted to attend chapel services could do so.

He was almost like a busy traffic cop on Sunday morning ... sending an escort to one ward and another escort to a ward in the opposite direction. We chaplains were

honored to have the faithful services of "Buckeye," a dedicated Christian brother and servant of others.

"Buckeye" was promoted to glory in 1994, and we chaplains had the honor of conducting his graveside funeral service in the military section of Dublin Memorial Gardens.

I think if he could speak to us right now he would say something like this: "I am OK now; don't worry about me; just take good care of the veterans."

Scripture states: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Thank you "Buckeye," for living among us and for encouraging us to be better people. You have been a good friend, especially to other veterans and you are remembered in honor.

I salute you.
Peace!

NEWS DIGEST

The Laurens County Board of Education will hold a called meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Pledge
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of the purchase of property
- Executive session - personnel
- Approval of personnel
- Adjourn

The Dublin Housing Authority board of commissioners will be held on

Thursday, March 27 at 5 p.m. at the administrative building in the James W. Strickland boardroom located at 500 W. Mary St. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Roll call of members
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recognition of guests/presentations
- Approval of the regular minutes of Feb. 27 minutes
- Financial reports: check history reports, TAR reports, 90 day forecast
- Old business
- New business
- Executive director's re-

port

- Commissioners comments
- Adjournment

The Town of Cadwell will hold a council meeting on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Cadwell Town Hall. The agenda follows:

- Call meeting to order
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes
- Approval of financial statements
- Old business
- New business
- Comments
- Acknowledge visitors
- Adjourn

AT THE LOCAL LIBRARY

Classic Movie Monday will be held at the Laurens County Library on Monday, March 24 from 10 a.m.- noon in the auditorium. Enjoy this 1977 space fantasy in which a young man joins a rebel alliance working to overthrow an evil empire that's taking over the galaxy. For movie title, please visit oclrl.org/lc-events. Coffee and popcorn will be served. PG, 121 mins.

Mechatronics Monday will be held at the Laurens County Library on Monday, March 24, from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Drop by your LEGO Technic lab every Monday. Build with LEGO gears, motors, and more! Learn coding, too. Ages 8+ recommended.

Children's Storytime will be held at the Laurens County Library on Tuesday,

March 25, at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in our children's center. Join us for our weekly storytime where little ones can enjoy stories, dancing, and crafts.

BUILD! will be held at the Laurens County Library on Wednesday, March 25, from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in our children's center. For teens to toddlers, it's our weekly LEGO® and Duplo® building event!

Together! At the Library will be held at the Laurens County Library on Thursday, March 26, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of stories, crafts, and LEGOS. Activities are tailored for adults with developmental disabilities.

Yard & Garden Se-

ries: Houseplant Care will be held at the Laurens County Library on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Join us as we learn how to take good care of our houseplants with County Extension Agent J. Raymond Joyce.

Fantastic Futures: Dublin FanCon 2025 will be held at the Laurens County Library on Saturday, March 29th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us as we celebrate sci-fi, fantasy, comics, LEGO, cosplay and more! We will have games, speakers, and exhibitors throughout the library, along with a video game trailer and food trucks in the parking lot. Costumes are encouraged. Learn more at: oclrl.org/fancon-2025

Moment of Inspiration

Listening to God

Psalm 46:10 Be still and know I am God

What does God say to us? How does He say it? How can we know when we have heard him? What can we do to hear Him better? We could spend the rest of our lives learning how to recognize God's voice, but if we seek Him, we can be confident that He will make Himself available to us. If we listen, He will speak. And if we believe what we have heard, He will show us even more. God always seeks to take us deeper into His will and draw us closer to Himself.

Listening to God is a process, a journey and an adventure. It may take time, but it's worth the effort. He promises that those who seek Him will be rewarded with His presence and His voice. The words of the living God are powerful and life-changing. May He bless your desire to hear Him.

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

Pastors if you would like to share a devotional please email to: advertisingtch@gmail.com

These merchants and The Courier Herald take pride in presenting this message and encourage you to attend the church of your choice.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Dublin Housing Authority has developed its Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review at the Authority's Administrative Northside Office located at 500 West Mary Street. The hours of Plan availability are Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This administrative office closes daily from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing for 2025-2029 Plan will be on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the Verline P. Copenny Community Center, 2B(C) West Mary Street, Dublin, Georgia beginning at 5:00 p.m.

All citizens are invited to attend this hearing to discuss this plan. Should special requirements for foreign language interpretation be necessary, please contact Brenda B. Smith, Executive Director, before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2025, so arrangements can be made.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: How do I tell my friend I feel she needs a mental health evaluation? She has been my closest friend for 20 years, and we have been through many trials together. She has been married for a couple of years to a man who seems very nice.

Abby, she is convinced that she's being followed, but doesn't know by whom or why. She tells me about terrible arguments she has with her husband because she thinks he orchestrated situations in public places. For instance, she claims he seats himself in a position to look at other women. The poor man is blind in one eye and has limited vision in the other. She also believes his ex-wife flirts with him and he is probably cheating with her, although they have been divorced for 20 years. She resents his contact with his grandkids and his family because of it. I should add that her mother was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's at around her age. It's heartbreaking to watch. I have mentioned it numerous times, as well as suggesting she speak to a pastor (she thinks the church may be in on it) or a therapist, but she tends to dodge it. If I try to contact her husband, she will start to think I'm a traitor. I don't know how to help. Please advise. -- TRAIN-WRECK IN ARIZONA

DEAR TRAINWRECK: From your description of your friend's paranoid and irrational behavior, she appears to be sick. Because neither you nor I are qualified to diagnose what has gone wrong with her, she needs to be evaluated by a doctor. It would not be betraying her to discuss this with her beleaguered husband, who may be at a loss about how to deal with her behavior. Rather than a betrayal, seeing that she gets help would be a tremendous favor.

DEAR ABBY: I am a "young" senior citizen (age 90). People sometimes think I'm in my early 60s because I look and act it. I have been widowed three times by women younger than I.

I recently met a woman I'm very attracted to. I think the feeling may be mutual. We have a lot in common. The first time we talked on the phone, the conversation lasted more than three hours. Last evening, I learned while talking on the phone with her that I'm older than her mother by one year. Would you advise me to "back off"? -- JUST A NUMBER IN COLORADO

DEAR JUST A NUMBER: If this woman's mother is 89, she probably had her daughter between the ages of 20 and 30. This would make the woman to whom you are attracted between 59 and 69. I see no reason for you to "back off" or obscure your age. Because the two of you have a lot in common, enjoy the relationship. (If she's brave enough to be with you after you have killed off three younger women, more power to her!)

