



Georgia Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Chris Clark during his Georgia 2050 presentation in Dublin. Clark has been traveling the state to help local chambers of commerce prepare for growth over the next 25 years/KYLE DOMINY

Clark: Rapidly changing workforce, technological advancements are biggest challenges for local growth

By KYLE DOMINY
Staff Reporter

Recruiting a rapidly changing workforce and meeting technological advancements are the biggest challenges for sustained growth faced by rural counties according to the head of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

Chris Clark, president and CEO of the Georgia Chamber, has been touring the state presenting the Georgia 2050 plan, a collection of data and demographic projections aimed to help local chambers of commerce, business and civic leaders prepare for the

next 25 years.

“You have to look at this from a selfish standpoint,” Clark said during a stop in Dublin Wednesday afternoon. “How can I help my kids and grandkids?”

Also this week, Clark visited the nearby Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Greater Vidalia Chamber.

Georgia’s aging and changing population topped concerns for economic activity. Lower birth rates have affected projections for the state’s population growth. Still, Clark said, Georgia is expected to add 2.5 million residents to its population by 2050. Much

of that working population though, especially in rural areas, is aging and retiring, leaving jobs unfilled and a massive skills gap as younger workers abandon trade careers.

“You have to learn to keep [baby] boomers plugged in,” Clark said. “Do more to recruit [younger workers] to come home after graduation.”

Over half of Georgia’s workforce, about 53 percent, is made up of women. That is expected to increase to 56 percent. Lack of adequate child care could keep that portion of the workforce on the sidelines, Clark warned.

“If you don’t fix child-care, you’re leaving your most productive workforce on the sidelines during their most productive years.”

A more diverse workforce, with most of the growth expected in the Hispanic population, will force companies to alter recruitment policies, Clark said.

Rapid advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will change what careers are in demand in the coming decades, though health care and skilled trades will remain needed roles. Clark recommends

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Whitaker murder trial winding down

Defendant's mother testifies she believed son, wife 'were getting along'

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Prosecutors in Ben Whitaker's murder trial reopened their case for rebuttal Thursday afternoon and called the defendant's mother to the stand to testify about the day her son shot and killed his wife, Tiffani.

Katherine Whitaker began by saying as far as she knew, her son and Tiffani “were getting along” before the events of June 2021. She told Dublin Circuit District Attorney Harold McLendon that she had confronted her son about his drinking issues after learning of them from his wife.

Prosecutors contend and Whitaker told detectives that he shot his wife because she was “nagging” him about his drinking. The defense has blamed the shooting on an interaction with depression medications and alcohol.

Whitaker's mother testified about the events of June 30, 2021 – the morning she found out her son and daughter-in-law had not reported to work, which was unusual for them.

She arrived at the Whitaker's house and went to the back where she noticed the back door window had been shot. She was able to re-



Ben Whitaker (right) consults with attorney Brad Childers during Whitaker's murder trial Thursday morning/RODNEY MANLEY

trieve and give a house key to member of the Dublin Police Department.

Initially, she did not know where Whitaker was, and her first thought was that her son and daughter-in-law might have been involved in a robbery.

On cross-examination, Whitaker's attorney Mitch Warnock asked the mother if she thought her son was a suspect at first.

“I didn't believe then ... because it was not in his nature,” she said.

Of June 30, she said, “It was the worst day of my life.

“I was real angry with Ben at one point,” she added. “He had ruined his life ... our lives. It didn't make sense. We were trying to figure out what caused this.

We were trying to figure it out.”

She said a doctor they had talked to came up with an explanation, saying the medicine might be the reason for the tragedy. That is when they started looking into that possibility, she said.

When talking about her son, Katherine called him “the most peaceful person I've ever known.

“I call him 'Gentle Ben.' ... He is a peacemaker.”

Before Katherine's testimony, prosecutors called Rosemary Gee, a teacher from Georgia Southern University who taught Whitaker two classes in pharmacology in 2010. She said the class went over medications and the dangers of drinking

alcohol while taking them.

“We always stressed that patients on mood drugs should not drink alcohol at the same time,” Gee said.

On cross-examination,, defense attorney Amanda Palmer got Gee to admit that the DA's office did not call her about this case until a few weeks ago.

The state then called Dr. Berrien Waters from the Medical Center. Waters read from his medical notes from treating Whitaker for different symptoms from January 2018 through September 2020. In all of those doctor's appointments, Whitaker denied drinking alcohol or using tobacco.

Text messages show
loving couple

Court was scheduled to pick up from the Labor Day weekend on Tuesday, but was postponed one day because of sickness. When it resumed Wednesday, Georgia Bureau of Investigations Agent Jason Shoudel took the stand for the defense to testify about cellphone messages between Whitaker and his wife, Whitaker and his mother, Katherine, and a message between Tiffani and Katherine Whitaker.

The messages indicated the newlyweds loved each other and how Tiffani was trying to help her husband with his medication, setting up an appointment that both went to on June 28.

There was one message between Tiffani and Katherine in which Tiffani said Ben Whitaker was upset with her for bringing up his drinking. A few days after this post, Whitaker mentioned to his mother in a text that he and Tiffani had had a “family meeting.”

A former girlfriend of Whitaker's took the stand to say she thought he was “honest, truthful and dependable” and never said anything that was not true. She called him a peacekeeper.

On cross-examination, the girlfriend said she did all of the arguing and fighting, while Whitaker never raised a hand against her and never hurt her. When asked about what she thought about Whitaker killing his wife, the girlfriend said, “Something wasn't right.

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Bridge replacement project on Lord Road starts Monday

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Lord Road will close to traffic at Rocky Creek on Monday, Sept. 8, for a six-month ridge replacement project.

According to the Georgia Department of Transportation, the existing bridge is structurally deficient. Southern Concrete Construction Co. has been awarded this \$1.7 million project to build a new bridge that meets modern design standards. The closure is expected to last until February 2026.

Signs and message boards will be installed to warn drivers of the closure. GDOT suggested a detour for drivers to take Ashley Road west to Rebie Road, Rebie Road west to Alice Brewer Road, Alice Brewer Road south to Lord Road.

Hatchett receives 2025 CASA Champion Award



State Rep. Matt Hatchett of Dublin receives the 2025 CASA Champion Award from Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates/SPECIAL PHOTO

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

State Rep. Matt Hatchett (District 155), has received the 2025 CASA Champion Award from Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

Hatchett was officially awarded at the Georgia CASA Conference in Atlanta on Aug. 23.

Hatchett has long demonstrated a deep appreciation for the importance of CASA advocacy. Throughout the past year, his steadfast support, genuine compassion, and clear understanding of the mission of the CASA program have been evident, in the heart of the legislative session, in-district conversations in the greater Dublin area, and every interaction in between.

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OBITUARIES



Catina Dixon Sampson

Funeral services for Ms. Catina Dixon Sampson of East Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Greater New Evergreen Baptist Church, 1599 Highway 80 East in East Dublin. Rev. Michael Kirkland will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery.

Catina Dixon was born on Sunday, March 30, 1975, as the daughter of Jewel and Curtis (Mona Lisa) Dixon Jr.

Catina Cortina Dixon, also known as “Delicious,” graduated from Dublin High School in the class of 1994. She was currently employed at Twelve Oaks Senior Living Center. She also spent several years as a devoted employee at Applied Sciences. She was known for her warm and welcoming personality, always keeping you laughing and having a good time.

Catina Dixon Sampson passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jewel Dixon, and her grandparents, Grady Dixon and Cherry Darrisaw Dixon, and Lucille Holmes.

She is survived by her children, Jamesia Dixon (Jarrell Pauldo) and DeRico Dixon (Adriana Walker); her sisters and brothers, Kiesha Dixon, Derrick Dixon, Curtis Dixon Jr., Tracey (Winifer) Moss, Terrance Dixon and Monica Dixon; grandchildren, JaZanjah, Dixon and Nolan Dixon; special friends, Greg Charleston, nieces, Zakia Dixon, NaNa Dixon and Brittney Dixon; nephews, LaZerrick Dixon, Zion Dixon, Branshio Dixon, Brandon Rozier, Brian Rozier, D. K. Dixon, J. R. Dixon, Xerrick Dixon and Trayvon Moss; great-aunt, Betty Jean Williams; aunt, Shanice Green; great-uncle, Keno Holmes; uncles, Jack (Gloria) Dixon, Kenneth (Barbara) Dixon and Jeffrey Dixon. Devoted friends and family include Angela Williams, JoVan Mills, Hatie Mae Hermon and a host of other friends and family.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 7
Kevin & Tenecia Smith

A year later, Apalachee High students recount living through mass shooting

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Sasha Contreras was in Spanish class at Apalachee High School when the shooting started on Sept. 4 last year.

It was far enough away that she could not hear the gunfire, but an hour earlier she had been in math teacher Ana Cristina Irimie’s class.

Sasha, 17, said she left Irimie’s class happy, not realizing it would be the last time she would see her teacher alive.

Irimie was among those killed that morning, along with students Christian Angulo and Mason Schermerhorn and coach Ricky Aspinwall.

Colt Gray, who was 14, has been charged with murder, and his father, Colin Gray, was charged in connection with arming his son.

Barrow County, meanwhile, has struggled to make sense of the incident.

Several current and former Apalachee High students gathered at the state Capitol Thursday to honor the dead while wrestling with their lingering trauma.

Kyra McConatha, who was a senior there, is in college now. She was attending a statistical reasoning class and remembers texting a final goodbye to her mother. She said she still dwells on who might come through one of the unlocked

doors on her college campus.

Contreras said that is a common feeling at Apalachee High, where the hallway that was the site of the shooting remains closed.

“To this day,” she said, “we are hyper aware of our surroundings.”

She remembers crying in the field after the shooting, looking for her mother, who had been substitute teaching in a class in the same hallway as the gunfire. Contreras’ older sister, Layla, kept the text message that her sister sent her that morning. The lack of punctuation — “Layla it’s real it’s a shooting it’s me sasha I love you” — underscored the urgency.

The people who lived through that event said they hoped the memory of the dead does not fade. They remarked about how routine school shootings have become, but they had no solutions to end them.

Georgia lawmakers reacted to the mass shooting by adopting a sweeping school safety bill in March. House Bill 268 was a priority for Republican House Speaker Jon Burns and passed with broad bipartisan support.

The 57-page measure requires schools to maintain records on students with troubling behavior and then share those records promptly when the student transfers to a different school,

as happened at Apalachee High. The new law also pays for more mental health services, giving each school district up to three state-funded student advocates, one for every 18,000 students.

The General Assembly also passed House Bill 105, effectively treating slain teachers in the same way as armed officers by doubling to \$150,000 the compensation to loved ones when a teacher is killed “in the line of duty.”

Thursday’s commemoration was coordinated by Democrats in the state House. Their caucus leader, Rep. Carolyn Hugley, D-Columbus, said she is a grandmother and a gun owner.

“I know first-hand the responsibility that comes with that right,” Hugley said, “and I believe deeply that we can protect the Second Amendment, and we can protect second graders at the same time.”

No Republicans participated although state Sen. Frank Ginn, R-Danielsville, who represents part of Barrow County, stood nearby, watching.