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

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

ANSWER:

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers:
1. Extra plant on right 2. Flowers in blue pot 3. Squirrel in background 4. Missing plant on cart

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Nonfat, as milk
5 Ape closely related to humans
10 ___ and sciences
14 ___ and cheese
15 Vietnam's capital
16 Center of an apple
17 Utah ski town
18 When signaled: 2 wds.
19 Hype up
20 Nighttime illumination
22 Small tastes
23 WWII servicewoman: Abbr.
24 Rhino features
26 Most aerodynamic
31 Dog's tail movement
32 Measuring tools in baking
34 River blocker
37 Spoken
38 Fast-running bird
39 Casino cubes
40 Salary
41 Those traveling on foot
45 Angry fan's shout
46 Emphasizes
47 Disgusting
49 Consume
50 Church music group
52 Elevator alternative
58 Cobra feature
59 Perspiration
60 One-person performance
61 Otherwise
62 Tubular pasta
63 Yanks
64 Service charges
65 Put in
66 Historical periods

DOWN

- 1 Did the butterfly
2 Prefix with "gram"
3 Look ___ (investigate)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Created by Stella Zawistowski

- 4 Have good intentions: 2 wds.
5 Selections
6 Put on the wall
7 1/12 of a foot
8 River's end
9 Pizza, e.g.
10 Interim
11 Plant's anchors
12 Factually correct
13 Groups of gym reps
21 Tahoe or Titicaca
22 Supportive undergarments
25 Possess
26 Cease
27 "Doctor Zhivago" role
28 Auction website
29 Raced
30 Large books
31 Remove from office
34 Days in Spanish
35 Skin condition
36 Chaotic situation
39 Antipathy
41 Lacking money

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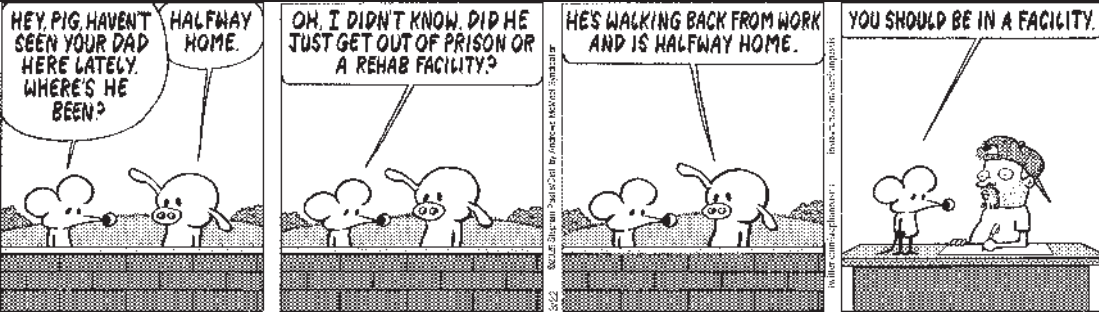
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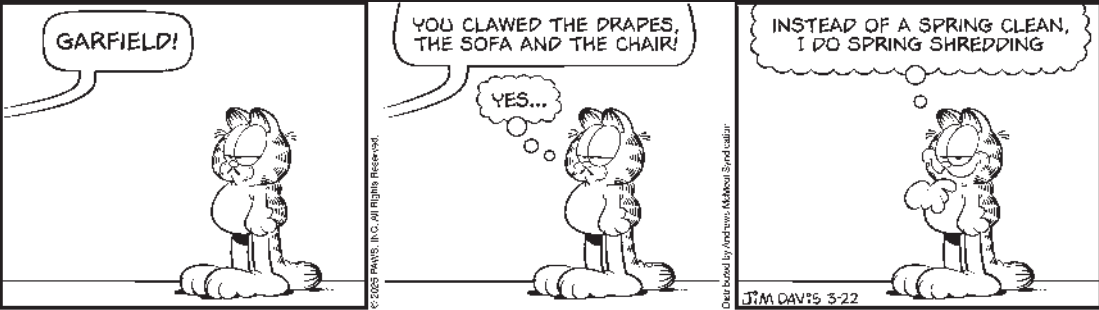
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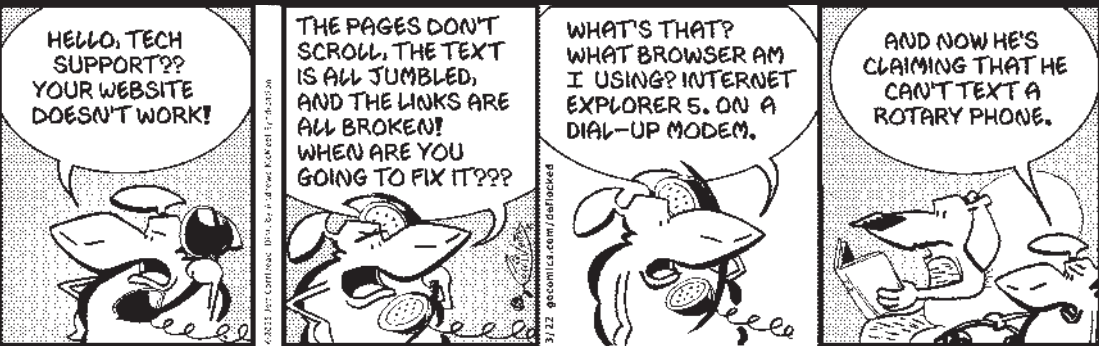
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DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to working from home.

F E C O I F

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Answer: Office

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in Louisiana on March 22, 1976. I was a fashion model at age seven. I had a breakout role as a party girl who sets her sights on Harvard Law School. I won several awards for playing a country star with an equally famous husband.

Answer: Reese Witherspoon

Saturday, March 22, 2025

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ Void ♥ 10 4 ♦ K 10 8 6 5 ♣ A J 9 8 6 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ 8 6 3 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ A K 4 3 ♣ K 6 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
10 Pass 2♣ Pass
?

What call would you make?

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

♠ K 3 ♥ A 8 7 5 3 ♦ A Q ♣ A J 9 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Dbl 2NT* Pass
?

*Heart fit, at least invitational values
What call would you make?

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

♠ K 7 ♥ K Q 10 6 ♦ K 8 7 6 5 ♣ Q 9

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ K Q 10 3 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ K 7 4

Partner deals and passes. Right-hand opponent also passes. What call would you make?

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

♠ 5 4 ♥ K Q 4 3 ♦ A Q ♣ A 10 9 6 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.
(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper.)