Mental health, not guns, is the problem, he said, adding that he understands the grief. Ginn lost a son in a farming accident. “The pain never goes away,” he said.

Sasha said the shooting feels “surreal ... like it happened not even a week ago.”

ASK DR. ROACH

Physician bills patient for exam but wasn’t in the room during procedure

By KEITH ROACH
King Features

DEAR DR. ROACH: When I have appointments with my physicians at our local, highly rated academic health system, they no longer do a physical exam. But in the after-visit note, there is a documented and complete physical exam that doesn’t reflect reality. This happened on all types of visits, including annual visits and pre- and post-surgery visits.

If I am examined by a resident, the attending physician will attest in the after-visit note to having examined me alongside the resident when, in actuality, the physician was not in the room. I find this appalling, but it seems to be common practice. These doctors are billing for services that they do not deliver. Do you see any effort in the medical world to respond to this? -- J.H.

ANSWER: The new electronic medical record systems make it easy to document a complete physical exam, sometimes with a single click. If this happens once, it’s a mistake. If it happens consistently, this is at least a system error, if not deliberate deception. The term used in the industry is “upcoding” because

documentation of a complete examination allows for higher billing to the insurance company.

Physicians need to be very careful not to document a physical exam that they didn’t do. A less-kind word for consistently doing this practice is “fraud.” Penalties can be up to tens of thousands of dollars per false claim.

The rules for resident supervision are complicated. In general, billing can only be done for services that are provided by or are under the direct supervision of the attending physician. There are exceptions to this, such as resident physicians who provide primary care. However, once again, saying that you were there supervising the resident when you weren’t is against the law.

Now if the attending physician comes in the room and asks questions to confirm the key findings of your medical history, they do not have to do a complete examination to fulfill the obligations for the primary care exemption.

Outside of primary care, the attending physician must be physically present for the key portions of the services that are being billed.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I saw your recent column about the wife with intractable depression. I can relate, but you barely glanced over what has been life-changing for me as a treatment: TMS (transcranial magnetic stimulation). It is quick, easy and painless, and most insurance companies (even Medicare) fully cover it. To be frank, Doc, not nearly enough suffering people have ever even heard of TMS as an option. Would you illustrate to your readers just a tad more about how powerful it can be as a treatment option? -- R.F.W.

ANSWER: Most people with depression respond well to treatment with a combination of psychotherapy and one of the standard medications, but some people need to try several medications before they find one that works for them. Unfortunately, there are people who do not get good results with medication. TMS is an option in these situations (but you don’t have to fail with multiple medications to try TMS).

Even in people who have failed with multiple medications, about 30% will have a “marked” improvement or a resolution of their symp-

toms. TMS doesn’t cure everybody, but I agree that it’s a therapy that needs to be more widely used. The biggest problem is that it isn’t available everywhere.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer in-

dividual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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On athletic ability and the wrong end of a baseball

This may come as a shock to some of you, but I was never much of an athlete growing up.

I tried out for the middle school basketball team one year (just because my friends did), but my aim was terrible, so I didn't make the cut. Who knew it was so hard to throw an orange sphere through a hoop? That probably worked out for the best because I've always had a problem with authority. I would have been a coach's nightmare. My mother warned me against playing football, due to my small stature and frame. I most likely would have been brutally murdered, albeit in a clean tackle, on the 50-yard line.

Baseball was always out of the question. A 5.95-ounce round, hard rocket headed to my head? No thank you. I was then, and remain, afraid of the ball. I can't risk getting hit in the face – that's how I make my money. I was convinced to join a recreation softball league once. Some of the guys apparently thought they had gone pro based on their in-game aggressiveness. I could be found deep in center field, taking cover. After a couple of games, they asked me not to come back.

I was neither athlete nor scholar, but I managed to get by on my wits, charm and good looks (not to mention humility). Then I discovered running, a solo activity that allows you to set your own pace and challenge level. And the rest, as they say, is history, and a pile of worn-out running

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THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

shoes. Hanging in my kitchen is a collection of medals - badges of honor from completed marathons, half-marathons and 5Ks.

My children have inherited my lack of "skills to pay the

bills," but that hasn't stopped them from trying. Recently I took a drive over to Montgomery, Alabama, to visit my brother. He has a son who is a fledgling baseball star. At 9 years old, my nephew has one season and zero base hits under his belt, but to hear him talk (and I would listen to him all day long) he is Hall of Fame bound. He's my favorite player to ever hit the diamond.

This up-and-comer took his cousin to the field with gloves and ball in hand. What started as a late-summer game of catch in the Alabama sunshine ended in a Night of the Living Dead-style sidewalk trail of blood and head goop. After only being gone a few minutes the two returned with the announcement "we have a situation."

In child speak "we have a situation" means something, living or material, is broken. What was broken was my son, whose nose and mouth looked like a pile of hamburger meat. A wayward ball caught him right in the face, his father's worst nightmare.

He shed not a tear as I helped him clean up, his years of martial arts training and taking roundhouse kicks to the head having paid off. A photo of his bloodied money maker was soon sent to all his friends.

The incident doesn't seem to bother him, but I think he should take up running.

Bill Wallace: Devoted medical missionary to China

"I have always thought of Africa, but I will go anywhere I am needed."

It was in 1934 that this young, single medical doctor from Knoxville, Tennessee, penned the above words in his initial letter to the foreign mission board of his denomination to volunteer his services on the foreign mission field. The board had just received an urgent request from other medical missionaries in China for another doctor to be sent. There was the need, and here was the doctor. Bill Wallace applied for missionary service, was approved and went to China in 1935, and served the health needs of thousands of Chi-

By JACK BROWN



nese people for the next 17 years.

In 1951, Bill Wallace was arrested by the communist government for false political charges, was then imprisoned, starved, abused, tortured and finally died

after being a prisoner for 53 days. He had remained faithful to his Christian calling until his martyr's death at age 39. But, he is remembered.

During this chaplain's last overseas tour in Ko-

this man of God lives on. He was faithful to God's call to go where the need was great.

What kind of legacy will you and I leave for those who come after us? Remember this: God has a plan and good purpose for every life ... for your life and for mine. Let us surrender to Him and seek every day to fulfill that Divine purpose.

This sketch of Bill Wallace closes with the words of a song of faith:

So Send I You

So send I you, My strength to know in weakness,
My joy in grief, My perfect peace in pain,
To prove My pow'r, My grace, My promised presence,
So send I you, eternal fruit to gain.
As the Father hath sent Me, So send I you.

Words by E. Margaret Clarkson
Music by John W. Peterson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Archway hosts housing summit



SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

The Archway Partnership, in collaboration with the Carl Vinson Institute for Government, recently hosted a summit to present current data and market trends around home ownership, rentals, affordability, housing stock and policies and best practices in the housing industry.

Representation from various stakeholders including city and county governments, local realtors, land bank, housing authority, developers, and non-profits were present. An issue work group will meet in September to further strategize effective

solutions to the housing needs within the community. For more information, contact Valerie Dixon at valerie.dixon@uga.edu.

The Archway Partnership is one of eight UGA Public Service and Outreach units dedicated to serving the state. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Archway's innovative approach to community engagement has won national awards and generated a return on investment of more than \$7.6 million for Georgia communities last year. To learn more about the Archway Partnership visit archwaypartnership.uga.edu.

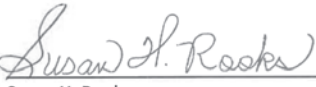
CITY OF DUDLEY GENERAL ELECTION CANCELLATION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A 21-2-291, notice is hereby given that the City of Dudley General Municipal Election scheduled for November 4, 2025 is cancelled. The following candidates have qualified for office and is unopposed:

For Mayor:	Jason Locke (I)
For 3 Council Positions:	James G. Giddens (I) Myles Johnston (I) Alan Watson

The above unopposed candidates shall be deemed to have voted for himself.

This 4th day of September, 2025


Susan H. Rooks
Laurens County Election Supervisor
For the City of Dudley

Moment of Inspiration

Let Jesus Break Your Chains

John 8:36 – “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”

We all carry chains—chains of sin, guilt, fear, or worry. Chains weigh us down and keep us from the life God intended. But Jesus came to set us free. At Calvary, He broke the power of sin. At the empty tomb, He broke the power of death. Today, He can break the chains that still hold us captive. Think of Paul and Silas in prison (Acts 16). Their chains fell off when they prayed and praised God. In the same way, our freedom begins when we surrender our chains to Christ. True freedom is not doing whatever we want—it's living as God created us to live, in His love and grace.

Ask this question, and be honest with yourself,

What “chains” in your life do you need Jesus to break?

Prayer for this week

Lord Jesus, thank You for breaking the chains of sin and death. Help me to trust You with the things that still hold me back. Give me the strength to live free in Your grace. Amen.”

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

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- Read from script

- No photo required
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- Read from script

FROM THE RECORD

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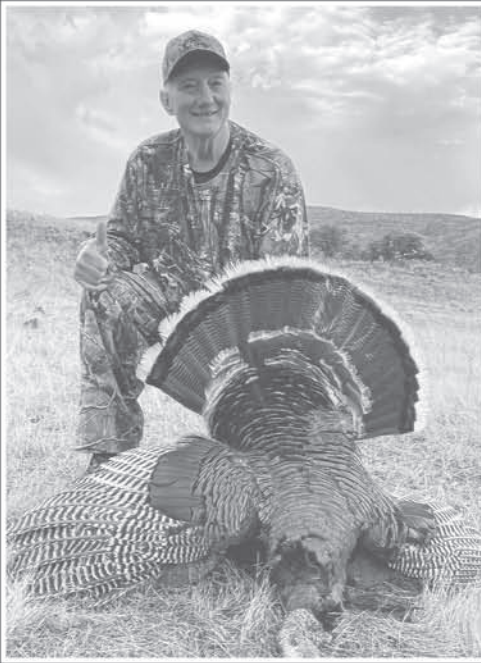
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SIZZLER: This CheyAnn Phillips line drive was too hot for Veterans infielders to handle as she rode one through for a base hit to put two on in Tuesday’s fifth inning. But the threat would flame out before West could score to chip away at a 7-1 deficit /CLAY REYNOLDS

Another perfect week runs Falcons’ win streak to six

From STAFF REPORTS

Since being edged on back-to-back walk-offs by Vidalia and Bleckley County back in August, the East Laurens Falcons have found their midseason groove and stayed in it over a couple weeks' worth of region wins.

The latest were confident showings against Washington, Dodge and Jefferson counties – with a combined score differential of an impressive 30-1 – to get their win streak to six and record

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PILING ON: Avery Smith (above) and Olivea Jackson score to add to a huge East Laurens lead during Thursday’s fourth inning vs. Jefferson County/CLAY REYNOLDS

Crusaders bounce back from EBA loss with win at Twiggs

By JEREMY PAYNE
Correspondent

The Trinity softball team split a pair of road games over the last week as they fell to Edmund Burke 16-4 last Friday, but rebounded to defeat Twiggs Academy on Tuesday.

The Crusaders returned to region action Thursday at Robert Toombs.

Friday's game started out with Trinity grabbing an early 1-0 lead thanks to

three EBA errors and a walk. Errors would be a common theme in the contest.