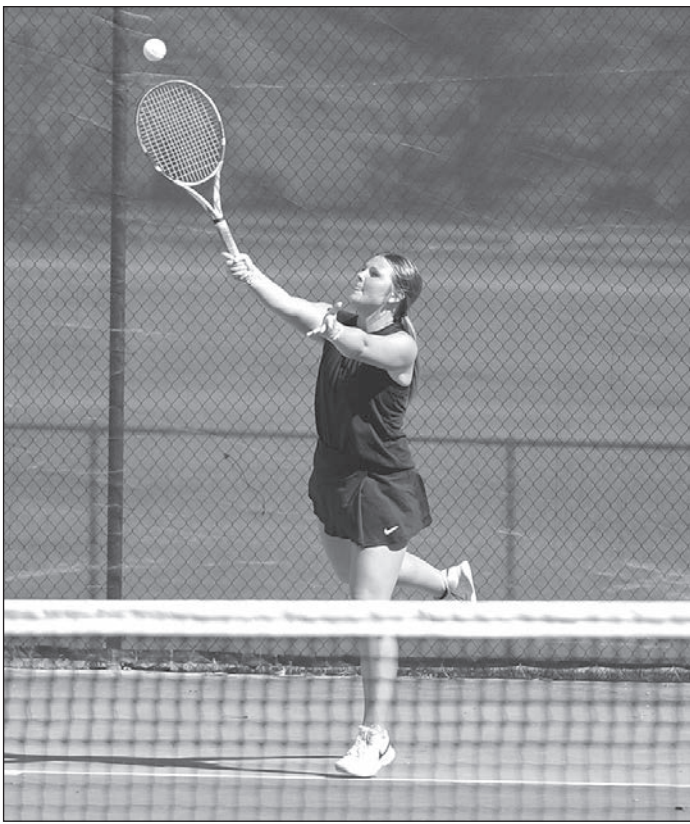
Crusaders capture third 2-AA win over Windsor

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

A sweep of Windsor Academy in their final home match of the regular season Thursday afternoon earned Trinity's tennis teams another region victory, its girls their third out of four and boys a second in three.

Trinity's boys gave up just a game in their two singles matches, with No. 1 Coleman Rogers winning 6-1, 6-0 and Hein Schaaf sweeping all 12 games over his two sets.

The Crusaders' No. 1 and No. 3 girls matches were both fairly hard-fought wins: No. 1 Emily Butler battled through two tough sets to win 7-5 and 6-3 and Sara Beth Gay bounced



GOING OUT WITH A WIN: Senior singles players Emily Butler (left) and Coleman Rogers (right) were among the winners for Trinity in its final home match of the regular season Thursday afternoon/CLAY REYNOLDS

back from a 4-6 first-set loss to win the second 6-2, and then take the third-set tiebreak 10-4.

No. 2 singles representative Sarah Hawkins, and the team of

Elizabeth Hill and Bethany Hawkins in the afternoon's only doubles match, both won in straight sets by scores of 6-1.

The Crusaders now have the

bulk of their schedule behind them as they look ahead to postseason

TRINITY
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Stuckey hoops tourney set for April 5

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER
HERALD

The annual AJS Tournament is returning for its fourth year on April 5, promising another exciting display of basketball talent. If you've attended previous tournaments, you know firsthand the electrifying atmosphere and high level of competition. This year will be no exception, featuring some of the region's most skilled players battling it out for the championship title.

Beyond the thrilling games, this event serves as a powerful tribute to the Stuckey family and all members of our community we've sadly lost. It's a time for remembrance and healing, a chance to come together and celebrate the lives touched by those we've mourned. The tournament is more than just a competition; it's a community gathering focused on support and shared memory.

As always, food and drinks will be provided for participating players, and refreshments will be available for purchase by spectators. The energy and camaraderie are always incredible.

The tournament, held at the Dublin High School gym, is open to adults and high school-aged players. If you're interested in participating, please register your team as soon as possible. Contact Justin Lowther or Odell Anderson to secure your spot.

We eagerly anticipate your presence at this meaningful and exciting event. Let's come together, remember, and celebrate!

All proceeds go to the Dr. Anthony JaRoy Stuckey Scholarship created to honor his life and legacy by Bobbie Lowther just weeks after the tragic death of Stuckey, his wife, Elysea, son A.J., and unborn daughter, Eva, on March 14, 2021.

To date, nine \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded to deserving seniors at Dublin High School. Scholarship applications are available now, and seniors are asked to check with their school counselor and submit their application before the deadline.



FLYING SOLO: Falcon singles players Ty Baumann (left) and Allison Williams (right) take on Bleckley County Wednesday afternoon/CLAY REYNOLDS



Falcons fall to Bleckley, but faring well late in season

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

East Laurens High School's tennis squads took a couple on the chin against Bleckley County in home matches Wednesday afternoon, but are otherwise off to an overwhelmingly good start to the 2025 season.

The slight setback, in a first of this week's back-to-back matches, was only a second loss for the Lady Falcons and a third for the boys

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Crusaders pull out late run to put away Piedmont

By JEREMY PAYNE
Correspondent

The Trinity Crusaders faced off with Piedmont Academy on Thursday in a non-region tilt, and though the weather was a little cool and windy, the Crusaders were able to come away with a 4-3 win.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the third when Asher Evans and Braden Underwood both singled with one out. Starting pitcher Carter Lee came up next with a chance to help his own cause, and the junior did just that as he ripped a 2-0 pitch over the fence in left for a three-run homer and a 3-0 lead.

Lee allowed a leadoff single in the fourth. Following a sac bunt and a strikeout, Brayden Ross also homered to left to make the score 3-2.

That score held until the top of the sixth, when Ben Helton came on in relief and gave up a leadoff walk. A botched pickoff attempt allowed the runner to go all the way to third, and a single tied the contest for Piedmont at 3-3.

Following a double, Helton was pulled for Cesar Rodriguez, who got a strikeout for the first out of the frame before issuing a walk.

The next hitter lined into a double play to end the inning with the score still tied.

Carson Shepherd would lead off the bottom of the sixth with a hit and advanced to second on

a sacrifice bunt. Following an error, Helton redeemed himself with an RBI single that proved to be the game-winner.

Lee and Evans led the offense with two hits each. Helton, Underwood, Shepherd and Kolbi Grooms also had hits.

Lee allowed just three hits and two runs in five innings. He walked three and struck out two. Rodriguez got the win in relief with two scoreless innings. He walked two and struck out two.

Trinity (6-2, 1-2 region) completes its series with Windsor Friday afternoon in Macon, then will host John Hancock Monday.

Tough sledding for Raiders against top arms of WACO, Bleckley

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

A second non-region win of the season wasn't far from West Laurens' reach in an extra-inning thriller with Morgan County Monday night. But the Raiders wouldn't get nearly as close as their hunt, and several-game homestand, continued Wednesday and Thursday.

Washington and Bleckley counties, both with a next-to-unhittable starter pitching on their behalf, shut things down on the home side to hand West Laurens losses two and three in a row.

WACO ace Ty Mobley held the Raiders to just three hits in a 7-1 outcome Wednesday. BC's Brady Brannon would blank them entirely in five no-hit innings of a pure beatdown Thursday, as the Royals rode 13 hits to a 14-0 shut-out.

After a few days to regroup, West Laurens (10-7, 9-0 region 4-AAA) will get back at it Monday night in another non-region matchup with Veterans.

Singles by Nathan Hester, J.J. Giles and Kolby Clark – all on Wednesday – were the Raid-

ers' only hits in the back-to-back set. The first represented the lone RBI, chasing home Mason Dunn after a leadoff walk to knock a run off of the Golden Hawks' early 4-0 lead.

The latter two bookended the first out of a fruitless sixth inning, after WACO had tacked on three more to lead by the final count, when an end to the inning with both left on base likely dealt a final blow to any chances of a comeback.

Otherwise, West Laurens couldn't do much with Mobley, whose fastball was tough to time, and bending slider a nasty complement that got multiple Raider hitters handcuffed.