The home team would respond with a nine spot in the bottom of the frame on three hits, five walks and two costly Lady Crusader errors. Seven of the runs scored with two outs.

The Lady Spartans would tack on five more in the second on just two hits thanks

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Dublin Pickleball players medal at Igniting Hope for the Homeless fundraiser in Macon

By LAURA CARTER
Dublin Pickleball Association

The Igniting Hope for the Homeless fundraiser tournament, hosted by the Middle Georgia Association of RETHM, lit up the courts at Rhythm & Rally Sports & Events in Macon last weekend.

Dublin's pickleball community made its mark with strong performances and an impressive medal haul across women's, men's and mixed doubles divisions.

Dublin's women led the way with commanding results:

- Paula Baker and Rose Cannon — Gold, Women's Doubles (Skill level 2.5, Age 49+)
- Kim Thompson and Taylor Thompson — Bronze, Women's Doubles (Skill level 3.0, any age)
- Eva Martin and Faith Kilpatrick — Gold, Women's

Doubles (Skill level 3.5, any age)

- Dianne Harrison and Susan Whittle — Silver, Women's Doubles (Skill level 3.5, any age)

The following were men's and mixed doubles standouts:

- Chap Cranford and Michael Campbell — Silver, Men's Doubles (Skill level 3.5, Ages 5-44)
- Eva Martin and Chap Cranford — Silver, Mixed Doubles (Skill level 3.5, Ages 5-49)
- Paula Baker and Jeff Johnson — Bronze, Mixed Doubles (Skill level 2.5, Age 45+)

Hometown Highlights...

Dublin women dominated the courts with Paula Baker leading the charge — capturing gold with Rose Cannon in women's 2.5, 49-plus, and adding a bronze with Jeff Johnson in mixed doubles.

Eva Martin delivered a stellar performance, claiming gold in women's 3.5 with Faith Kilpatrick and silver in mixed doubles with Chap Cranford. Martin's versatility across brackets highlights her as one of Dublin's premier competitors.

The Thompson family duo, Kim and Taylor, earned bronze in women's 3.0, showing teamwork and tenacity.

Dianne Harrison and Susan Whittle added to Dublin's medal tally with a strong silver in women's 3.5.

On the men's side, Chap Cranford, already a mixed doubles medalist, paired with Michael Campbell for silver in men's 3.5, ages 5-44 — solidifying his status as a multi-event threat.

event drew competitors from across the Southeast. The fundraiser benefits homelessness prevention and support services in Middle Georgia.

Raiders respond to early-week setback, roll at Perry, Howard

From STAFF REPORTS

West Laurens suffered only its second loss of the season in a non-region head-to-head with area powerhouse Veterans Tuesday night, but got right back on a new winning streak as the week continued with business trips to Perry and Howard.

Following their early-week loss, 10-1 to the once-beaten Warhawks, the Raiders picked up a 5-2 victory over the Panthers on Wednesday, then routed the Huskies 20-0 Thursday in Macon to log their second win in just six innings against region 4-AAA competition.

West (9-2, 2-0 region) got its only

run of Tuesday's loss in response to a five-run Veterans outburst in the second inning, via doubles by CheyAnn Phillips and Ava Collins – the latter to drive in courtesy runner Shayla Butler to make it a four-run game.

But that was all the West Laurens lineup would be able to get together against the Warhawks' Caidence Scott, who pitched around the rest of their hits (Phillips adding a second in the fifth) and a handful of free passes to get them home after six innings.

A great deal of the Veterans run support came from a 3-for-3 Rizzy White, whose home run headlined

the five-run second. Mia Ward hit a solo homer to lead off the third, answering the Raiders' run to make it 6-1.

The Warhawks tacked on one in the fourth, then broke out for three more in the sixth.

Phillips anchored Wednesday's rapid rebound with a two-RBI single to get the Raiders up early on Perry, after Jacely Hogan drew a hit-by-pitch and K.K. Wilson a walk with two outs in the top of the first.

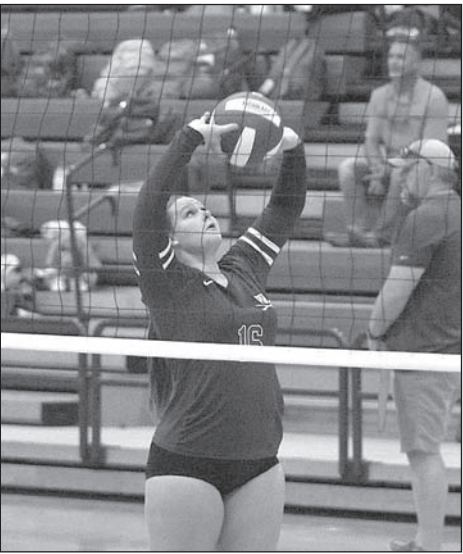
West's remaining runs came in the third, which Maggie Shea Lord

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COURT IS IN SESSION: RAIDER V'BALL TEAM TAKES ON BALDWIN

The West Laurens volleyball team picked up two wins Tuesday afternoon as it hosted a home match welcoming Upson-Lee and Baldwin. The Raiders, shown in these scenes in their finale against the Braves, defeated both guests two sets to one. Top left: West Laurens players break their pregame huddle before taking the court. Top right and below, clockwise: Allie Moore (12), Skylar Fountain (16), Emma Darley (13), Olivia Moses (21) and Chloe Kemp (11) with shots during the first set/CLAY REYNOLDS



DOMINATING THE COURTS: Eva Martin and Faith Kilpatrick celebrate their gold medals with tournament mascot Cody/SPECIAL PHOTO



BOUNCING BACK: One came on late to relieve the other during a long game Tuesday vs. Veterans, but Peyton Crabb (left) and CheyAnn Phillips (right) were both sharp in West Laurens victories later in the week, the latter picking up Wednesday’s win at Perry and the former as part of a tag team in the circle Thursday at Howard/**CLAY REYNOLDS**

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to 9-2 (7-1 region 2-High A). East Laurens gave up its lone run of the week in Tuesday's 8-1 victory at WACO, in which the Golden Hawks' Madison Veal doubled to cash in a leadoff walk in the bottom of the sixth. But that merely dented an East Laurens lead of 8-0 that had been built up to that point, with the help of three hits each by Deanna and DeAndrea Lowther. Deanna, who took the win in the circle, sparked the Falcons' biggest inning with a triple in the top of five, when three subsequent runs doubled their early lead of three. Jayden Foskey followed up her three-bagger with an RBI, and Olivea Jackson drove in two more with a round-trip double. Wednesday's at Dodge (by a score of 10-0 in five) was a three-hit shut-out in the circle for DeAndrea, who struck out nine and walked only two, holding the Indians off the scoreboard despite some threats with runners in scoring position, one right off the bat in the first inning following the one-out triple for one of two hits by Jimiah Burns. East scored twice each in the first



ALL THE HITS: Deanna Lowther (left) squares one up early, and Reagan Sasser (right) gets some congrats from first base coach Dwayne Lowther after finding some space up the line, for base knocks in the Falcons’ nine-run fourth inning /**CLAY REYNOLDS**

and fifth, and once in the fourth, but got the bulk of its offense in the top of the second, when hits by Avery Smith, Brynne Moody, DeAndrea and Logan Rogers combined with three Dodge County errors to put up five for a 7-0 lead. The Falcons had 13 hits total against the Indians' Scarlett Parkerson. Thursday's win, 12-0 over Jeffer-

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Continued from page 6 led off with a single. She scored on a passed ball, then Hogan reached base on a dropped third strike before K.K. Wilson bombed a two-run home run to right for a 5-0 lead. The cushion of runs would be plenty for Phillips, who nailed the rest of it down despite giving up a Perry run to nibble away in the third and the sixth. Chandler Malone was a homer shy of the cycle on a 3-for-4 afternoon to lead the way for the Raiders Thursday at Howard. They put 14 runs on the board in the first inning and scored the remainder in the second.

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to three more Trinity errors, and ran it to 15-1 with a run in the third. The Lady Crusaders tried to cut into the deficit in the fourth. A walk, an error and a fielders choice would make the score 15-2. Abby Kilpatrick would single to make the score 15-3 and another in scored on a wild pitch to make it 15-4. They would get no closer as EBA would get three singles and a walk in the bottom of the inning to end the game via the run rule at 16-

4. Kilpatrick and Brinley Vinson had the only two Trinity hits in the game. The Twiggs game started out as a pitchers duel but Trinity broke the game open with a six run sixth and held on for the 8-7 win. Twiggs Academy scored first in the bottom of the first on a single and an error to make it 1-0. Chloe Rozier would reach on a three base error in the top of the second and score on a sacrifice fly to tie it a 1-1. That would remain the score until the fifth when

the Lady Trojans would regain the lead with three straight two out hits to go ahead 3-1. Trinity would finally get their offense going in the sixth. MG Alligood led off the inning with a walk. Liza Gay, Rozier, and Reece Cobb would all three single to make the score 3-2. After a walk knotted the score at 3-3, Ella Kendrick laced a two run double to make the score 5-3. An RBI groundout by Vinson would push the lead to 6-3, and Abby Gillis would single in another run to make it 7-3.

Rozier would lead off the seventh with another hit and promptly steal second base. After moving up to third on a wild pitch, she would score on a Cobb bunt single to make it 8-3. That would end up being a huge run as Twiggs would score four times in the bottom of the inning on two hits and three Trinity errors, but the Lady Crusaders would hang on for the 8-7 win. Vinson, Rozier, Cobb, and Kendrick all had two hits each to lead the offense. Gillis and Gay also hit safely.

Going back, going back to Athenstown...

In Athens earlier this week, I timed a trip uptown via Lumpkin Street to immerse myself in the phalanx of students, watching them cross the street all the way to bottom of the hill and up past Joe Brown Hall toward the canopy of trees of North Campus. I often choose to repeat this exercise, fascinated by the density of youth, our future leaders and environment custodians.

The mid-section of this throughfare was known in the fledgling days of UGA as The Hollow. It was where the old baseball stadium was located, which was also where the football team played its games. In the early years, even with football being the first organized sport on campus, baseball was the big sport, as it was on other campuses throughout the country. However, it would not be long before the gridiron game would become “king.” Dan Magill, the loyalist with an unquenchable love of all sports, especially the spring variety, would gather with Five Points railbirds at Harry’s Restaurant, suck down his share of Schlitz, his favorite brew, and exclaim, “King Football is here again!” College football had become premier in those laid-back days but it was nothing like it is today. The problem



By LORAN SMITH

with any organization or entity becoming a colossus is that greed will eventually bring about a fracturing of rules and ideals and can destroy the principles that made it secure at the outset. There has never been a greater tradeoff in our society than for a kid to play a sport and be given free education in return. But when greed set in, everything went haywire. College football has always found a way to come out ahead, but this time there are many critics who believe that the golden goose may be headed for execution. I benefitted from the scholarship system, although I had to manage part-time jobs to cover the cost of tuition and room rent—but I was the happiest college student around. Much of that was the result of freelance jobs, which the grandest Dawg, the afore-

mentioned Magill, had a hand in bringing about. Fortunately, I was able to get the jobs I preferred in those days and subsequently in my career. How could I ever find fault with anything? I’m not wealthy by any means, but I have enjoyed an exciting experience, living in a vibrant community where the populace is enterprising and culturally diverse. In addition to connecting with the elite in college football, I can socialize with Steve Stice, one of the greatest scientists in the world who is doing groundbreaking research regarding finding a cure for strokes. There are times when I find my way to the backyard office of Gary Bertsch, which is one of the coziest retreats in the Classic City. The changing of the seasons reveals an overwhelming splendor of blooms brought about by the tender loving

care of his wife Joan. Then in the fall, autumnal colors envelop his homestead. The view so enrapturing that Henry David Thoreau would be as inspired as he was at Walden’s Pond—particularly if joined Gary for a glass of the best Bordeaux. These are but two examples of the vast reservoir of academic talent that gives UGA the highest marks when others evaluate what has taken place since 1785. Of course, the exhilarating achievement that comes with a masterful performance by the home team between the hedges is the ultimate in emotional fulfillment when the marquee of the sports pages and the internet serenade the Red & Black. As another season of gridiron scrimmaging endures, let us take our hats off to the total university. It and its people are a treasure. Sit back and invoke the chorus of “Going back to Athenstown,” Going back, going back to Athenstown, Going back, going back to the best old place around, Going back, going back to hear that grand old sound, Of the chapel bell and the Georgia yell, Going back to Athenstown.

Local 7-day Forecast:

The next 48 hours...

SATURDAY:
91°

Sunny to partly cloudy.
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT:
68°

Partly cloudy.
Sunset: 7:50 p.m.

SUNDAY:
90°

Partly sunny and humid with an afternoon thunderstorm likely.
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.

SUNDAY NIGHT:
66°

Mostly clear.
Sunset: 7:49 p.m.

Monday 9/8 HIGH/LOW 81/61 Mostly cloudy. Sunrise: 7:11 a.m. Sunset: 7:47 p.m.	Tuesday 9/9 HIGH/LOW 83/63 Variably cloudy. Sunrise: 7:11 a.m. Sunset: 7:46 p.m.	Wednesday 9/10 HIGH/LOW 82/60 Mostly sunny. Sunrise: 7:12 a.m. Sunset: 7:45 p.m.	Thursday 9/11 HIGH/LOW 83/58 Mostly sunny. Sunrise: 7:13 a.m. Sunset: 7:43 p.m.	Friday 9/12 HIGH/LOW 84/60 Mostly cloudy. Sunrise: 7:13 a.m. Sunset: 7:42 p.m.
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River levels...
Oconee (at Dublin) 3'
Ocmulgee (at Macon)6.5'

TELL IT!

I know a lot of folks that drink alcohol with Lexapro and don't murder their wives. Just saying.

When will everyone finally see Dr. Williams has to go – he is taking a huge salary while the system is drowning. He is for himself and the board lets him.

The board has let Dr. Williams give his same speech long enough. Cut his salary, or better yet cut him loose. This happened on his watch. He needs to go.

Go ahead board and stick your head in the sand. You and Dr. Williams are allowing DC to be run in the ground. No one trusts you or anything you say. What a joke!

Adding to the nose blowing: There is a time and place for everything. The restaurant, social gatherings and around the dinner table is not the place for it. Excuse yourself and go to the bathroom or outside. It's just plain rude, disrespectful and disgusting. Thank you!

At least Mrs. Smith was professional enough and honest enough to say she was sorry and embarrassed. Everyone else has excuses, empty promises and the same old same old.

So still no explanation where the money went and what happened... still no transparency. No trust, and we should call for everyone at the top to resign.

No business or corporation would allow Fred Williams to remain at the head after this mess came to light, but Dublin City will... and we will be in the same place. All that PR mess is covering up the real story.

How can board members continue to stand by Dr. Williams? He should be held accountable and it's time to part ways. And his salary is unjustified and ridiculous.

Shouldn't be surprised ... we've been played for years... and anyone that questioned was

attacked. They only wanted us to see what they wanted to show. Do they even realize no one trusts them?

Hey, Dr. Williams and school board – no one believes you or trusts you – I wouldn't trust you to do my grocery budget. You aren't dealing in reality if you think “we will do better” is enough.

Y'all are a joke. Fire Williams and call in the state. Someone with some sense needs to take this over.

You can't just be in the spotlight when it's good and suits your narrative, Dr. Williams. You should resign and take responsibility. You are the leader – now act like one. Shameful.

2025 is the year for the City of Dublin to retire those tired, dirty, faded, old wreaths with the gold bows at Christmas time. If necessary, start a GoFundMe page. I am so sick looking at those same old wreaths and gold bows every year. Does anybody else feel this way?

Time for a new Lead Learner, DC. He is not modeling accountability, taking responsibility, transparency or humility. You made the big salary to be the lead, now accept the responsibility and step down.

Does the super and the board not understand that is not “their money” – it is taxpayer money and we should be able to ask all the questions we want, and expect to get honest answers.

Dublin City Schools can't pay their bills so they float money around. Fire them all. Especially the big salaries.

Looks like we need to reopen city school board qualifying because none of them need to be on it again. You dropped the ball. Did you not read financial reports at meetings?

The schools' only responsibility is to teach our children.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

Wednesday

Treutlen 12, Dublin 8

East Laurens 10,

Dodge Co. 0

West Laurens 5, Perry 2

Thursday

Central Macon 12, Dublin 6

Central 14, Dublin 0

WL 20, Howard 0

Robert Toombs 5, Trinity 4

EL 12, Jefferson Co. 0

FOOTBALL

Thursday

Bleckley Co. 52,

Southwest Macon 16

PREP SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Friday

Augusta Prep at Trinity

Central Macon at EL

Dublin at Washington Co.

WL at Howard

Butler at Johnson Co.

ACE Charter at Dodge Co.

Lake Oconee Academy at Brentwood

Stratford at Wilkinson Co.

Wheeler Co. at Twiggs Co.

7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Saturday

Lowndes at West Laurens

/10 a.m.

Wayne Co. at WL/2 p.m.

Monday

EL at Baldwin/4 p.m.

Tuesday

EL at Northeast Macon (doubleheader)/4 p.m.

Trinity at CCA/4:30 p.m.

Baldwin at WL/5 p.m.

Dodge Co. at Dublin

/5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Dublin at Portal/6 p.m.

Thursday

FPCA at Trinity/4:30 p.m.

WL at Harlem/5 p.m.

EL at Dublin/6 p.m.

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Dublin Pickleball's End O'Summer Slam Sept. 20-21

The Dublin Pickleball Association, in conjunction with Southern Pickleball, will be hosting the End O'Summer Slam at the Southern Pines Recreation Complex Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21. The tournament will begin with men's and women's doubles action Saturday, followed by mixed doubles on Sunday. Registration cost is \$60, plus \$15 per event. Sign up online at pickleballtournaments.com.

FRIDAY NIGHT SCOREBOARD...

You no longer have to wait for Tuesday's print edition to catch up on the area's weekly high school football results. Check out our Friday Night Scoreboard, typically live at courierheraldtoday.com before or just after midnight, for a quick-hit roundup of what happened in local games, and final scores from across the Heart of Georgia.



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RACING THIS WEEK...

XFINITY RECAP

• Saturday's PACIFIC OFFICE

AUTOMATION 147, Portland International



WINNER: CONNOR ZILISCH

A dramatic overtime pass for the win punctuated a nearly perfect afternoon for JR Motorsports driver Connor Zilisch at Portland (Ore.) International, where the 19-year old claimed his series-best eighth Xfinity Series win of the season – the best series victory total ever for a rookie driver.

Only weeks removed from breaking his collarbone celebrating another win at Watkins Glen, Zilisch claimed pole position, won both stages, set fastest lap and celebrated it all in Victory Circle of the famed 1.967-mile road course in the scenic Pacific Northwest.

Zilisch led 70 of the race's 78 laps, his No. 88 JRM Chevrolet crossing the finish line 1.572-seconds ahead of three fellow rookies, Joe Gibbs Racing driver William Sawalich, Big Machine Racing's Nick Sanchez and Kaulig Racing's Christian Eckes.

Veteran Austin Hill finished fifth, running on Zilisch's bumper throughout before taking the lead on a restart with seven laps remaining in regulation.

Rookie Carson Kvapil finished sixth. Jeb Burton was seventh – an important showing as he is just below the 12-driver Playoff cutoff line, 31 points behind his cousin Harrison Burton, who rallied to an impressive 12th place finish.

One more race remains to formalize the 12-driver field for the 2025 Playoffs. There have been eight race winners and four drivers are currently above the cutoff line on points.

TRUCKS RECAP

• Saturday's SOBER OR SLAMMER 200,

Darlington Raceway



WINNER: COREY HEIM

Even though the Truck Series changed the clock from regular season to Playoffs, it was still "Heim Time" on Saturday at Darlington Raceway.

Pulling away after a restart on Lap 134 of 147, Heim won the Playoff-opening Sober or Slammer 200 at the 1.366-mile track. The win was Heim's eighth of the year, one short of Greg Biffle's record nine in 1999.

Heim crossed the finish line 0.766 seconds ahead of fellow Playoff driver Daniel Hemric to collect his first victory at the Lady in Black and the 19th of his career. With the win, Heim earned advancement to the Playoff Round of 8.

The break at the end of Stage 2 proved fortunate for the race winner. Heim felt a tire losing air shortly before the end of the stage, but he survived the stage in second place and brought the No. 11 TRICON Garage Tundra to pit road before the tire went flat.

Playoff drivers Grant Enfinger and Ty Majeski, the defending series champion, finished third and fourth, respectively.

Trevor Bayne, running his first NASCAR race since 2023, was fifth, followed by rookie Tanner Gray, Playoff driver Tyler Ankrum, Timmy Hill, Corey Day and Playoff driver Jake Garcia.

PLAYOFFS 1: COOK OUT SOUTHERN 500

Chase Briscoe crossed the finish line 0.408 seconds ahead of Tyler Reddick to secure his second victory of the season, his second straight at the "Lady in Black" and the fourth of his career.





Chase Briscoe, driver of the #19 Bass Pro Shops Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Playoffs opener Cook Out Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on Sunday. (Logan Riely/Getty Images)

Briscoe cooks up a savory Playoffs win

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Chase Briscoe was perfection in a world of mistakes, a no-funny-business driver in a comedy of errors.

And at the end of the final green-flag run on Sunday night at Darlington Raceway — after a 20-lap stint of unrelenting tension — Briscoe was a back-to-back winner of the Cook Out Southern 500 and a guaranteed participant in the Round of 12 in the Cup Series Playoffs.

Briscoe led 309 of 367 laps and swept the first two stages, but he had to hold off a determined charge by Tyler Reddick after the race restarted on Lap 319. Reddick got close in the final 10 laps, driving beneath Briscoe entering Turn 3 coming to the checkered flag, but didn't have the impetus necessary to complete a winning pass.

Briscoe crossed the start/finish line 0.408 seconds ahead of Reddick and 0.537 seconds ahead of non-playoff driver Erik Jones in third to secure his second victory of the season, his second at the "Lady in Black" and the fourth of his career.

"Yeah, I think this is definitely what we're capable of doing," said Briscoe, who led Toyota drivers to their third 1-2-3-4 finish in Cup Series history, the last coming at Bristol Motor Speedway in 2017. "We haven't been able to go out and dominate a race like that. The potential has been there from day one.