The Auburn commit, who struck out six and walked only three before approaching his pitch limit at the end of six complete, handed things off to Brayden Lanthrip for three orderly outs in the final inning.

WACO's lineup didn't have nearly the field day Bleckley County would the next afternoon, but struck for eight timely hits to take advantage of five free passes and a couple of costly errors.

No Hawk except Mack May

had multiple base knocks, but Lanthrip, Mitch Archer and Rylan Jenkins would all come through with key RBIs.

Lanthrip's accompanied an error and a wild pitch that played into the three-run second inning – following a 1-2-3 first for either side. Archer singled to follow up a double by Christian Rountree and build the lead up to 4-0 in the third. Jenkins', after a May single and a Colton Brown walk, scored the last two in the sixth that provided the dagger).

West Laurens defenders turned two outstanding double plays to keep the Hawks without a run in the fifth or seventh. Starting pitcher Cohen Cardwell caught a line drive that was baring down on him at the mound, and turned to double up a runner to get most of the way to a final out of his last inning in the fifth. Dugan Malone did the same from second with a quick toss to first to end the top of the seventh.

Cardwell gave up six hits and five runs, walking three, in five innings of work. Tayt Evans and Ethan Waldrep contributed an inning each in relief. Evans' tab included two hits and runs, two

walks and a strikeout. Waldrep fanned one of his three faced.

The Raiders started Thursday's game in a similar early deficit, as Bleckley struck for two right off the bat in the first on hits by Breaan Cravey and Clayton Beck that both rode the strong wind beyond the reach of defenders.

And the hole only got deeper.

Malone got Austin Youn looking for a third out to stop the first-inning damage there. But the Royals were back to add on an unearned third run in the second on the RBI single of Walker Boatright.

The game came completely undone as the Royals brought 12 to the plate in both the third and the fourth, and scored a total of 11.

Three of their six hits – for six runs – in the earlier frame were sacrifice bunts that West Laurens infielders couldn't get to. A couple came after Cravey's leadoff base hit to load the bases.

Youn's infield fly, which again drifted in the breeze just outside the range of two middle infielders to land in center, scored a fourth. Brannon and Boatright both cracked singles for two RBIs apiece, and Josh Dillard reached

on another bunt, to assist in breaking the game open.

The 9-0 lead grew by five thanks mostly to three walks for West Laurens relievers Ethan Waldrep and Evans in the fourth. Two singles to take Beck's daily line to 4-for-4, a couple of errors, a Youn single and two fielders' choice plays mixed into the second-straight outburst to leave the Royals a run short of the 15 they'd've needed to end the game with three more outs.

The remaining six were no issue for Brannon, who'd walked and stranded both of the two Raiders to reach base through three. Back-to-back flubs in the field on ground balls to open the fourth got two more men aboard before the Royals' hurler took matters into his own hands and proceeded to strike out his next three to end the inning.

Brannon got the fifth inning side 1-2-3, getting the last man swinging to take his strikeout total to eight.

The West Laurens staff combined to walk six and strike out four.

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Pickleball: Two local players win 'Golden Tickets,' others medal at recent events

By LAURA CARTER
Submitted by Dublin Pickleball Association

Dublin Pickleball Association (DPA) members played in two tournaments over the past week. The UTR Sports' Macon Open (USA Pickleball's Golden Ticket Tournament) was held at Rhythm & Rally in Macon from March 12-16. According to USA Pickleball's website, "Golden Ticket tournaments are the only guaranteed path for amateur players to play in the USA Pickleball National Championships, the premier tournament in

the sport of pickleball. Only at these tournaments will gold medal winners earn a 'Golden Ticket' for the exclusive opportunity to pre-register for Pickleball Nationals." Competitors hailed from 27 states including Hawaii and Washington and one from Canada. DPA members, Dawn Howerton and Eva Martin both of East Dublin, entered in the Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles events. Howerton won a Golden Ticket in Women's Singles skill level 4.0, age 65+. Dawn and teammate, Brandy Kraker (Palm Beach,

Fla.) won silver medals in the Women's Doubles skill level 4.0, age 50+. Dawn and teammate, Brett Boston (Milledgeville) finished fourth in Mixed Doubles skill level 4.0, age 60+. Eva Martin won two Golden Tickets. One in the Women's Singles skill level 4.0, age 70+ bracket. The other with teammate, Nancy Owens (Macon) in Women's Doubles skill level 4.5, age 70+. Eva and teammate, Cam Morton (Mayville, N.Y.) won a bronze medal in Mixed Doubles skill level 4.5, age 70+. Major League Pickleball's Atlan-

ta Bouncers partnered with Dink'D Pickleball to bring the first Southern Pickleball event to Dink'd Pickleball's nine-court facility in Augusta on March 14-15. A total of 138 Players from locations throughout Georgia and South Carolina competed in 14 events. DPA members, Sandy Souza and Lindsay Shuman both of Dublin, won gold medals in the Women's Doubles 3.0 skill level, age 35-49. Lindsay and teammate, Clem Bell (Macon) won Silver in the mixed doubles 3.0 skill level, age 5-39.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL Wednesday Swainsboro 10, Dublin 0 Washington Co. 7, West Laurens 1
Thursday East Laurens def. Central Macon (forfeit) Trinity 4, Piedmont 3 Bleckley Co. 14, WL 0
GIRLS SOCCER Tuesday West Laurens 10, Howard 0

PREP SCHEDULE

BASEBALL Friday Dublin at Northeast /4:30 p.m. ACE at East Laurens Trinity at Windsor/6 p.m.
Monday John Hancock at Trinity /4 p.m. EL at Montgomery Co. Treutlen at Dublin /5:30 p.m. Veterans at West Laurens /6 p.m.
Tuesday EL at Southwest Macon /4:30 p.m. Howard at WL/5:30 p.m. Central Fellowship at Trinity/6 p.m.
Wednesday Jefferson Co. at EL/6 p.m.
Thursday Trinity at CFCA/4 p.m. ACE Charter at Dublin /5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 28 WL at Howard/4 p.m. Dublin at ACE Charter Southwest at EL/6 p.m.
SOCCER Friday WL at Trinity/4:30 p.m. Northeast at EL/5 p.m.
Saturday John Milledge at Trinity /11 a.m.
Monday Trinity at RTCA/5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Harlem at WL/5 p.m. Hawkinsville at Dublin (boys) Vidalia Heritage at Trinity /5:30 p.m.
Thursday CFCA at Trinity WL at Baldwin/5 p.m. Jefferson Co. at Dublin /5:30 p.m.
TENNIS Monday WL at Jeff Davis/4 p.m.
Tuesday EL at Dublin/4 p.m.
Wednesday EL at Central Macon/4 p.m.