"So cool to win two Southern 500s in a row ... A great way to start our playoffs. That was a lot of fun."

Briscoe is the first driver to win consecutive Southern 500s since Greg Biffle accomplished the feat in 2005 and 2006.

John Hunter Nemechek was fourth in his No. 42 Legacy Camry. Chevrolet driver A.J. Allmendinger ran fifth, followed by Toyota drivers Bubba Wallace and Denny Hamlin, as Toyota placed six drivers in the top seven positions in a Cup race for the first time.

Driving from the outset with a tire mark on the driver's side of his car — the result of a Lap 1 collision with Josh Berry — Reddick kept the pressure on Briscoe for the final 20 laps, but Briscoe didn't buckle.

With Briscoe qualified for the Round of 12 with the victory, Reddick improved his position to 35 points above the cutline.

If Briscoe had a night to remember, most of the other 15 playoff drivers spent the evening recovering from mistakes — or failing to do so.

Wallace had a solid day in finishing sixth in the playoff opener, ending the evening 25 points above the current cutline with two

races left in the Round of 16.

Hamlin, a four-time winner in the regular season, overcame a slow pit stop on Lap 154 and spent the rest of the race clawing his way back to seventh at the finish.

Playoff drivers Ross Chastain and Austin Cindric came home 11th and 12th, respectively. Chastain's No. 1 Trackhouse Racing Camaro was the highest-finishing playoff Chevy; all four Hendrick Motorsports drivers scored outside the top 15.

Chase Elliott, 2020 champion, was the best of the Hendrick lot in 17th and heads for Sunday's race at World Wide Technology Raceway nine points above the cutline.

Top-seeded Kyle Larson and William Byron ran 19th and 21st, respectively, to hold third and fifth in the playoff standings, but others weren't as fortunate.

After contact with Reddick's Toyota, Berry's Mustang slammed into the outside wall, severely damaging the left rear and the undercarriage. After completing two laps, Berry drove his car to the garage for extensive repairs.

Berry returned to the track 119 laps down but finished last (38th) and fell to 16th in the playoff standings, 19 points below the cutline.

Alex Bowman was the next of the playoff drivers to suffer brutal misfortune. Thanks to a malfunctioning air supply to the front tire changer's pit gun, Bowman spent 40 seconds on pit road during his second green flag stop and was down a lap when pit stops cycled out.

On Lap 93 of the first stage, Briscoe passed Bowman to put the No. 48 Chevrolet two laps in arrears. After three wave-arounds, Bowman finally returned to the lead lap as the beneficiary under caution at the end of Stage 2 (Lap 230).

The No. 48 Chevrolet pilot couldn't hold his position in the final stage and finished the race two laps down in 31st, tied with Berry in the standings.

Christopher Bell's Toyota collided on pit road with the Chevrolet of non-playoff driver Carson Hocevar on Lap 154. With the handling of his car destroyed, Bell finished 29th, two laps down, and fell to 10th in the Playoff standings, 11 points above the cut.

Shane van Gisbergen finished 32nd, spending most of the 22 playoff points he earned with four wins. He is 12th in the standings, three points ahead of 20th-place finisher Joey Logano, the first driver below the cut. Austin Dillon was 23rd and is 14th on the Playoff grid, eight points behind SvG.

SOUTHERN WINNER QUOTE

"Yeah, I think this is definitely what we're capable of doing. We haven't been able to go out and dominate a race like that. The potential has been there from day one. So cool to win two Southern 500s in a row ... A great way to start our Playoffs. That was a lot of fun."

— Chase Briscoe, who held off Tyler Reddick to win at Darlington Sunday



Chase Briscoe celebrates with his son Brooks after winning the Cook Out Southern 500 at Darlington Sunday.

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2025 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

FEB. 2, 8 PM, FOX: Cook Out Clash at BOWMAN GRAY (C. Elliott)

FEB. 13, 7 PM, FS1: Duel 1 at DAYTONA (B. Wallace)

FEB. 13, 8:45 PM, FS1: Duel 2 at DAYTONA (A. Cindric)

FEB. 16, 2:30 PM, FOX: DAYTONA 500 (W. Byron)

FEB. 23, 3 PM FOX: Ambetter Health 400 at ATLANTA (C. Bell)

MARCH 2, 3:30 PM, FOX: EchoPark at CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS (C. Bell)

MARCH 9, 3:30 PM, FS1: Shriners Children's 500 at PHOENIX (C. Bell)

MARCH 16, 3:30 PM, FS1: Pennzoil 400 at LAS VEGAS (J. Berry)

MARCH 23, 3 PM, FS1: Straight Talk Wireless 400 at MIAMI (K. Larson)

MARCH 30, 3 PM, FS1: Cook Out 400 at MARTINSVILLE (D. Hamlin)

APRIL 6, 3 PM, FS1: Goodyear 400 at DARLINGTON (D. Hamlin)

APRIL 13, 3 PM, FS1: Food City 500 at BRISTOL (K. Larson)

APRIL 27, 3 PM, FOX: Jack Link's 500 at TALLADEGA (A. Cindric)

MAY 4, 3:30 PM, FS1: Würth 400 at TEXAS (K. Larson)

MAY 11, 3 PM, FS1: AdventHealth 400 at KANSAS (K. Larson)

MAY 18, 8 PM, FS1: NASCAR All-Star Race at N. Wilkesboro, NC (C. Bell)

MAY 25, 6 PM, PRIME: Coca-Cola 600 at CHARLOTTE (R. Chastain)

JUNE 1, 7 PM, PRIME: Cracker Barrel 400 at NASHVILLE (R. Blaney)

JUNE 8, 2 PM, PRIME: FireKeepers Casino 400 at MICHIGAN (D. Hamlin)

JUNE 15, 3 PM, PRIME: Viva Mexico 250 at AUTODROMO (S. v. Gisbergen)

JUNE 22, 2 PM, PRIME: Great American Getaway 400 at POCONO (C. Briscoe)

JUNE 28, 7 PM, TNT: Quaker State 400 at ATLANTA (C. Elliott)

JULY 6, 2 PM, TNT: Grant Park 165 Chicago Street Race (S. v. Gisbergen)

JULY 13, 3:30 PM, TNT: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at SONOMA (S. v. Gisbergen)

JULY 20, 2 PM, TNT: Autotrader EchoPark 400 at DOVER (D. Hamlin)

JULY 27, 2 PM, TNT: Brickyard 400 at INDIANAPOLIS (B. Wallace)

AUG. 3, 3:30 PM, USA: Iowa Corn 350 at IOWA (W. Byron)

AUG. 10, 2 PM, USA: Go Bowling at the Glen at WATKINS GLEN (S. v. Gisbergen)

AUG. 16, 7:30 PM, USA: Cook Out 400 at RICHMOND (A. Dillon)

AUG. 23, 7:30 PM, NBC: Coke Zero Sugar 400 at DAYTONA (R. Blaney)

PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16

AUG. 31, 6 PM, USA: Southern 500 at DARLINGTON (C. Briscoe)

SEPT. 7, 3 PM, USA: Enjoy Illinois 300 at WORLD WIDE TECH (A. Cindric)

SEPT. 13, 7:30 PM, USA: Bass Pro Shops Night Race at BRISTOL (K. Larson)

PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12

SEPT. 21, 2 PM, USA: Cup Playoff Race at NEW HAMPSHIRE (C. Bell)

SEPT. 28, 3 PM, USA: Hollywood Casino 400 at KANSAS (R. Chastain)

OCT. 5, 3 PM, USA: BofA ROVAL 400 at CHARLOTTE (K. Larson)

PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8

OCT. 12, 5:30 PM, USA: South Point 400 at LAS VEGAS (J. Logano)

OCT. 19, 2 PM, NBC: Cup Playoff Race at TALLADEGA (R. Stenhouse Jr.)

OCT. 26, 2 PM, NBC: Cup Playoff Race at MARTINSVILLE (R. Blaney)

PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP 4

NOV. 2, 3 PM, NBC: Championship at PHO. (J. Logano title and race)

2024 winners in parenthesis; 2025 winners in bold as the schedule unfolds; times ET

PLAYOFFS 2: ENJOY ILLINOIS 300



World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway (Madison, IL)
3 p.m. ET Sunday, USA

World Wide Technology Raceway (formerly Gateway International Raceway and Gateway Motorsports Park) is a motorsport racing facility in Madison, Illinois, just east of St. Louis, Missouri, close to the Gateway Arch. It features a 1.25 mile (2.01 km) oval.



Distance: 300 miles (480 km)

Stage 1 Laps: 45

Stage 2 Laps: 95

Final Stage Laps: 100

Total Laps: 240

Surface: Asphalt

Length: 1.25 mi (2.01 km) oval

Turns: 4

Country star Jon Pardi and rising country star Ella Langley will headline the fourth annual **Confluence Music Festival** when it returns to the St. Louis region Saturday and Sunday as part of NASCAR Weekend at World Wide Technology Raceway. Pardi and Langley join Bill Murray & His Blood Brothers for the Enjoy Illinois 300 NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race on Sunday. They will be joined on multiple stages by more than 30 national and local acts including Saturday headliners Adam Wainwright and Tim Dugger, who will perform after the Xfinity Series 200-mile event.

2025 CUP SERIES STANDINGS				
Playoff 16 + 14 as of August 31				
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points	
1 Chase Briscoe #19	2070	16 Alex Bowman #48	2008	
2 Denny Hamlin #11	2067	17 Chris Buescher #17	682	
3 Kyle Larson #5	2062	18 Ryan Preece #60	643	
4 Tyler Reddick #45	2059	19 Kyle Busch #8	570	
5 William Byron #24	2049	20 Ty Gibbs #54	558	
6 Bubba Wallace #23	2049	21 AJ Allmendinger #16	554	
7 Ryan Blaney #12	2046	22 Erik Jones #43	546	
8 Ross Chastain #1	2045	23 Brad Keselowski #6	537	
9 Austin Cindric #2	2036	24 J. H. Nemechek #42	524	
10 Christopher Bell #20	2035	25 Carson Hocevar #77	519	
11 Chase Elliott #9	2033	26 Michael McDowell #71	514	
12 S. v. Gisbergen #88	2027	27 Daniel Suárez #99	480	
13 Joey Logano #22	2024	28 Zane Smith #38	443	
14 Austin Dillon #3	2019	29 Ricky Stenhouse #47	471	
15 Josh Berry #21	2008	30 Justin Haley #7	439	

2025 XFINITY SERIES STANDINGS				
Top 20 as of August 30				
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points	
1 Connor Zilisch #88	924	11 Harrison Burton #25	628	
2 Justin Allgaier #7	904	12 Nicholas Sanchez #48	603	
3 Sam Mayer #41	874	13 Jeb Burton #27	597	
4 Jesse Love #2	804	14 Ryan Sieg #39	560	
5 Austin Hill #21	766	15 Christian Eckes #16	558	
6 Carson Kvapil #1	728	16 Dean Thompson #26	536	
7 Brandon Jones #20	709	17 Daniel Dye #10	493	
8 Sammy Smith #8	664	18 Brennan Poole #44	491	
9 Sheldon Creed #00	662	19 William Sawalich #18	471	
10 Taylor Gray #54	657	20 Jeremy Clements #51	427	
NEXT RACE: NU WAY 200, World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway, 7:30 p.m. ET Saturday, CW				

2025 TRUCK SERIES STANDINGS				
Playoff 10 + 10 as of August 29				
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points	
1 Corey Heim #11	2124	11 Ben Rhodes #99	517	
2 Layne Riggs #34	2065	12 Gio Ruggiero #17	506	
3 Daniel Hemric #19	2060	13 Tanner Gray #15	461	
4 Grant Enfinger #9	2057	14 Connor Mosack #81	409	
5 Tyler Ankrum #18	2049	15 Stewart Friesen #52	397	
6 Ty Majeski #98	2043	16 Matt Crafton #88	380	
7 Rajah Caruth #71	2031	17 A. Perez De Lara #44	366	
8 Jake Garcia #13	2029	18 Matt Mills #42	345	
9 Chandler Smith #38	2027	19 Jack Wood #91	331	
10 K. Honeycutt #52	2022	20 Dawson Sutton #26	321	
NEXT RACE: UNOH 200 PRES. BY OHIO LOGISTICS, Bristol, 8 p.m. ET Thurs., Sept. 11, FS1				

BONUS TRUCKS PIC



Corey Heim, driver of the #11 Safelite Toyota, poses with the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Regular Season Championship trophy prior to Saturday's Sober or Slammer 200 at Darlington Raceway, which he would go on to win. Logan Riely/Getty

Classifieds

Yard/Estate Sales

YARD SALE
Snow Hill Baptist Church
Cadwell, GA
9/6/25 8:00A.M. - 2:00PM

Yard Sale, Sept 6 8a-2p 120 Ramsey St, Bunches of good stuff

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Legals

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25-412
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT CHAPPELL, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-201
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

To whom it may concern:
Shelly Elizabeth Chappell and to whom it may concern: Robert Chappell Jr. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of ROBERT CHAPPELL, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 6, 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: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-380
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JESSICA MICHELLE CLEMMON DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-195
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
JACKLYN ELAINE MERRITT has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of JESSICA MICHELLE CLEMMON 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 OCTOBER 6, 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 (held on 20)(scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
Address
478-272-2566

Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2025

25-372
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL G. BRYANT DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23-18
NOTICE

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before OCOBER 6, 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 the objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By:C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Dublin, GA 21040
478 272 2566

25-388
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Georgia, Laurens County,
All creditors of the Estate of Rayford Fowler Hester, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 8th day of August, 2025
Tyler B. Hester
Executor of the Estate of
Rayford Fowler Hester, deceased
c/o J. Jackson Dixon
Smith Dixon law Group, LLC
205 N. Franklin Street

Dublin, GA 31021
August 30., September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-375
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLARD F. MCNEAL, DECEASED.

All creditors of the Estate of WILLARD F. MCNEAL, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned within the time allowed by law, properly made out; and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 8th day of August, 2025.
Randy McNeal, Executor
Estate of Willard F. McNeal, Deceased
c/o William M. Malone Hart
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 27
Vidalia, GA 30475
912 538 0900

August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2025

25-421
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF GERALDYNE C. ROWLAND, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 22-46
NOTICE

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before OCOBER 6, 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 the objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By:C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 21040
478 272 2566

September 6, 2025

25-418
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN DANIEL

All creditors of the estate of **BARBARA ANN DANIEL**, 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 Co-Administrators, Sheila Daniel Mullis and Eugenia Daniel Phillips.
This 29th day of August, 2025
S. Ryan Dixon,
Nelson & Dixon, LLC
125 North Franklin Street
Dublin, Georgia, 31021
478 272 3545
SHEILA DANIEL MULLIS
Co-Administrator of the Estate of **BARBARA ANN DANIEL**
1037 Academy Street
Cadwell, Georgia, 31009
EUGENIA DANIEL PHILLIPS
Co-Administrator of the Estate of **BARBARA ANN DANIEL**
1153 McClendon Road
Dublin, GA 31021

September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-376
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JIMMIE E. ROBERTS DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23-11
NOTICE

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before OCOBER 6, 2025.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By:C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Dublin, GA 21040
478 272 2566

24-414
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTSTE OF
GEORGE ADDISON HOGAN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.25-206
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS NOTICE

Lucy Gwen Cramer has petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O. C. G.A section 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. 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 October 6, 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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478 272 2566

September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-405
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotates Section 10-4-210, et. Seq., there will be a public sale at the location listed below, the proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of this auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale. The sale will be held as follows:
Occupant:
C-36 Nafissa Diakite
D-20- Patrick Revel
B-32-Tytanna Smith
Name and address of storage facility: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
Time and date of sale: Tuesday, September 15th, at 10:00 a.m.
Place of sale: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
Manner of sale: Public Auction, Household goods

August 30, September 6, 2025

25-406
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DONNA GAYLE MERTZ MADDOX DECEASED ESTATE NO. 25-205
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL MADDOX has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) for the estate of DONNA GAYLE MERTZ MADDOX, deceased, of said county. (the petition has also been 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 October 6, 2025.
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Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478 275-2566

September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-425
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARY BIVINS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-216
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: to whom it may concern: **SARAH JOHNSON** has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **MARY BIVINS**, 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 October 6, 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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Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Dublin, GA 31040
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September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-385
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS

All creditors of the estate of Sara Jean Allen, 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 the 13th day of August 2025.
Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney

25-398
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the estate of Elizabeth L. Foskey, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 14th day of August, 2025
Cynthia E. Bowen, Executor
George L. Williams, JR
Attorney for Executor
127 Carl Vinson Parkway
Warner Brothers, Georgia 31088
August 23, 30, September 6, 13th, 2025

25-417
The Towers, LLC proposes to build a 265-foot Self-Support
Communications Tower/Structure. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The site location is Robert Plummer Road, East Dublin, Laurens County, GA 31027 [Lat: 32-39-17.39, Long: -82-52-26.69]. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1327468.
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number.
Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for

EnvironmentalReview (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS □ Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Hannah Dell, h.dell@trileaf.com, 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 525, Atlanta, GA 30339, 706-362-1745.

September 6, 2025

25-427
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DENNIS T. LAU DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-210
NOTICE

IN RE: The petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: Ryan Pratt and Taylor Pratt
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 October 6, 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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Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Dublin, GA 31040
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September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-391
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF REGINALD LACHAUN KELLAM, Estate No. 25-154
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of REGINALD LACHAUN KELLAM, 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 15th Day of August, 2025
Jordan S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of REGINALD LACHAUN KELLAM
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 816
Dublin, Ga. 31040
August 23, 30, September 6, 13th, 2025

25-409
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
KENNETH A.DIXON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-1999
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: to whom it may concern: **SONYA J. DIXON** has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **KENNETH ALTON DIXON**, 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 October 6, 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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Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
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PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
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September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-377
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM O. EDGAR DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23-91
NOTICE

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before OCOBER 6, 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 the objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 21040
478 272 2566

September 6, 2025

25-397
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
LAURENS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tammi R. Brooks, Unmarried woman, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, a Corporation, Lender which was dated 6/17/2015, and recorded on 7/1/2015, in Instrument No.: , Deed Book

2625, Page 7, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$112,917.00 in Laurens County, Georgia Register of Deeds. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 11/4/2025 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Laurens County Courthouse, 101 N Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31040 of Laurens, the following described property situated in Laurens County, Georgia, to wit:
ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 52ND GMD OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 10 OF SOMERSET SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY BY BILLY FLANDERS, LAND SURVEY OR, DATED JULY 13, 1999, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 759, OF THE RECORDS OF CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.
Tax Parcel ID: E27D-053
Being real property commonly known as **954 STONEY RIDGE DR EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027**

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.
Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A Anaheim, CA 92806, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567
The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Tammi R Brooks
Attorney Contact:
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
TS # 25-36200
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2025

25-408
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
FIELD STREET WELL IRON AND MANGANESE REMOVAL SYSTEM SLFRF
GA-0011087
FOR THE
CITY OF DUDLEY, GEORGIA

Sealed proposals will be received by City of Dudley, Georgia at the City of Dudley City Hall, 1108 Main Street, Dudley, Georgia 31022, until 3:30 p.m. local time, Thursday, September 25, 2025 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. All Bidders must have a State of Georgia Utility Contractor License and must employ a state "Utility Manager" certificate holder who will have oversight of all the work. The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor for the construction of.
Installation of VFD and electrical modifications to the well house, and construction of Iron and Manganese Removal System in separate covered shelter including all mechanical, electrical, site work, pad, anchors and appurtenances.
The time allowed for completion of the work is 365 consecutive calendar days for final completion.
Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on.

The work to be performed under the contract is partially funded with federal funds from the the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) Water Sewer Infrastructure Grants established via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and herefore is subject to federal laws and regulations associated with that program.
All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn in favor of the City of Dudley, Georgia in the amount of at least 5% of the lump sum bid for the complete work: such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for the City of Dudley, Georgia. Each bond shall be equal to 100% of the contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City of Dudley, Georgia as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and payment Bonds within 10 days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

ted damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within 10 days after being notified that he has been awarded.

Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Dudley and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia. Copies of the plans and specifications must be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 309+07, upon receipt of \$200. Additional reduced drawings are available for \$150.
Digital copies of the documents are available.
Upon receipt of all documents in undamaged condition within 30 days after the date of opening of bids, half of the deposit will be refunded.
The difference between the deposit and the amount refunded represents the cost of reproduction. No refund will be made for documents received after 30 days or in damaged condition.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.
CITY OF DUDLEY
Jason Locke,
Mayor

September 6, 2025

25-420
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY CHESTER CARROLL, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 22-184
NOTICE

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before OCOBER 6, 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 the objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By:C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 21040
478 272 2566

September 6, 2025

25-381
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of JOHN AUSTIN THOMAS, JR., deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This the 12th day of August, 2025.
Charles C. Butler
Attorney for Estate of
John Austin Thomas
P.O. Drawer 4430
Dublin, GA, 31040-4430
August 16, 23, 30, , September 6, 2025

25-415
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSS TODD GEARINGER

All creditors of the estate of **ROSS TODD GEARING**, 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, Karen Savage Carter.
This 22nd day of August, 2025.
S. Ryan Dixon

Nelson & Dixon, LLC

125 North Franklin Street

Dublin, Georgia 31021
478-272-3545
KAREN SAVAGE CARTER
Executor of the Estate of
ROSS TODD GEARINGER

105 Oak Pointe Court
Dublin, Georgia 31021
August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2025

25-383
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIE RUTH WIGGINS, Estate No. 25-155
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of **WILLIE RUTH WIGGINS**, 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 12th Day of August, 2025
Jordan S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of Willie Ruth Wiggins
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 816
Dublin, Ga. 31040
August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2025

25-384
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF EMORY MITCHELL PERRY

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of EMORY MITCHELL PERRY, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment.
Glynis P. Soles and Jan P. Brown, Co-Executor
JOSEPH C. SUMNER, JR., LLC
Post Office Drawer 248
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-7933
August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2025

25-404
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF ABATHA JOLLY SR.
DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of ABATHA ABATHA JOLLY SR.

, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are re- quired to make immediate payment to me. ABATHA JOLLY JR. Administrator of ABATHA JOLLY SR. deceased , 35761 SURREY CT., Romulus , MI. 48174 Administrator/Executor Address O.C.G.A section 53-7-41 states: "Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified" August 30, September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-422
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH STAN-
LEY PULLINS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS
All creditors of the estate of **ELIZABETH STANLEY PULLINS** deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 2nd Day of September, 2025
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of
ELIZABETH STANLEY PULLINS
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, Ga. 31040
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-407
AMENDMENT TO REGISTRATION OF A
BUSINESS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER
A TRADE NAME
State of Georgia
County of Laurens
The undersigned does hereby certify that (they are, it is) Amending an existing Trade Name Application IAW O.C.G.A. 10-1-493. The original Application was filed on 5/23/2014 in Book N/A Pg N/A. The information being amended is Shamrock Dialysis address.
The new information is as follows: 1016 Claxton Dairy Rd., Ste. 1A, Dublin, GA 31021.
The names and addresses of the person, firms or partnership authorized to amend said Trade Name is/are: Total Renal Care, Inc., 2000 16th St., Denver, CO 80202.
Signature/Title: Stephanie N. Berberich, Secretary
August 30, September 6, 2025

25-413
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
GEORGE CLINTON LORD
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-200
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINIS-
TRATION NOTICE
TO: Whom it may concern:
SHARON EARLE LORD has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of GEORGE CLINTON LORD, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, 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 53-12-26.) 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 October 6, 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 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 D. Jackson
Judge of the Probate court
By: C Warren
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478 272 2566
September 6, 13 20, 27, 2025

25-419
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 10-4-210 there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage,1854 Marion Street Dublin, on Wednesday, September 17 2025 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.
46 Rhonda Wells
#246 Wylene Jones
September 6, 13 2025

25-369
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
All creditors of the Estate of Brian Jason White, 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 4th day of August, 2025.
Charles C. Butler
Attorney for Estate of
Brian Jason White
P.O. Drawer 4430
Dublin, GA 31040-4430
August 16, 23, 30, and September 6, 2025

25-390
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE:
ESTATE OF DONNA SPIVEY LAKE,
Estate No. 25-156
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS
All creditors of the estate of **DONNA SPIVEY LAKE**, 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 15th Day of August, 2025
Jordan S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of DONNA SPIVEY LAKE
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 816
Dublin, Ga. 31040
August 23, 30, September 6, 13th, 2025

25-428
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS
COLQUITT MOORE DECEASED ES-
TATE NO. 17-41
NOTICE
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before OCTOBER 6, 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 the objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 21040
478 272 2566
September 6, 2025

25-374
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of A.B. Salter, Jr., late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 7th day of August, 2025.
Estate of A.B. Salter, Jr.
Jennie Mae Salter, Executor
944 Brewton Lovett Road
East Dublin, GA 31027
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2025

25-387
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of **REGENA GRANTHAM KEEN**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Executor of her Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of **REGENA GRANTHAM KEEN** are required to make immediate payment to the Executor.
Lehman McGrath Keen, Jr., Executor
Daniel M. King, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
King Law Group
617 Bellevue Avenue (31021)
P. O. Box 4329
Dublin, Georgia 31040
August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2025

25-423
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS
COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
Idona Rowland Carter a.k.a. Dona R
Carter DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-152
NOTICE
IN RE: Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed
TO: Tim Carter, Michelle Hobbs
[List here all interested parties having unknown addresses to be served by publication]
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before Oct 6 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 Couty
By: C. Warren
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478 272 2566
September 6, 13 20, 27, 2025

25-373
THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS
COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
JAYESHKUMAR PATEL and
TOUCH OF LIFE OUTREACH CEN-
TER, INC.
Plaintiffs,
vs.
TAX PARCEL NO. D14C-033,
Defendant.
CIVIL ACTION NO: 2016-0238
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: All unknown persons having an
interest in this cause
You are hereby notified that the above styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the 14th of April, 2016, in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Dublin Judicial Circuit, and by reason of Order for Service by Publication entered by said court on the 6th day of August 2025, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within 30 days of this Order for Service by publication and to answer and file Pleadings before the court. The Property is described as follows:
Description of Property - Tract "1-A" BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST-ERN RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTRY CLUB ROAD 318.98 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF PALISADE DRIVE; THENCE RUNNING 18 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 23 SECONDS E ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTRY CLUB ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 329.78 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 47 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 41 SECONDS E 761.36 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 45 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 56 SECONDS W 334.70 FEET A POINT; THENCE N 43 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 10 SECONDS W 15.68 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 45 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 27 SECONDS W 99.59 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 44 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 33 SECONDS W139.95 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 44 DEGRES 38 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W 136.51 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 44 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 20 SECONDS W 152.91 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 44 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 44 SECONDS W 70.88 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Property - Tract "2-A"

BEGINNING AT A POINT APPROXIMATE- LY 615.52 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTRY CLUB ROAD ALONG A LINE BETWEEN TRACT "1-A" AND ROLLINGWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUNNING N 45 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 56 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 334.70 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 45 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 21 SECONDS E 100.88 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 44 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 16 SECONDS E 500.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 45 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 19 SECONDS E 435.60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 44 DEGREES 17 MIN-UTES 36 SECONDS W 194.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 44 DEGREES 29 MIN-UTES 41 SECONDS W 119.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 44 DEGREES 31MIN-UTES 34 SECONDS W 101.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCEN 43 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 07 SECONDS W 83.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
By virtue of their ownership interests in the Properties described above, Patel and Touch of Life are entitled to bring this action pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 23-3-61.
This is a matter in rem, as provided by O.C.G.A section 23-3-62.
Witness the Honorable William Taylor, III, Judge of this Court.
THIS the 6th day of August, 2025
Tanya Rogers, Clerk,
Laurens County Superior Court
August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2025

25-382
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNIE BELL
SPIKES, Estate No. 25-157
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS
All creditors of the estate of **ANNIE BELL SPIKES**, 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 re- quired to make immediate payment to me. This 12th Day of August, 2025
Jordan S. Bracewell
Attorney for the Estate of
ANNIE BELL SPIKES
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 816
Dublin, Ga. 31040
August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2025

25-426
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF
SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-213
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: to whom it may concern: **ALANA LOVERIDGE** has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT**, 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 October 6, 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: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
(478) 272-2566
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-379
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY COLEMAN
DECEADED ESTATE NO. 25-120
NOTICE
IN RE: The petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s) in Solemn form in the above referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: DEBORAH BURCH SIMS
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probatw will in solemn form, in this Court on or before September 15, 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: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
(478) 272-2566
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-402
PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS
COUNTYSTATE OF GEORGIA
In Re :Estate of ANNIE RUTH REESE
Estate No.: 23-182
Deceased :
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS
All creditors of the Estate of **ANNIE RUTH REESE** are hereby notified to render in theirdemands to the undersigned in accordance with the law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to them.
This the 21st day of August, 2025.
Demario Wright,
Administrator of the Estate of
Annie Ruth Reese, Deceased
12 S. Center Ave.
McRae-Helena, Georgia 31037
August 30, September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-411
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
AMBER N. MCCARTER
Plaintiff
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CD-0660-WT
VS.
MICHAEL MCCARTER
DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: Michael J. McCarter, Defendant
Named Above:
You are hereby notified that the above- styled action DIVORCE was filed against you in said court on August 20, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service by publication entered by the court on the 25th day of August, 2025 you are hereby required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Ralph Jackson attorney for plaintiff, whose address is 212-H West Jackson St. Dublin, GA 31021., and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order in service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Witness ,the Honorable William D. Taylor III, Judge of Laurens County Superior
This 25th day of August, 2025
Georgia Jeffcoat
Deputy Clerk
Laurens County Superior Court
August 30, September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-403
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTYE L. TOM-
LINSON
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Bettye e Tomlinson, 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.
Lisa L. Outlaw,
Executor of the Estate of
Bettye L. Tomlinson
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
August 30, September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-424
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OFJOYCE COLEY,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-211

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
RUTH L. KYTE has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of JOYCE COLEY 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 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 OCTOBER 6, 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: C Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
101 N. JEFFERSON STREET
DUBLIN, GA 31021
SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-410
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Laurens
COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Sylvia M. Williams,
DECEASED
NOTICE
N RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representation
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above -referenced petition, in this Court on or before Octo-ber 6, 2005.
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 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 petitions may be granted without hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478 275 2566
September 6, 2025

25-401
STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS
COUNTY OF LAURENS ESTATE NO.
25-197
IN RE: ESTATE OF DARRELL THAG-
GARD HOLLIDAY,SR., DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of DARRELL-THAGGARD HOLLIDAY, SR., deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Damell Thaggard Holliday Jr.
Executor
OF DARRELL THAGGARD HOLLIDAY, SR, deceased
603 N. MAIN ST. ADAIRVILLE, KY 42202-7814
Executor Address
email: confidentialdelivery@gmail.com
Cell: 843.616.3696 v/text
O. C. G. A. section 53-7-41
"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2025

25-402
PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS
COUNTYSTATE OF GEORGIA
In Re :Estate of ANNIE RUTH REESE
Estate No.: 23-182
Deceased :
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS
All creditors of the Estate of **ANNIE RUTH REESE** are hereby notified to render in theirdemands to the undersigned in accordance with the law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to them.
This the 21st day of August, 2025.
Demario Wright,
Administrator of the Estate of
Annie Ruth Reese, Deceased
12 S. Center Ave.
McRae-Helena, Georgia 31037
August 30, September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-411
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
AMBER N. MCCARTER
Plaintiff
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CD-0660-WT
VS.
MICHAEL MCCARTER
DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: Michael J. McCarter, Defendant
Named Above:
You are hereby notified that the above- styled action DIVORCE was filed against you in said court on August 20, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service by publication entered by the court on the 25th day of August, 2025 you are hereby required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Ralph Jackson attorney for plaintiff, whose address is 212-H West Jackson St. Dublin, GA 31021., and answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order in service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Witness ,the Honorable William D. Taylor III, Judge of Laurens County Superior
This 25th day of August, 2025
Georgia Jeffcoat
Deputy Clerk
Laurens County Superior Court
August 30, September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-400
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF DON GLENWOOD
LAWHORN

All creditors of the estate of DON GLEN- WOOD LAWHORN, deceased, late of Lau-rens 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 Co-Executors, Reese Lee Lawhon and Kristin Michelle Kyzer.
This 15th day of August, 2025.
S. Ryan Dixon
Nelson & Dixon, LLC
125 North Franklin Street
Dublin, Georgia 31021
478-272-3545
REESE LEE LAWHORN
KRISTIN MICHELLE KYZER
Co-Executor of the Estate of
DON GELNWOOD LAWHORN
1346 Snellbridge Road, East Dublin, Georgia 31027
August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2025