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HIGHLIGHT REEL: MORE SCENES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEPRECHAUN ROAD RACE

THE REAL VEAL:
Ethan Veal, shown competing against Bleckley County on the No. 2 singles court Wednesday, has been another of the players the East Laurens boys have leaned on so far in a 6-3 start to the campaign/**CLAY REYNOLDS**

EAST
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through eight matches. "We're doing pretty good," East Laurens head coach Roscoe Rowe. "We're just having a hard time beating those elite schools." The Royals were tough for anyone to shake in Wednesday's losses, by finals of 5-0 on either side, but both teams went on the road for a bounce-back Thursday in rematches with Hawkinsville, whom East had swept by 4-1 finals in its first match of the spring back in February. The boys collected another 4-1 win, though the girls – with several regular players unable to make the trip – were defeated by the same final. Both now share overall records of 6-3. The Falcons have looked to

several at the top of their lineup, featuring Allison Williams at No. 1 girls singles and Ty Baumann and Ethan Veal side-by-side in the first and second boys singles slots, as go-tos. Other key players, who've moved around a bit between different spots in the starting order over the course of the season, have included Maggie Foskey, Zayda De La Cruz, Reagan Sasser, Kylie Jones, Madison Ne-Smith and Brailyn Christy on the girls' side, and Owen Williams, Hank Murphy, Luis Roman, Javier Lopez and Jason Giles on the boys'. Both teams were scheduled to resume region action in a rivalry match at Dublin next Tuesday.

TRINITY
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play beginning with the region 2-AA tournament April 14 at Georgia College. "I have a great group of kids, and a great group of parents," said second-year Trinity head coach Tanner Evans. "A lot of the kids are newer to tennis, but everyone is improving and working hard, and we're continuing to work on moving forward as a team... We focus just as much on character as we do on our performance." Senior players led the way for the Crusaders in

two victories over Central Fellowship and Gatewood to open the region schedule. Butler built on a winning performance in early matches against Robert Toombs and CFCA to pull out a key victory against Gatewood, after splitting her opening sets 7-5 and 1-6, by winning the tiebreak 10-5. "That was a really big match for her," Evans said. "She played really well and competed really hard to pull that match out." Hill, another senior, and her teammate Hawkins also got three early victories in the same matches, the latest a shutout of Gatewood in an

eight-game pro set. The Trinity boys, and their three-man senior class of Rogers, Gage Garnto and Levi Preston, have not faced as much opposition from opponents with fewer players to match up, but chalked up an equally strong start in the handful of matches they played against Gatewood and CFCA, before a loss earlier this week to Brentwood. Rogers recorded singles wins in both, while Garnto and Preston teamed up to take down an opposing doubles team against the Lancers.

CLOCKWORK: Sarah Hawkins (above), along with a doubles team made up of Elizabeth Hill and Beth Hawkins who played on the same far court, cranked out straight-set wins by identical scores of 6-1 in Thursday's win/**CLAY REYNOLDS**

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Starting salary is \$37,222.61 annually for a trainee or \$41,428.74 annually for a Class III Operator. An extensive fringe benefit package including health, dental and life insurance is also offered.

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Legals

25-130
CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
Initials: I.W.
SEX: M
DOB: 04/20/2018
FILE#34.13920.1683
CASE#24J-0305
A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MARQUISHA WILEY, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the child named above. The mother of said child is Marquisha Wiley. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above style 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 7th day of March 2025; YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 14th of May, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock AM. The hearing is for the purpose of TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. WITNESS THE HONORABLE PENNY MANNING SNIPES, Judge of said Court, this 7th day of March 2025. /s/ Penny Manning Snipes, 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 March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-136
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Re: DORIS ELAINE STEPHENS, ESTATE #20-161
All debtors and creditors of the Estate of Doris Elaine Stephens, deceased, late of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands and payments to the Personal Representative of the estate, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the Personal Representative. This 19th day of March, 2025. C. Lewis Tippet Attorney for the Estate PO Box 59 Vidalia, GA 30475 March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-118
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDIA THERESA ALLEN, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Claudia Theresa Allen, 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. Kenneth Allen Sr Executor of the Estate of Claudia Theresa Allen, deceased 307 Pinehurst Drive, Dublin, GA 31021 March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2025

25-124
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS
All creditors of the estate of Evelyn Moore Ussery, deceased, as of late December 1, 2024, Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned: Laurens County Probate Court Clerk, Tis is the 13 day of March, 2025. Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-123
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS
All creditors of the estate of Earnest Lee Ussery, deceased, as of late October 25, 2025, Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned: Laurens County Probate Court Clerk, Tis is the 13th day of March, 2025. Donald Lewis Roberts, Attorney March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-111
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
Georgia, County of Laurens
All creditors of the estate of Luman Carpenter Earle, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned: Laurens County Probate Court PO Box 2098, Dublin, Georgia, 31040 This 5th day of March, 2025. Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

25-094
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CALE VERN ADAMS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-37
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO: whom it may concern:
CORY JACK ADAMS AND LAURA ADAMS has petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of Cale Vern Adams deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 31, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to

file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson, Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-058
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from DANIEL D STINSON to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC, AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., dated October 3, 2006, recorded October 10, 2006, in Deed Book 1828, Page 157, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$146,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT NO. 316 OF THE 17TH LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.8 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE WESTERN MARGIN OF STATE ROUTE #19 AND BEING 268.6 FEET NORTH OF THE EXTENSION OF THE CENTER LINE OF THAT CERTAIN COUNTY ROAD RUNNING FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 45 DEGREES 42 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 283.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 44 DEGREES 38 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 234.2 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 03 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 353.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF STATE ROUTE #19, THENCE ALONG SAID BOUNDARY SOUTH 30 DEGREES 17 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 277.2 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY DANIEL R. RIGGS, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, #1533, DATED JULY 20, 1971. SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED INTO THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO, SAID PLAT HAVING BEEN RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 404, FOLIO 623, CLERK'S OFFICE, LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 2541 HWY 19 SOUTH, DUBLIN, GA 31021.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is DANIEL D STINSON, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, Telephone Number: 888-818-6032. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

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as Attorney in Fact for DANIEL D STINSON

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Attorney Contact: Ruben Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SPS-24-03567-2 Ad Run Dates 03/08/2025, 03/15/2025, 03/22/2025, 03/29/2025 rlselaw.com/property-listing March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

25-104
STATE IF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF TIMOTHY JOHN RAASCH, Estate No. 24-223
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the Estate of Timothy John Raasch, 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 27th day of February, 2025. Daniel S. Bracewell

Attorney for the Estate of Timothy John Raasch
Kight Law, LLC
PO Box 816
Dublin, GA 31040
March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

25-102
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM ZENUS THOMAS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-47
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO: whom it may concern:
CATHY THOMAS SCOTT has petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of WILLIAM ZENUS THOMAS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 31, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson, Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-126
IN THE INTEREST OF:
M.K., SEX: Female; DOB: 01/25/2025
A minor child under 18 years of age