25-429
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
AMBER N. MCCARTER,
STATE OF GEORGIA
PLAINTIFF
VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CD-0660-WT
MICHAEL J. MCCARTER
DEFENDANT.
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: Michael J. McCarter, Defendant
Named Above:
You are hereby notified that the above- styled action seeking Divorce was filed against you in said court on August 20, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service is summons by publication entered by the court on the 25th day of August, 2025 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Ralph Jackson, attorney for plaintiff, whose address is 212-H West Jackson St. Dublin, GA 31021, and answer to the complaint withinsixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
WITNESS, the Honorable William D. Taylor, III, Judge of Laurens County
Superior Court.
This 25 day of August 2025
Gergia Jeffcoat
Deputy Clerk
Laurens County Superior Court
September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

25-404
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF ABATHA JOLLY SR. DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of ABATHA ABATHA JOLLY SR., deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. ABATHA JOLLY JR. Administrator of ABATHA JOLLY SR. deceased , 35761 SURREY CT., Romulus , MI. 48174 Administrator/Executor Address O.C.G.A section 53-7-41 states:

"Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representa- tive qualified"
August 30, September 6, 13, 20th, 2025

25-378
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAU-RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT THOM-AS WALLACE A/K/A BOB WALLACE, ESTATE NO. 22-263
NOTICE
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in the Court on or before October 6, 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: C Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
September 6, 2025

FROM THE RECORD

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Security deeds: Hunter Marion Bledsoe, Abby Kate Mullis to SRP Federal Credit Union; Murad Ali P. Pirani, Ayisha Pirani & Pirani & Co. LLC to Quick One Fundings LLC; BCH Development LLC to Morris Bank; JHohnny Dean Cox, Sarah Ruth Cox to Farmers State Bank; Joshua Bryan, Kemberlee Bryan to Planet Home Lending LLC; Gerald C. Pauldo, Synetria Harper Pauldo to Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-ment; Harwell Capital LLC to Georgia First Bank; Ori-anna Farm LLC to Georgia First Bank; Wendell Mar- tin, Heidi Martin to Bank of Dudley; Christy Miranda Henry, Eric Scott Henry to Morris Bank; Noah Scott Benson to Georgia First

RELIGION DIGEST

The Eason Hill Baptist Church will celebrate home-coming service on Sept. 7 with speaker Rev. David Flowers and the Buckeye Baptist Church family. Re- vival service will be held on Sept. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. with speaker Rev. Tracy Wheeler. Dinner will be served.

The Mitchell Grove Baptist Church, 78 Mich- ell Grove Church Road in Wrightsville, will present its annual homecoming and revival. The guest messen- ger and congregation will be Pastor Kendrick Smith and the New Birth Church of Dublin at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7. Revival will be held from Sept. 8-10 at 7 p.m. each evening. The guest re- vivalist will be Pastor Tra- cy Wheeler Sr. of Greater Springfield Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Pastor Greg Jones and the Laurens Hill Baptist Church will celebrate their annual homecoming ser- vice on Sunday, Sept. 7 at noon. At 1:30 p.m., Rev. Chris Watkins and the Mill- ville Baptist Church will be in charge of the service. A two-night revival will begin on Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 with Rev. Greg Mack and Friend- ship Baptist in charge of the service. On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Rev. Phillip Jones of New Home Baptist Church will be in charge at 7 p.m. Every- one is invited to attend these services.

The City Wide Mission will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. at Second Bap- tist Church. The inspiration- al message will be presented by Pastor Brad Silvers of the Sandy Ford Baptist Church. The devotional services will be presented by the Sec- ond Baptist Church. The program will be presented by the Sandy Ford Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

The First Rehoboth Bap- tist Association of Montrose will have a worship service the first Sunday of Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. Rev. Gregory Odoms and New Bethel Baptist Church of Irwinton will lead the service. Everyone is in- vited.

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

MURDER TRIAL

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That was not the Ben I knew.”

Medical experts: Drugs to blame for tragic shooting

Dr. Raymond Singer, from Santa Fe, New Mexico, had been asked to review Whitaker and was one of several doctors the defense called to the stand to talk about the medications Whitaker was taking leading up to the shooting.

Singer, who took the stand Wednesday, said he interviewed Whitaker along with his mother, father and sister. He did an IQ test on Whitaker and said it showed the former nurse had a very high IQ.

After given all of the factors in the case, Singer said, “(Whitaker) was unable to control his actions” at the time of the shooting.

When McLendon cross-examined Singer about his thoughts of Whitaker’s interview with DPD officers, the doctor said, “I take (Whitaker’s) comments in the interrogation ... like he was coming down from a bad trip.”

McLendon did get Singer to admit that drinking alcohol on top of the drugs

Lexapro and Buspar “could increase serotonin syndrome.”

Singer said the serotonin syndrome likely started between 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on June 29. The Dublin DA pointed out that Whitaker usually shared his symptoms with his wife but did not do so on June 29.

“The only person who knew about (serotonin syndrome symptoms) was Ben,” McLendon said to Singer.

When asked about the alcohol, Singer said it would have a small effect.

Dr. Gail Tasch, a psychologist from Wisconsin, reviewed all of the evidence and conducted three interviews with Whitaker. She said that at the time of the incident, Whitaker had four substances in him that would cause serotonin syndrome.

“He doesn’t have memory of the shooting, was confused and wasn’t sure it was real,” Tasch said. “He drove to his family farm, couldn’t sleep and walked around. He said he planned to go to that shed and shoot himself. He had violent thoughts.”

Tasch said Whitaker began having anxiety on June 29 and had some drinks to help calm him down.

During the second redirect by the state, McLendon asked Tasch how he could have no memory when he was able to give police detectives facts of the case not long after his arrest.

“He still had memory problems,” she said.

On Thursday, Dr. Selma Eikelenboom-Schieveld, a forensic scientist, testified about the effects the medication had on Whitaker leading up to the shooting.

Answers from her questionnaire from Whitaker showed he said he was suicidal before June 29, but only wanted to hurt himself. According to her, Whitaker did not know much after the shooting and realized Tiffani was shot, he did it and was going to be arrested.

On cross-examination, chief assistant DA Kelly Weathers asked the doctor about her questionnaire, saying, “We have to trust the words for Ben Whitaker. We don’t know if the patient is telling you the truth?”

Eikelenboom-Schieveld said all of the questions on the questionnaire listed symptoms he had the day of the shooting, and all Whitaker had to do was answer yes or no.

The doctor also admitted



Dublin District Attorney Harold McLendon cross-examines Dr. Raymond Singer, one of several defense witnesses who testified about Whitaker’s medications/PAYTON TOWNS III

in court that there was no blood test done on Whitaker after he was arrested, so everything she was testifying about was “pure speculation.”

Before the defense rested its case, Whitaker said he would not testify after asked by Superior Court Chief Judge Jon Helton.

As of press time Friday, prosecutors were calling

more rebuttal witness, with Whitaker’s father, Dr. Lee Whitaker, and Tiffani’s em-

ployer, Dr. Bill Chism, taking the stand in the morning.

Activists call for greater scrutiny of data centers

By DAVE WILLIAMS

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A citizen activist from Fayette County asked state lawmakers Thursday to carefully consider the effects a wave of data centers is having on local communities.

Diana Dietz, a retired public health nurse, told members of a state House subcommittee “giant industrial poles” associated with a massive data center under construction in the county southwest of Atlanta are removing trees from what used to be scenic residential areas.

Project Excalibur, being built on a 615-acre site by global digital infrastructure leader QTS, is among a growing number of data centers springing up across Georgia primarily to serve the increasing demand for power artificial intelligence technology is placing on the nation’s electrical grid.

“This is not anti-AI. This is not anti-data centers,” Dietz said. “But you truly need to see the impact that is happening.”

House Speaker Jon Burns formed the Special Committee on Resource Management last January

to develop a plan for meeting the anticipated effects of a growing demand for energy and water supplies in Georgia. Data centers use massive quantities of both resources.

While Burns, R-Newington, said the committee would not focus exclusively on data centers, the huge warehouses filled with servers are the most high-profile manifestation of the need for additional electrical generating capacity.

Both Dietz and Mark Woodall, legislative chairman for the Georgia chapter of the Sierra Club, complained that local development authorities are helping to underwrite the construction of new data centers through tax breaks without providing sufficient transparency or opportunity for public input.

To meet the increasing demand for electricity, Atlanta-based Georgia Power is asking the state Public Service Commission (PSC) to certify 9,900 megawatts of new generating capacity environmentalists including Woodall say would rely heavily on harmful fossil fuels.

“This invasion of data centers is killing our prog-

ress toward clean energy,” Woodall said Thursday.

Woodall said producing that additional generating capacity would cost an estimated \$15 billion.

“We think consumers need to be protected from that \$15 billion,” he said.

Aaron Mitchell, senior vice president of strategic growth for Georgia Power, told the special committee’s Subcommittee on Energy, the utility has put mechanisms in place to make sure “large-load” customers including data centers don’t pass on the costs of the power they need to residential ratepayers.

The PSC adopted a rule in January that requires

Georgia Power customers using more than 100 megawatts of electricity to pay the transmission and distribution costs incurred as construction of their projects progresses.

“We’re ensuring (new) large-load customers are covering their costs,” Mitchell said. “Existing customers are protected.”

After Dietz complained that the Fayette County Development Authority and QTS haven’t been sufficiently forthcoming with details on Project Excalibur, Rep. Brad Thomas, R-Holly Springs, the special committee’s chairman, suggested she bring those concerns to local elected officials.

GEORGIA 2050

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that younger workers “AI proof” their career by expanding their skill sets through interdisciplinary learning and showing strong work ethic and critical thinking skills. A more plugged-in society has lost soft skills such as working well with others and creative thinking. Such skills are expected to be in high demand in 2050, Clark said.

Other highlights of the Georgia 2050 presentation include a projected 57 percent megawatt energy production increase

to meet proposed needs in the coming years caused by computing and digital storage needs and a needed \$84 billion investment in roads and other infrastructure to meet delivery and e-commerce needs.

“Our roads weren’t designed for all of that delivery traffic,” Clark said. “There’s another side of that. There’s an impact.”

Clark ended his presentation challenging local chambers to engage with schools and young people entering the workforce, making sure they were aware of local opportunities for success.

HATCHETT AWARD

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Whether offering insight, asking thoughtful questions, or standing up for what children in foster care need most, Hatchett has been both a trusted advisor and a powerful advocate. His belief in the value of a CASA volunteer in a child’s life has made a tan-

gible difference.

For the thousands of children across Georgia who have CASA volunteers by their side, Georgia CASA extends its deepest gratitude to Hatchett for standing with and standing by the CASA network in the state. Georgia CASA is honored to award Hatchett with the 2025 CASA Champion Award.

NEWS DIGEST

THE DUBLIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, in the media center of Dublin High School. Items on the agenda include:

- Call to order
- Invocation/pledge to flag
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes (Aug. 25 & 28, 2025)
- DCS board norm/protocol
- Board code of ethics
- Public comments
- Superintendent comments/announcements
- General administration
- Fourth reading policies G-I
- Charter System Foundation Local School Governance Team training
 - Executive session
 - Discussion of personnel
 - Discussion of real estate
 - Discussion of litigation
 - Return to regular session
 - Approval of personnel
 - Board member comments
 - Adjournment

EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL will meet at City Hall in the Terrie E. Drew Council Chambers on Monday, Sept. 8, at 5:30 p.m. with pre-council beginning at 5 p.m. The meeting agenda:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Pledge to flag
- Old business
- New business

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