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
DEPENDENCY PETITION
TO: A MARKUS KELLY, father of M.K., a female child born on 1/25/2025. You are hereby notified that the above styled action seeking dependency of said child with the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting through the Perkins County Department of Family and Children Services, was filed in said Court on February 18, 2025, and that by reason of Order for Service by Publication, entered by the Court on March 7, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Mark K. Mock, Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is P.O. Box 159, 326 South Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30459 an answer to the petition within 5 (five) days of April 11, 2025. A copy of the Dependency Petition is attached to this summons or, if this summons is served by publication, can be obtained from the Clerk of this Court during business hours. Final hearing in this matter is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock a.m. on 2nd day of May, 2025 in a courtroom of the Perkins County Courthouse located in Millen, Georgia. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to Court as required, you may be held in Contempt of Court and punished accordingly. Now, therefore, you the party named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated herein and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged by the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all other business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Jenkins County, Georgia. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-11-96(b) you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is for the purpose of determining whether the above name child is dependent. READ CAREFULLY: This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the juvenile Court. The child or other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings. If you want a lawyer, you may choose and hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately. If you want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. If you want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of this Court handling this case know that you want a lawyer immediately. WITNESS the Honorable Donald O. Sheppard, III, Judge of said Court. This 13th day of March, 2025. /s/ Tracey Herrington Clerk, juvenile Court, Perkins County, Georgia March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-114
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF LESTER ERNEST FARR, JR.
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Lester Ernest Farr, 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 the undersigned. Administrator of the Estate of Brian Lester Farr C/O Edward B. Claxton, III Attorney for Executors PO Box 16459 Dublin, Georgia 31040 March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2025

25-132
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
State of GEORGIA, County of LAURENS. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by DARRELL B BOUYER and SANDRA L BOUYER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR AAFMAA MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated 01/24/2024, and Recorded on 01/26/2024 as Book No. 3448 and Page No. 244, LAURENS County, Georgia records, as last assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$160,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the LAURENS County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2025, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF CADWELL, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.44 ACRES,

AS SHOWN BY PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY JACK C. BRANTLEY, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED JANUARY 14, 1974, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 318, PAGE 265, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, AND BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHEAST BY MCCOOK STREET; ON THE SOUTHEAST BY PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO DOYLE BURCH; AND ON THE WEST BY THE PROPERTY OF A. T. MULLIS, JR., AND THE PROPERTY OF JERRY F. BROWN. SAID PROPERTY IS PART OF THE TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 91.39 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, DESCRIBED IN A DEED FROM JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO J.C. WARREN, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1944, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 94, PAGE 157, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

LESS & EXCEPT: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF CADWELL, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.08 ACRES, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY TANNER AND ASSOCIATES, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 642, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS.

SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD, IF ANY.

MAP/PARCEL: 060D 181
ADDRESS: 980 MCCOOK STREET, CADWELL, GA 31009
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 pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, 3043 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 200, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361, 866 549 3583. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 980 MCCOOK ST, CADWELL, GEORGIA 31009 is/are: DARRELL B BOUYER AND SANDRA L BOUYER or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
DARRELL B BOUYER AND SANDRA L BOUYER.
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010399574 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398 March 22, 2025

25-075
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated October 2, 2002, from Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., recorded on October 8, 2002 in Deed Book 1339 at Page 98, Laurens County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by Assignment, and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated October 2, 2002, in the amount of \$71,600.00 said note being modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded on October 7, 2014 in Deed Book 2567 at Page 8 in the real property records of Laurens County, Georgia, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia, on April 1, 2025 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"):
ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND IN LAND LOT 48 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.11 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING PART OF LOT 11 AND PART OF LOT 12 OF TOWSON PLACE SUBDIVISION AND BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY BY LARRY C. JONES, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 18, 1998 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1032, PAGE 120, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS BY THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED. SAID LOT FRONTS 100 FEET ON THE NORTHEASTERLY MARGIN OF TOWSON DRIVE.

THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR TOWSON PLACE, DATED DECEMBER 1, 1995, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 834, PAGE 274, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH COVENANTS ARE BY THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED.

The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments

as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are The Estate of Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore.

The property, being commonly known as 1045 Towson Dr, Montrose, GA 31065 in Laurens County, will be sold as the property of The Estate of Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-480-2432. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as Attorney in Fact for Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

- 25-000518
February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

25-096
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of Glynda C. 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 the 24th day of February, 2025. Charles C. Butler Attorney for Glynda C. Smith PO Drawer 4430 Dublin, GA 31040-4430 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-129
CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
Initials: A.W.
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, MARQUISHA WILEY, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the child named above. The mother of said child is Marquisha Wiley. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above style 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 7th day of March 2025; YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 14th of May, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock AM. The hearing is for the purpose of TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS. WITNESS THE HONORABLE PENNY MANNING SNIPES, Judge of said Court, this 7th day of March 2025. /s/ Penny Manning Snipes, 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 March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-084
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from THELMA J ISLAND and IRA ISLAND to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC, AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE INVESTORS CORPORATION, dated November 15, 2004, recorded November 24, 2004, in Deed Book 1602, Page 146, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Thirty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$33,900.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 52ND G.M. DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF EAST DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: 0.41 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, FRONTING 100.10 FEET ON GATEWAY DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS & ASSOCIATES, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS, DATED APRIL 30, 1993, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 701, PAGE 237, IN THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. THE ANGLES, DISTANCES AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN IN SAID PLAT ARE BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS 207 GATEWAY DRIVE, EAST DUBLIN, GEORGIA - 31027

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 207 GATEWAY DRIVE, EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is THELMA J ISLAND, IRA ISLAND, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF THELMA J ISLAND, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
as Attorney in Fact for
THELMA J ISLAND, IRA ISLAND

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Ruben Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-25-00569-1 Ad Run Dates 03/22/2025, 03/08/2025, 03/15/2025, 02/29/2025, 03/29/2025 rlselaw.com/property-listing

25-071
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF STEVEN L. BROWN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-20
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
WENDY E AN MASON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of STEVEN L. BROWN, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 31, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson, Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-112
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re the Name Change of: Marcee Annetta Crumley, Petitioner
Civil Action File Number: 25-CD-0157-WT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT
Marcee Annetta Crumley file a petition in the Laurens County Superior Court on February 28, 2025 to change the name from Marcee Annetta Crumley to Marcee Annetta Lewis. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. /s/ Marcee Annetta Crumley March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2025

25-134
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
UNKNOWN OWNER
(TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)

DATE: 3/15/2025
Vehicle Make: Down To Earth
Year: 2007
Model: Utility Trailer 6x15
Vehicle ID#: 5MYUU14187B023002

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19(a)(2), that the above-referenced vehicle is subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. Towed from Oak Creek Mobile Home Park, 101 Anaye Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027. The Vehicle is currently located at 746 Central Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately: Tanners Service Center Inc. 746 Central Drive East Dublin, GA 31027 478-272-6352 March 22, 29, 2025

25-077
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PHILIP MARRION YANCEY, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 25-30
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Jenny Yancey has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Philip Marriion Yancey deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 31, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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u dge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-119
Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation that will incorporate DM's Jumping Gyms, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the Corporation is 3288 Piney Woods Lake Road, Glenwood, Georgia 30428, and its initial registered agent at such address is Patrick C. Swinson.

March 15, 22, 2025

25-121
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF
MORRIS SAWYER ROBERTSON

All creditors of the estate of MORRIS SAWYER ROBERTSON, 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 Executor, Matthew Lance Robertson. This 5th day of March, 2025.

S. Ryan Dixon

MATTHEW LANCE ROBERTSON
Nelson & Dixon, LLC

Executor of the Estate of
125 North Franklin Street

MORRIS SAWYER ROBERTSON
Dublin, Georgia 31021

13738 Sungrove View
478-272-3545

San Antonio, TX 78245
March 15, 22, 29, April 1, 2025

25-100
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Daniel White to GEORGIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, dated d nuary 23, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1511, Page 216, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3450, Page 184, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$157,400.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2025, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

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

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Daniel White or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **330 Lenox Road, Dublin, Georgia 31021**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. as Attorney in Fact for Daniel White

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076

www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 178, 17TH LAND DISTRICT, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID PARCEL BEING DESCRIBED AS LOT 35, CONSISTING OF 3.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED FOR CARDINAL LAND CO., LLC, BY TIMOTHY W. EASON, REGISTERED SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 19, 2003 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 353, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS. THE PLAT IS BY REFERENCE MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. TOGETHER WITH: ONE 2003 ADRIAN 54 x 62 MANUFACTURED HOME MODEL; SERIAL #6557ABCD.

MR/kri 4/1/25
Our file no. 24-13699GA - FT1
March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

25-097
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF VERA ANN MOSS SMITH, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-41
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Sabrina Celeste Green and Syphilia Londra Lowery has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Vera Ann Moss Smith deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 31, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-105
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE
IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES MICHAEL MOTES, Estate No. 25-13
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of James Michael Motes, 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 27th day of February, 2025.
d rdn S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of
d mes Michael Motes
Knight Law, LLC
PO Box 816
Dublin, GA 31040

March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

25-107
TS # 2024-12618-GA
Notice Of Sale Under Power
Georgia, Laurens County Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by Andrew Desimone and Sydny Von Holten, as joint tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantor, as nominee for Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated 11/30/2021, and recorded on 12/1/2021, in Deed Book 3235, Page 183, Laurens County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 9/4/2024 in Deed Book 03507, Page 00133, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$180,000.00, with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 4/1/2025, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In The City Of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, Being Lot 10, Block G, Highland Woods Subdivision, Containing 0.65 Acres, More Or Less, According To That Certain Plat Of Survey Prepared By Larry C. d nes, Land Surveyor, Dated October 22, 2007, Recorded In Plat Book 9, Page 320b, Laurens County Records. Said Plat And The Description Thereon Are By Reference Incorporated Herein And Made A Part Hereof For A More Accurate Description Of The Subject Property. Said Property Is Subject To Restrictive Covenants, Filed And Recorded In Deed Book 130, Pages 529-533, Laurens County Records. Said property is commonly known as 1806 Knox St Dublin, GA 31021. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of the sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Attention: Loss Mitigation Department, 11988 EXIT 5 PKWY BLDG 4 FISHERS IN 46037-7939, Telephone No.: (855) 690-5900. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the security instrument. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any other matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party(ies) in possession of the property is (are) Andrew Desimone and Sydny Von Holten or tenant(s) or other occupants. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that

the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. The sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Andrew Desimone and Sydny Von Holten. Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205, Huntington Beach, California 92648, (888) 403-4115, TS # 2024-12618-GA For sale information, visit: https://www.nestortrustee.com/sales-information.com or call (888) 902-3989.

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25-095
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF QUEEN SHEBA BROOM, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-226
NOTICE

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: BENJAMIN F. HILL, JR AND CARLOS HILL
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before March 31, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-122
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF JACKIE LAMAR GRIFFIN

All creditors of the estate of A CKIE LAMAR GRIFFIN, 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 Executor, Rickie Allen Ricks.
This 12th day of March, 2025.

S. Ryan Dixon

RICKIE ALLE RICKS
Nelson & Dixon, LLC

Executor of the Estate of
125 North Franklin Street

A CKIE LAMAR GRIFFIN
Dublin, Georgia 31021

834 Taylor Grocery Road
478-272-3545

Cadwell, Georgia 31009
March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2025

25-093
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of:
Velva Jean Coombs
Civil Action File No. 25-CD-0089-JG
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Velva Jean Coombs, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia pm the 7th day of February, 2025 to change my name from Velva Jean Coombs to Velma d an Coombs. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections.

Signed this 13th day of d nuary, 2025.
/s/ Velma d an Coombs

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-020
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from ROBERTO MARTINEZ and E ANNETTE MARTINEZ TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT, LLC, dated u 14, 2013, recorded August 2, 2013, in Deed Book 2470, Page 292, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 00/100 dollars (\$64,887.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 52ND G.M. DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND SHOWN AS LOT NO. 80 ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF FENNWOOD ESTATES, BY MARVIN D. CLEMENTS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED 6-21-94, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 355, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, SAID LOT FRONTS APPROXIMATELY 39 FEET ON THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF KAITLYN COURT EAST. TOGETHER WITH THE MOBILE HOME SITUATED THEREON WHICH IS AFFIXED TO THE FOREMENTIONED REAL PROPERTY AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AND WHICH IS INTENDED BY ALL PARTIES TO CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND TO PASS WITH IT. SAID MOBILE HOME IS IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: YEAR/MAKE(MANUFACTURER)/MODEL: 2006 CLAYTON SERIAL/VIN NUMBER(S): WHCO15802GA A/B COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 310 BRADLEY COURT, EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027 PARCEL NUMBER: E26A 101
Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **310 BRADLEY CT, EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027**.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all ning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is ROBERTO MARTINEZ, E ANNETTE MARTINEZ, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Village Capital & Investment, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 2460 Paseo Verde Parkway Suite 110, Henderson, NV 89074, Telephone Number: 1-800-919-0068. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC as Attorney in Fact for ROBERTO MARTINEZ, JEANNETTE MARTINEZ
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. VCI-24-03877-3
Ad Run Dates 03/08/2025, 03/15/2025, 03/22/2025, 03/29/2025
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March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025

25-109
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS
Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by EARL E. HICKS, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Bank of Dudley, dated May 14, 2004, and recorded on May 19, 2004 in Deed Book 1543, beginning at page 32, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at public outcry before the door of the courthouse in Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in April, 2025, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CITY BLOCK 147 IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY REFERENCE TO A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY JACK C. BRANTLEY, SURVEYOR, ON AUGUST 2, 1963, AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF NORTH CHURCH STREET A DISTANCE OF 400 FEET NORTHWEST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION ON NORTH CHURCH STREET AND WEST MOORE STREET AND RUNNING THENCE ALONG NORTH CHURCH STREET IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 67.67 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 67.67 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING. THE SAID PROPERTY IS IMPROVED BY A ONE-STORY RESIDENCE AND IN BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHWEST BY MC. FAIRCLOTH. ON THE SOUTHWEST BY J.F. KALB, ON THE SOUTHEAST BY PROPERTY OF LEAH KITTRELL AND ON THE NORTHEAST BY CHURCH STREET. Said property may more commonly be known as 716 N CHURCH ST, DUBLIN, GA 31021 Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. ServiceMac, LLC is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed, and it may be contacted at Address: 9726 Old Bailes Rd., Suite 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707 Phone: (803) 650-3413 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be EARL E. HICKS, or tenant(s). Oceanside Mortgage Company, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor Respectfully, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison, TX 75001 (401) 234-9200 (401) 398-2594 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE A-4835320 03/08/2025, 03/15/2025, 03/22/2025, 03/29/2025

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25-113
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRIAN LESTER FARR TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Brian Lester Farr, 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.
Administrator of the Estate of Brian Lester Farr
C/O Edward B. Claxton, III
Attorney for Executors
PO Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2025

25-068
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DANNY ROY GILLIS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-10
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Charlotte Denise Powell Gillis has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Danny Roy Gills deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 31, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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u dge of the Probate Court
By: C. Strange
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-125
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the Estate of Daniel Wright, 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 administrator.
This the 10th day of March, 2025.
d nice Lewis, Administrator of the Estate of Daniel Wright
Verna L. Smith
Attorney for Estate
PO Box 2014
Dublin, GA 31040

March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-129
CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
Initials: N.W.
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, MARQUISHA WILEY, UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the child named above. The mother of said child is Marquisha Wiley.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above style 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 7th day of March 2025;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the u venile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 14th of May, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock AM. The hearing is for the purpose of TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.
WITNESS THE HONORABLE PENNY MANNING SNIPEs, u dge of said Court, this 7th day of March 2025.
/s/ Penny Manning Snipes, u dge Laurens County u venile Court
Dublin u dicial 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

March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-135
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, 2420 US Highway 80 West in Dublin on Tuesday, April 9, 2025 beginning at 11:00 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.
Occupant/Unit:
Brenda Todd #0913
Deslyn Wilson #0618
Clinton Jones #1024
Jessica Lovett #0916
Jamaica Garner #0901
Jamaica Garner #P08
HOUSEHOLD GOODS/PERSONAL ITEMS

March 22, 29, 2025

25-101
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of James Duncan Messick, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned:
Laurens County Probate Court, PO Box 2098, Dublin, Georgia 31042.
This the 26th day of February, 2025.
Ralph N. d cksou, Attorney

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-078
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF VAN ROYCE PHILLIPS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-19
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
KIETH VAN PHILLIPS has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of VAN ROYCE PHILLIPS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before MARCH 31, 2025

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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u dge of the Probate Court
By: Gail Belflower
Clerk of the Probate Court
Po Box 2098
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25-153
SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 24-CG-0370-#
Floyd, Sherita, PLAINTIFF
vs.
McGlohon, Daffney, DEFENDENT

SUMMONS
TO: MCGLOHON, DAFFNEY
You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Paul R. Ayerbe
Ayerbe & Arnold
3608 Vinerville Avenue
PO Box 6073
Macon, GA 31208
an answer to the complaint which is here-
with served upon you, within 30 days after
service of this summons upon you, exclu-
sive of the day of service. If you fail to do
so, judgment by default will be taken against
you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This 21st day of May, 2024.
Clerk of Superior Court
d ckie H. Dalton, Clerk
Laurens County, Georgia

March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

25-074
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WANDA MARIE WILCHER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-24
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

ARCHWAY
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program, now its 20th year, has helped with everything from developing art and culture programs to workforce development.

Archway officials held a series of public meetings in the fall, gathering input from residents to determine the community's top priorities for the future. Those priorities were: housing, planning and infrastructure, quality of life and economic and workforce development.

"Valerie is going to be going out and meeting people in the community who have some combination

of expertise and interest in those subjects and recruiting them to be part of a work group to focus on those area. Those groups will be starting over the next couple of months," said Sam Perren, the operations coordinator for Archway.

"Our goal is to get everyone around the table together and help them come up with common goals around those priorities. Sometimes those goals will result in student and faculty projects. Maybe the resources are already here and it's just getting the right people together to talk it out."

The first group could be

in place as soon as April, Dixon said, with others beginning to meet in May. All meetings will be open to the public. The Dublin-Laurens County Archway Partnership is overseen by an executive committee chaired by local entrepreneur Jimmy Allgood.

Sixteen Georgia counties have taken part in the Archway Partnership, with nine still active in the program. Nearby Pulaski and Washington counties are also in the partnership. Using UGA art students, the city of Hawkinsville was able to have murals restored in its downtown area, while the project has assisted in healthcare ini-

tiatives in Washington County.

Dixon comes the Archway Partnership after a career in education. She was an educator at the GMC Prep School and spent the last near decade as director of the St. Stephen's Day School in Milledgeville. These roles, she said, would be beneficial in working in her new position.

"I'm very used to working with the public, whether through education or preschool director, I'm constantly having to recruit and promote," Dixon said. "Relationships have been huge in my previous roles. I have heart for people and I like to serve."

COURT CASE
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Jury selection will begin in early May. One 12 jurors and 12 alternates are selected and the trial begins, a new set of logistical challenges begin. Helton said the jurors will need to be fed lunch as a group each day.

"Where do I even get food for 60 days? But I just think it's a terrible idea for them to be floating around on their lunch break, with the seriousness of this being gang-related and all."

The charges followed an investigation by the Dublin Police Department, Laurens County Sheriff's Office, Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Gang Task Force, GBI's Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Swainsboro Police Department, Wrightsville Police Department, ATF, FBI and the Attorney General's Gang Prosecution Unit.

One defendant faces a count of murder and two counts of felony murder. At least one of the charges is related to the death of man killed when more than 40 shots were fired into a crowded convenience store parking lot in East Dublin. Four others are accused of a drive-by shooting at home occupied by 12 people – including nine children.



Vounteer Paul Williams (right) lifts items to be taken into the new Red Cross office/PAYTON TOWNS III

RED CROSS
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The Red Cross works with local fire-fighters to place smoke detectors inside of homes. All people have to do is give the Red Cross a call.

"We install them for free," Shoemaker said. "If somebody calls and says they need a fire alarm to make their home safer, we'll go install them."

For more information, call the Red Cross at (478) 275-1754.

CITY COUNCIL
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- Approved terminating of lease agreement between Dublin City Schools and the city of Dublin for property at Shamrock Fire Station.

"Back in the 1990s, a lot of transactions occurred regarding the present Dublin High School campus and the board office and the Shamrock Fire Station is there adjacent to those properties," Powell said. "There was apparently a lease that was done to the city school system that erroneously included where our fire station is actually situated."

Powell said the city will provide the school system a 30-day notice, and he has been in contact with Superintendent Fred

Williams and he is aware of this situation.

"I know the city schools were looking to build a baseball practice facility," Kight said. "That is what brought this up. ... We are working with the school system to try to work with them with the facility that they are looking at."

- Approved giving certified police officers the opportunity to purchase their service weapons. Powell said council agreed to buy new firearms for the DPD.

"That included a trade-in of our existing stock of firearms," he said. "The chief has been able to verify that our police officers can purchase their firearms they've been carrying if they would like to keep those."

The price paid by the officers will be \$285, Powell said.



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